

UK Maritime Component Commander's Update



UKMCC - Mission

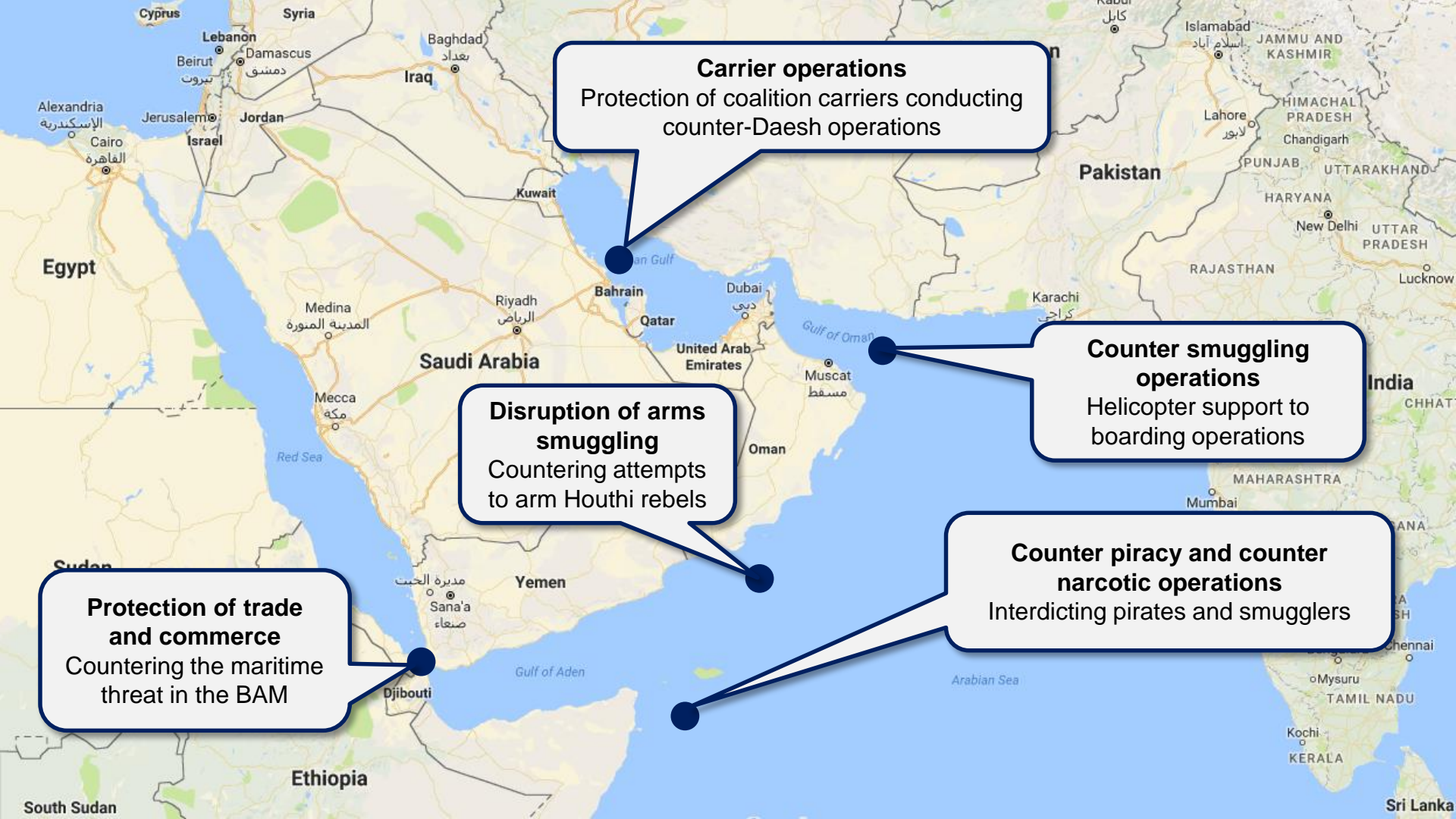
“UKMCC is to **command** maritime forces in the region, **building** and **developing** operational capability and integration with allies in the region, in order to **defend** UK interests, **reassure** partners and **deter** aggression.”



