

UKMTO Weekly Report

28 March to 3 April 2021

Command Overview

1. I hope those of you observing the Easter break are able to do so. Meanwhile UKMTO Dubai are working on a plan to restart our merchant ship briefs within four to six weeks, however we are still offering to conduct these virtually and although we prefer to do these face-to-face, the remote briefs have been very well received. Notice 010/FEB/2021 refers.

2. Preparations also continue for the MIEVOM scheduled for Thursday 10 June 2021. I would welcome any suggestions for themes for that event, please do get in touch with me if you want to discuss, telephone: +971 50189 8389 e-mail: Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Details of all UKMTO Warnings, Advisories and Notices released this week or that remain in force can be found below.

Warnings

No Warnings issued this week.

Advisories

No Advisories issued this week

Notices

Number	Category	Remarks/Cancellation Date
008/FEB/2021	Transiting the Strait of Hormuz	In force until further notice
010/FEB/2021	UKMTO (Dubai) Vessel Briefings	In force until further notice
007/MAR/2021	Military Exercise	Cancel 301800UTC APR 2021
008/MAR/2021	Military Exercise	Cancelled 040001UTC APR 2021
009/MAR/2021	Air Defence Firing Exercise	Cancel 101900UTC APR 2021
001/APR/2021	Air Defence Firing Exercise	Cancel 071500 UTC APR 2021
002/APR/2021	Firing Practice	Cancel 060001UTC APR 2021

For 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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NOTICES

UKMTO NOTICE 008/FEB/2021

1. UKMTO is issuing this Notice to global maritime operators in order to remind mariners and ship operators of the recommended procedures for transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

BMP5 remains the basis for merchant ship conduct, reporting and monitoring in the area. In addition vessels and companies will need to be aware of their own Flag State guidance. All vessels are strongly advised to remain within International Waters and, where practicable, should avoid transiting through Iranian TTW, including the areas claimed by Iran around the islands of:

- Abu Musa 25° 52'N 55° 02'E
- Greater Tunb 26° 15'N 55° 16'E
- Lesser Tunb 26° 14'N 55° 08'E

In the event of merchant vessels being hailed masters should respond with ship's name, flag state and confirm that they are proceeding in accordance with International Law. If contacted by Iranian authorities, it is recommended that masters contact UKMTO.

UKMTO recommends all merchant shipping maintain transmissions on AIS throughout the region to avoid mis-identification and to assist with merchant shipping monitoring.

2. Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.

UKMTO NOTICE 010/FEB/2021

1. **Category:** UKMTO (Dubai) Vessel Briefings

2. **Description:** Industry can be reassured that UKMTO (Dubai) remains fully operational during the COVID-19 global pandemic. However, due to the current increase in UAE COVID-19 restrictions we have temporarily paused our face-to-face briefs.

Commercial shipping companies and ship's masters are still able to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security updates and briefs via telephone, teleconference (Zoom) or by e-mail using the following contact details contained within the Maritime Security Chart (Q6099) and/or directly from Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org +971 43094268/4462

3. A further Notice will be issued when normal service is resumed

UKMTO NOTICE 007/MAR/2021

1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** Naval ships will carry out surface, anti-aircraft and depth charge live firing practice between 0400 to 1700 UTC from 01-02, 05-09, 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30 April 2021 in following areas:

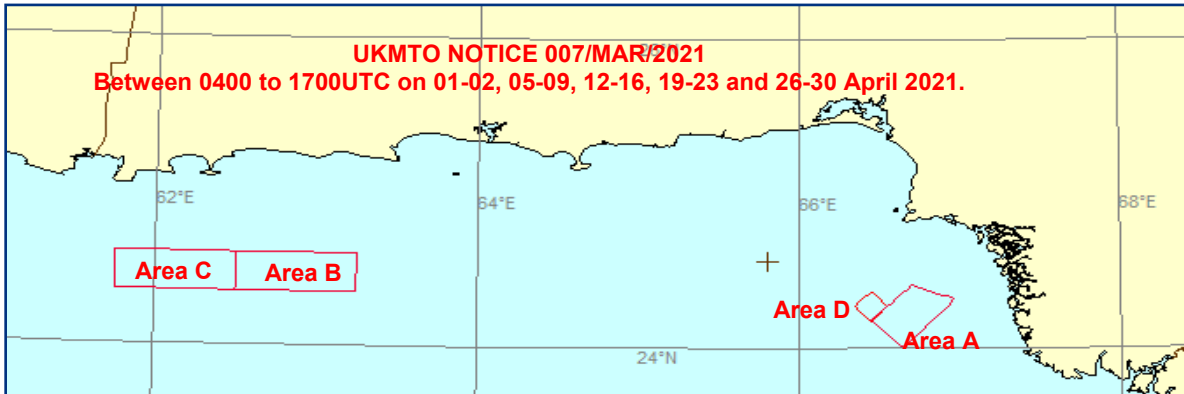
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| A. | 24-19.00N 066-58.00E | 24-00.00N 066-39.00E |
| | 24-11.00N 066-27.00E | 24-24.30N 066-42.00E |
| B. | 24-36.02N 063-15.03E | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E |
| | 24-21.02N 063-15.03E | 24-21.02N 062-30.03E |
| C. | 24-36.02N 062-30.03E | 24-36.02N 061-45.03E |
| | 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 |



