

UKMTO Weekly Report

4 - 10 Oct 2020

Command Overview

1. Iranian armed forces conducted a series of live firing exercises in the Gulf area this week, see page 2.
2. UKMTO and MSCHOA released Alerts regarding an explosion at the Yemeni Oil Terminal at Hush Al Nishaimah, (see media article (a)).
3. Masters of merchant vessels not trading in the UAE or have restrictions regarding ships visitors can continue to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security brief via telephone or by e-mail, using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

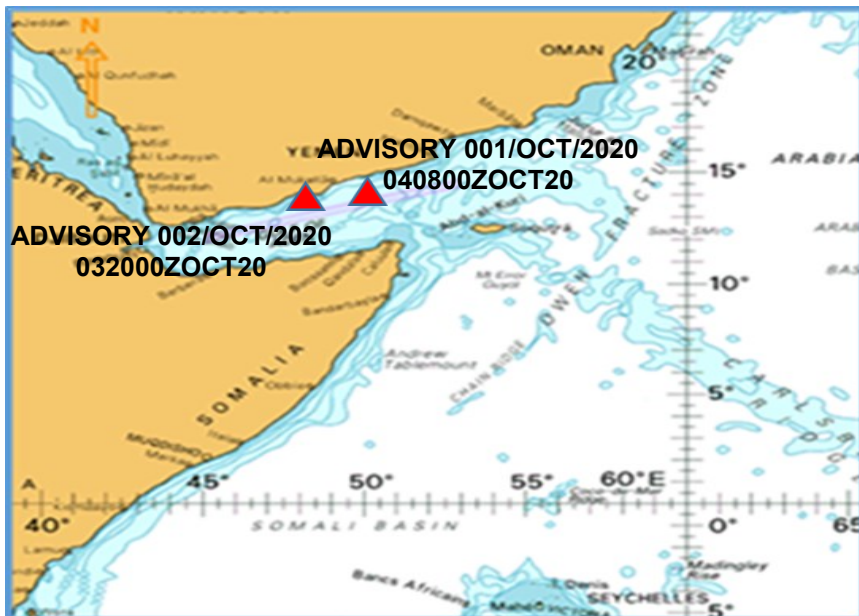
Warnings & Advisories

UKMTO ADVISORY 001/OCT/2020

1. **Category:** Suspicious Approach
2. **Description:** A merchant vessel (MT) at 0800Z on the 4th October 2020 reported an approach by 2 small craft with 4 persons on each, in position 1412N 04953E (vicinity of point B) the two small craft approached to within 200 metres and then departed to the north.

UKMTO ADVISORY 002/OCT/2020

1. **Category:** Incident
2. **Description:** UKMTO is aware a MT has experienced a possible explosion at 032000Z OCT 20 whilst operating at an oil terminal in position 1359.25N 04754.07E. Investigations are ongoing.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.
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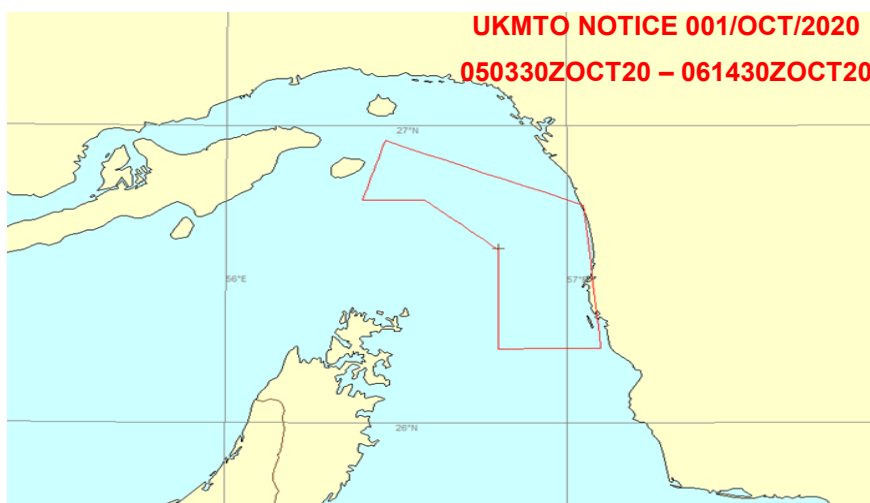
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Notices

