

UKMTO Weekly Report

29 Nov - 5 Dec 2020

Command Overview

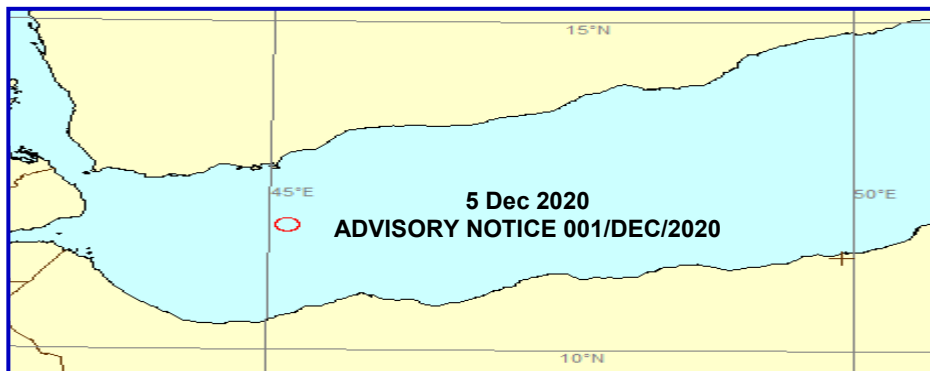
1. This week UKMTO issued one Warning with a subsequent update and one Advisory, see below for details.
2. On 4 Dec at 2300UTC, a Sierra Leone registered bulk carrier was attacked off the Yemen coast near to the port of Nishtun in the Gulf of Aden. Shots were fired at the vessel from two boats, resulting in minor damage. One crewman was injured in the attack but the vessel was later reported to be safe. It is unclear who carried out the attack and what the motive behind it may have been, investigations are ongoing at this time (see page 4 media article a).
3. Ship owners and operators are requested to ensure that their masters are fully aware of their respective Flag State guidance when transiting through the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).
4. Masters of merchant vessels not trading in the UAE or have restrictions regarding ships visitors can continue to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security brief via telephone or by e-mail, using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/DEC/20

1. Category: SUSPICIOUS APPROACH

2. Description: An MT has reported a concentration of up to 20 small crafts in position 11 54.00N 045 09.00E (75nm's South East of Aden). Some are orange, red and yellow in colour. Mariners should exercise caution when transiting the area.

3. Source: Master of the vessel.



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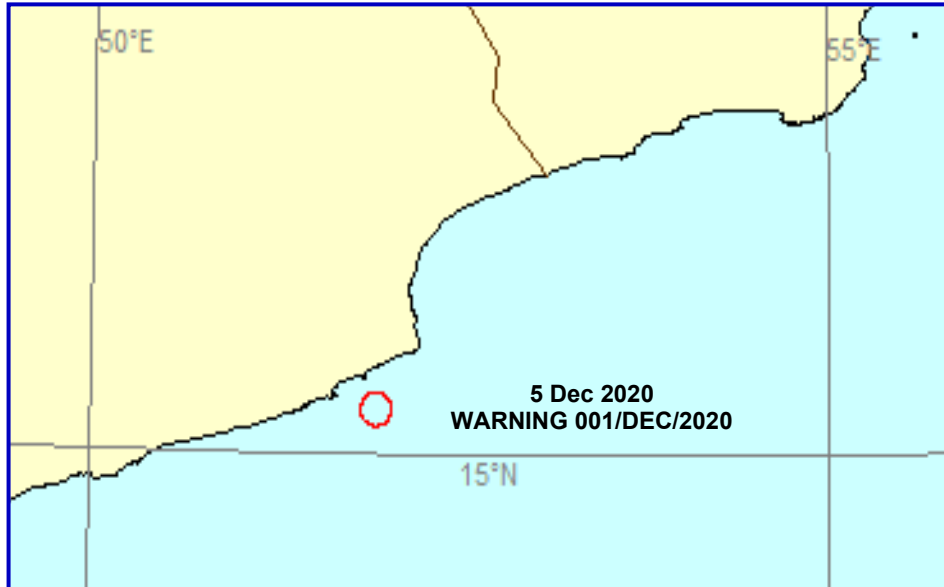


WARNING 001/DEC/2020

1. **Category:** ATTACK

2. **Description:** UKMTO are aware of an attack against an MV in position 1516.8N 05202.4E on 4 December at 2300UTC approximately 35nm from NISHTUN Yemen. Investigations are ongoing.

3. **Source:** Vessels in vicinity



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WARNING 001/DEC/2020 UPDATE 001

1. **Category:** ATTACK

2. **Description:** On 4 December 2020 at 2300UTC in position 1516.8N 05202.4E 190° 35nm from NISHTUN. Incident is now complete. Vessel and crew are safe.

