

## Weekly Report: 20-26 July 2023

- 18 Jul to 20 Jul -Bahrain Stakeholders:** UKMTO(D) OiC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN visited a number of Maritime Security stakeholders in Bahrain during the period 18 to 20 July 2023. He is pictured below receiving a token of appreciation from the future Commander of Coalition Task Force (CTF) 150, Captain Mateo Carido of the Philippines Navy, following a briefing on UKMTO's role and operating model. The Philippines take over Command of CTF 150 later this month.



## Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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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
001/JUL/2023	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Expires 1700 UTC on 31 Jul 23

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## Open Source Media Articles

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- **France Assumes Command of Multinational Naval Task Force Patrolling Middle East.**

France assumed command of a multinational naval task force that patrols the Gulf of Oman and Indian Ocean, during an indoor ceremony at the U.S. Navy base in Bahrain, July 20.

United Kingdom Royal Navy Capt. James Byron turned over command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 to French Navy Capt. Yannick Bossu. CTF 150 is one of five operational task forces under Combined Maritime Forces, the world's largest international naval partnership that consists of 38 nations.

- 20 Jul 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3KeNQQI>



- **Royal Navy completes record-breaking drug-busting mission in Gulf.**

A Royal Navy-led task force has delivered a record-breaking haul of drugs in its six months tackling crime in the Indian Ocean.

Twenty-two tonnes of illegal narcotics have been seized by warships of the international Combined Task Force 150, the result of 14 successful 'busts' which have deprived criminal or terrorist gangs of at least £161m.

Hauls of hashish, heroin, methamphetamine and captagon (fenethylamine) tablets have all ended up on the bottom of the Indian Ocean after interdictions by ships from the US and French Navies, US Coast Guard, and the Royal Navy's HMS Lancaster..

- 21 Jul 23 - royalnavy: <https://bit.ly/3rD493k>



## Engagement and Visits

### Recent Engagements:

- There have been no engagements of note this week.

### Future Engagements:

- OIC will conduct routine engagement with Bahrain maritime stakeholders 7 to 9 Aug.
- **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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00 (UTC) on Friday afternoon and 04:00 (UTC) on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00 (UTC) 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
26/07/2023	JEBEL ALI	BARRACUDA
26/07/2023	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK DANUBE
26/07/2023	JEBEL ALI	MSC JADE
26/07/2023	JEBEL ALI	CHANG HANG GUANG RONG

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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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