

Weekly Report: 5 - 11 October 2022

1. **Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM).** Please save Thursday 24 November 2022 for the next MIEVOM to be held in the Dubai International Seafarers' Centre. To allow those that wish to attend the MIEVOM, but will be unable to do so in person, this meeting will again be a hybrid event. Agenda, timings and a link to join the meeting over zoom will be promulgated shortly. Attendees are requested to [register their interest for the MIEVOM via Eventbrite](#).

2. **U.S. Maritime Advisory:** On 5 October 2022 the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration released [U.S. Maritime Alert 2022-002A Red Sea, Bab el Mandeb and the Gulf of Aden - threat to commercial vessels](#).

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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

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
001/OCT/2022	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 311800UTC OCT 22

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. U.S. Coast Guard ship seizes \$48 million in drugs in Middle East

While operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, USCGC Glen Harris (WPC 1144) seized 5,000 kilograms of hashish and 800 kilograms of methamphetamine as the fishing vessel transited international waters. CTF 150, led by the Royal Saudi Navy, is one of four task forces under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), the world's largest multinational naval partnership.

11 Oct 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3rNvBlS>

2. UK Frigate seizes \$45 million illegal drug shipment

A frigate from the United Kingdom Royal Navy seized 870 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine worth an estimated \$45 million from a fishing vessel in the Middle East, Oct. 2.

9 Oct 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3CnmLWK>

9 Oct 22 - BBC News: <https://bbc.in/3Mr2W5K>

9 Oct 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3ejmsEt>

9 Oct 22 - Plymouth Herald: <https://bit.ly/3egbZKb>

3. U.S. Coast Guard ships visit Pakistan

Two U.S. Coast Guards ships visited Karachi, Pakistan, for a scheduled port call Oct. 6-9. Fast response cutters USCGC Charles Moulthrop (WPC 1141) and USCGC Emlen Tunnell (WPC 1145) visited as part of an ongoing series of joint exercises and technical exchanges between U.S. 5th Fleet and the Pakistan Navy.

9 Oct 22 - DVIDS - <https://bit.ly/3rH5cfp>

4. Indian Navy & NCB seize 200kg of heroin from an Iranian Dhow off the Kochi Coast

In a joint operation with the Indian Navy, the Narcotics Control Bureau intercepted an Iranian fishing vessel off the coast of Kochi and seized 200 kg of Afghan-origin heroin, worth about 1200 crore rupees in the international market. Six crew members of the boat, all Iranian nationals, have been taken into custody and are being interrogated.

8 Oct 22 - News on Air: <https://bit.ly/3RL55Kp>

7 Oct 22 - Deccan Herald: <https://bit.ly/3yvfvZs>

7 Oct 22 - Transcontinental Times: <https://bit.ly/3yvogRP>

5. U.S., UK navies conduct unmanned exercise in Arabian Gulf

Naval forces from the United States and United Kingdom conducted a bilateral exercise in the Arabian Gulf, Oct. 7, which featured the use of unmanned systems and artificial intelligence to enhance maritime monitoring by crewed ships and operators ashore. The one-day exercise, called Phantom Scope, occurred in international waters off the coast of Bahrain with forces from U.S. 5th Fleet and the UK Royal Navy.

7 Oct 22 - America's Navy: <https://bit.ly/3CLy50o>

7 Oct 22 - New 360: <https://bit.ly/3fUg6vl>

6. CMF hosts Maritime Security Conference in Bahrain

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) hosted senior military leaders from 38 nations during a four-day maritime security conference in Bahrain, Oct. 3-6. Leaders from 40 navies and coast guards attended the annual maritime security conference, hosted by the world's largest naval partnership, to discuss future partnership opportunities and initiatives.

6 Oct 22 - Combined Forces News (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3CeINul>

6 Oct 22 - America's Navy - <https://bit.ly/3EvR00C>

Engagement and Visits

- Engagement.** On 7 Oct 22 Mr Andrias Smith and Mr Akihiro Mori of NYK Line visited the UKMTO's Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC), in Portsmouth UK to view the watchkeepers facility. Earlier in the week, Lt Cdr Dougie Bell OIC of UKMTO's Dubai Office attended the CMF's Maritime Security conference in Bahrain.
- 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. 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.
- 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

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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