

# UKMTO Weekly Report

15 - 21 Nov 2020

## Command Overview

1. When notified and to aid the situational awareness of commercial shipping, UKMTO intends to issue notice of the various military exercises and national activity taking place in the VRA and in particular the Strait of Hormuz and Arabian Gulf. Although there is no perceived increase in the level of this type of activity, the release of these Notices is designed to assist and inform CSOs and masters of vessels who may not have access to this information while they are transiting the area. The latest UKMTO Notice (004/Nov/2020) can be viewed at page two.
2. Ship owners and operators are requested to ensure that their masters are fully aware of their respective Flag State guidance when transiting through the UKMTO Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).
3. Masters of merchant vessels not trading in the UAE or have restrictions regarding ships visitors can continue to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security brief via telephone or by e-mail, using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

## Warnings & Advisories

There has been no Warnings or Advisories issued this week.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.  
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.  
UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.



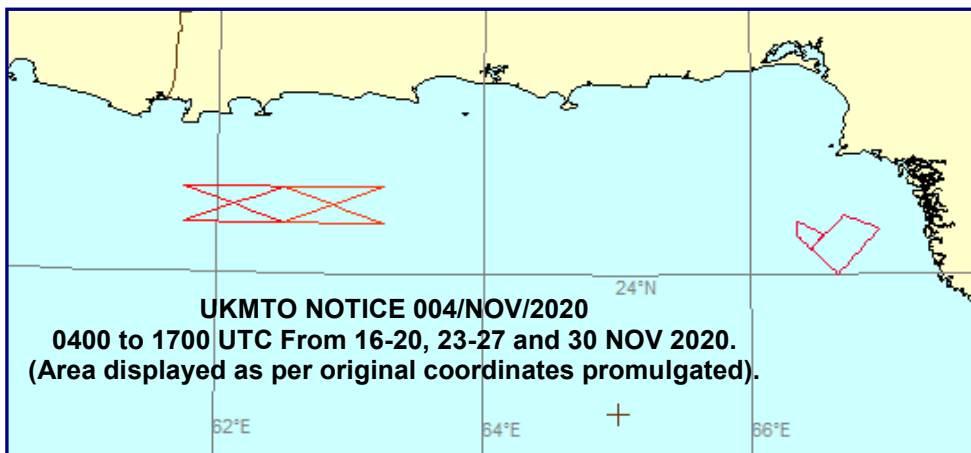
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## UKMTO NOTICE 004/NOV/2020

1. **Category:** Military Exercise of the coast off Pakistan.
2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that naval ships will carry out Surface, Anti-Aircraft and Depth Charge **LIVE FIRING PRACTICE** between 0400 to 1700 UTC from 16-20, 23-27 and 30 November 2020 within in following areas:
  - A. 24-19.00N 066-58.00E                      24-00.00N 066-39.00E  
24-11.00N 066-27.00E                      24-24.30N 066-42.00E
  - B. 24-36.02N 063-15.03E                      24-36.02N 062-30.03E  
24-21.02N 063-15.03E                      24-21.02N 062-30.03E
  - C. 24-36.02N 062-30.03E                      24-36.02N 061-45.03E  
24-21.02N 062-30.03E                      24-21.02N 061-45.03E
  - D. Depth Charge Firing Area:  
24-16.18N 066-20.50E                      24-22.00N 066-27.00E  
24-16.30N 066-33.00E                      24-10.30N 066-27.00E
3. Ships and Crafts are to keep well clear of assigned danger area on above specified schedule.

All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents to UKMTO. All vessels are requested to inform UKMTO if any interference is noted on Radios/Radars/GPS.



### VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA

4. Source: Third party report.
5. Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.

## Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0	0	
Fishing Boats	0	0	
Dhows	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Future Events

Date	Event	Location
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
15/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	CMA CGM CALCUTTA
15/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAISTROS
15/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	PLUTO
15/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	JIN BO
16/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	THALASSA HELLAS
16/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	AL SALAM
18/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC ZOE
19/11/2020	MINA SAQR	OCEANIC LEADER
19/11/2020	MINA SAQR	IVS SWINLEY FOREST
19/11/2020	MINA SAQR	EM SAPPHIRE
19/11/2020	MINA SAQR	APJ JAI
20/11/2020	VIRTUAL	NORWEGIAN ESCAPE

## Liaisons and Visits

No visits or visitors to the Dubai office this week.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing on Maritime Security via the telephone, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or 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.

- 20 Nov 20 - IMO recognises Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (BusinessLine): <https://bit.ly/3nOo347>
- 19 Nov 20 - Japan to Extend MSDF Middle East Mission by One Year (Nippon): <https://bit.ly/2Kvpczp>
- 19 Nov 20 - CTF 152 commander visits the Royal Bahrain Naval Forces and Bahrain Coast Guard (CMF): <https://bit.ly/36YO8qn>
- 19 Nov 20 - Coalition Task Force Sentinel Change of Command (DVIDs): <https://bit.ly/2KviZ6z>
- 16 Nov 20 - CMF seizes over one tonne of hashish in drugs bust (CMF): <https://bit.ly/2INBpPC>
- 9 Nov 20 - Denmark to Take Over Command of Operation Ageron from January 2021 (NavalNews): <https://bit.ly/3nLkn3f>

## 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.maritimelocalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimelocalsecurity.org)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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