



UKMTO

Weekly Report

15 – 21 Oct 16

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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## Command Overview

1. The US navy destroyer USS Mason was alleged to have been attacked for a third time in the Red Sea on 15 Oct 16. Officials said they were uncertain as to what exactly happened and are 'assessing the situation'. On 13 Oct 16 'the US launched Tomahawk Cruise missile strikes into Yemen targeting radar sites in Houthi-held territory' (a).
2. The UN Secretary General's annual report 'on the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia' was published on 7 Oct 16. Whilst there have been no successful hijackings of large commercial vessels for over 3 years, 'piracy activity has increasingly shifted to the hijacking for ransom of dhows and foreign fishing vessels' the report says, adding that although there has been significant progress in suppressing piracy activity against larger vessels, 'credible reports indicate that Somali pirates possess the intent and capability to resume attacks against large commercial ships, should the opportunity present itself'. Amongst those seafarers still held in captivity are said to be 5 other Kenyans believed to be held by pirate gangs (b), (d).
3. On 15 Oct 16 at the African Union Extraordinary Summit on Maritime Security and Safety and Development in Africa held in Lomé, Togo, African heads of state adopted the 'Lomé Charter'. The Charter 'has the potential to truly boost the protection of Africa's coasts and seas and to create healthy and sustainable blue economies' (g).
4. Open Source Media Articles of interest:
  - a. 15 Oct 16 - 'USS Mason fires missiles in Red Sea after apparent attack' (CNN): <http://cnn.it/2emMcPi>
  - b. 17 Oct 16 - 'Report of the Secretary-General on the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia (S/2016/843)' (Reliefweb): <http://bit.ly/2dub5Es>
  - c. 18 Oct 16 - 'HMS Ocean flies the flag in Egypt' (Royal Navy): <http://bit.ly/2eoNE5q>
  - d. 19 Oct 16 – 'Somali Pirates Holding Five Kenyans for Ransom, Says UN' (East Africa Monitor): <http://bit.ly/2dTBY5B>
  - e. 19 Oct 16 - 'US, UK Commences Mine Countermeasures Exercise 17-1 in Arabian Gulf' (Combined Maritime Forces): <http://bit.ly/2ev6oMX>
  - f. 20 Oct 16 - 'Yemen conflict: Rebels accused of violating ceasefire' (BBC News): <http://bbc.in/2eNrgT3>
  - g. 21 Oct 16 - 'Fulfilling the promise of the Lomé maritime summit' (ISS Africa): <http://bit.ly/2eqYHyZ>



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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/Crew under pirate control**

Merchant Vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	36	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	36	

Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	10	26/03/15

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
29 – 30 Nov 16	SHADE	Bahrain
8 Dec 16	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

Nil

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)  
[NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)  
[NATO Shipping Centre – Piracy Update](#)  
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)  
[MSCHOA](#)  
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
16/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SENTOSA BULKER
16/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	O.M. IRIDIUM
17/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SC XIAMEN
17/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	HYUNDAI
17/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	WAIMEA
17/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	OOCL ASIA
18/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	LUNA
18/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	IVY GALAXY
18/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	NINGBO EXPRESS
18/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	NORTHERN JUPITER
18/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	BAHRI ABHA
19/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	FORTUNE VICTORIA
19/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	THOR FORTUNE
19/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC CAPRI
19/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	NAVE CASSIOPEIA
20/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	VANTAGE WAVE
20/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	FENG HAI 10
20/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	YM PINE
21/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ESTELLE MAERSK
21/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	AAL PUSAN
21/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ORIENTAL PROTEA
21/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	INCE POINT
21/10/2016	ABU DHABI	HAN YI
21/10/2016	ABU DHABI	AS VICTORIA
21/10/2016	ABU DHABI	NAVIOS VEGA