

## Weekly Report: 12 - 18 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. **Combined Task Force 151 (CTF 151) Focused Operations 'MARE LIBERUM.'** The counter-piracy task force of Combined Maritime Forces will conduct the Focused Operations 'MARE LIBERUM', from October 23rd to 29th. CTF 151 will coordinate an effort of multinational assets, as vessels, aircrafts, unmanned elements and maritime organizations that will work together in an area which encompass some of the world's most important shipping lanes, in order to contribute to the free flow of navigation and use of the high seas, develop capacity for regional leadership and reassure the international community.

For more information, please contact the CTF 151 Public Affairs Officer, LT Eros Fazolo, at [eros.dealmeidafaz.br@me.navy.mil](mailto:eros.dealmeidafaz.br@me.navy.mil)



## 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](http://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	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Cancel this notice 311800UTC OCT 22

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **1. 42nd Chinese naval escort taskforce starts escort mission**

On the morning of October 15 local time, the 41st and 42nd Chinese naval escort taskforces held a handover ceremony in waters of the Gulf of Aden, marking the rotation of their deployments in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali waters.

18 Oct 22 - China Military: <https://bit.ly/3s4TH1t>

### **2. OCIMF: How to improve security measures onboard**

OCIMF has released the second edition of security measures information paper “Guidelines to Harden Vessels”, in order to help operators make an informed decision about security measures for their fleet. The guidelines recommend a layered defence methodology to aid in the mitigation of the risks posed by identified security threats and the new edition has been updated to align with Best Management Practice.

18 Oct 22 - Safety4Sea: <https://bit.ly/3MOSchK>

### **3. Operation Marlin marks an Atalanta first**

The European Union (EU) naval task force off East Africa – EU NavFor Atalanta – notched up a first in combined operations recently when it worked with the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC/Madagascar) and the Regional Co-ordination Operations Centre (RCOC/Seychelles).

18 Oct 22 - defenceWeb: <https://bit.ly/3yQvfok>

### **4. U.S. Naval Forces in Middle East interdict \$29 million in illegal drugs**

A U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter seized an estimated \$29 million worth of illicit narcotics from a fishing vessel while patrolling the Gulf of Oman, Oct. 12, two weeks after another sizable interdiction. USCGC Charles Moulthrop (WPC 1141) confiscated 2,980 kilograms of opium and 400 kilograms of methamphetamines as the fishing vessel transited international waters.

13 Oct 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3D6rsWH>

### **5. Piracy attacks drop to lowest levels recorded since 1992**

Looking at the first three quarters of this year, the ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has recorded the lowest volume of global piracy and armed robbery incidents since 1992. ICC IMB’s latest global quarterly piracy report details 90 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the first nine months of 2022, the lowest recorded figure in three decades.

13 Oct 22 - Spalsh 247: <https://bit.ly/3spqPS5>

12 Oct 22 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3D68JdS>

12 Oct 22 - Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3TAi6YL>

### **6. IMO helps Ethiopia improve its maritime security**

IMO is assisting the Ethiopian Maritime Authority (EMA) to put in place a legal framework that gives full and complete effect to IMO instruments dealing with maritime security.

12 Oct 22 - Safety4Sea: <https://bit.ly/3CNmsFb>

12 Oct 22 - The Guardian: <https://bit.ly/3MGKfLg>

### **7. Narcotics Bureau, Navy join forces to hunt down carriers in Arabian Sea**

Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in coordination with the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and coastal police, has upped surveillance in the Arabian Sea along the Kerala coast following inputs that Pakistan-based drug networks are continuously pushing larger consignments of heroin, cocaine and MDMA to India.

10 Oct 22 - The New Indian Express: <https://bit.ly/3D7O09I>

## Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement.** On 14 Oct 22 UKMTO (Dubai) hosted Commander Task Force 151 to discuss maritime domain situational awareness and maritime security in the broader Middle East.

Pictured with UKMTO (Dubai) OiC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN are Rear Admiral Nelson de Oliveira Leite Brazilian Navy and Commander Ricardo de Araujo



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 \(MENAS\)](#)

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