

## Weekly Report: 21 - 28 September 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. **Department for Transport Maritime Security Notice:** On the 21 September 2022 the Department for Transport released Maritime Security Notice 022/CSO/2022 Update: Black Sea Maritime Humanitarian Corridor. If you require further information on this Security Notice please contact [maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk),

3. **U.S. Maritime Alert:** On 23 September 2022 the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration released [U.S. Maritime Alert 2022-001A Suez Canal southern anchorage - threats to commercial vessels](#).

## Warnings, Advisories and Notices

4. Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website [UKMTO](https://www.ukmto.org). 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
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## Open Source Media Articles

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### 1. U.S. Coast Guard in Middle East seizes \$85 million in heroin

A U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter seized an estimated \$85 million worth of heroin from a fishing vessel while patrolling the Gulf of Oman, Sept. 27, representing the largest illegal drug interdiction in the Middle East by international naval forces this year. While operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, USCGC Charles Moulthrop (WPC 1141) seized 2,410 kilograms of heroin as the fishing vessel transited international waters.

27 Sep 22 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3RjH90o>

### 2. UAE demands return of three islands seized by Iran

The United Arab Emirates have urged Iran to return to the Gulf state the three islands it had been illegally occupying for the past five decades. In an address before the General Debate of the 77th United Nations General Assembly in New York City, Reem Al Hashimy, UAE's Minister of State for International Cooperation, said Iran's occupation of the three islands was a violation of her country's sovereignty.

27 Sep 22 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3dJOQPX>

### 3. IMO Secretary-General welcomes FSO safer milestone

International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretary-General Kitack Lim has welcomed the huge step made in securing funding for the first stage of a UN-coordinated plan to address the threat of a major oil spill from the FSO safer, moored off Yemen. *"I am pleased that the international community has come together to support the UN-wide efforts to mitigate the threat of the impending significant environmental incident"* Mr Lim said. *"This is a significant milestone in our collaborative work to address this threat. By acting now, there is a good chance to avert disaster."*

26 Sep 22 - India Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3SDfKYE>

22 Sep 22 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3Cfk0bs>

### 4. Saudi Arabia, U.S. complete international coalition exercise

Maritime forces from Saudi Arabia and the United States participated in a monthly international coalition exercise in the Arabian Gulf, Sept. 20. During a one-day training period organized by the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC), Royal Saudi Navy ship HMS As-Siddiq (PGG 511) and U.S. Coast Guard fast response cutter USCGC Charles Moulthrop (WPC 1141) participated in latest iteration of exercise Sentinel Shield.

22 Sep 22 - International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC): <https://bit.ly/3dKwwGe>

### 5. 42nd Chinese naval escort taskforce sets off for Gulf of Aden escort mission

The 42nd fleet of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy set out from a military port in east China's Shandong Province on Wednesday to take over an escort mission from the 41st naval fleet in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia. The 42nd fleet is mainly composed of naval troops and equipment from the PLA Northern Theater Command, including the guided-missile destroyer Huainan, the missile frigate Rizhao and a supply vessel, with dozens of special-operations soldiers and two helicopters on board.

22 Sep 22 - People's Daily Online: <https://bit.ly/3ScV49X>

22 Sep 22 - Global Times: <https://bit.ly/3fplFB7>

## Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement:** The team from UKMTO(D) office were delighted to accept an invitation from the Nautical Institute UAE Branch, to enjoy a technical presentation from NAVTOR on their maritime products and services. Our thanks to the Institute's members and to NAVTOR for hosting us on 26 Sep.

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.

## Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
21/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	AFROS
21/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	NORDIC KYLIE
21/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	KSL LAIYANG
22/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	D ANGELS
22/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	BBC RUSHMORE
22/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	SHAHR E KORD
22/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	MOONDANCE II
26/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	JAG AMISHA
26/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	PELAGICA
26/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	SANTA ANGELINA
26/09/2022	JEBEL ALI	LIBERTY HARVEST

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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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