Role in the Middle East

- Permanent 1* HQ since 2001
 - Approx 80 UK personnel
 - Co-located with Commander US 5th Fleet
 - Command and support for all maritime forces in the region
 - Plan/prepare for national and coalition contingent operations
- **Protecting UK interests**
 - Trade and free flow of shipping
- **Engaging with regional partners**
 - Particularly GCC nations
- **Deterring aggression**





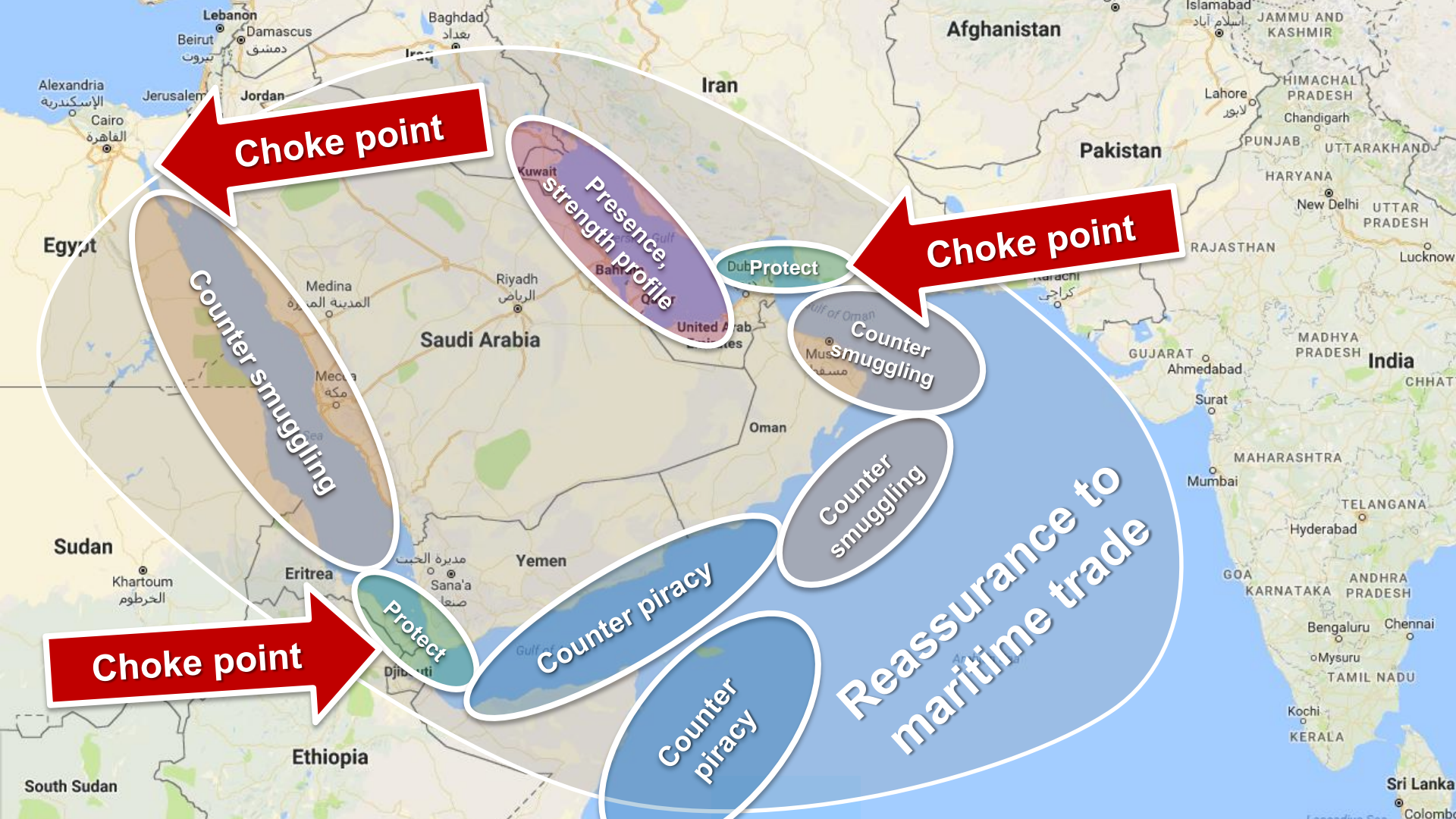
Carrier operations
Protection of coalition carriers conducting counter-Daesh operations

Disruption of arms smuggling
Countering attempts to arm Houthi rebels

Counter smuggling operations
Helicopter support to boarding operations

Counter piracy and counter narcotic operations
Interdicting pirates and smugglers

Protection of trade and commerce
Countering the maritime threat in the BAM



Choke point

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Presence, strength profile

Protect

Counter smuggling

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Counter piracy

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Reassurance to maritime trade

Counter smuggling

Protect



Understand



Operate



Sustain



Cooperate



The Future

- Perennial reliance on a **secure maritime environment**
- Persistent RN **presence** in the Gulf
- **Enduring** and **emergent** capability





Questions?



