

## Weekly Report: 16 to 22 November 2022

1. This week the UK Department for Transport Maritime Security Division issued the following three **Maritime Security Notices**. If you require further information or have any questions, please contact [MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gov.uk](mailto:MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gov.uk).

Ref: 023/CSO/2022 Update Strait of Hormuz and Iran.

Ref: 024/CSO/2022 Reported UAV attack off the coast of Oman.

Ref: 025/CSO/2022 Failure to extend six-month truce between the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC), Government of Yemen and the Houthis.

2. On 22 December 2022 the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration released Maritime Industry Advisory [2022-003A-Gulf of Aden-Threat to Commercial Vessels](#). This Advisory is effective until 29 November 2022.

## Warnings, Advisories and Notices

3. Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website [UKMTO](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Attack</a>	NW of Port ASSAB
001/NOV/2022 Update 001	<a href="#">Attack</a>	NW of Port ASSAB
Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Incident</a>	Gulf of Oman/Arabian Sea
002/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Sighting</a>	Gulf of Oman, 50nm SW of Muscat
003/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Incident</a>	Ash Shihr , Yemen
Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
005/OCT/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel this notice 301700UTC NOV 22
001/NOV/2022	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel this notice 232359UTC NOV 22

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

## Open Source Media Articles

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### 1. **US to deploy over 100 unmanned boats in Gulf waters**

A US-led task force will deploy over 100 unmanned vessels in the Gulf region's strategic waters by next year to stave off maritime threats. *"By this time next year, Task Force 59 will bring together a fleet of over 100 unmanned surface and subsurface vessels operating together, communicating together and providing maritime domain awareness,"* the US Central Command Chief said.

19 Nov 22 - Dhaka Tribune: <https://bit.ly/3GGSrdL>

19 Nov 22 - Al Arabia News: <https://bit.ly/3ERLmWl>

### 2. **INS Trikand participated in 'Sea Sword 2' counter-terrorism drill**

INS Trikand has participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Operation "Sea Sword 2" in the Northwest Arabian Sea. The operation was held to prevent narcotics trade & stop smuggling entities from using the seas for their nefarious activities.

19 Nov 22 - Current Affairs ADDA 24/7: <https://bit.ly/3AxXYzq>

18 Nov 22 - Indian Navy: <https://bit.ly/3EPw9VA>

### 3. **US 5th Fleet: Regional maritime challenges cannot be addressed by one nation**

Regional maritime security challenges cannot be addressed by a single nation or navy, a spokesman for the US 5th Fleet, Commander Tim Hawkins, said on Thursday. *"No one navy or nation can address regional maritime challenges alone. The region is simply too vast and too dynamic,"* he said.

18 Nov 22 - Yemen Online: <https://bit.ly/3VjphVS>

### 4. **US says Israeli-linked Pacific Zircon tanker attacked by Iranian drone**

The US government has condemned an attack on an oil tanker off the coast of Oman, saying Iran used one of its explosive drones to hit the vessel. US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said the US condemned *"in the strongest possible terms the November 15 attack against a commercial tanker that was transiting in international waters off the coast of Oman"*.

17 Nov 22 - The National: <https://bit.ly/3i4lrS5>

16 Nov 22 - The Times of Israel: <https://bit.ly/3TTzelx>

### 5. **Chinese naval escort taskforce returns home**

The 41st naval escort taskforce of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) returned to a military port in Zhoushan, East China's Zhejiang Province, on November 15, after completing escort mission in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia.

16 Nov 22 - China Military: <https://bit.ly/3Xhh9qV>

### 6. **Iran releases two Greek tankers seized in May**

Iran has released two Greek-flagged tankers that it seized in the Gulf in May, the Greek shipping ministry said on Wednesday, ending a months-long diplomatic impasse which has strained relations between Athens and Tehran.

16 Nov 22 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3VeyHIA>

### 7. **Royal Navy will continue long-term Gulf mission as warships trade places**

The Royal Navy will continue permanently operating a major warship in the Gulf and the Middle East after swapping vessels patrolling the region. After three and a half years in the Gulf, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea, the Type 23 frigate HMS Montrose has been relieved by HMS Lancaster.

15 Nov 22 - Forces Net: <https://bit.ly/3gl33UV>

## Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement.** This week the UKMTO (Dubai) Office was delighted to welcome the following visitors. On Monday 21 November, we met with Mr Robert Peters from Ambrey. On Tuesday 22 November, Mr Ian Wilkinson and Mr Kais Makhlouf, both from Risk Intelligence came to visit. Pictured are our two visitors presenting Dougie Bell with a splendid mug to commemorate the occasion. Thank you to all of our visitors for taking the time out to visit us in the lead-up to the MIEVOM on 24 November at the DISC.



2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office - Visits, Briefings & Maritime Security Briefings.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional Maritime Security Brief please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC on Monday.

3. **Urgent and Short-Notice Briefing Requirements.** Security Officers and Masters should contact the Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 559 3983 who will be able to arrange urgent and/or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
No briefs carried out this week		

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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 \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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