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UKMTO NOTICE 007/MAR/2021 (Continued)

3. Ships and Craft are to keep well clear of assigned danger areas 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: [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 133/21](#)

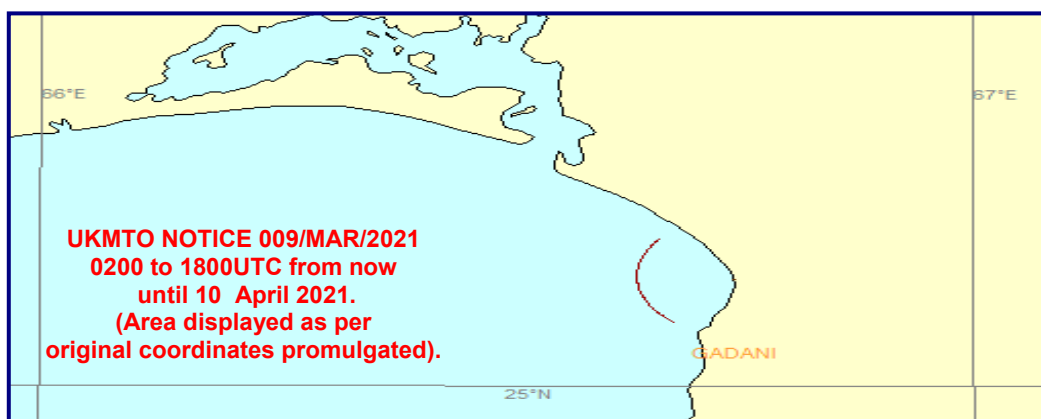
5. Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information.

UKMTO NOTICE 009/MAR/2021

1. **Category:** Air Defence Firing Exercise

2. **Description:** Firing practice with live ammunition by air defence units in progress till 10 Apr 2021 between 0200 -1800UTC in area bounded by an arc of radius 8NM centred at position 2511N 06645E between 220 to 310 degrees clockwise.

3. Ships and Craft 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: [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 137/21](#)

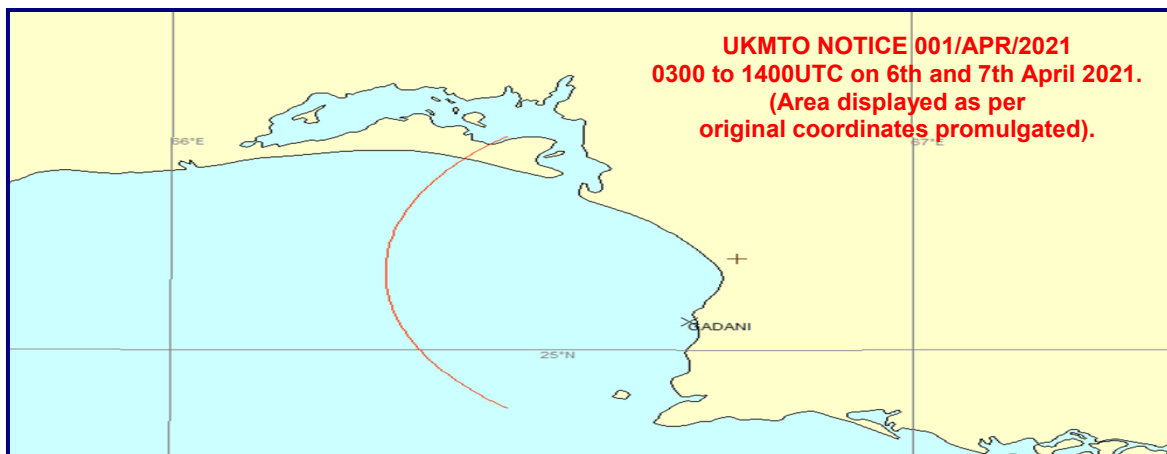
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NOTICES

