



# UKMTO

## Weekly Report

### 8 – 14 Oct 16

#### INCIDENT DISPOSITION

#### IN THIS ISSUE

## Command Overview

1. Open source news outlets report on 9 Oct 16 of missiles being fired from the Red Sea coast of Yemen at a US destroyer. The missiles did not strike and there was no damage (a). This incident occurred 8 days after a UAE flagged vessel had been attacked in a similar area. On 12 Oct 16 there was a second failed attack on the same US destroyer north of the Bab el Mandeb straits. In a statement by a Pentagon Press Secretary 'the ship detected at least one missile that we assess originated from Houthi-controlled territory near Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The ship employed defensive countermeasures, and the missile did not reach USS Mason' (c). The US carried out retaliatory 'cruise missile strikes on Thursday to knock out three coastal radar sites' (e).

2. UKMTO released 2 Advisories this week related to the above (page 3) and US NCAGS issued a [NTM](#). Both advise that: masters can expect to see an increased coalition warship presence in the Bab el Mandeb straits and as a precaution, should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the Western TSS<sup>1</sup>, increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.

<sup>1</sup> TSS west of Hanish al Kubra island in the northern Bab el Mandeb strait (see chart).

3. Open Source Media Articles of interest:

- 10 Oct 16 - 'Yemen conflict: Missiles fired at US warship in Red Sea' (BBC News): <http://bbc.in/2dOol3a>
- 11 Oct 16 - 'Maritime agency calls for tough actions to end piracy off Somalia' (Business Daily): <http://bit.ly/2dOzubq>
- 12 Oct 16 - 'Statement by Pentagon Press Secretary Peter Cook on USS Mason' (US DoD): <http://bit.ly/2dTtj4Z>
- 12 Oct 16 - 'African Union maritime security summit eyes piracy fighting' (African News): <http://bit.ly/2efU1Tq>
- 13 Oct 16 - 'U.S. military strikes Yemen after missile attacks on U.S. Navy ship' (Reuters): <http://reut.rs/2dJTuvR>

#### EVENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO

(See page 3 for this week's Warnings/Advisories)



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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.

**Vessels/Crew under pirate control**

Merchant Vessel	0	Personnel
Dhows/Fishing Vessels	36	Personnel
Other crew still held	0	Personnel
Total	36	

Vessel name		Date taken
FV Naham 3	26	03/03/12
Dhow Siraj	10	26/03/15

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Date	Event	Location
29 – 30 Nov 16	SHADE	Bahrain
8 Dec 16	MIEVOM	Dubai

**LIAISON AND VISITS**

Nil

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)  
[NATO Shipping Centre – Alert Details](#)  
[NATO Shipping Centre – Piracy Update](#)  
[Best Management Practice \(BMP\)](#)  
[MSCHOA](#)  
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)  
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)  
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

**SHIPS BRIEFED**

Date	Location	Vessel
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	PAG
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	TAMBOURIN
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	UACC EAGLE
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	ANARITA
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	WAWASAN JADE
10/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	KOTA CARUM
10/10/2016	TELEPHONE BRIEF	AZAMARA JOURNEY
11/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	DORIC BREEZE
11/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	PENELOPE
11/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	CAPE CHRONOS
11/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	CLIPPER
11/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	YANTIAN EXPRESS
11/10/2016	TELEPHONE BRIEF	EMERALD PRINCESS
12/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	HIGH GLOW
12/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	TORM LOKE
12/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	GRECO LIBERO
13/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	CHANG HANG RUN
13/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	SALTA
13/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC BUSAN
13/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC ROMANOS
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	JULIE DELMAS
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	AURORA TAURUS
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MSC VENICE
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	RIVER ENTITY
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	UACC STRAIT
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	AL BIDDA
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	CHRISOPIGI LADY
14/10/2016	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK TANJONG

**Advisory 004/Oct/16**

1. **Category:** Maritime Security Incident - Yemen

2. **Description:** On Sunday 9 Oct 16 a U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer was targeted in a failed missile attack from territory on the Red Sea coast of Yemen. This was a targeted attack on a military vessel and linked with the Yemen conflict. Guidance to international shipping remains in accordance with UKMTO Advisory 003/Oct/16 in that: masters can expect to see an increased coalition warship presence in the Bab el Mandeb straits and as a precaution, should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the western TSS, increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.

**Advisory 005/Oct/16**

1. **Category:** Maritime Security Incident - Yemen

2. **Description:** On 12 Oct 16 a U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer was targeted in a failed missile attack from the Red Sea coast of Yemen north of the Bab el Mandeb strait. As with previous Advisory Notices (003/Oct & 004/Oct), this latest attack targeted a specific military vessel patrolling off the Yemen coast. Open source outlets are reporting effective US retaliatory missile strikes on coastal radar positions to suppress the threat.

Guidance to international shipping remains as per UKMTO's Advisory 004/Oct/16 and US NTM in that: masters can expect to see an increased coalition warship presence in the Bab el Mandeb straits and as a precaution, should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the western TSS, increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.