

# UKMTO Weekly Report

11 - 17 Oct 2020

## Command Overview

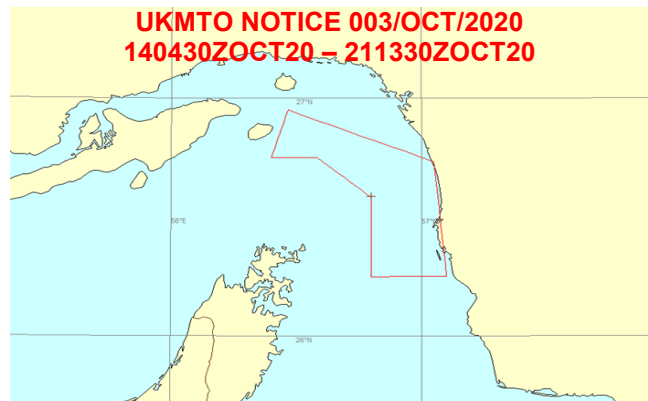
1. Iranian armed forces continue to conduct a series of live firing exercises in the Gulf area this week (see Notice below).
2. The Calling Notice for the 30th UKMTO (Dubai) Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators Meeting (MIEVOM) will be issued on 19 Oct 2020, anyone not receiving an invitation can request one by contacting [Dubai-Op1@ukmto.org](mailto:Dubai-Op1@ukmto.org)
3. Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) and EU Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) issued 'Industry Releasable Threat Bulletin (IRTB) 021 on 12 October 2020. The IRTB is available at [www.mschoa.org](http://www.mschoa.org) (log-in required).
4. 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.

### Notices, Warnings & Advisories

#### UKMTO NOTICE 003/OCT/2020

1. **Category:** Military Exercise in PERSIAN GULF EAST OF LARAK.
2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that Iranian military forces will be conducting a military exercise with live firings. This will occur between 0430 UTC 14 OCT 20 and 1330 UTC 21 OCT 20 in the area:

- a. 2657N 05628E
- b. 2645N 05624E
- c. 2645N 05635E
- d. 2635N 05648E
- e. 2615N 05648E
- f. 2615N 05706E



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.

3. **Source:** Navtex received via 3<sup>rd</sup> Party.
4. Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.

**No Warnings or Advisories were issued.**

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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## 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
3 - 5 Nov 2020	SHADE	Virtual
12 Nov 2020	MIEVOM	Virtual

## 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 telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
12/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	ASPROUDA
12/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	KARADENIZ S
12/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MSC REEF
12/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	BULK CASTOR
13/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK GIBRALTAR
13/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	KOTA NEBULA
13/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	VALADON
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	SC MERCURY
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	GFS PRIDE
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	JAG PRANAM
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	GUENTHER SCHULTE
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MEDI SERAPO
14/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK JALAN
16/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	SIMA GISELLE
16/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	EUGEN MAERSK
16/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	GFS RUBY
16/10/2020	JEBEL ALI	CAP SAN TAINARO

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 17 Oct 20 - IMB urges vigilance as Somali piracy remains under control (HellenicShippingNews): <https://bit.ly/31hAixt>
- 16 Oct 20 - USS Winston S. Churchill renders aid to Iranian mariners in distress while operating under Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) (CMF): <https://bit.ly/3j9zQaF>
- 16 Oct 20 - AIDA Cruises to return to sailing this weekend in Italy (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/3jaF0Dc>
- 14 Oct 20 - IMB Piracy Report: Crew kidnappings surge in Gulf of Guinea (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/2IBPYVL>
- 14 Oct 20 - Somalia: The Phantom Terror (StrategyPage): <https://bit.ly/3dM7KBr>
- 13 Oct 20 - ISS: East African terror groups are exploiting the seas (defenceWeb): <https://bit.ly/3j5k13C>
- 12 Oct 20 - How to sail across the Indian Ocean: everything you need to know (YachtingWorld): <https://bit.ly/3k9fpvF>
- 11 Oct 20 - Illegal fishing threatens sovereignty and stability of Africa nations – US Coast Guard warns (MyJoyOnline): <https://bit.ly/2Hg3y0d>

## 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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