

United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations

Weekly Report: 8 to 14 Aug 2021

1. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) part of the United Nations, issued their latest quarterly (Apr-Jun 21) migration statistics for Yemen. Statistics show a slight increase in migration mostly from Djibouti and Somalia as international movement restrictions ease, with many still stranded in Yemen. [Media article f. refers.](#)

2. New Zealand Senior National Officer (NZ SNO), Lt Col Aimee Davis visited the UKMTO (Dubai) team this week, with Warrant Officer Paul Fisher. They received a brief on UKMTO and recent activity and met with their International Liaison Officer based with UKMTO (Dubai).

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

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Warnings

No warnings issued this week.

Advisories

Number	Category	Remarks
001/AUG/2021	Attack - Piracy	Incident complete

Notices

Number	Category	Remarks
003/JUL/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 311800UTC AUG 2021
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice

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Open Source Media Articles

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a. Alleged Somali pirates attack ship off the Somali waters

Pirates have attacked a vessel off the east coast of Somalia, UK Maritime Trade Organization said in an advisory Friday. The attack took place Friday, August 13, at approximately 7:45 a.m. East Africa Time as the vessel was approximately 100 nautical miles northeast of Mogadishu. The identity of the vessel involved was not disclosed, as is normal practice with UKMTO alerts. The vessel and crew are reported safe and the incident is "complete," the alert said.

14 Aug 21 - Horn Observer: <https://bit.ly/3shDntH>

13 Aug 21 - G Captain: <https://bit.ly/3xMg5x9>

b. Saudi, Indian naval forces begin joint drills in Indian Ocean

The Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF), represented by the Eastern Fleet, and Indian Naval Forces kicked off "Indian Ocean" joint drills on Tuesday in the Arabian Gulf. This exercise aims to exchange experience between the two sides and to ensure freedom of navigation and security in the Arabian Gulf.

13 Aug 21 - The Financial Express: <https://bit.ly/3m6sI3Y>

10 Aug 21 - Saudi Gazette: <https://bit.ly/2VTgqts>

c. PM Modi chairs high-level UNSC debate on maritime security

The open debate was organized by India, which holds the rotating presidency of the Security Council this month. For the country's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, oceans are "our shared global commons" and the "lifeline" of international trade. The UN estimates that more than three billion people worldwide, mainly in developing countries, depend on the ocean for their livelihood and well-being. "However, today this common maritime heritage of ours faces various types of threats," said Mr. Modi. "Maritime routes are being misused for piracy and terrorism. There are maritime disputes between several countries. And climate change and natural disasters are also challenges to the maritime domain."

12 Aug 21 - Saudi Gazette: <https://bit.ly/2VYwuBe>

12 Aug 21 - The National News: <https://bit.ly/3COoHXI>

9 Aug 21 - UN News: <https://bit.ly/2XuVl0z>

8 Aug 21 - The Tribune India: <https://bit.ly/3AL2pnW>

d. With fuel scarce, Yemen's forests are next casualty of war

With demand for firewood soaring due to fuel shortages, there are now concerns that the country's humanitarian crisis, with millions facing starvation, has compounded the risk of deforestation.

11 Aug 21 - Reuters: <https://reut.rs/3xL2cPL>

e. Possible vessel hijacking off Fujairah sparks new shipping risks, Iran tensions

A vessel may have been hijacked off the coast of Fujairah near the Strait of Hormuz, UK Marine Trading Operations, or UKMTO, said Aug. 3, adding to tensions with Iran over the safe passage of shipping in the region.

9 Aug 21 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3iJk49w>

9 Aug 21 - Hellenic Shipping News: <https://bit.ly/3g4w9V6>

f. IOM Yemen Quarterly Migration Overview (April - June 2021) - Yemen

With the recent loosening of restrictions on international movements, migrant arrivals into Yemen have started to show a slow increase, although the overall numbers remain low compared to pre-pandemic years. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimates that 4,876 migrants arrived in Yemen during the period, compared to 3,669 in the same period in 2020, 47,269 migrants in 2019 and 31,644 migrants in 2018.

9 Aug 21 - ReliefWeb: <https://bit.ly/37HB2yP>

Engagement and Visits

Lt Col Aimee Davis NZ SNO visited UKMTO (Dubai) with Warrant Officer Paul Fisher. The OIC UKMTO (Dubai) also met with Mads Skov-Hansen and Jubil Thankachan from Maersk and Darren Brooks from ExxonMobil.

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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
09/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	EVER LEGEND
10/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	GLOVIS COSMOS
10/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	ERADINUS LEADER
10/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	ATHENA
10/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY DIAMANTE
11/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC JESSENIA R
11/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	DREAM ORCHID
12/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	MARATHOPOLIS
13/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	THRUXTON
13/08/2021	JEBEL ALI	MSC PEGASUS

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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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