

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 12 - 18 Sep 2021

1. On 17 September 2021 the UK Department for Transport released a Maritime Security Notice and updated the ISPS Code Security Level Matrix. Maritime Security Notice 016/CSO/2021 Reduction of Gulf ISPS Security Levels replaced notice 014/CSO/2021 dated 27 August 2021. Further information on notices can be obtained from the Department for Transport Maritime Security Division at maritimesecurity@dft.gov.uk.
2. On 16 September 2021 the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration issued Maritime Advisory 2021-010 on reported GPS interference worldwide. For further details follow the link at <https://bit.ly/3kmi5sw>.

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		
No Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/SEP/2021	Suspicious Approach	Vessel and crew reported SAFE

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
002/SEP/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 301800UTCSEP21

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. IFAN to update ME Gulf DGPS in safe navigation initiative

The International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) has announced a near \$1.2m investment in safe navigation in the Middle East Gulf, that will see significant recapitalisation of the Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) sites it operates in the region as well as the construction of a new workboat that will strengthen its capabilities when it comes to maintaining Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) in the Middle East Gulf.

16 Sep 21 - ShipinSight: <https://bit.ly/3EuvYgu>

b. EU actors in the Horn of Africa committed to further enhance their co-operation

Following a long period of COVID-19 imposed virtual meetings, the new representatives of the EU Delegation to Somalia got together with the commanders of EU NAVFOR Somalia, EUCAP Somalia and EUTM Somalia for introductions and to take stock of the current activities.

On 10th September, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to Somalia, Mr Oren Wolff chaired a meeting aboard Operation ATALANTA flagship, ESPS Navarra, bringing together high representatives of EU NAVFOR, EUTM and EUCAP, the three EU sister missions operating in Somalia.

15 Sep 21 - EU Naval Forces (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/2XrbDYm>

c. Here there be pirates: Addressing piracy threats in African waters

The Gulf of Guinea accounts for a large majority of seafarer kidnappings and ransom situations worldwide which presents many stressful, challenging situations for the maritime industry. London International Shipping week's webinar 'Spotlight on Africa - Maritime security and piracy' discussed the challenges surrounding ransom paying, reluctance to admit piracy is an issue by government, and smaller attacks not being accounted for.

15 Sep 21 - Ship Technology: <https://bit.ly/3hGIO11>

d. New guidance helps seafarers and shipowners navigate pandemic challenges

Despite improvements in vaccination rates among the world's seafarers, currently only 25% are fully vaccinated and most are not in line to receive the vaccine through national programs until at least 2022, the International Chamber of Shipping said Monday upon publishing new guidance for seafarers and shipowners address challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The International Chamber of Shipping has worked with a coalition of industry partners to produce the new and updated guidance, which aims to empower seafarers and shipowners in order to protect and support themselves through the next stage of the pandemic. The new guidance includes guides on vaccinations, manning agents, mental health issues, and shore leave.

13 Sep 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3tPx0i1>

e. Crew change crisis: More IMO member states need to act

Conditions for crew changes around the world have improved in the last six months, but not by enough. The global shipping community needs to maintain its pressure on IMO member states, says Ian Boyd, Group Sales Director – Shipping for the GAC Group.

13 Sep 21 - Seatrade Maritime News: <https://bit.ly/3zopg7P>

Engagement and Visits

On 15 September 2021 UKMTO (Dubai) hosted a visit from Captain Bruno de Véricourt French Navy, Force Commander of OP AGENOR, European Maritime Awareness Strait of Hormuz. He was accompanied by his NCAGS officer Cdr Olivier Trullemans Belgian Navy.

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
16/09/2021	JEBEL ALI	JIA XIANG DA
16/09/2021	JEBEL ALI	ANNEGRET
16/09/2021	JEBEL ALI	HAREN
16/09/2021	JEBEL ALI	HAI NAM 81

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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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