

Weekly Report: 15 to 21 February 2023



Having had the privilege of visiting the European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH) HQ in Abu Dhabi on 25 Jan; The UKMTO (Dubai) team was delighted to have the unusual opportunity to reciprocate by hosting Rear Admiral Renaud Flamant Belgian Navy and some of his staff at the Dubai office on 17 Feb. Rear Admiral Flamant is pictured presenting a memento marking the occasion to OiC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell Royal Navy.

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details

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/FEB/2023	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 281800UTC FEB 2023

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. Sea power in focus again in Middle East amid joint drills, defense exhibitions

From the Eastern Mediterranean to the Red Sea and the Gulf of Oman, there is an increased focus on naval issues such as securing seaways and defending against threats. The United Arab Emirates is hosting important defense exhibitions in the coming week. One of them is IDEX and, held alongside it, the important naval exhibition called NAVDEX. Vessels are coming from all around the world, including the UK, India, China, Bahrain, Italy and local vessels from the UAE. Some 60 countries are also displaying defense technology

19 Feb 23 - Jerusalem Post: <https://bit.ly/3Ky4MTh>

2. Republic of Korea assumes command of Anti-Piracy Task Force

On 16 February 2023, Brazil turned over command of a multinational naval task force to the Republic of Korea during a one-hour ceremony at the U.S. Navy base in Bahrain. Republic of Korea Navy Rear Adm. Ko Seung-bum assumed command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 from Brazilian Navy Rear Adm. Nelson de Oliveira Leite.

17 Feb 23 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3IYmZze>



3. Force Commander hand over-take over ceremony

On 15 February 2023, the Force Commander of EU NAVFOR Operation ATALANTA (FCDR), Portuguese Commodore Nuno Filipe Cortes Lope, handed over the Command of Task Force 456 to Spanish Captain Juan María Ibáñez Martín. The Operation Commander (OPCDR) of the European Union Naval Force Operation ATALANTA, Vice Admiral (VADM) José María Nuñez Torrente chaired the ceremony, which took place on board of the ESPS SANTA MARIA (Force Headquarters - FHQ 42nd rotation Flagship) and the ESPS REINA SOFIA (current EUNAVFOR Flagship - FHQ 43rd rotation) moored side by side.

17 Feb 23 - EU Naval Force - Operation ATALANTA: <https://bit.ly/3kIVqjS>



Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement.** UKMTO (Dubai) was delighted to host Mr Steven Ashenden, CSO for Excelerate Energy and his colleague Mr Andy Hayward, Senior Director for Operations and Crewing in the region, on 21 Feb. A first time visit for Andy, Steve has been a regular stakeholder and friend for UKMTO (Dubai) whilst bringing cruise ships through the VRA in his previous role. UKMTO (Dubai) Team Leader, Dougie Bell, briefed circa 45 CSOs attending the Informal Tanker Operators' Safety Forum, in Muscat on 22 Feb.

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 RN 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.

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
15/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	GOLBON
15/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	FINFINE
15/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	MSC ARIA III
15/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	PINOCCHIO
16/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	SCL MERCURY
16/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	NEW LIULINHAI
21/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	KYRI BAY
21/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	BBC ZARATE
21/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	NEWSEAS JASPER
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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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