

Joint Maritime Information Center

JMIC Information Note 129

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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INCIDENT REPORT

(Ref. UKMTO Warning 002-26 Update 001 - SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY)

On 17 Feb 2026, at 1016 UTC, UKTMO received a call from MSCIO of a report that a tug was approached by one white skiff. Five personnel displaying small arms were observed approximately 14.4nm south of Ra's al' Arah, Yemen (see Fig. 1). The skiff hailed the tug on VHF and ordered the tug to stop. The tug did not comply, and warning shots were fired by the skiff. The tug responded with warning shots from their embarked security team and departed the area.

Yemeni representatives noted that the skiff was being operated by a local joint security force and warning shots were fired by the skiff to establish communication with the vessel for identification and verification means.

JMIC encourages vessels transiting the area to implement Best Management Practices-Maritime Security, and report any suspicious activity (with the details of the suspicious boat and personnel onboard) to UKTMO at the earliest convenience.

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