

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 18 to 24 Jul 2021

1. The UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 21 continues east through the Indo-Pacific and has undertaken training exercises with the Indian and Royal Thai Navy in the past week. Colonel Tony Stern, the UK Defence Attaché for Thailand talks more about CSG21, its purpose and where it is going next in an opinion piece for the Bangkok Post. [Media articles f refer.](#)
2. Commodore Mat Williams, the New Zealand Maritime Component Commander comments on NZ taking command of CTF-150 last week. Cdre Williams will be visiting UKMTO (Dubai) next month on his tour of the region. [See media article h.](#)
3. UKMTO issued its first quarterly report on its website this month. The report which covers the second quarter of 2021, details the incidents that have been reported to UKMTO over the last three months and highlights figures such as reporting percentages. The report was first released on the UKMTO twitter page [@UK_MTO](#) and then emailed to those on our mailing list. You can access the report at the following link. <https://bit.ly/UKMTO2QRT21TWIDIR>

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
004/JUN/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 301800UTC JUL 2021

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Dead turtles and waves of plastic show Sri Lankan ship disaster's deep ramifications

The Singapore-flagged X-Press Pearl caught fire on May 20 en route to Colombo and hazardous chemicals were released into the air and sea, prompting authorities to issue a toxic rain alert, and compounding fears of an oil spill.

25 July 21 - CNN: <https://cnn.it/3eVVsrJ>

b. Oil slick after tanker sinks off Yemen

An abandoned oil tanker, the DIA has sunk off Yemen's southern coast spilling fuel into the Gulf of Aden and along the shores of the war-torn nation. It is raising new fears of a major environmental disaster in the region if actions are not taken for several similar vessels such as the FSO SAFER.

24 July 21 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/3BExpY3>

23 July 21 - France 24: <https://bit.ly/3eRtCwK>

23 July 21 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/3x3TQ5m>

c. The Shipping Summer Of Chaos

Earlier this year, the shipping industry faced chaos as the Ever Given came to a halt in the middle of the Suez Canal. Four months on, many have assumed the shipping industry has recovered, with the removal of the vessel opening up the waterways. However, as we reach the peak of summer, the industry is once again facing a period of disarray as vessels try to claw back the time lost.

23 July 21 - Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide: <https://bit.ly/2WjY4t6>

d. Iran opens Gulf of Oman oil terminal to bypass Strait of Hormuz

Iran opened its first oil terminal in the Gulf of Oman, a move that will allow it to avoid using the Strait of Hormuz shipping route that has been a focus of regional tension for decades.

23 July 21 - Lloyd's List: <https://bit.ly/3l1cjNw>

23 July 21 - BOL News: <https://bit.ly/3i3gE16>

e. Nigerian Court Convicts 10 Men Under New Anti-Piracy Law

A court in Lagos, Nigeria has sentenced 10 pirates to prison for the kidnapping of the crew of the fishing vessel on 14 May 2020.

23 July 21 - BNN Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3ilZIMu>

23 July 21 - The Maritime Executive: <https://bit.ly/36Y1Mui>

f. UK carrier group continues through the Indo-Pacific following joint naval exercises with India

Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 21 continues east and undertakes exercises with the Royal Thai Navy following the task groups recent naval exercises with India earlier this week. Colonel Tony Stern, the UK Defence Attaché for Thailand writes about the CSG21 and her next ports of call.

23 July 21 - The Week: <https://bit.ly/3y3APBn>

23 July 21 - Bangkok Post: <https://bit.ly/2W9Rcye>

22 July 21 - The New Indian Express: <https://bit.ly/3kOiyqS>

g. 10 years after Somalia famine, country is once again on the brink of crisis with women and girls hardest hit

As Somalia commemorates 10 years since the last devastating famine in 2011, a new CARE survey of over 2,000 people in the country finds that women and girls still remain amongst those most affected by the current hunger crisis.

20 July 21 - ReliefWeb: <https://bit.ly/3rCD38r>

h. Defence Force to lead international maritime security task force

The New Zealand Maritime Component Commander, Commodore Mat Williams comments on the New Zealand Defence Force which for the first time has taken lead of an international maritime task force that carries out security operations in the Arabian Gulf.

19 July 21 - RNZ News: <https://bit.ly/3y5Uscf>

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
20/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK INDUS
20/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	LIBERTY ACE
21/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	SERRANO
21/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	DREAM DIVA
22/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	EMIRATES WAFA
22/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC MAYA
23/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	AAL SINGAPORE
23/07/2021	JEBEL ALI	SEABEE

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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 \(MENAS\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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