

# UKMTO Weekly Report

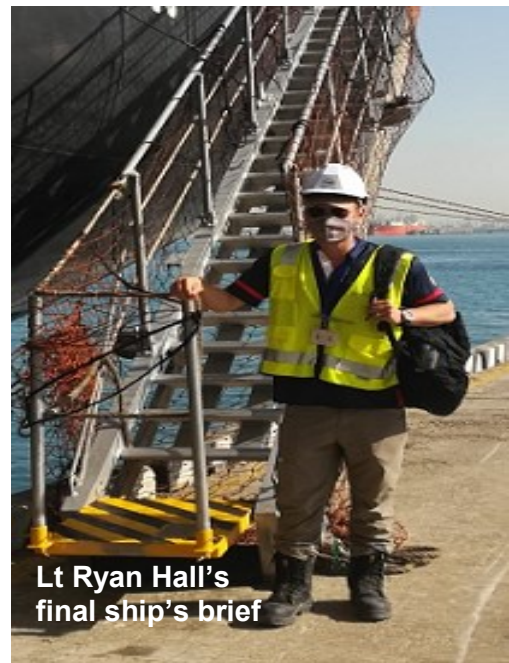
20 - 26 Dec 2020

## Command Overview

1. UKMTO released 3 Notices giving details of military exercises taking place within the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA). See pages 2 & 3 for details of Notices 005/DEC/2020, 006/DEC/2020 and 006/NOV/2020. Notice 004/DEC/2020 self cancelled 24 Dec 2020.
2. 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.
3. Lt Ryan Hall RNZN returned to New Zealand on Thursday 24 December 2020 after completing a 3 month deployment to UKMTO as the International Liaison Officer (ILO). Despite restrictions imposed on visiting merchant vessels due to Covid-19 precautions Lt Hall conducted approximately 50 ship visits to brief their masters and crews during his deployment.



Lt Ryan Hall RNZN and Lt Cdr Chris Long RN



Lt Ryan Hall's final ship's brief

## Warnings & Advisories

No Warnings or advisories were released this week.

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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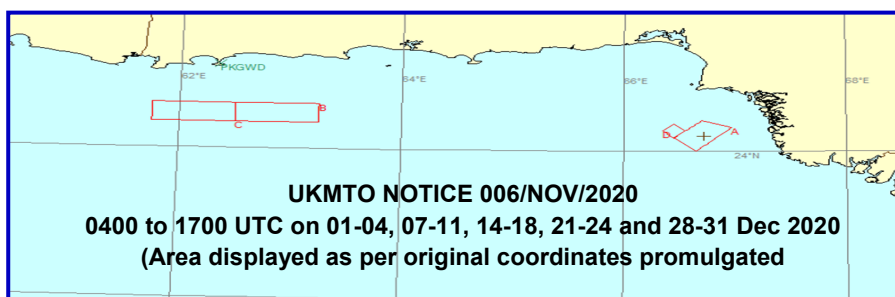
## UKMTO NOTICE 006/NOV/2020

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:

- A. 24-19.00N 066-58.00E 24-00.00N 066-39.00E  
24-11.00N 066-27.00E 24-24.30N 066-42.00E
- B. 24-36.02N 063-15.03E 24-36.02N 062-30.03E  
24-21.02N 063-15.03E 24-21.02N 062-30.03E
- C. 24-36.02N 062-30.03E 24-36.02N 061-45.03E  
24-21.02N 062-30.03E 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](http://www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro)

