

UKMTO Weekly Report

27 Sep - 3 Oct 2020

Command Overview

1. On Thursday 1st October 2020, Lt Ryan Hall RNZN joined UKMTO as the International Liaison Officer. Lt Hall RNZN is a welcome addition to the engagement team in Dubai.
2. The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) have updated their 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Ship Operators for the Protection of the Health of Seafarers'. The guidance reflects the latest thinking and advice on the virus, contains two new annexes on PCR testing and managing multiple cases of COVID-19 onboard vessels and is available at <https://bit.ly/2HOCeXi>
3. UKMTO Notice 001/SEP/2020 gives details of a Focused Operation off the coast of Somalia between 1 and 7 Oct 2020, further details can be found below.
4. Masters of merchant vessels not trading in the UAE or have restrictions regarding ships visitors can continue to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security brief via telephone or by e-mail, using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

UKMTO NOTICE 001/SEP/2020

1. Category: Military Operation

2. Description: Military Operation - released on behalf of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Bahrain.

A Maritime Security Operation (Focused Operation) will be conducted by Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 in areas off the Somali Coast, Socotra Gap and in the vicinity of the IRTC between 1 and 7 October 2020. Multinational naval units, aircraft and personnel will be operating under the Turkish led CTF 151 (Counter Piracy).

The aims of the operation are to:

- a. Deter and suppress piracy.
- b. Reassure and be prepared to protect maritime community.
- c. Collect data for the pattern of life in the area of operations.

Merchant vessels are invited to interact with naval ships and are encouraged to provide information as requested by CTF 151. Contributions by merchant vessels to better understand the Pattern of Life are highly appreciated. Mariners are reminded to navigate with caution whilst transiting this area.

3. Source: CMF/CTF 151

4. Any queries regarding this Notice ring +44 2392222060 only for further information.

This NOTICE is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.

No Warnings or Advisories have been issued.

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.

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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0	0	
Fishing Boats	0	0	
Dhows	0	0	
Total	0	0	

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
3 - 5 Nov 2020	SHADE	Virtual
12 Nov 2020	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors to the Dubai office this week.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
27/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	YASA PELICAN
27/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	OKEE ORTOLAN DELTA
28/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC CLARA
28/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	THEODOSIA
28/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	FRISIA AMSTERDAM
28/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	ASL VENUS
30/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	BW JAPAN
01/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	FRONT PUMA
01/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	SANMAR SANGEET
01/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	JOHNNY P

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

- 3 Oct 20 - France extends EMASoH mandate for 2021 (MEHRNews): <https://bit.ly/2SrVKed>
- 2 Oct 20 - GPS interference and jamming on the increase (HellenicShippingNews): <https://bit.ly/3nhgZOc>
- 1 Oct 20 - IMO Cyber-attack has serious implications (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/34jrV59>
- 1 Oct 20 - Global Shipping Hit by Back-to-Back Cyber Attacks Heading Into Peak Season (Bloomberg): <https://bit.ly/3jrW0Wz>
- 30 Sep 20 - Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Shipping (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/34g4PMV>
- 30 Sep 20 - International Coalition Protects Vital Shipping Lanes (HellenicShipping News): <https://bit.ly/3IbWi4b>
- 28 Sep 20 - CTF 151 and the UK Maritime Trade Operations Center discuss Counter Piracy Operations (CMF): <https://bit.ly/2Gxnx7o>
- 27 Sep 20 - Chinese naval escort taskforces conduct mission handover in Gulf of Aden (Chinamil): <https://bit.ly/3cPihLB>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
www.maritimelocalsecurity.org
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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