Source: Vessels in vicinity.

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UKMTO NOTICE 006/NOV/2020

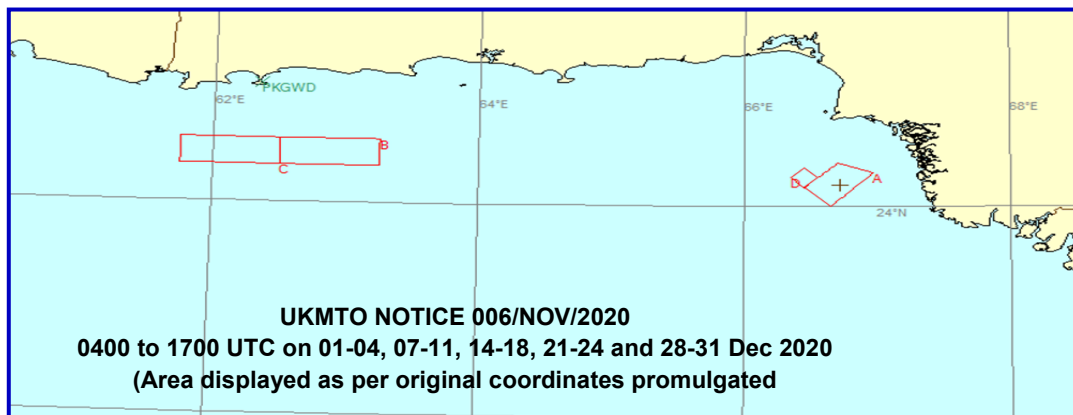
1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** Naval ships will carry out Surface, Anti-Aircraft and Depth Charge **LIVE FIRING PRACTICE** between 0400 and 1700UTC from 01-04, 07-11, 14-18, 21-24 and 28-31 Dec 2020 in the following areas:

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| A. | 24-19.00N 066-58.00E
24-11.00N 066-27.00E | 24-00.00N 066-39.00E
24-24.30N 066-42.00E |
| B. | 24-36.02N 063-15.03E
24-21.02N 063-15.03E | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E
24-21.02N 062-30.03E |
| C. | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E
24-21.02N 062-30.03E | 24-36.02N 061-45.03E
24-21.02N 061-45.03E |
| D. | DEPTH CHARGE FIRING AREA
24-16.18N 066-20.50E 24-22.00N 066-27.00E
24-16.30N 066-33.00E 24-10.30N 066-27.00E | |

3. Ships and Craft are to keep well clear of assigned danger areas on above specified schedule.

All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents to UKMTO. All vessels are requested to inform UKMTO if any interference is noted on Radios/Radars/GPS.



VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA

4. **Source:** www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro

5. **Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.**

Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0	0	
Fishing Boats	0	0	
Dhows	0	0	
Total	0	0	

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors to the Dubai Office this week.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing on Maritime Security via the telephone, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0) 501898389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
29/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	PANTELIS
29/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MEZAIRA'A
29/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK CANCUN
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC MAYA
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	SSL DELHI
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	BULLDOG
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	CONTI CONTESIA
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	SM MAHI
30/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	SM KAVERI
01/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	CASTOR N
01/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	DAWEI
02/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	KOTA GEMAR
02/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	KOTA BANGGA
02/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	SC NINGBO
03/12/2020	MINA SAQR	CHANG HANG HONG HAI
03/12/2020	MINA SAQR	IVS PRESTWICK
03/12/2020	MINA SAQR	V BRAVO

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

- 5 Dec 20 - Cargo ship attacked off Yemen under unclear circumstances (Star Tribune): <http://strib.mn/2lq6bQC>
- 4 Dec 20 - Security Council renews authorization for International Naval Forces fighting piracy off Somali Coast, unanimously adopts resolution 2554 (2020) (Reliefweb): <https://bit.ly/3qAVFFc>
- 3 Dec 20 - The risks of trading in the Middle East remain of real concern (Riviera): <https://bit.ly/2JNorBn>
- 3 Dec 20 - Tristar's 'Safety at Sea' to address mental health, legal support and piracy (Middle East Logistics): <https://bit.ly/3mMgKKs>
- 2 Dec 20 - Egypt, Saudi Arabia stress importance of freedom of navigation (Arab Weekly): <https://bit.ly/3IK7qVX>
- 30 Nov 20 - US, UK and Saudi Arabia participate in MCM interoperability training (Naval Technology): <https://bit.ly/37Fw5pz>

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org
[MSCHOA](#)
[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)
[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)
[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI
[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)
www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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