



UKMTO

Weekly Report

14 - 20 Nov 15

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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Command Overview

1. This week a number of reports have been received of small boat activity mostly in the GoA. Two Advisories were released, 001/Nov reports an incident occurring less than 200nm off the Somali coast and includes the sighting of weapons, 002/Nov reports an incident within the IRTC and includes the sighting of weapons and a ladder with 6 – 8 POB in each skiff. In a follow up report to this incident the master advises the CPA was 3 – 4 cables. No attempts to board were made on either occasion, both vessels implementing self-protection measures with on board Armed Security Teams demonstrating their presence.

2. In addition to the Advisories, a number of other reports with a lesser degree of suspicion were received that generate interest as they occurred within a few days of each other (15 – 19 Nov) and in close proximity to each other (see inset). The cluster focuses around Pt A of the IRTC within the east bound transit corridor. Sightings range from 1 – 5 skiffs with CPAs of between 2.5 cables to 4nm. UKMTO has reported clusters of activity before although not concentrated in this particular area. The passing of the recent Cyclones may account for this sudden surge in small boat activity, masters are encouraged to remain vigilant and continue reporting all suspicious activity, piracy related or otherwise to UKMTO and to register with MSCHOA.

3. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

- a. 15 Nov 15 – 'Djibouti Code expanding scope beyond piracy' (The Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/1I5oYBP>
- b. 15 Nov 15 – 'Illegal fishing and political instability fuel piracy risks in Somalia' (IHS Jane's 360 (requires login)): <http://bit.ly/1Ni7Z71>
- c. 17 Nov 15 – 'Somalia climate change plans target Illegal charcoal trade'(Climate Home): <http://bit.ly/1OXweaO>
- d. 17 Nov 15 – 'Islamic State lacks capacity to hit shipping' (Lloyd's List): <http://bit.ly/1kErQkq>
- e. 20 Nov 15 – 'Exclusion of EEZ from high risk piracy' (The News International): <http://bit.ly/1PRHWIK>

EVENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO

(Numbers after incident refer to the Advisory number, see page 3 for this week's Advisories)



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	43	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	43	
Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	17	26/03/15

FUTURE EVENTS

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

LIAISON AND VISITS

15 – 19 Nov 15 – 2IC attended IMCMEX MPC, Bahrain.

18 Nov 15 – OIC attended Bahri social event, Dubai.

19 Nov 15 – Visit by crew of HDMS Absalon.

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
14/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	INTER MUMBAI
14/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	BATAM TRADER
14/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	HANSA AFRICA
15/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	AMETHYST
15/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MOTION SCAN
15/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MORNING CALM
15/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	GLOBAL UNITY
15/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY PALLADIO
16/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	STOLT VISION
16/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	SAKURA EXPRESS
16/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	ATLANTIC GEMINI
17/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	STI MYTHOS
17/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	LIANA
18/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	OOCL BERLIN
18/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	FRONTIER LEADER
18/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK EUPHRATES
19/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	YM MUTUALITY
19/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	APL COLUMBUS
19/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	FOLK ELEGANT
19/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	WAN HAI 503
19/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	ATLANTIK MIRACLE
19/11/2015	MINA SAQR	AFRICAN 4
19/11/2015	MINA SAQR	SANTA PHOENIX
19/11/2015	MINA SAQR	BONAVENTO
20/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	MAGLEBY MAERSK
20/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	X-PRESS ANNAPURNA
20/11/2015	JEBEL ALI	ASPHALT TEN
20/11/2015	ABU DHABI	JIA TAI
20/11/2015	ABU DHABI	CARAVOS TRIUMPH

ADVISORIES

001/Nov/2015

Category: Suspicious Approach

Description: On 14 November 2015 at 0650 UTC in position 00 22.2S, 046 03.3E an MV was approached at 22kts by a single engine blue and white hulled skiff to a distance of 50m on MV's starboard side. The skiff had 4 persons on board. Weapons and ropes were seen but no ladders. MV's security team showed weapons and fired flares skiff turned away.

Source: Reported to UKMTO by vessel via email and phone.

002/Nov/2015

Category: Irregular Activity

Description: On 20 November 2015 at 0554 UTC in position 13 12 00N, 048 58 12E, an MV reported 3 skiffs astern at a distance of 1.5nm. Two white hulled skiffs and one sky blue hulled skiff was sighted with 6-8 POB and weapons in each skiff. 1 ladder was sighted in a white skiff. Vessels security team showed presence and skiffs moved away towards the Yemen coast.

Source: Reported to UKMTO by Vessel by phone.

NOTES

Any queries regarding these Advisory Notices ring:
0044 2392 222060 only, for further information.

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