

Weekly Report: 02 to 08 March 2023

- **Exercise Cutlass Express 2023 (CE23).** CE23 kicks off in Djibouti, with an opening ceremony held at the Coast Guard Training Centre in Djibouti. Maritime forces have joined from nations around the world, along with several international organisations.
- **MIEVOM 2023.** Remember to put the date in your diary for the first MIEVOM of 2023 which will be held on 11 May at Dubai International Seafarers Centre, Al Raffa, Dubai. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.
- **Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).** Although the High Risk Area (HRA) has been removed, vessels are reminded to continue voluntary reporting to UKMTO in accordance with BMP5.

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
002/MAR/2023	Suspicious Approach	Nil
003/MAR/2023	Sighting	Nil

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/MAR/2023	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 311700UTC/MAR/2023
002/MAR/2023	Military Exercise	Cancel this notice 08 MAR 2023

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **Second Skiff Sighting in Gulf of Aden Prompts Security Alerts.**

A second skiff sighting in a Gulf of Aden transit corridor in less than two weeks is prompting maritime security alerts to shipping. An advisory from the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) issued Thursday said it has received reports of approximately 8 speed boats maneuvering near the eastern entrance to the Gulf of Aden Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC).

- 02 Mar 23 - GCaptain: <http://bit.ly/3Zt2Fok>

- **Seychelles, India join forces for enhanced maritime security in the Indian Ocean.**

Seychelles and India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Tuesday 28th of February, to improve maritime security in the Indian ocean by sharing information and educating people.

- 02 Mar 23 - Safety4sea: <http://bit.ly/41OpgVt>

- **International Maritime Exercise 2023 Kicks Off Operational Phase.**

MANAMA, Bahrain - The Middle East region's largest maritime exercise, International Maritime Exercise (IMX) 2023, kicked off its operational phase March 2 during an opening ceremony at U.S. 5th Fleet's headquarters in Bahrain.

- 02 Mar 23 - Navy.mil: <http://bit.ly/3lVejRZ>

- **Two Shipping Services to Connect Saudi Arabia with East Africa - India Shipping News.**

The Saudi Ports Authority (Mawani) has announced the addition of Jeddah Islamic Port to the East Africa - Red Sea shipping services by cargo operator MSC.

- 04 Mar 23 - India Shipping News: <http://bit.ly/3yfWfgD>

- **Video: Interview with VADM Cooper on TF 59 Milestones, US 5th Fleet.**

Interview with US Navy Vice Admiral Brad Cooper on the latest milestones of Task Force 59 (TF 59) during IDEX 2023 in Abu Dhabi.

- 04 Mar 23 - naval news: <http://bit.ly/3lTRkXC>

- **Exercise Cutlass Express 2023 Kicks Off in Djibouti.**

DJIBOUTI - Maritime forces from nations around the world, along with several international organizations, kicked off the multinational maritime exercise Cutlass Express 2023 (CE23) with an opening ceremony held at the Coast Guard Training Centre in Djibouti, March 5, 2023.

- 05 Mar 23 - navy.mil: <http://bit.ly/3YJAT69>

- **Vessel recovered after running aground in Suez Canal.**

The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has announced that the MSC ISTANBUL cargo vessel has been refloated after being stranded in Egypt's Suez Canal for two hours.

- 06 Mar 23 - Port technology: <http://bit.ly/3F4SgHA>



Engagement and Visits

- **Engagement.** UKMTO were delighted to host Captain Rahul Chittiboina, Marine Superintendent, Dubai for Chevron Shipping Co LLC and his replacement Captain Brian Henderson for the first time on Thursday 2 March 2023.
- **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 13:00UTC on Friday afternoon and 04:00UTC on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00UTC 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
02/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	GAMBELLA
02/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY PALLADIO
02/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	TINTIN
02/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	BASHT
03/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	HUAYANG SUNRISE
03/03/2023	JEBEL ALI	AUSONE

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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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