



UKMTO

Weekly Report

31 Oct – 6 Nov 15

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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Command Overview

1. This week's chart shows all incidents reported during the month of October (source: UKMTO reports).

2. Security forces in Somalia's Galgaduud region are said to have freed 4 Iranian fishermen from a pirate gang with two of the kidnappers arrested. It is not clear when the crew were seized or from which vessel they were taken. Two Iranian fishing vessels were seized in March this year with one later escaping in August (a).

3. The Times of India reports that 120 alleged Somali pirates arrested in 4 operations have expressed their intention to plead guilty. If the plea is accepted the accused face conviction and could end up serving their jail term in their home country say court sources (b).

4. Unprecedented weather conditions in the Arabian Sea have dominated the region this week with tropical cyclone Chapala making landfall in Yemen on 3 Nov shortly followed by Cyclone Megh which although lesser in intensity, is forecast to pass over Socotra and into the Gulf of Aden from 8 Nov onwards with winds expected to reach 60mph (c).

5. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

a. 5 Nov 15 – 'Four Iranian hostages freed in Somalia' (enca.com): <http://bit.ly/1Mh4asT>

b. 6 Nov 15 – '120 Somali pirates want to plead guilty in court' (The Times of India): <http://bit.ly/1WBcgqI>

c. 6 Nov 15 – 'Cyclone Megh in Arabian Sea could be unprecedented back-to-back threat for Socotra and Yemen' (weather.com): <http://wxch.nl/1Pdc5xg>



ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

(1) Attacked

No incidents to report.

(2) Boarded

No incidents to report.

(3) Hijacked

No incidents to report.

Vessels, crew under pirate control

Merchant vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	45	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	45	
Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	19	26/03/15

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
1 – 2 Dec 15	SHADE	Bahrain
10 Dec 15	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

4 Nov 15: Visit by Harry Harper (Abu Dhabi Ports) and Rob Lenihan (Synergia).

Alternative Sources of Information (web links)

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
[NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)
[Weekly Assessment](#)
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[Maritime Liaison Office \(MARLO\)](#)
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre Gulf of Guinea](#)

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
31/10/2015	JEBEL ALI	WASHINGTON
31/10/2015	JEBEL ALI	MSC CAPELLA
31/10/2015	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KINLOSS
01/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	QUADRIGA
01/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	DALI
01/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	EVER UNIQUE
02/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	QI FU
02/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	OCEAN ROYAL
02/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MAGNUM FORCE
03/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK DANUBE
03/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	WESTERN STAVANGER
03/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	UACC IBM AL HAITHAM
04/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	CONSTANTINE
04/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	X-PRESS EUPHRATES
04/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	BLUE ANGEL
04/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	OOCL WASHINGTON
04/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	ZHENG BANG
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	KOTA LANGSTAR
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	OEL DUBAI
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	SALZGITTER
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	APL MIAMI
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	VILLE D'ORION
05/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC TALENT
05/11/2015	MINA SAQR	APIRADEE NAREE
05/11/2015	MINA SAQR	SEA LORD
06/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	HIGH LOYALTY
06/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	SCIROCCO
06/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	HANJIN HAMBURG
06/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	CITRUS
06/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	AREZOO
06/11/2015	ABU DHABI	TONGJIMEN
06/11/2015	ABU DHABI	GLORIOUS FUJI