

UKMTO Weekly Report

22 - 28 Nov 2020

Command Overview

1. When notified and to aid the situational awareness of commercial shipping, UKMTO intends to issue notice regarding military exercises and other national activity taking place in the VRA, 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 (006/Nov/2020) can be viewed at page three.
2. UKMTO Advisory 002/NOV/20 was released this week please see below.
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

This week there has been one Advisory and no Warnings issued, see below for details.

ADVISORY NOTICE 002/NOV/20

Category: INCIDENT

Description: UKMTO is aware a MT has experienced an explosion at 242100ZNOV20 whilst operating at an oil fired plant at Shuqaiq KSA in position 1737N04205E. Investigations are ongoing.

Source: Third Party Reporting

VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION

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For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.
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UKMTO NOTICE 004/NOV/2020

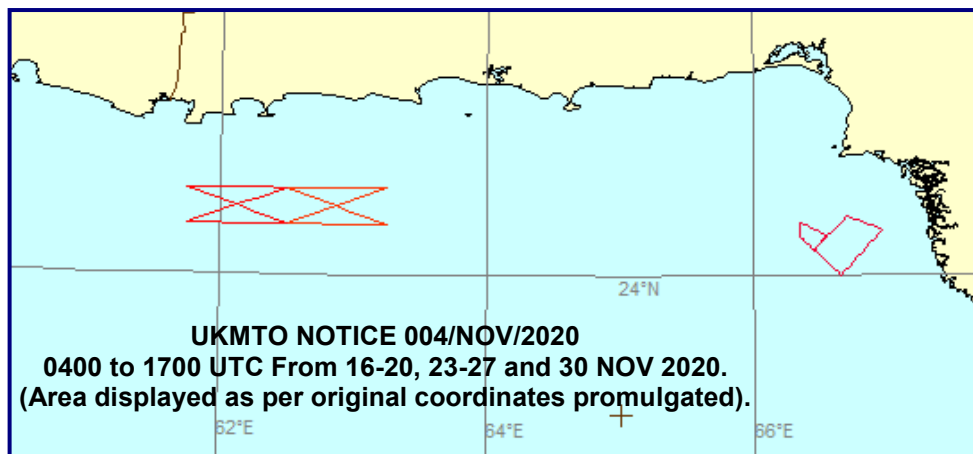
1. **Category:** Military Exercise

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:

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|----|---|--|
| A. | 24-19.00N 066-58.00E
24-11.00N 066-27.00E | 24-00.00N 066-39.00E
24-24.30N 066-42.00E |
| B. | 24-36.02N 063-15.03E
24-21.02N 063-15.03E | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E
24-21.02N 062-30.03E |
| C. | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E
24-21.02N 062-30.03E | 24-36.02N 061-45.03E
24-21.02N 061-45.03E |
| D. | Depth Charge Firing Area:
24-16.18N 066-20.50E
24-16.30N 066-33.00E | 24-22.00N 066-27.00E
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.



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4. Source: Third party report.

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UKMTO NOTICE 006/NOV/2020

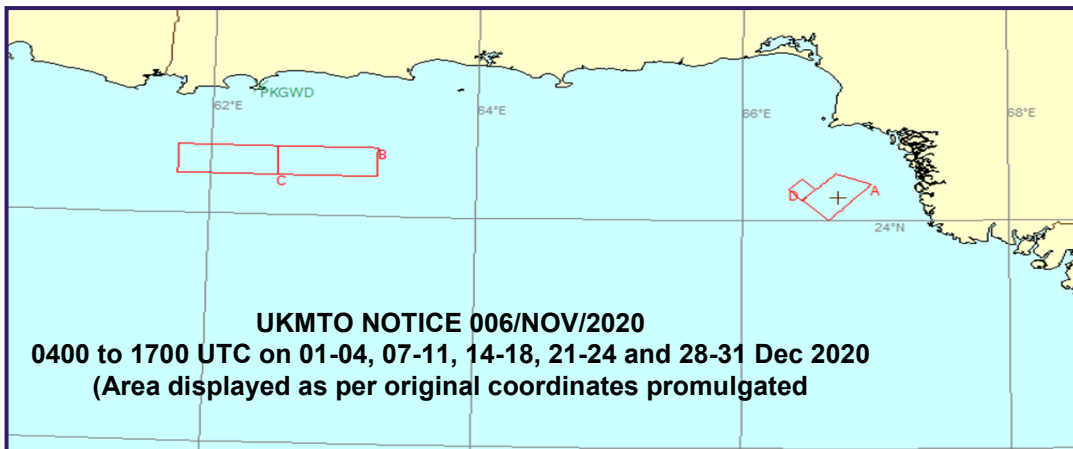
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24-11.00N 066-27.00E 24-24.30N 066-42.00E
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4. **Source:** www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro

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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	
Total	0	0	

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
22/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	EUROPA GRAECA
22/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	DOUBLE FORTUNE
22/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	STAR NINA
22/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	KHAIRPUR
22/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	STI GOAL
24/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	SCF TOMSK
24/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	BOMAR RADIANT
24/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	TORM ESTRID
25/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	ITAL LIRICA
25/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	NORDMED
27/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC SAMAR
27/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	APL MERLION
27/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	NAVIG8 PROVIDENCE
27/11/2020	JEBEL ALI	ELBELLA

Liaisons and Visits

23 - 25 November 2020 - Lt Cdr Chris Long (OIC) and Chris Scothern (MNLO) attended the virtual IFC Singapore Shared Awareness Meeting.

23 November 2020 - Patrick Moody, British Ambassador, British Embassy Abu Dhabi visited the Dubai office.

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

Open Source Media Articles

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

- 27 Nov 2020 - Ruling delayed in Seychelles top court on whether case should be dismissed against 5 suspected Somali pirates (Seychelles News Agency): <https://bit.ly/2JjKCPx>
- 27 Nov 20 - Tanker damaged in explosion at Saudi terminal (defenceweb): <https://bit.ly/3q82z4l>
- 26 Nov 20 - Oil tanker owner says ship attacked in Saudi Arabian Red Sea. (Gulf Business): <https://bit.ly/33qXM4d>
- 24 Nov 20 - U.N. gets OK to aid crippled Yemen tanker after months of waiting (NewYorkTimes): <https://nyti.ms/3q81edL>
- 24 Nov 20 - Combined Maritime Forces seize over 800 kg of drugs in Indian Ocean (DefenceWeb): <https://bit.ly/39mgGNB>
- 22 Nov 20 - Photos: French navy Frigate seizes 450 Kilos of methamphetamine (Maritime Executive): <https://bit.ly/3lIGYSi>

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.maritimelocalsecurity.org
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

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