

UKMTO Weekly Report

13 - 19 Dec 2020

Command Overview

1. In response to an incident in Jeddah port Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13 Dec, the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and EU Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) issued 'Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 024 17 December 2020. The IRTB is available at www.mschoa.org (log-in required).
2. UKMTO released one warning with three additional updates, please see below and page 2 for details.
3. UKMTO released Notice 003/DEC/2020 giving details of a military exercise. Notice 006/NOV/2020 remains in force until 31 Dec 2020. See pages 2 & 3 for details.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. The UKMTO team extends seasonal 'Best Wishes' for a safe and prosperous New Year to all.

Warnings & Advisories

WARNING 002/DEC/2020

1. **Category:** INCIDENT
2. **Description:** At 132211ZDEC20 UKMTO is aware a MT has experienced an explosion in position 212353N 0390517E whilst carrying out operations. Investigations are ongoing.
3. **Source:** Master.

VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.
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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WARNING 002/DEC/2020 UPDATE 001

1. **Category:** INCIDENT

2. **Description:** At 132211ZDEC20 UKMTO is aware a MT has experienced an explosion in position 212353N 0390517E whilst carrying out operations. There are also unconfirmed reports of a second vessel being involved in an incident. Investigations are ongoing.

3. UKMTO has been informed that the Port of JEDDAH is closed, duration unknown.

4. **Source:** MRCC JEDDAH.

WARNING 002/DEC/2020 UPDATE 002

1. **Category:** INCIDENT

2. **Description:** On 13 Dec 2020 at 2216 UTC a MT suffered an explosion whilst alongside Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The explosion was reportedly external, causing an internal fire which was extinguished within the hour and no casualties have been reported. A survey for underwater damage is ongoing.

3. UKMTO is aware of reports of another possible incident in the vicinity of Jeddah Port. Investigations are ongoing

4. **Source:** Company/3rd Party

WARNING 002/DEC/2020 UPDATE 003

1. **Category:** INCIDENT

2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that the Port of Jeddah is now open.

3. **Source:** MRCC JEDDAH

UKMTO NOTICE 006/NOV/2020

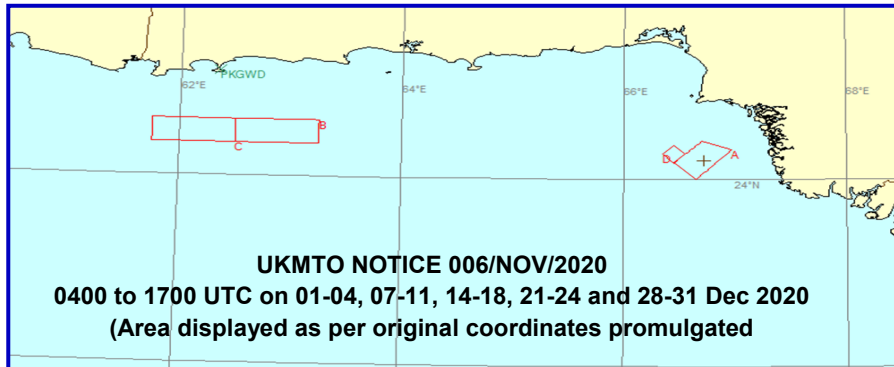
1. **Category:** Military Exercise

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
24-16.30N 066-33.00E | 24-22.00N 066-27.00E
24-10.30N 066-27.00E |

UKMTO NOTICE 006/NOV/2020 (continued)

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.



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

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

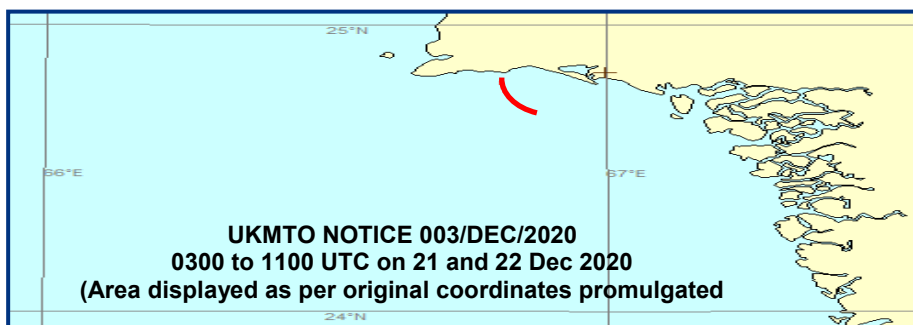
UKMTO NOTICE 003/DEC/2020

1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that a **LIVE FIRING PRACTICE** will take place between 0300 and 1100 UTC 21st and 22nd December 2020 within the following area:

Position: 24-48.40N 066-57.37E
Time: 0300-1100 UTC
Firing Arcs: 225-270 Degree (Clockwise)
Safety Range: 13000 METRES.

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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

Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
13/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK PIPER
13/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	AFRICAN ARROW
13/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC EMMA
13/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	LOXANDRA
14/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	N. MARS
14/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	PRO TRIUMPH
15/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	MATZ MAERSK
15/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	APL TEMASEK
15/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC HINA
17/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	X-PRESS KABRU
17/12/2020	JEBEL ALI	SEASPAN LEBU
18/12/2020	TELEPHONE	YENISEI RIVER

Liaisons and Visits

15th December 2020 - Captain S Baily RAN Australian Defence Attache to the UAE, visited the Dubai Office.

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

Open Source Media Articles

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

- 19 Dec 20 - Implementation of Riyadh agreement praised, raises hopes of ending Yemen conflict (Arab News): <http://bit.ly/2KEaJ4m>
- 18 Dec 20 - Turkish Navy hands over task force command to Pakistan (CMF): <http://bit.ly/37BSUMm>
- 15 Dec 20 - EU NAVFOR ATLANTA provides support to UNODC Yemen Coastguard regeneration strategy (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/37xV4MH>
- 15 Dec 20 - Arab, EU nations condemn bomb attack on oil tanker in Jeddah Port (Arab News): <http://bit.ly/3p5DLJ1>
- 14 Dec 20 - Portugal takes over command of 36th rotation of Operation Atalanta (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/3h2dPeq>
- 13 Dec 20 - Tanker suffers explosion off Saudi port of Jeddah (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/3817fMb>
- 11 Dec 20 - Japan approves extension of MSDF mission in Middle East (Xinhua): <http://bit.ly/3recpCk>
- 7 Dec 20 - EUNAVFOR celebrates 12 years of Operation Atalanta (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/2WzIDtq>

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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