

UKMTO Weekly Report

5 - 11 Jan 2020

Command Overview

1. On 10 Jan 2020 the UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued revised Maritime Security Guidance for British flagged ships operating in the Arabian Gulf. DfT Ref 2020/03 refers.

2. On 6 Jan 2020 the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) released guidance to U.S. commercial shipping. U.S. Maritime Alert 2020-001B: Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean -Threat to commercial vessels from Iran and its proxies.

MARAD alerts can be viewed via the following link <http://bit.ly/3a38oYC>

3. Two incidents took place this week involving suspicious approaches on vessels in the vicinity of point A of the IRTC, Gulf of Aden. In both cases ships were approached by skiffs which after further assessment are thought likely to be Pattern of Life (POL) encounters linked to fishing activity.

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

Warning 001/Jan/2020

On 11 Jan 2020 at 0904UTC an MT in position 120524N 0452436E reports a suspicious approach by up to 7 high speed craft with 4 POB on each. **Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.**

Warning 001/Jan/2020—Update

On 11 JAN 2020 at 1009UTC, previously reported incident concerning an MT in position 120524N 0452436E is now complete and vessel is SAFE. **Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.**

No Advisories or Notices were issued.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060.
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.
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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

| Details of Vessel | Vessels held | Souls held | Date Taken |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Merchant Vessels | 0 | | |
| Fishing Boats | 0 | | |
| Dhows | 0 | 3 | 26/03/15 |
| Total | 0 | 3 | |

Future Events

| Date | Event | Location |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| 21 - 22 Apr 2020 | SHADE | Bahrain |
| 30 Apr 2020 | MIEVOM | Dubai |

Liaisons and Visits

f.6 Jan 20 - Benoit Faucon, Wall Street Journal, visited the UKMTO office.

If anyone wishes to visit our Dubai Office or to arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact:
Lt Cdr Chris Long email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Ships Briefed

| Date | Location | Vessel |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 05/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | ALIMAS |
| 05/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | THALASSA AXIA |
| 05/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | HAFNIA AMERICA |
| 05/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | CMA CGM UTRILLO |
| 06/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | IRIS BLISS |
| 06/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | MAERSK KIEL |
| 07/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | CARME |
| 07/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | NEW LEGEND RUBY |
| 07/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | MYS ZHELANIYA |
| 07/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | LEADER |
| 08/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | MSC ROSA M |
| 08/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | MARLIN LAVENDER |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | FPMC 33 |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | IMARI |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | AS FRIDA |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | HAN XIN |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | MARLIN LILY |
| 09/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | EDWARD OLDENDORFF |
| 10/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | STI WINNIE |
| 10/01/2020 | JEBEL ALI | X-PRESS GODAVARI |

Open Source Media Articles

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

- 10 Jan 20 - Stopping Somalia's pirates by building a fishing industry (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/39WfVZz>
- 10 Jan 20 - FS COURBET Makes first bust of 2020 (CMF): <http://bit.ly/36MEV3h>
- 8 Jan 20 - United States warns commercial vessels of threat from Iran (gCaptain): <http://bit.ly/2NdxBWB>
- 7 Jan 20 - Kenya's tough task as it leads regional anti-piracy efforts (Business Daily): <http://bit.ly/2R0zR4w>
- 7 Jan 20 - MARAD Renews Warning of Risks to U.S. Ships in Strait of Hormuz (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/2Ni6aeq>
- 7 Jan 20 - Maritime Industry take note: Iran threat puts spotlight on Cyber Security (gCaptain): <http://bit.ly/308cb2D>

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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