

UKMTO Weekly Report

31 January to 6 February 2021

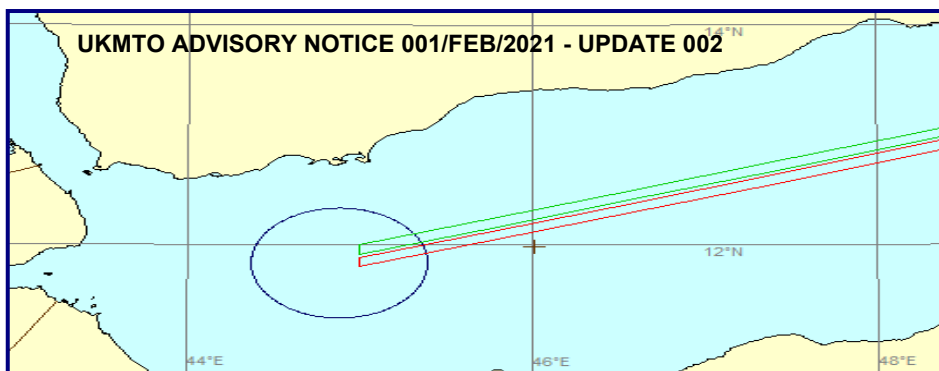
Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO released Advisory 001/Feb/2021 with two updates, Notice 001/Feb/2021, Notice 002/Feb/2021 (cancelled 3 Feb 2021), Notice 003/Feb/2021 (cancelled 6 Feb 2021), Notice 004/Feb/2021 and Notice 005/Feb/2021 (both cancelled 5 Feb 2021). See below and page 2 for further details.
2. On 2 Feb 2021 MSCHOA released Alert number 002/2021. