

Weekly Report: 20 to 26 April 2023

- A gentle reminder about the MIEVOM being postponed in last week's report below. We hope to confirm the scheduled date soon.
- As a function of unforeseen circumstances the UKMTO (Dubai) MIEVOM originally planned for Thursday 11 May 2023 has been postponed. Provisionally, it is intended to re-schedule the MIEVOM to early July 2023 at the same venue, i.e. the Dubai International Seafarers Centre (DISC).
- The postponement will better enable us to coordinate an agenda commensurate with the most prevalent threat (s), developing over the last 12-months in particular, with respect to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or 'Drones'.
- This notice for postponement is regretted and UKMTO (Dubai) apologises for any inconvenience that may have been caused. We hope to be able to set an actual date early next week and further details, in particular draft agenda and registration instructions will be promulgated in due course.
- Meanwhile any specific/ urgent queries should be raised using the UKMTO (Dubai) contact details identified on page 3 of this weekly summary.

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Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Notices were issued this week		

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **FSO Safer: Salvage Agreement Reached to Avert Looming Disaster Off Yemen's Coast.**

SMIT Salvage, a subsidiary of Dutch maritime services company Boskalis, has signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to remove oil from the decaying FSO Safer tanker moored off Yemen's Red Sea coast. The project aims to transfer over one million barrels of oil from the Safer to a secure tanker for responsible disposal.

- 20 Apr 23 - gcaptain: <https://bit.ly/3LsVOqz>

- **US Fifth Fleet USV transits Strait of Hormuz for first time.**

A US Navy (USN) unmanned surface vessel (USV) has transited the Strait of Hormuz for the first time, marking another milestone in the service's efforts to integrate unmanned systems and artificial intelligence (AI) into maritime operations in the Middle East.

- 21 Apr 23 - janes: <https://bit.ly/3V6SI41>

- **Task Force 51/5 Conducts Joint Training with U.S. Army Crisis Response Task Force in Northern Arabian Gulf.**

Earlier this week, Soldiers assigned to Task Force Spartan, U.S. Army Central Command's Crisis Response Task Force (CRTF), trained with Marines and Sailors assigned to Naval Amphibious Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (TF 51/5) aboard Expeditionary Sea Base USS Lewis B. Puller (ESB-3) to better enable crisis response options and joint-service interoperability within United States Central Command (CENTCOM).

- 21 Apr 23 - dvidshub: <https://bit.ly/3HcW768>

- **U.S. Navy Ship Patrolling Middle East Seizes \$42 Million in Drugs.**

A U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer interdicted a fishing vessel attempting to smuggle \$42 million in illegal drugs while transiting the Gulf of Oman, April 21. USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) was operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 when it discovered the fishing vessel smuggling 802 kilograms of methamphetamine and 1,000 kilograms of hashish. CTF 150 is one of four task forces under Combined Maritime Forces, a multinational naval partnership consisting of 38 nations.

- 21 Apr 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3V4zM0w>

- **MSCI Advisory - 2023-006-Worldwide-U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Industry Cybersecurity Resource Center Website.**

This advisory announces the launch of a new maritime industry cybersecurity resource by the U.S. Coast Guard, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD), the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The new resource is available at: <https://www.uscg.mil/MaritimeCyber/>.

- 24 Apr 23 - maritime.dot: <https://bit.ly/40KCpWh>

Engagement and Visits

- **Engagement.** UKMTO are looking forward to welcoming Rear Admiral Ko Seung Bum, Lt Cdr Lee Su Min, Lt Choi Min Ki, Lt Kang Min Chae, Republic of Korea Navy, Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 for a visit to our office on Tuesday 2 May.
- **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 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. For urgent and short notice briefing requirements, Security Officers and Masters should contact the Duty UKMTO Officer on: +971 (0)50 189 8389 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](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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