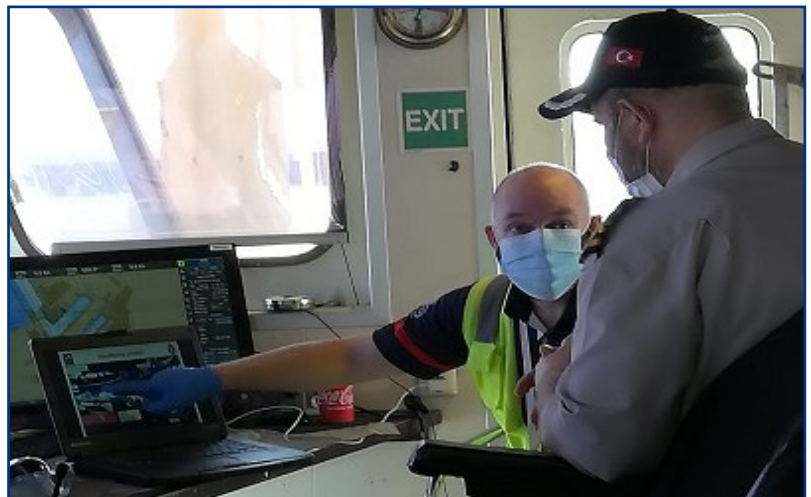


United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 16 to 22 May 2021

1. On 21 May 2021 the UK Department for Transport released Maritime Security Notice Ref:008/CSO/2021 concerning the security levels in Israeli waters.
2. On 17 May 2021 the US Department for Transport Maritime Administration released Maritime Advisory 2021-005: Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean-violence due to regional conflict and piracy. Follow link for details: <https://bit.ly/3o14vQO>
3. The Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting (MIEVOM) will be held on Thursday 10 June, participants can [sign up to the event on Eventbrite](#) and attend either in person or virtually.

4. This week saw the departure of Chris Scothern as the UKMTO Merchant Navy Liaison Officer (MNLO). Chris joined UKMTO on 1 February 2019 and his wealth of knowledge and experience has been invaluable during his time in post. Chris carried out 357 maritime security briefs to masters and crews of vessels alongside ports of the UAE, the picture on the right shows Chris carrying out his final brief. As he takes a well deserved break with his family before taking up a new role in Scotland, we wish him all the best for his move back to the UK.



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](#). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings and Advisories	
No Warnings or Advisories issued this week.	

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
011/APR/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC MAY 2021

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

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Canadian and Australian members from CTF-150 contribute to Seychelles capacity-building initiative to enhance regional maritime security

Canadian and Australian staff from the multinational Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150) deployed to the Republic of Seychelles from May 1-14, 2021 to provide training assistance to the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

21 May 2021 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3oFM5A2>

b. Marine Nationale and Royal Canadian Navy continue counter-narcotics victories under CTF-150

FS Guépratte commenced the successful streak with a seizure of 6,136 lbs (2,784 kg) of hashish on 12 May. HMCS Calgary followed the French frigate's lead, striking in quick succession on 16, 17 and 18 May, seizing a combined haul of 15,465 lbs (7,015 kg) of hashish, 330 lbs (150 kg) of heroin and 529 lbs (240 kg) of methamphetamine.

20 May 2021 - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3oFMfaC>

c. International Maritime Security Construct Releases New Bridge Reference Card Edition

The International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) released the newest edition of its IMSC Bridge Reference Cards on May 13. The reference cards are designed as a quick-access distillation of guidance found in the United Kingdom Marine Trade Operations' (UKMTO) Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security, edition 5 (BMP5) and address specific scenarios that threaten the physical security of merchant vessels.

17 May 2021 - Sea Power Magazine: <https://bit.ly/3eSYT2K>

d. New service from CARGOGULF

With effect from 16th May, the service will offer fixed day weekly sailings linking the ports of Shanghai, Ningbo, Xiamen and Da Chan Bay directly with markets in the Arabian Gulf. China import bookings will be accepted from all Arabian Gulf ports, Colombo, Port Klang and Singapore .

16 May 201 - Maritime Standard: <https://bit.ly/33SPXnQ>

Engagement and Visits

No visits took place this week.

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Maritime Security Briefs

Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Date	Location	Vessel
18/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	ELBABE
18/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	ACONCAGUA BAY
18/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	HOLLY ARROW
21/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY CRISTALLO
21/05/2021	JEBEL ALI	OPAL

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
26-27 May 2021	SHADE	Virtual
10 Jun 2021	MIEVOM	Dubai International Seafarer's Centre /Virtual

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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](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[Maritime Global Security](#)
[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
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