



Weekly Report: 25 to 31 May 2022

1. UKMTO is aware of two incidents on Friday 27 May 22 relating to Suezmax tankers inside the Strait of Hormuz. UKMTO continues to monitor the situation.
2. On 30 May 2022 the United Kingdom Department for Transport (DfT) Maritime Security Division released security notice 014/PFSO-CSO/2022: MGN 70 (M) Amendment 1 - Updated guidelines on responsibilities for resolution of stowaway cases. For further information on this security notification contact the DfT Maritime Security Division at maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk.

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No new Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
002/MAY/2022	Firing Practice	Cancel notice 012359UTCJUN2022
001/JUN/2022	Military Exercise	Cancel notice 301800UTCJUN2022

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. Iran says forces seize two Greek tankers, Athens protests 'piracy'

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced in a statement on Friday that it had seized two Greek oil tankers, days after an Iranian oil tanker was captured by Greece in its territorial waters and its oil cargo was transferred to the US. Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) said on Saturday that the crews of the two Greek oil tankers are not detained but are aboard the vessels and in good health.

31 May 22 - Times of Israel: <https://bit.ly/3z6jT0g>

30 May 22 - Press TV: <https://bit.ly/3GxL85O>

27 May 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3wXTY8B>

26 May 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/38ThyLV>

2. Pakistan Navy fully cognisant of maritime security challenges

Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi said that the Pakistan Navy is fully cognisant of maritime security challenges evolving under the ambit of hybrid warfare in an address to students during a visit to Command and Staff College in Quetta.

26 May 22 - Tribune: <https://bit.ly/3PR830g>

3. India all set to join Bahrain-based Combined Military Forces

India will be soon joining the Combined Maritime Force (CMF) based in Bahrain as an associate member becoming the 35th member of the maritime counterterrorism partnership that also includes Pakistan, Australia, Bahrain, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany and Greece, among others.

25 May 22 - News of Bahrain: <https://bit.ly/3a9EMxf>

25 May 22 - The Print: <https://bit.ly/3wYwdx9>

4. European Maritime Day (EMD) 22 event celebrated in Ravenna, Italy on 19-20 May

Organized by the European Commission the Italian Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Sustainable Mobility, the City of Ravenna and the Region of Emilia-Romagna, the first European Maritime Day (EMD) 22 took place last 19-20 of May with more than 1400 attendees, physically and online.

25 May 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3x11DUQ>

5. Fifth Fleet Commander Explains the Role of Unmanned, A.I. in Middle East

Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces, discussed the role of unmanned systems and artificial intelligence in naval operations with an audience of nearly 800 international defense and industry leaders during the Combined Naval Event at the Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre.

24 May 22 - defence visual information distribution Service (dvids): <https://bit.ly/3GBd7Bu>

6. ATALANTA reiterates its calls to follow the recommendations enacted for the transit of vulnerable vessels in the Red Sea

The Hong Kong flagged sailing boat *SV LAKOTA* which was sailing inside the Yemeni territorial waters, south-east of Hodeidah, reportedly due to GPS failure encountered armed unidentified individuals onboard at least two boats. Final classification of the incident will be provided by EU NAVFOR Somalia – Operation ATALANTA and the Combined Maritime Forces in their joint Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB), which will be disseminated through their own approved channels.

20 May 22 - EU Naval Force - Somalia (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3mhQ9q5>

Engagement and Visits

1. UKMTO (Lt Cdr Dougie Bell and Capt Phil O'Connell) were delighted to meet with Mr Jubil Thankachan of Maersk West and Central Asia on 27 May at the Maersk Offices in Dubai.
2. UKMTO (Lt Cdr Dougie Bell and Capt Phil O'Connell) are looking forward to meeting with Darren Brooks of ExxonMobil and a BP colleague on 3 June in Dubai.
3. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office Visits.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org.
4. **Maritime Security Briefs.** Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org.

Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
26/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	MSC DITTE
26/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK JALAN
30/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	FOREVER CONFIDENCE
30/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	JAG PRAKASH
30/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	ELGIZNUR CEBI
30/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	WESTERN PARIS

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Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)
[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)
[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)
[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)
[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[Maritime Global Security](#)
[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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