

Weekly Report: 01 to 13 June 2023

- **US Maritime Advisory.** US MARAD 2023-07-Global-Overview of the US Maritime Advisory System was posted on 6 Jun 23. For further details go to: <https://bit.ly/3cvSSe0>
- **EMASoH.** Force Commander of the EMASoH (European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz) Rear Admiral (RAdm) Renaud Flamant Belgian Navy handed over command to RAdm Mauro Panebianco Italian Navy at a ceremony in Abu Dhabi on Friday 9 June. RAdm Panebianco will be based afloat in his flag ship ITS LUIGI RIZZO.
- **UKMTO (Dubai) MIEVOM - Calling Notice.** A calling notice for UKMTO's Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting was issued on Monday 29 May. Registration for the event is open. The MIEVOM is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 06 July 2023** between 10:00 (D) and 13:00 (D) at the **Dubai International Seafarers Centre (DISC)**.
- **MIEVOM Registration.** Register for the MIEVOM [here](#).

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](#). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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/JUN/2023	Military Exercise	Expires 17:00 UTC on 27 Jun 23
002/JUN/2023	Military Exercise	Expires 10:00 UTC on 15 Jun 23

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **UN Reaches Significant Milestone in FSO Safer Oil Transfer Operation.**
The operation to transfer over 1 million barrels of oil from the decaying FSO Safer in the Red Sea has reached a significant milestone after obtaining insurance coverage for the operation. The binding insurance coverage was announced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Monday. Securing insurance is described as a pivotal milestone in allowing the ship-to-ship transfer (STS) to move forward as it reduces the financial risk associated with the operation for the various stakeholders involved.
 - 12 Jun 23 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/42KkOPC>
- **Egypt Turns Over Command of Multinational Red Sea Task Force.**
MANAMA, Bahrain - The Egyptian Navy turned over command of a multinational Red Sea task force to the U.S. Navy, June 12, six months after Egypt began leading the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) operational staff for the first time.
 - 12 Jun 23 - USN Central Command: <https://bit.ly/3X5kgCy>
- **Insurers Underwrite FSO Safer Salvage as Recyclers Express Interest.**
The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced the successful binding of insurance coverage for the FSO *Safer* salvage operation that is underway off the coast of Yemen. At the same time, a newly formed green recycling operation Elegant Exit Company stepped forward to express its interest in recycling the FSO *Safer* using its team in the Middle East. All of this comes as Boskalis reported at the end of last week that the inspections and preparations for the ship-to-ship transfer of the oil are progressing well.
 - 12 Jun 23 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/43sHUeB>
- **Aden authorities seize hidden drone components intended for Houthis.**
AL-MUKALLA: Security forces in Yemen's southern port city of Aden, the interim capital of Yemen, have seized a new consignment of drone components intended for the Iran-backed Houthis. Security Belt Forces in Aden said in a statement that their forces recovered a number of sealed boxes containing telecommunication equipment meant to guide drones hidden in a truck in Aden's Al-Mansoura district traveling to Houthi-controlled region.
 - 13 Jun 23 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/42RxuUV>
- **Marshall Islands lowers ship security level within Yemeni waters.**
The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator has lowered the required Ship Security Level for RMI-registered vessels within Yemeni territorial waters and ports to Security Level 2.
 - 13 Jun 23 - safety4sea: <https://bit.ly/3X5jNAi>
- **Indian Navy conducts mega operation involving two aircraft carriers, 35 combat jets.**
The Indian Navy carried out a major exercise in the Arabian Sea featuring two aircraft carriers, submarines, and over 35 planes. The operation has been described as one of the Indian Navy's biggest displays of power in recent years, and is seen as a response to China's increasing presence in the Indian Ocean.
 - 10 Jun - The Economic Times: <https://bit.ly/3qAKeS9>
- **Royal Navy warship seizes \$12m of drugs after searching ships in Gulf.**
HMS LANCASTER, a Type 23 Royal Navy frigate, carried out searches in the Indian Ocean of two vessels in a 12-hour period. More than seven tonnes of hashish, heroin and methamphetamine were recovered during a regional security patrol as part of the Royal Navy's deployment to the region. Specialist Royal Marines boarded the first suspect vessel in a dawn raid, finding 3.5 tonnes of drugs after tracking the ship in the early hours. On the same day, a Wildcat helicopter was launched from HMS LANCASTER to carry out reconnaissance on a second suspicious vessel operating nearby. Marines found another 3.7 tonnes of illegal drugs in a search of the ship.
 - 8 Jun 23 - The National News: <https://bit.ly/3JbVVFq>

Engagement and Visits

Recent Visits and Engagements:

- Tuesday 6 to Thursday 8 June.** OiC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN visited Bahrain where he met with numerous key Maritime Security stakeholders: Deputy Commander (DCom) of the Mine Counter Measures Task Force (TF) Capt Del McKnight RN; DCom of Combined TF 150 (Maritime Security) Cdr David Armstrong RN; Com CTF 151 (Counter-Piracy) RAdm Ko Seung-bum Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN); The future CTF 151 Capt Mateo Carido Philippines Navy; as well as the DCom of the United Kingdom's Maritime Component Commander (UKMCC) Capt Will Piston RN.



Pictured to the left is UKMTO (D) OiC with the current command team from CTF 151 (ROKN), following morning briefings'

- Friday 9 June.** OiC witnessed the change of command ceremony at the EMASoH Operational HQ in Abu Dhabi, UAE whilst the ITS LUIGI RIZZO was alongside at the French naval base..

Future Engagements:

- Thursday 15 June - NYK Shipping and ExxonMobil.** OiC meeting with Capt Andrias Smith, NYK Shipping and Mr Darren Brooks, ExxonMobil.
- Wednesday 5 July - IMSC.** The recently joined Commander of the IMSC (International Maritime Security Construct), Commodore Peter Laughton MBE Royal Navy visits the UKMTO Dubai) office.
- 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 13:00 (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
No ship 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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