

# UKMTO Weekly Report

23 - 29 Feb 2020

## Command Overview

1. UKMTO issued one warning and an update following the report of a suspicious approach to a merchant vessel by multiple skiffs in the Southern entrance to the Bab el Mandeb strait. Vessel and crew are safe.
2. The Information Fusion Centre, Indian Ocean Region, issued its Monthly Maritime Security Update the report can be accessed via the following link, <https://bit.ly/32EnQap>
3. Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) conducted exercise Falcon Response in the Gulf region. The exercise focused on testing regional responses to Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) incidents. See link, <https://bit.ly/2TpxYja>
4. Petty Officer Anne-Marie McCaldon joined UKMTO Dubai this week in the role of Briefing Assistant.

### Warnings, Advisories & Notices

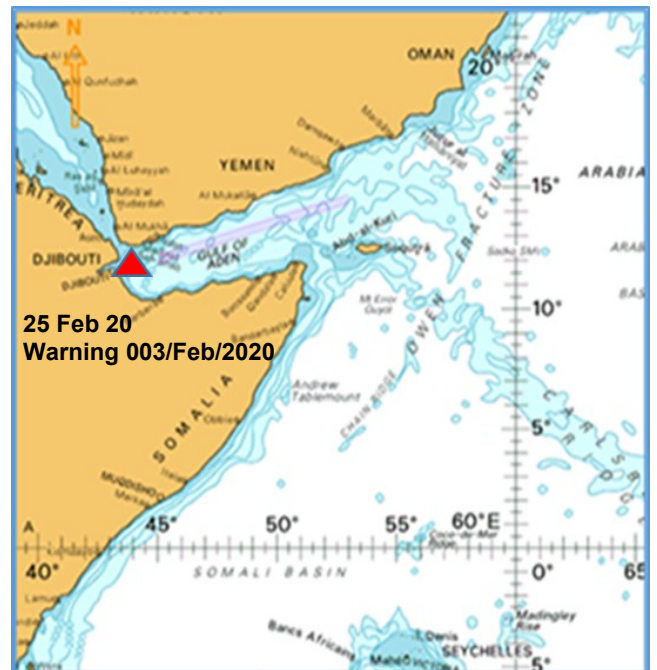
#### Warning 003/Feb/2020

On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at approximately 10:40UTC an MV was approached in position 12.13N 044.06E (BeM) by 3 skiffs. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

#### Warning 003/Feb/2020 - Update 001

Incident now complete, 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	

## Future Events

Date	Event	Location
27 - 28 May 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
11 June 2020	MIEVOM	Dubai

## Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
23/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC PALOMA
23/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK KINLOSS
23/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	SEAMAX DARIEN
23/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	CAP SAN TAINARO
24/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	STI SOLACE
24/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM MUMBAI
24/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	FLAGSHIP VIOLET
24/02/2020	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM LYRA

## Liaisons and Visits

25 - 27 Feb 20 Chris Scothern, UKMTO MNLO attended the OCIMF Conference in Bahrain.

25 Feb 2020 CPO Anne McGarva gave a presentation to participants of the annual Dubai to Muscat Sailing Race at the Dubai Offshore Sailing Centre.

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)

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 28 Feb 20 - Singapore Maritime Week postponed due to Coronavirus (Reuters): <http://bit.ly/32F2g5W>
- 27 Feb 20 - Weekly Maritime Security Report (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/3ciCLvC>
- 27 Feb 20 - Japanese destroyer begins Mideast intel-gathering mission in Arabian Sea (The Mainichi): <http://bit.ly/2To1sOI>
- 25 Feb 20 - Weekly report details growing number of shipping companies targeted by malware attacks (Splash 247): <http://bit.ly/2Ta39QP>
- 24 Feb 20 - GCC navies 'ready for leadership role' in Arabian Gulf (The National): <http://hhbit.ly/37UTsJZ>
- 24 Feb 20 - The New United States Navy unmanned robot boat to protect from terrorist attacks (Maritime Herald): <http://bit.ly/32wuD5Z>

## 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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