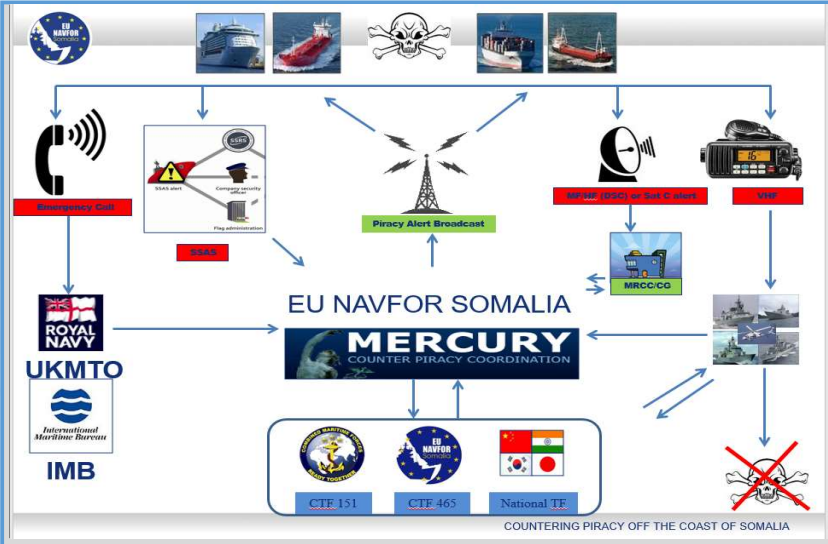




BULLETIN EU NAVFOR ATALANTA MARCH/APR 2021



In order to reinforce our communications with the Shipping community in open sources, EU NAVFOR ATALANTA starts a periodical Bulletin, that we hope the whole community will find useful and informative.

The aim is to be even closer to seafarers and to re-assure them, whatever the flag they might display, even more, if that is possible.

However, to get EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and CMF Industry Releasable Threat Assessment and Bulletins, we kindly suggest subscribing at our website, www.mschoa.org.

INCIDENT IN THE SUEZ CANAL

If the impact of COVID19 on the maritime domain was clear and told us that we never should lower guard, the incident of "MV EVER GIVEN" in the Suez Canal causing a blockade for six days, and ultimately leaving more than 400 vessels waiting for the passage, reminded us not only the vulnerabilities posed by strategic straits and canals but also sparked off a quick threat and risk assessment on EU NAVFOR ATALANTA side.

EU NAVFOR ATALANTA was following the development of the event and in permanent contact with the Shipping Industry and private maritime security providers and to anticipate any change in situation. Also, we kept our always fluent communications with UKMTO to clarify any incident report.

Registrations with MSCHOA Voluntary Registration Scheme remained within typical figures and our individually assessment of vulnerability based on vessels' reports showed no significant changes.

Nevertheless, any incident reminds us the need to consider BMP5 when planning a voyage transiting across The Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin, Red Sea and Arabian Sea.

NEXT KEY EVENTS

EU NAVFOR ATALANTA is organizing its 10th Industry Strategic Meeting, which will take place on the 10th of May on VTC. This is a biannual event at top level that serves to meet the Shipping Industry and other key stakeholders like UKMTO and IMB. CMF always plays a very important role providing an update of operations.

EU NAVFOR ATALANTA is fully aware of latest changes in the region with the addition of two more operations: IMSC and AGENOR. In this vein, this event will be a great opportunity to invite IMSC and AGENOR to this Industry Strategic Meeting to show our shared commitment to re-assure the Shipping Industry and our compromise with the freedom of navigation in our region.





48TH SHADE to take place on 27-26 May

Already a model for other regions in the World, the SHADE forum is an unclassified forum which brings together nations, international organisations and members of the shipping industry who share a common interest in combating piracy in the southern Red Sea, Straits of Bab El Mandeb, Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. Although SHADE is co-chaired by EU NAVFOR and CMF, attendance includes many nations and associations which are not affiliated with these organisations. In order to facilitate a free exchange of unclassified information and views, the meeting will be at the open-source level.

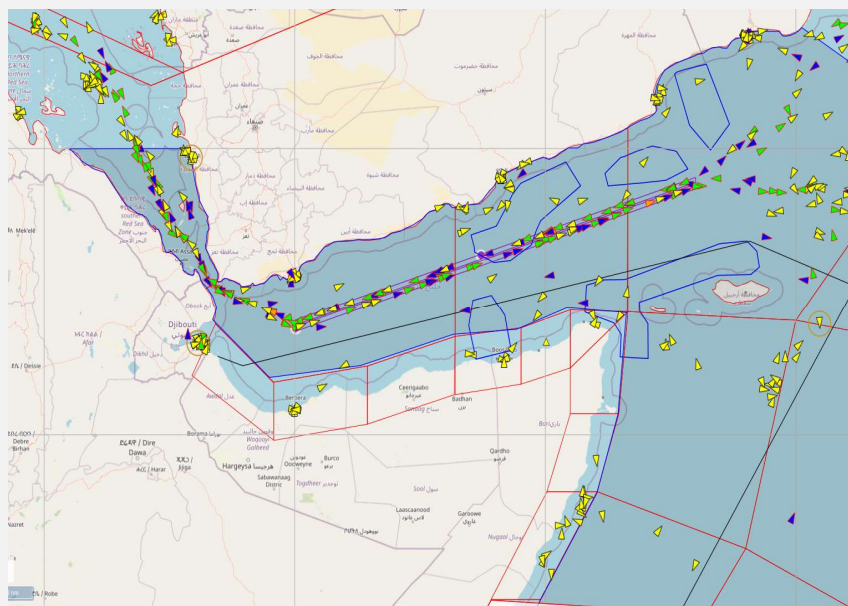
COVID19 pandemic brought a scenario of lockdowns and severe restrictions to travel that forced us to go to VTC in 47th SHADE. However, the number of attendees was very high.

On this occasion, as a proof of resilience and a beginning of the return to normality, 48th SHADE will be a hybrid In person/VTC edition, in which, again, EU NAVFOR ATALANTA's Co-chair and his team will travel to the Kingdom of Bahrain to meet CMF after a year of VTC meetings!

As usual, key speakers are invited, including the Shipping Industry, Academia or UN and also key Independent Deployers that will provide an enriching perspective.

From EU NAVFOR ATALANTA and CMF we encourage all stakeholders to register by sending an email to cj3webadministrator@mschoa.org.

See you all in Manama!



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SECURITY EVENTS AND ACTIONS

There was an alleged attack on a vessel in the Gulf of Oman on the 13rd of April. While there was no official confirmation of the event, considering a sequence of reported events, and that specific interests could be correlated, EU NAVFOR assumes that the general threat remains unchanged.

EU NAVFOR will continue to monitor the area of responsibility, detecting any anomaly that could be associated to inconsistent behavior, such as any unexpected change in course, speed or drifting. In these cases, our Watch keepers call immediately the affected merchant vessel to check situation.

Reporting incidents is essential, and reporting to UKMTO and register with MSCHOA lays at the foundation of BMP5.

Visit our website at www.mschoa.org, to register online, or send an email to postmaster@mschoa.org for registration offline.

