

# UKMTO Weekly Report

12 - 18 Jan 2020

## Command Overview

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

2. All REG ship's CSOs should ensure that they and their ship's masters, are fully aware of the latest Flag State guidance issued by DfT. Additional guidance for vessels transiting the Arabian Gulf (AG), Straits of Hormuz (SoH) and Gulf of Oman (GOO) is available on the following website:- <http://bit.ly/38hedQw>

3. On 13 Jan 2020 the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) released guidance to U.S. commercial shipping. U.S. Maritime Advisory 2020-001: 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 and advisories can be viewed via the following link: <http://bit.ly/2G6IBIK>

### Warnings, Advisories & Notices

No Warnings or Advisories were issued.

#### Notice 003 Jan 2020

UKMTO is aware of recent events in the Gulf Region. There is no change to the information and guidance recently given to maritime trade transiting the Gulf area. Vessels should proceed in accordance with their company and Flag State direction, and are encouraged to report to UKMTO in accordance with BMP5.

UKMTO continues to monitor all shipping transiting through the Strait of Hormuz (SOH) and recommends that ships maintain their AIS transmissions throughout the Gulf region, reporting any irregular activity to UKMTO [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org) or +44 (0) 2392 222060



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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	

## 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 visit our Dubai Office or to arrange a briefing from UKMTO please contact:  
Lt Cdr Chris Long email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
12/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	TORM ARAWA
12/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KOTKA
12/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	THEODOSIA
12/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK GUATEMALA
13/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	ASPROUDA
13/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	MYNIKA
13/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	BSL LIMASSOL
13/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KITHIRA
14/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	KONG QUE ZUO
14/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	BLPL TRUST
16/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	SALT LAKE
16/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	FRISIA AMSTERDAM
17/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	TRAMPER
17/01/2020	JEBEL ALI	JOGELA

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 18 Jan 20 - US warns vessels transiting Gulf amid tensions with Iran (Arab News): <http://bit.ly/2u6J97r>
- 16 Jan 20 - Australian Frigate Headed for the Middle East (The Diplomat): <http://bit.ly/2tpam5a>
- 15 Jan 20 - Iridium is Now Formally Authorized to Provide GMDSS Service (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/2uffR00>
- 13 Jan 20 - Middle East Crisis: DG Shipping issues Maritime Security Advisory (Sea News): <http://bit.ly/2RsBylu>
- 11 Jan 20 - It Still Exists Today Piracy Is Not A Thing Of The Past Maritime Herald): <http://bit.ly/2RxJQ1w>
- 11 Jan 20 - Saudi Arabia woos Horn of Africa states to protect Red Sea, Gulf of Aden (The East African): <http://bit.ly/2G3Pinv>

## 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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