

UKMTO

Weekly Report

9 - 15 Jun 2019

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Command Overview

1. UKMTO has issued one Advisory with one update and no Warnings this week.
2. Two incidents involving two tankers transiting through the Gulf of Oman (GOO); incidents occurred in the Western GOO in international waters. Both incidents were reported simultaneously to UKMTO on the morning of 13 Jun 19. (Associated articles at links para 7.a. to 7.c.)
3. Investigations into both incidents continue. The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) has released an update with details and their recommendations (see pages 3-5). This document follows the information released following the Fujairah incidents, available at www.ocimf.org/news/press-releases.aspx. For further information contact Russell Pegg +44 (0)207 654 1202 email: Russell.pegg@ocimf.org.
4. In response to the incidents in the Gulf of Oman on 13 Jun 19, the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) released U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-003A at following link <http://bit.ly/2IMRnoT> and CMF/EU NAVFOR published an Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin IRTB 015 which can be read at www.mschoa.org (login required).
5. The Indian Navy hosted a 2 day Maritime Information Sharing Workshop (MISW) at Gurugram that was attended by 41 delegates from 29 countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and beyond which included the UK. (See link para 7.d)
6. The Royal Australian Navy Frigate HMAS BALLARAT has claimed her 8th narcotics seizure of 6 tonnes over a 6 days period worth over \$3.5m (USD). (See links para 7.e & 7.f.)
7. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.
 - a. 13 Jun 19 - 'Reported attack' on two tankers in Gulf of Oman (Tanker Shipping & Trade): <http://bit.ly/2XnHEio>
 - b. 13 Jun 19 - Two tankers struck in suspected attacks in Gulf of Oman – sources (Gulf News): <http://bit.ly/2MRBWBf>
 - c. 14 Jun 19 - Boskalis to salvage both tankers hit in Strait of Hormuz attacks (MarineLog): <http://bit.ly/2MNOIG5>
 - d. 12 Jun 19 - Need for greater maritime collaboration in the Indian Ocean Region: Indian Navy Deputy Chief (Financial Express): <http://bit.ly/2wWjNHo>
 - e. 12 Jun 19 - HMAS Ballarat seizes over 6 tonnes of narcotics in 6 days (Combined Maritime Forces): <http://bit.ly/31xoGEZ>
 - f. 12 Jun 19 - Four successful drug interceptions for HMAS Ballarat (Defence Connect): <http://bit.ly/2X63TZS>
 - g. 15 Jun 19 - 10 Indian crew members of sinking dhow rescued off Omani port (Business Standard): <http://bit.ly/2WJsOhD>

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ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

- (1) **Attacked**
No incidents to report.
- (2) **Boarded**
No incidents to report.
- (3) **Hijacked**
No incidents to report.

VESSELS & PERSONS UNDER PIRATE CONTROL

Details of Vessel	No. Vessels held	No. Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Boats	0		
Dhows	0	4	26/03/15
Total	0	4	

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
19 - 20 Nov 2019	SHADE	Bahrain
28 Nov 2019	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

15 Jun 19 - Dave Bancroft, Chevron and James Wilkes, Managing Director of Gray Page, London visited the Dubai office.

If anyone wishes to visit our Dubai office or to arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long E-mail: Dubai-oic@ukmto.org

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- www.ukmto.org
- [MSCHOA](#)
- [Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
- [Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
- www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
- www.maritimeworldsecurity.org

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
12/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	IOLCOS LEGACY
12/06/2019	JEBEL ALI	CSCL SYDNEY
14/06/2019	ABU DHABI	HYUNDAI DUBAI

WARNINGS

No Warnings issued.

ADVISORIES

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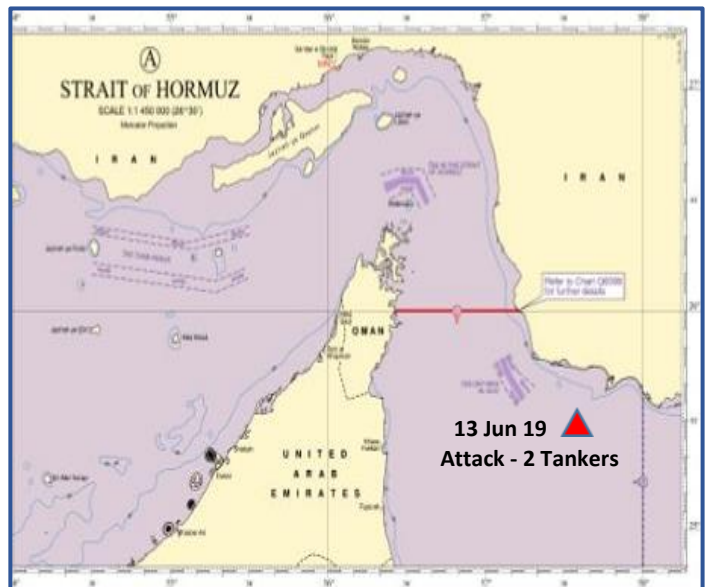
Category: Incident
Description: UKMTO is aware of an incident in PSN 2527N 05722E. UK and its partners are currently investigating. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

