

## UKMTO Summary Report: 24 Feb– 01 Mar 2024

### UKMTO Alerts and Notices

Please see below for a list of all recent and extant UKMTO alerts and notices. Full details can be found on the website: [UKMTO](https://www.ukmto.org). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

#### UKMTO Alerts - Geographical Disposition of Incidents



#### UKMTO Alerts

Incident No.	Category	Remarks
038	<a href="#">Sighting</a>	<b>231200UTC Feb 24 - ELPIDA. IMO: 9218284</b> UKMTO received a report from the Malta flagged bulker MV ELPIDA, which had sighted three small craft each with three persons onboard as well as one larger craft. The latter was assessed by the reporting vessel to be a potential mothership. The group was reported in position 22° 12' 08"N - 063° 00' 34"E approximately 175 nautical miles east of the Qalhat Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal, Oman. ELPIDA's team considered the sighted craft as suspicious. This report appears to be corroborated by a coalition aircraft who had also reported a number of high speed boats as well as a larger boat. There were no further details given after the event, with the ELIPDA continuing its onwards passage safely and without any further incidents reported. The crew and ship were reported as being safe.
039	<a href="#">Attack Update 001</a>	<b>242126UTC Feb 24 - TORM THOR. IMO: 9712292.</b> UKMTO received a report from the USA flagged tanker TORM THOR of an incident in the vicinity of 11° 34' 23" N - 044° 16' 24" E approximately 70 nautical miles east of the port of Djibouti. The Master reported an explosion approximately 50 metres astern of TORM THOR. No damage was reported by the vessel and there were no injuries to the crew. TORM THOR continued its passage to the next port of call under military escort and without further incident being reported.

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040	<a href="#">Irregular Activity</a>	<p><b>251420UTC Feb 24 - CL ZHAOGE. IMO: 9718090.</b>            UKMTO received a report from the Marshall Islands flagged tanker CL ZHAOGE of a small, fast boat behaving in an irregular manner, in position 250 26' 57"N - 0560 44' 50"E, 20 nautical miles east of Khor Fakkan, UAE. The small boat had approached from the northeast quadrant. The white, open-topped fast boat was powered by a single out-board motor. Two persons onboard were noted to both be wearing military style, camouflage type uniform. The small boat was then observed to be following in the CL ZHAOGE's wake at a range of 20 meters to 40 meters for over half an hour before subsequently falling astern beyond a mile. The small boat did not otherwise act aggressively and no further information was given. CL ZHAOGE and crew were both reported to be safe as the vessel continued on to its next port without further incident.</p>
041	<a href="#">Irregular Activity Update 001</a>	<p><b>270453UTC Feb 24 - ITHAKI. IMO: 9526461.</b>            UKMTO received a report from the Malta flagged tanker ITHAKI relating to three small, fast boats, which had been following the vessel. The small boats were all dark in colour, with two persons onboard of each. The incident took place in the vicinity of 28<sup>0</sup> 01' 54" N - 050<sup>0</sup> 17' 18" E approximately 40 nautical miles southeast of Mubarak Al Kabeer, Kuwait. No weapons or uniforms were visible. The master reported that the small boats followed the merchant vessel for an hour with two stationed on the vessel's starboard side at circa one and a half miles with the third stationed at about 7 cables astern. The master reported that ITHAKI had been hailed on VHF by an unknown person claiming to be from a local Naval authority to alter course by 90 degrees towards the northeastern quadrant. The ITHAKI increased to maximum speed and maintained the original southeasterly course. With the master reporting his vessel and crew to be safe, ITHAKI made its way to the next port of call without further incident.</p>
042	<a href="#">Attack Update 001</a>	<p><b>271915UTC Feb 24 - MINOAS. IMO: 9519395.</b>            UKMTO received a report from the Marshall Islands flagged bulker MINOAS relating to an incident in the vicinity of 15<sup>0</sup> 01' 66" N - 041<sup>0</sup> 56' 82" E, approximately 60 nautical miles west of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The master reported that a 'rocket' had been sighted on the starboard side of the vessel, which had then exploded between three and five nautical miles from MINOAS's port bow. The MINOAS and crew were reported to be safe as the vessel proceeded to its next port of call without further incident. <b>Note:</b> For clarification the master's report to UKMTO of a "rocket" may well correlate to CMF-JMIC INFONOTE 27 Feb 01 which states: <i>"reports from merchant vessels of sightings are likely related to military action against UAVs". This can not be validated further by UKMTO.</i> For further details see: <a href="#">CMF-JMIC INFONOTE</a></p>

### UKMTO Notices

Issue date	Remarks
<a href="#">27/Feb/24</a>	<b>Live Firing Notice:</b> Conducted 280400UTC Feb 24 to 291000UTC Feb 24 ( <b>now Expired</b> ).
<a href="#">28/Feb/24</a>	<b>Live Weapon Firing:</b> To be conducted 290300UTC Feb 24 to 011400UTC Mar 24.

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## Open Source Media Articles

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- **Indian warship provides assistance to merchant vessel under attack in Gulf of Aden.**
  - 24 Feb - [deccanherald.com](http://deccanherald.com)
- **Security Concerns Near UAE.**
  - 25 Feb - [bnnbreaking.com](http://bnnbreaking.com)
- **Greek frigate departs to join EU Red Sea mission.**
  - 26 Feb - [reuters.com](http://reuters.com)
- **German Navy Frigate 'Hessen' Arrives In Red Sea, Joins EUNAVFOR Aspides.**
  - 26 Feb - [navalnews.com](http://navalnews.com)
- **Yemen's Houthis keep up pressure with near miss on US-flagged tanker.**
  - 26 Feb - [reuters.com](http://reuters.com)
- **Navy seizes 3,300 kg drugs from dhow in major operation.**
  - 28 Feb - [indiannarrative.com](http://indiannarrative.com)
- **Combined Task Force 154 Conducts Operation Northern Readiness II in Aqaba, Jordan.**
  - 28 Feb - [combinedmaritimeforces.com](http://combinedmaritimeforces.com)
- **Stricken UK ship sinking in Red Sea after Houthi attack.**
  - 29 Feb - [smh.com.au](http://smh.com.au)

## Ships Maritime Security Briefings - Jebel Ali

Date	Vessel	Date	Vessel
28 Feb	MSC DILETTA	29 Feb	CHANG HANG CANG HAI
28 Feb	ADDISON	29 Feb	PERELIK

## Office Visits, Briefings and Maritime Security Updates

To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional maritime security brief, please email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00 (UTC) on Friday afternoon and 04:00 (UTC) on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00 (UTC) on Monday. For urgent and short notice briefing requirements, Security Officers and Masters should contact the Duty UKMTO (Dubai) Officer on: +971 (0)50 189 8389 who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.

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## Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)

[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)

[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)

[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)

[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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