

UKMTO

Weekly Report

17 - 23 Feb 2018

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Command Overview

1. UKMTO have issued two Warnings with respective updates and one Advisory, see page 3 for details.
2. On 22 Feb 18 a MV reported, by phone, to UKMTO that it was coming under attack from 3 skiffs. Ref WARNING NOTICE 002/FEB/2018. The AST on board returned fire and the ships altered course, vessel and crew are safe.
3. A yacht reported to the UKMTO that it was approached by skiffs in the IRTC. Ref WARNING NOTICE 001/FEB/2018. After assistance from both the Japanese and the Pakistan forces in the area, the yacht is safe and continued their voyage. It is recommended that yachts follow the guidelines within BMP4.
4. Due to the number of reports being received in relation to groups of small boats operating in the Eastern IRTC Advisory 001/FEB/2018 was issued. No aggressive behaviour or pirate paraphernalia was reported and it is assessed that the sightings are most likely related to an increase in fishing activity in the area.
5. Dutch ship owners are now authorised by their government to carry armed security guards when transiting through regions frequented by pirates. See article (a) for details.
6. In April last year OS35 was boarded by pirates in the IRTC and the crew was freed by the Chinese Navy. The officer who led the mission is honoured in his home town. Article (b) refers.
7. Piracy incidents continue to be an issue in the Gulf of Guinea with at least three serious incidents within the last month. Article (c) expands.
8. A tanker was attacked and pirates repelled by the armed security guards. Article (d) and (e) give more information.
9. Open Source Media Articles of interest. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting:
 - a. 23 Feb - Dutch MPs give go head to arming the maritime sector against pirates - <http://bit.ly/2ERc9Rd>
 - b. 18 Feb - China's Somali pirate-catching commando gets a hero's welcome back home - <http://bit.ly/2sCcllz>
 - c. 22 Feb – Cases of Nigerian Pirates Firing Upon ships Soar - <http://bit.ly/2sNjKP5>
 - d. 23 Feb – Chemical Tanker attacked Off Somalia, Pirates repelled: EU Naval Forces – <http://reut.rs/2EQ6739>
 - e. 23 Feb – MT Leopard Sun Attacked off Somalia - <http://bit.ly/2HH7tjJ>



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ATTACKED, BOARDED OR HI-JACKED

- (1) Attacked**
One incident to report.
- (2) Boarded**
No incidents to report.
- (3) Hijacked**
No incidents to report.

VESSELS & PERSONS UNDER PIRATE CONTROL

| Details of Vessel | No. Vessels held | No. Souls held | Date Taken |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| Merchant Vessels | 0 | | |
| Fishing Vessels | 0 | | |
| Dhows | 0 | 8 | 26/03/15 |
| Total | 0 | 8 | |

FUTURE EVENTS

| Date | Event | Location |
|--------------|--------|----------|
| 17/18 Apr 18 | SHADE | Bahrain |
| 22 Apr 18 | MIEVOM | Dubai |

LIAISON AND VISITS

Nil.

Should anyone wish to visit our office in Dubai or arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact Lt Cdr Beaton E-mail: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- www.ukmto.org
- [MSCHOA](#)
- [Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
- [Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)
- [United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
- [IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)
- www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
- [NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

SHIPS BRIEFED

| Date | Location | Vessel |
|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 18/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | DALI |
| 18/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | AC-D |
| 19/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | G COMMANDER |
| 19/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | CHEMROAD LILY |
| 19/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | FOTINI LADY |
| 19/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | CHERRY ISLAND |
| 20/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | CMA CGM CASSIOPEIA |
| 20/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | CHEMROAD MEGA |
| 20/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | BBC AQUAMARINE |
| 21/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | KSL XINYANG |
| 21/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | GREEN COVE |
| 21/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | LILAC VICTORIA |
| 21/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | MAERSK PELICAN |
| 22/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | LR2 POLARIS |
| 22/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | ANDREAS K |
| 22/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | SAFESEA NEHA II |
| 22/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | MU MIAN SONG |
| 23/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | MSC ELMA |
| 23/02/2018 | JEBEL ALI | MSC BILBAO |
| 23/02/2018 | MINA SAQR | ARCHAGELOS GABRIEL |
| 23/02/2018 | MINA SAQR | ONE ENERGY |



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WARNINGS

001/FEB/2018

Category: Suspicious Approach.
Description: On 18 Feb 2018 at 0530UTC suspicious approach in position 13 59.2N 051 40.1E (in the vicinity of Pt B IRTC). Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution.

001/FEB/2017 - UPDATE 001

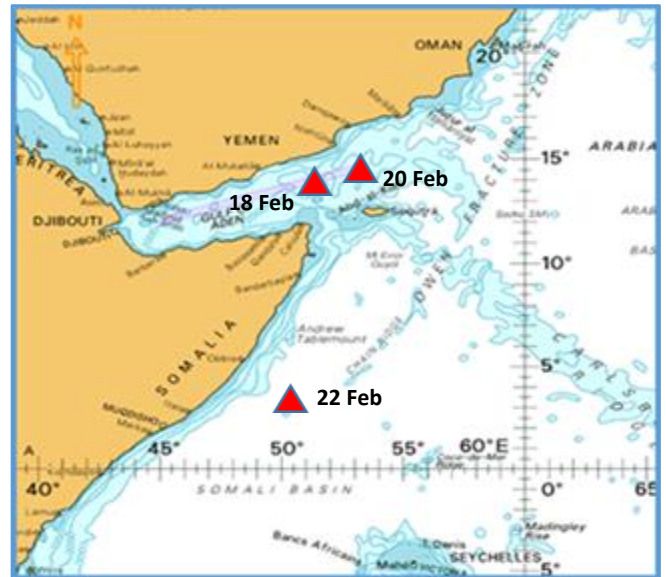
Category: Suspicious Approach
Description: Vessel now in position: 135449N 0512706E at 180740UTCc. Skiffs no longer within visual range. Vessel is safe. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

002/FEB/2018

Category: Attack
 A Merchant Vessel is under attack in position: 0326N 05027E.

002/FEB/2018 - UPDATE 001

Category: Attack
Description: A Merchant Vessel was attacked in position: 0326N 05027E at 2012UTC on 22 FEB 2018 by 3 skiffs. Shots fired at MV, on-board AST returned fire. Skiffs are no longer visual and Master confirms vessel is SAFE.



ADVISORIES

001/FEB/2018

Category: Sighting.
Description: 20 Feb 2018 - UKMTO has received a number of reports relating to the sighting of groups of small boats operating in the vicinity of Point B at the eastern end of the IRTC (approximately: 1428N 05300E). No aggressive behaviour or pirate paraphernalia has been observed and it is assessed that the sightings are most likely related to an increase in fishing activity in the area. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

NOTES

For further information or queries regarding any UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060. THESE ADVISORIES are not classified as a Maritime Security Events and have not been verified by UKMTO. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

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