001/JUN/2019 – Update

Category: Incident
Description: We are aware of an incident involving two merchant tankers in the Gulf Of Oman. The circumstances are currently unclear and under investigation. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

NOTES

For further information or queries regarding any UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060. THESE ADVISORIES are not classified as a Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.



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OCIMF update following attacks on shipping in Gulf of Oman on 13 June 2019

This report contains more detail on Risk Mitigation measures and follows the report of 13th June.

What we know

Two tankers, in close proximity, suffered explosions whilst underway by what was reported to be magnetic limpet mines.

The explosions were at or above the waterline and suggests they were attached from undetected small boats possibly acting under the cover of darkness.

Neither vessel was flagged to a nation related to the Saudi-led Coalition.

The attack appears to have been well-planned and coordinated.

We understand additional military assets are actively deployed in the Gulf of Oman for surveillance, monitoring and response. Merchant Vessels can expect to be hailed by coalition navies.

What we are doing

OCIMF is in close contact with Flag States, Regional Stakeholders, UKMTO, Combined Maritime Forces and other industry associations.

Risk Mitigation Measures

OCIMF recommends companies review *BMP5* and consider sending the following guidance to vessels:

Undertake a new ship-and voyage-specific threat risk assessment before entering any region where there has been an incident, or the threat has changed.

Where transit includes passage through a confined straight, if navigationally safe to do so, consider unmanned machinery spaces (UMS) for the duration.

After the risk assessment, review the Ship's Security Plan.

Review section 2 of *BMP5*, which outlines threats.

Mitigation Measures may include

In addition to maintaining a full and vigilant bridge watch for safe navigation:

Place additional lookouts to the navigation team and bridge wings with a specific remit to maintain visual watch for small craft approaching.

Ensuring the lookouts are briefed on maintaining a clear watch astern and over the side.



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Maintain use of night vision binoculars and consider carrying more onboard.

Maintain a strict communications watch and establish communication with all vessels coming close and strictly observe any promulgated exclusion zones or guidance issued by coastal states.

Ensuring ISPS control levels are strictly in place.

Consideration of extra unarmed lookout to be carried in addition to any contracted security for HRA transits.

If during transit, a threat from mines is announced, move all crew to above the waterline.

Rig outboard lighting where possible provided they do not interfere with keeping a safe lookout, particularly over the stern and rig/use searchlights if available.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to both the port and UKMTO **+442392222060**.

Monitor relevant VHF and other communication channels.

Check all fire-fighting equipment is available for immediate use. Make sure the emergency fire pump is available if any maintenance is being undertaken.

Keep the Automatic Information System (AIS) on. There is no need to complete the field stating the last or next port of call.

Visual check of the hull, at sea or at anchor:

Undertake a visual over side search from the deck, all around the vessel, to check for anything attached to the hull of the vessel.

Particular attention should be paid to the hull at or near the waterline.

If a vessel detects anything unusual attached to the hull, then it should contact the UKMTO and Flag State immediately. All crew should be evacuated from the immediate area and mustered in a safe place.

Crew conducting visual checks should wear appropriate PPE, protective head gear, safety harness and life jackets at all times.

Vessel should follow the advice of the military authorities.

Additional measures Operators may wish to take if alerted to suspicious activity whilst at anchor include:

Rotate the propeller continuously or at short, irregular intervals.

Operate bow and stern thrusters at zero (0) thrust.





Turn the rudder frequently.

Switch the echo sounder to transmit counter/combat swimmer/diver threat.

More Information:

Download BMP5: [Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea.](#)

OCIMF's Ship Security: [Hull Vulnerability Study is also a useful reference.](#)

NATO ATP2: [NCAGS Guide to Owners, Operators, Masters and Officers Edition A Version 1 Annex D to Chp 4](#)

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