

UKMTO Weekly Report

19 - 26 Jan 2020

Command Overview

1. On **20 Jan 2020** the UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued revised Maritime Security Guidance for British flagged ships operating in the Arabian Gulf. **DfT Ref 2020/04** refers. 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.
2. 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>.
4. The Indian Navy Information Fusion Centre, Indian Ocean Region, released a study on 'unconventional tracks of tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean (see media article d).

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

No Warnings or Advisories have been issued this week.

UKMTO Notice 004 Jan 2020

UKMTO is issuing this Notice to global maritime operators in order to remind mariners and ship operators of the recommended procedures for transiting the Strait of Hormuz. BMP5 remains the basis for merchant ship conduct, reporting and monitoring in the area. In addition vessels and companies will need to be aware of their own Flag State guidance. All vessels are strongly advised to remain within International Waters and, where practicable, should avoid transiting through Iranian TTW, including the areas claimed by Iran around the islands of:

- Abu Musa, 25° 52' N 55° 02'E
- Greater Tunb 26° 15'N 55° 16'E
- Lesser Tunb 26° 14'N 55° 08'E

In the event of merchant vessels being hailed masters should respond with ship's name, flag state and confirm that they are proceeding in accordance with International Law. If contacted by Iranian authorities, it is recommended that masters contact UKMTO. UKMTO recommends all merchant shipping maintain transmissions on AIS throughout the region to avoid mis-identification and to assist with merchant shipping monitoring.

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
27- 28 May 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
11 June 202	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

23 Jan 20 - Helen Millson, Asket Ltd, visited the Dubai 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
20/01/20	JEBEL ALI	STOLT SNELAND
20/01/20	JEBEL ALI	BBC ORION
20/01/20	JEBEL ALI	OOCL EGYPT
21/01/20	JEBEL ALI	STARLING
21/01/20	JEBEL ALI	NEW LONDON EAGLE
21/01/20	JEBEL ALI	UNI FLORIDA
21/01/20	JEBEL ALI	MP KAMSARMAX 1
22/01/20	JEBEL ALI	CSL SOPHIE
22/01/20	JEBEL ALI	ALS FLORA
22/01/20	JEBEL ALI	EMIRATES SANA
22/01/20	JEBEL ALI	EVER UNITY
23/01/20	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK MISAKI
23/01/20	JEBEL ALI	TORM CARINA
23/01/20	JEBEL ALI	HANOVER SQUARE
23/01/20	JEBEL ALI	GS FUTURE
24/01/20	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK PHOENIX
24/01/20	JEBEL ALI	IDIL
24/01/20	JEBEL ALI	VENUS HISTORY
24/01/20	JEBEL ALI	THORCO LEGION

Open Source Media Articles

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

- 21 Jan 20 - Australia assumes command of Combined Task Force 150 (Lookout): <https://bit.ly/2GmKqma>
- 22 Jan 20 - Mysterious GPS outages are wracking the shipping industry (Fortune): <https://bit.ly/2GARx77>
- 24 Jan 20 - Yemen envoy sees path to end world's worst humanitarian crisis (Bloomberg): <https://bloom.bg/38FWTF6>
- 25 Jan 20 - Indian Fusion Centre monthly report (IFC): <https://bit.ly/314NhkZ>
- 25 Jan 20 - 2020 second bust- FS Courbet seizes three tonnes of narcotics (The Daily Tribune): <https://bit.ly/2uxLKrn>
- 25 Jan 20 - South Korean sending naval forces to strait of Hormuz to boost security (Arab News): <https://bit.ly/2sWBckX>

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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