UKMTO NOTICE 001/APR/2021

1. **Category:** Air Defence Firing Exercise
2. **Description:** Firing with live ammunition by Air Defence units will be carried out on 06 and 07 April 2021 between 0300 and 1400UTC in an area bounded by an arc of radius 25NM centred at position: 2511N 06645E, between 220 and 320 degrees clockwise.
3. Ships and Craft 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.



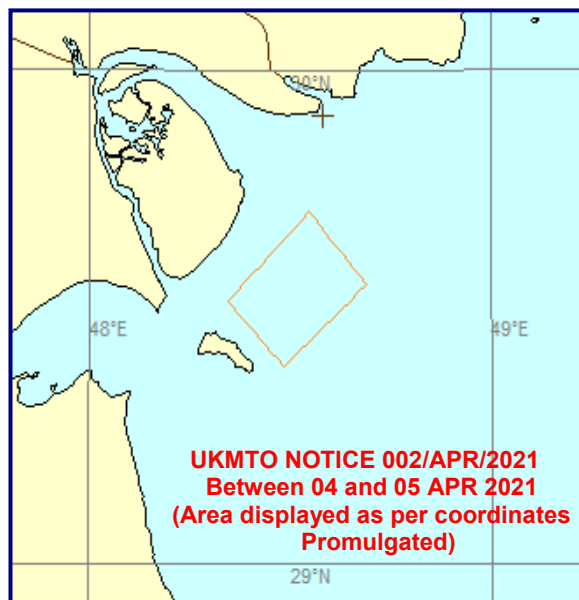
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4. **Source:** [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 141/21](#)
5. Any queries regarding this UKMTO Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information

UKMTO NOTICE 002/APR/2021

1. **Category:** FIRING PRACTICE
2. **Description:** Firing practice with live ammunition will be carried out by the Coast Guard between 04 and 05 April 2021 in an area bounded by the following coordinates:

29-32.00N 048-20.40E
29-42.50N 048-32.50E
29-34.80N 048-41.20E
29-24.00N 048-29.00E
3. Ships and craft 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:** [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 145/21](#)
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Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
28/03/2021	TELEPHONE BRIEF	BEKS MUNEVVER
Face to face briefings are currently paused due to Covid		

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
26-27 May 2021	SHADE	Bahrain
10 Jun 2021	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

28 Mar 2021- Commodore Carsten Fjord-Larsen DN, Commander Operations AGENOR and his Command Support Team visited the UKMTO 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 Sam Yee 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.

- a. 1 Apr 21 - USS Wichita Interdicts \$17 Million in Drugs (USSouthernCommand): <https://bit.ly/3fC3J5r>
- b. 1 Apr 21 - Five in one week for the Marine Nationale and Combined Task Force 150 (CMF): <https://bit.ly/31OIBSc>
- c. 30 Mar 21 - With the Suez Canal Unblocked, the World's Commerce Resumes Its Course (NewYorkTimes): <https://nyti.ms/2PVYu5P>
- d. 30 Mar 21 - UN Bodies Call for Seafarers and Aviation Workers to Be Given Priority Access to Vaccines (gCaptain): <https://bit.ly/39Fsf1Q>
- e. 29 Mar 21 - Operation ATALANTA receives reinforcements of the shipping industry (AZAMARA CRUISE) (EUNAVFOR): <https://bit.ly/3sOHuwP>

Bridge cards

- IMSC Bridge Cards - produced by the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) for use on board vessels transiting the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea region and intended to complement BMP 5 and existing Industry guidance. <https://bit.ly/37c34Cs>
- OCIMF Bridge Cards - produced by the Oil Companies Maritime Forum (OCIMF) for use on board vessels transiting the Gulf of Guinea region and intended to complement BMP West Africa and existing Industry guidance. <http://bit.ly/37aUzG>

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.maritimeglobalsecurity.org

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



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