



Weekly Report: 03 to 10 May 2022

1. **Informal Ship-owners Security Forum - Middle East (ISSF ME).** An ISSF ME will be held on 24 May 22, in Dubai (venue to be confirmed), intended as a net-working event for interested stakeholders. Those interested in attending the event should contact Andrias Smith (NYK) for further information by email at: andrias.smith@nykgroup.com.

2. **UKMTO Advisory.** Set against a quiet ambient background, there was a single reported incident classified as a ‘**Suspicious Approach**’ promulgated by UKMTO on 5 May 22, as per the Advisory 001/ May/ 2022 below. Reported within the High Risk Area (HRA) this suspicious approach highlighted the need for continued vigilance. A reminder please that reports of visible paraphernalia and photographs, where feasible, are always welcomed.

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 new Warnings were issued this week.	

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/May/2022	Suspicious Approach	Posted 5 May 22. Within HRA.

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
001/May/2022	Military Exercise	Valid in accordance with Notice Dates until 17:00 UTC 31 May 22

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Open Source Media Articles

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1. Indian Navy's P-8I begins 5-day mission to La Reunion Island in Southern Indian Ocean.

New Delhi, May 9 (PTI) The Indian Navy's P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft arrived on Monday at the La Reunion Island in the southern Indian Ocean on a five-day mission to undertake coordinated surveillance with French warships in the region.

- 9 May 22 - The Print: <https://bit.ly/3yp7pAM>

2. Europe's role in Gulf Maritime Security.

In February 2022, the Council of the European Union (E.U.) gathered in Brussels to discuss the extension of the Coordinated Maritime Presence (CMP) concept to the North-Western Indian Ocean. First piloted in the Gulf of Guinea at the beginning of 2021, the CMP is a flexible tool to enhance maritime security engagements by promoting shared awareness, analysis, and information in the maritime space among member states. The Council thus concluded that the E.U. should enhance coordination and cooperation with the European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASOH) surveillance mission and deemed the North-Western Indian Ocean, a region stretching from the Strait of Hormuz to the Southern Tropic and from the north of the Red Sea toward the center of the Indian Ocean, a "maritime area of interest" (MAI).

- 9 May - The Middle East Institute: <https://bit.ly/3N6oBiO>

3. UN spearheading efforts to raise \$80 million to prevent major oil spill off Yemen.

The world's universal global organization, the United Nations, is working on raising the funds required for the implementation of its plan to address a threat posed by an FSO unit off the Yemen coast. These actions are undertaken to stop this stricken oil tanker from exploding and unleashing a disaster, estimated to have the potential for a massive oil leak four times worse than the Exxon Valdez spill.

- 9 May 22 - Offshore Energy: <https://bit.ly/3978KkZ>

4. U.S. and Bahrain Begin Exercise Neon Defender.

Exercise Neon Defender is an annual bilateral training event between U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) and the Bahrain Defence Force. The Bahrain Coast Guard is also participating. The exercise focuses on maritime security operations, installation defense and medical response.

- 9 May 22 - US Cent Com Media: <https://bit.ly/3MXClvY>

5. Navy Group to Boost International Maritime Cooperation Meets in Point Loma.

Naval Base Point Loma hosted a maritime working group this week that attracted senior officers from navies around the world. The annual forum is designed to enhance naval cooperation and guidance for shipping and trade operations to bolster security and protection of merchant shipping and industry relations. Senior officers from the navies of Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore and the United Kingdom attended the Pacific Indian Ocean Shipping Working Group, hosted by Vice Adm. Steve Koehler, commander of the Navy's U.S. 3rd Fleet through Thursday

- 8 May 22—Times of San Diego: <https://bit.ly/3vY2gxS>

6. Royal Navy sends two ships to join Red Sea international task force.

Frigate HMS Montrose and support ship RFA Lyme Bay joined the US-led Combined Task Force 153 for a demonstration of naval might and unity in the Red Sea. The task force is the fourth international naval group – numbered 150 through 153 – dedicated to security at sea from the Suez Canal to the Western Seaboard of the Indian sub-continent, from the shores of Iraq to those of Seychelles, in all more than three million square miles of ocean, tackling issues as complex and challenging as terrorism, piracy, smuggling.

- 6 May 22— Naval News: <https://bit.ly/3MdefNG>

Engagement and Visits

1. Meeting With Our Industry.

- **20 May: MAERSK.** Mads Skov-Hansen and Junil Thankadan/ Dougie Bell UKMTO (Dubai).

2. **UKMTO (Dubai) Office Visits.** To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org.

3. **Maritime Security Briefs.** Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Dougie Bell email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org.

Maritime Security Briefs

Date	Location	Vessel
04/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	CSC RISING SUN
04/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	NORSTAR INTEGRITY
04/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	LEONIDIO
05/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC SOPHIA
06/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	NASCO GEM
06/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	XIN WU HAN
06/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN OCEAN
06/05/2022	JEBEL ALI	NORD NEPTUN

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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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