

# UKMTO Weekly Report

8 - 14 Mar 2020

## Command Overview

1. On 8 Mar 2020, UKMTO issued ADVISORY NOTICE 003/MAR/2020 following reports of suspicious approaches by multiple skiffs to merchant vessels in the area between the Southern entrance to the Bab el Mandeb strait and Point A of the IRTC. The crews and vessels involved are safe. Historically there is an upsurge in fishing activity throughout the region at this time of year which could account for the increase in reports of sightings of small craft particularly in the IRTC. In line with current information ship's crews are advised to remain alert and follow guidance given in BMP5 when transiting the region.
2. CMF/EUNAVFOR issued an Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin 018 on 10 Mar 2020, the IRTB can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2TRTBdx> (login required).
3. EUNAVFOR appointed a new Force Commander for Operation ATALANTA, Op ATALANTA contributes to the deterrence, prevention and suppression of piracy off the Somali coast. Rear Admiral Villeneuve Serrano assumes command from 17 Mar 2020. <http://bit.ly/2TPHDRt>

### Warnings, Advisories & Notices

#### Advisory 003/Mar/2020

UKMTO has received numerous reports of skiff sightings in position: 1222.03N 04357.09E (IVO IRTC Point A). Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise extreme caution.

No Warnings or Notices were issued.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 22060.  
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

## Liaisons and Visits

9 Mar 20 - Mr Steve Hardy, NYK Shipping Line visited the UKMTO 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](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
08/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	DUBAI SUN
08/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	DENSA LION
08/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	CHEMSTAR SAPPHIRE
08/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	ROADRUNNER BULKER
09/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	SUNRAY
09/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	SONGA ANTOFAGASTA
09/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	RUBY
09/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	CAPE MALE
10/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	MANET
10/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	MOGRAL
10/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	HYUNDAI TACOMA
10/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM JEAN MERMOZ
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	HARUNA EXPRESS
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	SSL DELHI
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	RAYSUT
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	X-PRESS GUERNSEY
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	BERMUDA
12/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	OBSERVATOR
13/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	GOLDEN DENISE
13/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	CHEMTRANS ADRIATIC
13/03/2020	JEBEL ALI	ALENTEJO

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## Open Source Media Articles

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- a. 12 Mar 20 - IMO Headquarters closes, meetings suspended due to Coronavirus (Reuters): <http://bit.ly/33jhZYm>
- b. 11 Mar 20 - Tanker rates soar as Bahri books VLCCs (Reuters): <http://bit.ly/3aPMN5E>
- c. 10 Mar 20 - IEC Telecom welcomes new Iridium GMDSS service (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/2QjinB8>
- d. 8 Mar 20 - CTF151 undertakes Focused Operation IKARUS (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3aUR7R9>

## 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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