

# UKMTO Weekly Report

20 - 26 Sep 2020

## Command Overview

1. 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.
2. The US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration released a Maritime Advisory on 22 Sep 2020 to highlight significant worldwide GPS interference reports in the maritime domain. Advisory '2020-016-Various-GPS Interference' can be found at <https://bit.ly/2G72StU>.
3. UKMTO (Dubai) has resumed the provision of Maritime Security briefings to merchant vessels alongside ports in the UAE. All visits follow published Industry guidance in relation to COVID-19 and our officers will comply with individual commercial shipping companies restrictions as required.
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Future Events

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

## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
20/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	SUNRISE
20/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC SIXIN
23/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	MARVEL
23/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	NAVE RIGEL
24/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN GENERAL
24/09/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC GULSUN

## Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors to the Dubai officer this week.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office or to arrange a visit or telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long at +971 (0)50189 8389 or email [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 27 Sep 20 - Turkish Delight in welcoming CMF Commander Vice Admiral Paparo to CTF 151 HQ (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3i6YTL3>
- 26 Sep 20 - Somalia observes maritime sector role in post-COVID-19 economic recovery (Horn Observer): <https://bit.ly/2EAXSlk>
- 25 Sep 20 - Maersk Calls for Action as Stranded Seafarers Rise to 400,000 (Reuters): <https://bit.ly/2RXYcJr>
- 23 Sep 20 - World Maritime Day 2020 (Manila Times): <https://bit.ly/3347VnH>
- 23 Sep 20 - Consumer Giants Urge Governments to End Shipping's Crew Change Crisis (Bloomberg): <https://bit.ly/36aouQI>
- 23 Sep 20 - Somali Piracy: Last Three Hostages Freed Although Threat Still Exists (HSToday): <https://bit.ly/2HsgWP2>
- 22 Sep 20 - MARAD Renews GPS Interference Warning to Industry (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2EG0uKc>
- 22 Sep 20 - "We are here to de-escalate and reassure merchant shipping" (Hellenic Shipping News): <https://bit.ly/3cH6rD5>
- 21 Sep 20 - Cruise Lines Turn To Geollet To Assist With Return To Operations (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/3mUClvi>

## Additional sources of Information

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

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



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