

## Weekly Report: 18 to 24 May 2023

- **UKMTO (Dubai) MIEVOM.** UKMTO's Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 06 July 2023** between 10:00 (Dubai +4) and 12:30 (Dubai +4) at the **Dubai International Seafarers Centre (DISC)**.
- **Theme.** The **theme for speakers will be 'Drones'** ... with Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) intended as a key feature. Broader maritime security updates will also be provided direct to industry attending.
- **Calling Notice.** A calling notice and registration details will be published on Tuesday 30 May 2023.
- **Registration ...** will be **available** from **31 May 2023**. There are no registration fees for this event.
- **Format.** Whilst the MIEVOM will once again be a hybrid event, calling notice addressees are warmly encouraged to attend physically where feasible. Whilst we fully understand the constraints that sometimes apply to travelling to the venue, we also very much recognise the disproportionate benefits of meeting face-to-face in side bars. We very much look forward to seeing you on 6 Jul.

## 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 Warnings were issued this week		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
006/MAY/2023	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	Expired 24 May 23

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## Open Source Media Articles

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- **Fifth Fleet Admiral Transits Strait of Hormuz on Warship with UK and French Commanders.**  
The U.S. 5th Fleet commander transited the Strait of Hormuz aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) with naval counterparts from France and the United Kingdom. Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces, visited crewmembers as the U.S. Navy increases the rotation of ships and aircraft patrolling the strategic maritime chokepoint.
  - 19 May 23 - navy.mil: <https://bit.ly/3MS3Qd5>
- **Ships Supporting Two Multinational Anti-Piracy Task Forces Train Together in Gulf of Aden.**  
Ships from the South Korean and Italian navies sailed together and conducted combined training in the Gulf of Aden, May 17, while operating under two multinational maritime partnerships, Combined Maritime Forces and European Union Naval Forces.
  - 21 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/43G1LH5>
- **CMF Launches New Task Force for Maritime Security Training in Middle East.**  
The U.S.-led multinational partnership, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), established a new task force that will train partner navies and improve operational capabilities to enhance maritime security in the Middle East. During a ceremony at U.S. 5th Fleet headquarters in Bahrain, leaders commissioned Combined Task Force (CTF) 154. The new staff is CMF's fifth task force after standing up CTF 153 in April 2022 for maritime security in the Red Sea.
  - 22 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3lCf3fB>
- **African Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia) train Somali Navy and Coast Guard officers on marine security.**  
Fifteen Somalia Navy and Coast Guard (SNCG) officers have completed specialised training on maritime security in a joint initiative conducted by the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia). The two-week course, which included theory and practicals, was aimed at helping Somalia secure the longest coastline in Africa ahead of the drawdown of 2,000 ATMIS troops by 30 June 2023.
  - 22 May 23 - atmis-au: <https://bit.ly/3q5jdpU>
- **Republic of Korea's Top Military Officer Visits Korean Ship Supporting CMF.**  
The chairman of the Republic of Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff visited a Korean warship, May 13, as it operated in the Middle East as part of an anti-piracy task force for Combined Maritime Forces.
  - 23 May 23 - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/43rYMSSt>
- **French Warship Seizes \$108 Million in Drugs during Indian Ocean Seizures.**  
A French warship operating in support of Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 conducted four illegal drug seizures between April 19 and May 18 worth a total estimated U.S. street value of \$108 million from fishing vessels transiting international waters in the Indian Ocean.
  - 24 May 23 - dvidshub: <https://bit.ly/425lNbB>

## Engagement and Visits

### Engagements:

- **Monday 22 May** - UKMTO (Dubai) welcomed a planned visit to the office from General Counsel & Business Support Director, Philip Pascoe and Managing Director, Capt Karen Davies of OCIMF, who were in Dubai from London on business.
- **Tuesday 23 May** - OIC Lt Cdr Dougie Bell RN travelled to Bali, Indonesia as an observer at an Indo-Pacific Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) conference held on 24/ 25 May 23.
- **Wednesday 24 May** - Petty Officer Anne-Marie McCaldon RN, attended an INTERTANKO conference, which was held at the Park Hyatt hotel in Dubai.
- **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 13:00UTC 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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