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

## UKMTO NOTICE 005/DEC/2020

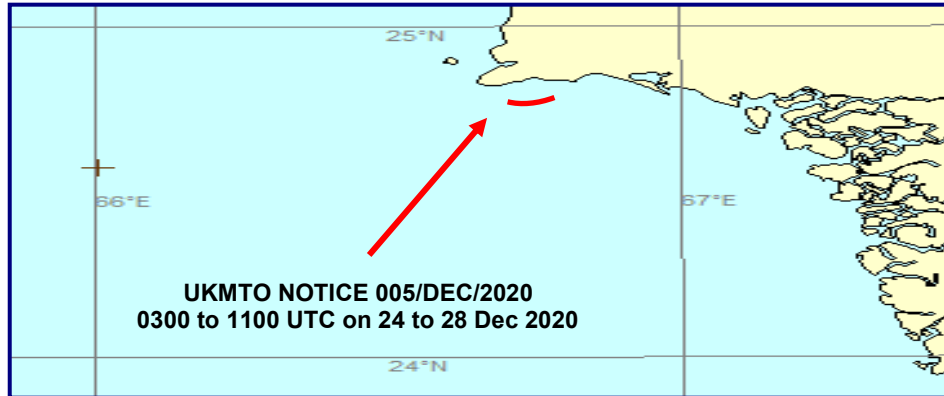
1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that a LIVE FIRING PRACTICE will take place between 0300 and 1100 UTC 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020 within the following area:

POSITION: 24-51.10N 066-45.20E (10 NM West of Karachi)  
TIME: 0300-1100 UTC  
FIRING ARCS: 130-220 DEGREE (CLOCKWISE)  
SAFETY RANGE: 4000 METRES.

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### UKMTO NOTICE 005/DEC/2020 (continued)



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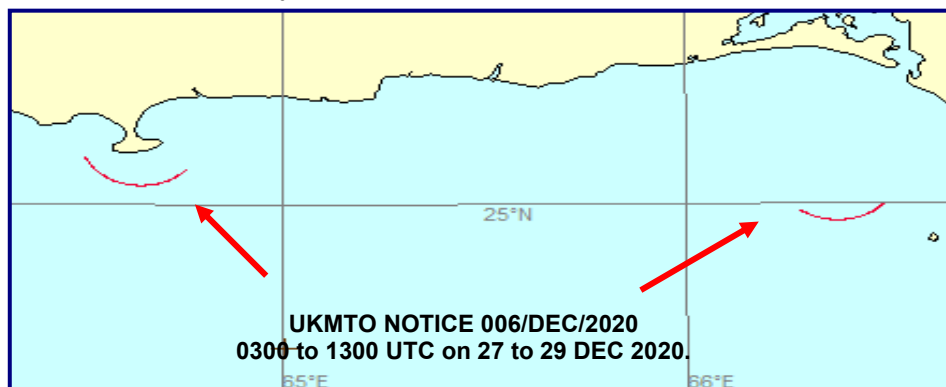
### UKMTO NOTICE 006/DEC/2020

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2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that a LIVE FIRING PRACTICE will take place between 0300 and 1300 UTC 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 within the following areas:

POSITION:	25-05.88N 066-22.27E
TIME:	0300 -1300 UTC
FIRING ARCS:	130-220 DEGREE (CLOCKWISE)
SAFETY RANGE:	14000 METRES.
POSITION:	25-11.27N 064-39.83E
TIME:	0300-1300 UTC
FIRING ARCS:	130-250 DEGREE (CLOCKWISE)
SAFETY RANGE:	14000 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
Due to Christmas leave no vessels were briefed this week.		

## Future Events

Date	Event	Location
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

## Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors took place 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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 26 Dec 20 - Cruises could return to the Middle East in January 2021 (Hoteliermiddleeast): <https://bit.ly/37RyD5p>
- 23 Dec 20 - Operation ATALANTA, EUTM Somalia and EUCAP Somalia: mandates extended for two more years (Reliefweb): <http://bit.ly/2KHuKXQ>
- 23 Dec 20 - Somalia.- The EU extends the mandates of Operation 'Atalanta' and its two security missions in Somalia for two years (Explica): <http://bit.ly/2WUoU7X>
- 22 Dec 20 - Rules of the Road: Who needs LRIT? (Triton): <https://bit.ly/34K0EtS>
- 22 Dec 20 - CMF hosts the United Kingdom, senior enlisted advisor to the Chiefs of Staff Committee (SEAC) (CMF): <http://bit.ly/37TLvrT>
- 21 Dec 20 - USS PORT ROYAL maritime interdiction in North Arabian Sea (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3nWzDL9>
- 21 Dec 20 - Ensuring wellness journey of seafarers (KhaleejTimes): <http://bit.ly/38FwTvc>

## Additional sources of Information

[www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)

[MSCHOA](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

[www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI](http://www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI)

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

[www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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