



Weekly Report: 12 to 17 January 2023

A quiet reporting period with nothing of significance to report.

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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
003/DEC/2022	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 311800UTC JAN 2023

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles.

1. Sustained efforts needed as global piracy incidents hit lowest levels in decades.

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) calls for efforts to be sustained worldwide as maritime piracy and armed robbery attacks reached their lowest recorded level in almost three decades. The ICC IMB's annual report recorded 115 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in 2022 – compared to 132 in 2021 – with half of them occurring in Southeast Asian waters, particularly in the Singapore Straits, where incidents continue to rise.

13 Jan 23 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3iH4VZd>

13 Jan 23 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3QObQMU>



2. The designated Force Commander of AGENOR visits the OHQ of OPERATION ATALANTA

On 10 Jan 2023, the designated Force Commander (FCDR) of Operation AGENOR, Captain Renaud Flamant (Belgium), paid a visit to the Operation Headquarters (OHQ) of the European Union Naval Force Operation ATALANTA, located in the Rota Naval Base (Spain). This visit is part of the close relations between the two operations and the building of synergies to improve their efficiency and interoperability.

12 Jan 23 - EU Naval Forces (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3GO400S>

3. Pakistan's Narco-Terror Hits Top Gear on Hash Highways of Indian Ocean

On 22 Nov 2022, the US Navy's guided-missile destroyer USS Nitze seized an estimated \$20 million worth of illegal drugs from a fishing vessel while patrolling in the Gulf of Aden (Red Sea). Over the past two years, vessels of multinational navies operating under the aegis of the US-led Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) have seized approximately US \$900 million worth of illicit narcotics while patrolling the northern Indian Ocean, including the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea.

12 Jan 23 - Bharat Shakti: <https://bit.ly/3XTBV9>

4. Encrypting Vessel ID Data Can Thwart Maritime Piracy

The regulations the International Maritime Organization (IMO) issued in the wake of 9/11 regarding ship location and identification reporting have made it easier to track vessels – but not only for the good guys. Since the monitoring and reporting information is broadcast on open channels, anyone can listen in, including pirates and cyber attackers. Encrypting vessel ID, location data streams, and other information is an effective way to mitigate these threats. By encrypting the data and making it accessible only to authorized officials, ships can securely transmit information pertaining to their locations, identities, cargo, and more. This information can therefore be kept from potential attackers, allowing ships, crew, and cargo to navigate risky waters safely without having to turn off their tracking devices.

11 Jan 23 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3HbamJd>

Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement.** As UKMTO (Dubai) falls back into routine of the new year, with ships' briefs moving towards routine numbers; OIC Dougie Bell has been visiting Bahrain in order to conduct a comprehensive new year's round of Stakeholders Engagement with various Coordinating/ Responding authorities working out of the Naval Support Activities facilities.

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
12/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	MINERVA RITA
12/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	BTG FUJI
12/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	MSC SYDNEY VI
12/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	ESL BUSAN
17/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC DEBBIE
17/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	THOR FUTURE
17/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	FOREVER ASSURANCE
17/01/2023	JEBEL ALI	FAIR WINDS

UKMTO Dubai Contact Details

Job title & Name	Contact email	Telephone Numbers
Officer in Charge (OIC) Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN	dubai-oic@ukmto.org	Office: +971 4309 4268 Mobile: +971 501 898 389
Ops Room Manager CPO Anne McGarva	dubai-ors1@ukmto.org	Office: +971 4309 4462 Mobile: +971 505 532 967
Liaison Officer PO Anne-Marie McCaldon	dubai-op1@ukmto.org	Office: +971 4309 4462 Mobile: +971 505 545 477

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](#)

UKMTO 24/7 contact

+44 2392 222060

watchkeepers@ukmto.org