

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



Weekly Report: 10 - 16 Oct 2021

1. The UKMTO Quarter 3 report, covering July, August and September was published this week. It can be found on the UKMTO.org website <https://bit.ly/3j9iltX>
2. Please save Thursday 18 November for the next MIEVOM conference.

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](https://www.ukmto.org). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
No Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week.		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice

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. Piracy and armed robbery incidents at lowest level in decades, but IMB cautions against complacency

The ICC International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has reported the lowest number of reported piracy and armed robbery incidents for the first nine months of any year since 1994. The report reveals that pirates boarded 85 vessels so far this year, while there were nine attempted attacks, two vessels fired upon and one vessel hijacked. Reported incidents are down to their lowest level in decades, but violence against seafarers has continued with 51 crew kidnapped, eight taken hostage, five threatened, three injured, two assaulted and one killed,

15 Oct 21 - XINHUANET: <https://bit.ly/2YShOW6>

14 Oct 21 - ICC-CCS: <https://bit.ly/2YNOznb>

b. Christmas toy shortages loom as cargo clogs major UK port

Handling more than a third of the U.K.'s ocean freight, Felixstowe is battling a collision of incoming full containers and outgoing empties. If goods shipped to the island nation from Asia aren't on the water by now, experts doubt whether they'll make it by Dec. 25. The average door-to-door transit time for ocean cargo to the U.K. from Asia has risen to more than 70 days, up from about 55 a year ago, according to Hong Kong-based Freightos, an online shipping marketplace.

14 Oct 21 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3IKluCa>

13 Oct 21 - Reuters: <https://bit.ly/3vhrqyl>

13 Oct 21 - Loadstar: <https://bit.ly/3BOKHkv>

12 Oct 21 - Bloomberg: <https://bit.ly/3FX0XIK>

c. Worldwide threat to shipping (WTS) Report, 15 September - 13 October 2021

The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides information on threats to merchant vessels, the shipping industry, and other maritime stakeholders worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

13 Oct 21 - Office of Naval Intelligence: <https://bit.ly/3vjXA3v>

d. Loose lips: Everyday OPSEC can help harden your ship's security

In the military, operation security (OPSEC) refers to using a systematized process to assess, evaluate, and counter adversarial threats, including physical security, information security, cybersecurity, and other threat vectors. In the private sector, however, far fewer workers and companies take day-to-day OPSEC as seriously as is warranted. Routines and patterns lull us into an atmosphere of complacency, and we spend little time assessing whether we are vulnerable to attack from malactors.

11 Oct 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/2XjsqWC>

Engagement and Visits

There were no visits 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
14/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	BELSTAR
14/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	PENEY
15/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	PEKIN
15/10/2021	JEBEL ALI	JORK

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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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