

Weekly Report: 11 to 17 May 2023

- **Save the Date - UKMTO Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM).** It is intended to host the next UKMTO (Dubai) MIEVOM on Thursday 06-July 2023 between 10:00 (Dubai +4) and 12:30 (Dubai +4) at a Dubai venue. The theme for speakers will be 'Drone' focussed, and target Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). Registration details will be published by 30 May, with registration being available from 31 May 2023. Further detail in next week's 'UKMTO (Dubai) Weekly Report.

- **Office Visitor.** On Tuesday 16 May Ian Wilkinson, Port Risk Manager for Risk intelligence paid a visit to the office whilst in Dubai on business. Ian is pictured with OiC Dougie Bell exchanging a small memento, a coronation coffee mug, to commemorate the occasion.



- **International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) holds Change of Command.** On Wednesday 17 May the IMSC HQ held a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Navy base in Bahrain between two officers from the United Kingdom. For more details see: www.imscsentinel.com/news

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
004/MAY/2023	Firing Practice	Expired 17 May 23
005/MAY/2023	Live weapon firing	Expires 19 May 23 1100utc

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **Sixth Indian Ocean Conference set to begin in Dhaka on May 12.**

Bangladesh is set to host the sixth international Indian Ocean Conference in its capital city Dhaka from 12 May 2023. India will also be attending the event, which aims to bring together important maritime partners and regional states on a common stage to discuss the potential for regional cooperation for SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

- 11 May 23 - newsonair: <https://bit.ly/3BxdiMD>

- **U.S. Israel Complete Unmanned Naval Exercise in Gulf of Aqaba.**

Forces from U.S. 5th Fleet completed a four-day exercise with Israel in the Gulf of Aqaba, May 11, that focused on unmanned systems and artificial intelligence integration into maritime operations.

- 11 May 23 - dvidshub: <https://bit.ly/3BuRrFA>



- **Oman-led naval exercise with France, UK, US concludes.**

Naval forces from France, the UK and the US concluded a weeklong maritime exercise in and off the coast of Oman on 11 May.

The Omani-led five-day Khunjar Hadd aimed to boost the forces' interoperability and strengthen relationships between the participating countries.

- 12 May 23 - shephardmedia: <https://bit.ly/455ECzb>

- **UK Frigate Patrolling for CTF 150 Seizes \$6 Million Drug Shipment.**

A frigate from the United Kingdom Royal Navy seized \$6 million worth of hashish from a fishing vessel transiting the Arabian Sea, May 8.

HMS Lancaster (F 229) was operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 when it discovered 3,000 kilograms of hashish on the smuggling vessel. The seizure occurred the same day the U.S. Coast Guard confiscated large quantities of methamphetamines and heroin from another fishing vessel while patrolling the Gulf of Oman under CTF 150.

- 15 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3MxpOSv>

- **US Navy steps up patrols in the Strait of Hormuz.**

The Department of Defense confirmed that the US Navy has increased the rotations of its in-theatre assets patrolling the Strait of Hormuz.

- 16 May 23 - naval-technology: <https://bit.ly/3WhHJ36>

Engagement and Visits

- **Engagements** - On Wednesday 17 May OIC Lieutenant Commander Dougie Bell Royal Navy, attended the Change of Command ceremony at the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) Head Quarters in Bahrain. Following on from his nine months tenure as Commodore IMSC, Commodore Ben Aldous Royal Navy handed Command over to Commodore Peter Laughton MBE Royal Navy. The Change of Command ceremony was attended by numerous maritime security stakeholders from military and maritime industry organisations.
- On Tuesday 16 May Mr Ian Wilkinson of Port Risk Manager for Risk Intelligence visited the UKMTO (Dubai) office for a catch-up and update on maritime security matters in the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).
- **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
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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