



UKMTO

Weekly Report

23 – 29 April 16

INCIDENT DISPOSITION

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## Command Overview

1. Open source reports of Yemeni troops recapturing the port city of Mukalla this week from Al Qaeda militants (b). On 24 Apr 16 UKMTO were advised that a tanker had been attacked near the port and issued a warning (page 3) followed by a Maritime Coalition Coordination Cell (MCCC) notice advising vessels using the port or operating nearby to take additional security measures and proceed with caution (c/d).

2. Is the stage being re-set for the return of Somali Piracy? A video available on YouTube (Oceans Beyond Piracy) looks back at incidents during 2015 and asks the question ahead of OBP's forthcoming launch of the 'State of Maritime Piracy 2015' on 3 May 16 (e). Elsewhere the IMB reports a worsening situation off West Africa despite a global downturn in piracy (f).

3. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

a. 25 Apr 16 - 'HMS Defender escorts Queen Mary II' (Combined Maritime Forces): <http://bit.ly/26A0hft>

b. 26 Apr 16 - 'Al Qaeda razed, key city retaken' (The Gulf Today): <http://bit.ly/1YW91H3>

c. 26 Apr 16 - 'Fairdeal tanker shot off Yemeni port' (LSS-SAPU - Source Tradewinds): <http://bit.ly/1XXRkqo>

d. 28 Apr 16 - 'Bimco Security Advisory Update – Gulf of Aden' (LSS-SAPU – Source BIMCO): <http://bit.ly/1Ulm1qs>

e. 26 Apr 16 - Somali Piracy: 'Resetting the Stage?' (YouTube/OBP): <http://bit.ly/1Sy20f4>

f. 27 Apr 16 - 'Violent attacks worsen in seas off West Africa despite global piracy downturn, IMB reports' (ICC-CCS): <http://bit.ly/1pEf7zQ>

g. 29 Apr 16 - 'Mukalla's liberation sends a warning to supporters of terrorism, says UAE commander' (The National): <http://bit.ly/1TiP8pm>

Events reported to UKMTO can be found on page 3.



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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	43	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	43	

Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	17	26/03/15

**FUTURE EVENTS**

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

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

25 Apr 16 – Attended ANZAC dawn service.  
 25 Apr 16 – Visit by S/Lts Owen Davy, Daniel McDowell RN.  
 27 Apr 16 – Visit by Wg Cdr Rodger Pringle RNZAF, CMF Chief Plans.

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)  
[NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)  
[Weekly Assessment](#)  
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)  
[MSCHOA](#)  
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)  
[Maritime Liaison Office \(MARLO\)](#)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)  
[Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre Gulf of Guinea](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
24/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK SALTORO
24/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	OEL EMIRATES
24/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	KOTA NALURI
25/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	ALPINE MARIA
26/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	PRIVOCEAN
26/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	MILOS
27/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC CHLOE
27/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	UAFL ZANZIBAR
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	SEA MOON
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	HANJIN BUDAPEST
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	FORTUNE
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	JOLLY PALLADIO
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	YAMILAH III
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	AFRICAN KITE
29/04/2016	JEBEL ALI	UACC STRAIT

**WARNING**

**24/Apr/2016**

**Category:** Warning

**Description:** Report of a merchant vessel attacked in posn 1425.8N 04908.0E (Near the Port of Al Mukalla) at 242115ZAPR16. Occupants of skiff fired shots at MV and MV's Armed Security Team fired warning shots in return. MV is safe. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting this area.

**Source:** Reported to UKMTO by phone and e-mail.