

UKMTO

Weekly Report

22 - 28 Dec 2019

Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO issued no Advisories or Warnings.
2. The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) have released U.S. Maritime Alert 2019-015: Overview of the U.S. Maritime Advisory System. MARAD alerts can be viewed at www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI or via the following link: <http://bit.ly/3681i2K>
3. On 17 Dec the UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued revised Maritime Security Guidance for British flagged ships operating in the Arabian Gulf. DfT Ref 2019/31 refers.
4. On entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) and registering their Initial report with UKMTO, ship's Masters and CSOs are requested to submit an ETA for arrival at the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el Mandeb Strait, if applicable.
5. UKMTO would like to thank all our readers for their continued co-operation and support during 2019 that allowed our personnel to achieve the following:-
 - 697 visits to ships alongside ports in Jebel Ali, Mina Zayed, Mina Saqr and Mina Rashid.
 - 24 visits to offices of Maritime Security Officers based in the Gulf region.
 - Attendance at 11 Government or Military coalition conferences held in the Gulf region.
 - 11 Maritime Security presentations at regional commercial shipping industry conferences.
 - Hosting of 76 visits to the UKMTO Dubai office from a variety of maritime shipping companies, private security companies and regional military organisations.
6. Open source media articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.
 - a. 27 Dec 19 - Japan Oks MSDF dispatched to Middle East to ensure safe sea lane (The Mainichi): <http://bit.ly/2F5MNR2>
 - b. 27 Dec 19 - Tanker in Singapore strait boarded by pirates on Christmas day, 6th incident in as many days (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/2Q1NuBq>
 - c. 24 Dec 19 - HMS Montrose crew returns home for Christmas (Forces net): <http://bit.ly/2t1BQNP>
 - d. 23 Dec 19 - Crew from Royal Navy Type-23 frigate HMS Montrose return to UK after escorting British ships in the Gulf (Portsmouth News): <http://bit.ly/2PZABb3>
 - e. 23 Dec 19 - HMS Defender seizes record haul of Crystal Meth (CMF): <http://bit.ly/366OLN1>
 - f. 23 Dec 19 - HMS Defender: Royal Navy seizes £3.3m of crystal meth in Arabian Sea (BBC News): <https://bbc.in/2SAHOA9>



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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.

SHIPS BRIEFED

Date	Location	Vessel
22/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	SUNSET
22/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	IYO
22/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	IKAN BAGAT
23/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	SANTA CRUZ
23/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	FAIRCHEM FRIESIAN
27/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	SEA MASTER S
27/12/2019	JEBEL ALI	MARIE DELMAS

VESSELS & PERSONS HELD CAPTIVE

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Boats	0		
Dhows	0	3	26/03/15
Total	0	3	

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
21 - 22 Apr 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
30 Apr 2020	MIEVOM	Dubai

LIAISON AND VISITS

No visits or visitors to the Dubai office this week.

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.maritimelglobalsecurity.org



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WARNINGS

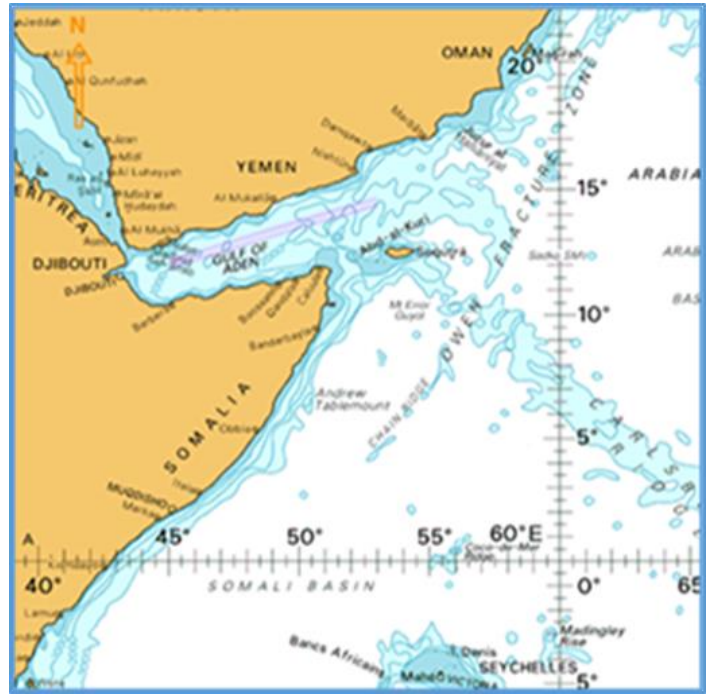
No Warnings issued.

ADVISORIES

No Advisories issued.

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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