



Weekly Report: 22 to 28 February 2023



Pictured with the Ship's Security Officer for the MV CAPE FULMAR as well as the Captain of MV KING BATON ROUGE is UKMTO (Dubai) Liaison Officer, Anne-Marie McCaldon, following a routine Maritime Security briefing and update on the respective ships, whilst alongside in Jebel Ali, UAE.



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
001/FEB/2023	Irregular Activity	In vicinity of Gulf of Aden IRTC Point B

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/FEB/2023	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 281800UTC FEB 2023
001/MAR/2023	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 31800UTC MAR 2023

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter interdicts illegal drugs shipment in Arabian Sea

On 25 February, a U.S. Coast Guard ship seized illegal drugs worth \$20 million in U.S. street value from a fishing vessel with four mariners transiting international waters in the Arabian Sea. Crewmembers from USCGC John Scheuerman discovered 1,350 kilograms of hashish, 276 kilograms of methamphetamine and 23 kilograms of amphetamine pills upon interdicting the vessel during a routine patrol.

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

26 Feb 23 - Task and Purpose: <http://bit.ly/3m8p1Np>

2. First cargo ship docks at Yemen's Houthi-controlled Hodeidah port

A container ship carrying general commercial goods docked at Yemen's main port of Hodeidah for the first time since at least 2016 on Saturday as parties in Yemen's eight-year war are in talks to reinstate an expired U.N.-brokered truce deal.

26 Feb 23 - Reuters: <http://bit.ly/3krNBZb>

26 Feb 23 - Arab News: <http://bit.ly/3IZdQQ8>

3. Republic of Korea Navy ship assists stranded French mariners

Sailors from the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy assisted civilian mariners from France, after their vessel spent three days adrift in the Gulf of Aden due to an engine malfunction. Crewmembers from the ROKS Chungmugong Yi Sun-sin provided the mariners food and materials needed to repair an engine on French yacht Tortuga. The yacht was transiting from Djibouti to Seychelles at the time.

25 Feb 23 - KBS World: <http://bit.ly/3Y6ttJJ>

23 Feb 23 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3Y1Fe4d>

4. UKMTO reports 'Irregular Activity' near Gulf of Aden transit corridor for piracy

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) issued an advisory to shipping after receiving reports of approximately 10-12 small boats with up to 6 persons on each in the vicinity of IRTC Point B. IRTC Point B is the eastern entrance to the Gulf of Aden Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) which was established in 2009 in response to the scourge of Somali-based piracy. Ships are strongly encouraged to use the IRTC to reduce the risk of falling victim to piracy.

24 Feb 23 - gCaptain: <http://bit.ly/3mboHxm>

5. Piracy trends and high risk areas

Global piracy and armed robbery numbers decreased in 2022, according to the International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre ([IMB PRC](#)). Its latest annual report shows a 13% drop in overall attacks in 2022 compared to 2021, a reduction that is primarily attributed to the decrease in piratical activity in the waters of the Gulf of Guinea.

23 Feb 23 - Gard No: <https://bit.ly/3ZqTLYm>

6. IMSC Task Force completes monthly naval exercise in Arabian Gulf

The operational task force for an 11-nation naval coalition called the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) completed a monthly naval exercise in the Arabian Gulf on 22 February, involving ships and aircraft from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

23 Feb 23 - US Naval Forces Central Command: <http://bit.ly/3EHNe3x>

7. U.S., UAE Naval Forces complete first-ever bilateral unmanned exercise

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) concluded a weeklong unmanned systems and artificial intelligence integration exercise with the United Arab Emirates Navy in the Arabian Gulf on 20 February. Five unmanned surface vessels (USVs) from the Emirati navy and NAVCENT's Task Force 59 operated off the coast of the United Arab Emirates. Cameras and sensors aboard the USVs captured imagery and video of vessels sailing nearby. The visuals were then transmitted to operational centers ashore where artificial intelligence platforms helped detect, identify and classify the data.

22 Feb 23 - Homeland Security: <http://bit.ly/3ZqCDBK>

Engagement and Visits

1. **Engagement.** No office visits/ visitors in this reporting period. UKMTO (Dubai) looks forward to the visit of Captain Rahul Chittiboina, Marine Superintendent, Dubai for Chevron Shipping Co LLC and welcoming his replacement Captain Brian Henderson for the first time on Thursday 2 March 2023.
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
22/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	KING BATON ROUGE
22/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	KUROBE
22/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	KSL FUYANG
22/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	DAIWAN INFINITY
23/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	CAPE FULMAR
23/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	EENDRACHT
24/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	MARLIN HERA
24/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	HAFNIA SHANGHAI
28/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	KANG HUAN
28/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN SUCCESS
28/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	SZCZECIN TRADER
28/02/2023	JEBEL ALI	NASCO GEM

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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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