UKMTO NOTICE 001/OCT/2020

- 1. Category:** Military Exercise in PERSIAN GULF EAST OF LARAK.
- 2. Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that Iranian military forces will be conducting a military exercise with live firings. Between 0330 UTC 05 OCT 20 and 1430 UTC 06 OCT 20 in the bounded by area:
 - a. 2657N 05628E
 - b. 2645N 05624E
 - c. 2645N 05635E
 - d. 2635N 05648E
 - e. 2615N 05648E
 - f. 2615N 05706E
 - g. 2644N 05703E

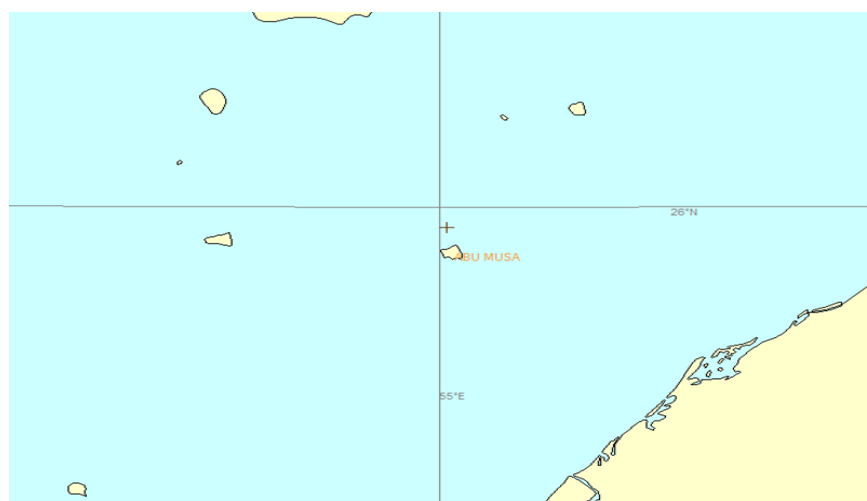


All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents to UKMTO. All vessels are requested to inform UKMTO if any interference is noted on Radios/Radars/GPS.

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UKMTO NOTICE 002/OCT/2020

- 1. Category:** Military Exercise in PERSIAN GULF SOUTH ABU MUSA.
- 2. Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that Iranian military forces will be conducting military exercise with live firings in the vicinity south of ABU MUSA iaw 051650 UTC OCT 20 BANDAR ABBAS NAVTEX message between 0330 UTC 07 OCT 20 and 1330 UTC 07 OCT 20.



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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0	0	
Fishing Boats	0	0	
Dhows	0	0	
Total	0	0	

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
3 - 5 Nov 2020	SHADE	Virtual
12 Nov 2020	MIEVOM	Virtual

Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors to the Dubai office this week.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
04/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	XINGHE HAI
04/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	VELOS SAPPHIRE
05/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	HAMPSTEAD
05/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	TAIYUAN
06/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	ESPERANZA N
06/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	NIKOS P
06/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	TELEMANN
06/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC VIVIANA
07/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	ARENDAL
07/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	BOMAR RESILIENT
07/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	NAGOYA TOWER
08/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	EVER SMART
08/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC NELA
09/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	THESTELIA K
09/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	CRIMSON ACE

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

- 9 Oct 20 - Aframax tanker mysterious explosion and mysterious voyage, Gulf of Aden (Fleetmon): <https://bit.ly/36UiYCi>
- 9 Oct 20 - Pakistan, Japan conduct joint naval drills in Gulf of Aden (BusinessRecorder): <https://bit.ly/36QF5tl>
- 7 Oct 20 - Somali pirates and the law of the Sea; International Law in Crisis (JURIST): <https://bit.ly/3iMpXj8>
- 6 Oct 20 - Continued Counter Piracy Efforts Between CTF151 And Oman (HellenicShippingnews): <https://bit.ly/3jN2f7J>
- 6 Oct 20 - How to tame an armed Somali pirate (Mid-day): <https://bit.ly/3nEcNID>
- 5 Oct 20 - Royal Navy's new Carrier Strike Group assembles for the first time (Navalnews): <https://bit.ly/2SF5CS4>
- 5 Oct 20 - Saudi-Led coalition foils attack by Yemen's Houthis in the south of the Red Sea - Al-Arabiya TV (Reuters): <https://reut.rs/2SEVXLo>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
www.maritimelocalsecurity.org
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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