

Weekly Report: 17-22 Nov 2023

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
02/Nov/2023	Warning Update 1 Update 2	UKMTO received reports that GALAXY LEADER, a Bahamian flagged Car Carrier heading southbound towards Bab El Mandeb was boarded by unknown, armed personnel from a helicopter insertion. The owners reported losing communication with the vessel and receiving an alert indicating a course change toward Yemen. The Houthis stated they hijacked the ship over its connection to Israel. GALAXY LEADER is anchored in the vicinity of Hodeida. The Houthis also stated that they would continue to target ships in international waters that were linked to, or, owned by Israelis until the end of Israel's campaign against Gaza's Hamas rulers. Mariners should remain vigilant, proceed with caution and follow best management practices. All vessels are requested to submit voluntary reports to UKMTO whilst transiting the VRA in accordance with BMP5.

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
002/Nov/2023	Suspicious Approach	Issued 14 Nov 23 for area 80NM south of Shahid Beheshti (IRAN).

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/Nov/2023	Live Weapon Firing	Live Firing Practice: for periods 20-24 and 27-30 Nov 23. Expires 302359UTC Nov 23 .
004/Nov/2023	Electronic Interference	Electronic interference: disruptions to electronic navigation systems.
007/Nov/2023	Transit Advice	Industry transit advise: use of transit corridors through the Strait of Hormuz and Sea of Oman.
008/Nov/2023	Live Weapons Firing	Period 21 to 22 Nov 23. Expires 221300UTC Nov 23 .

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

Open Source Media Articles

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- **Seized GALAXY LEADER ship in Yemen's port area - owner.**
 - 21 Nov - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3MT3uCN>
- **Houthi raid on civilian ship in Red Sea threatens global trade route.**
 - 22 Nov - The National News: <https://bit.ly/3MUAYkm>
- **USS Dwight D Eisenhower sailing just outside Gulf.**
 - 16 Nov - USNI News: <https://bit.ly/3Rc2Fro>
- **EMASOH October Newsletter.**
 - <https://bit.ly/3MUgDLS>
- **Combined Maritime Forces, US Coast Guard make \$21million drug seizure in the Gulf of Oman.**
 - <https://bit.ly/40Py0TI>

Office Visits, Briefings and Maritime Security Updates

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 (Dubai) Officer on: +971 (0)50 554 5477 who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times..

Ships Maritime Security Briefings - Jebel Ali

Date	Vessel	Date	Vessel
16 Nov	MONAX	21 Nov	FAYSTON FARMS
16 Nov	CHANG HANG XING YUN	22 Nov	AAL BRISBANE
16 Nov	X-PRESS ALTAIR	22 Nov	HEILAN EQUILIBRUM
21 Nov	ESL SANA	22 Nov	NASCO PEARL
21 Nov	MSC MARINA	22 Nov	SEABOURN ENCORE (at Sea)

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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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