

# UKMTO WARNING 005/DEC/2023 – Update 001

## INCIDENT

**Incident Date:**  
**13/DEC 2023**

**Incident Time:**  
**0343UTC**

**Source: Master**

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UKMTO has received a report of a small boat with 3 armed persons onboard approximately 50nm West of the port of Hodeidah, Yemen. The small boat approached a merchant vessel to within 0.5nm. The embarked armed security team fired warning shots, there was an exchange of small arms fire and small boat departed the area.

The reporting vessel was then hailed by an entity declaring itself as the Yemeni authorities, directing the vessel to alter course to Yemen. The reporting vessel then sighted an explosion 200 metres astern. Crew mustered in the emergency station, vessel and crew reported as safe.

Vessels in the vicinity are advised to exercise caution and report any suspicious activity to UKMTO.



**VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION**

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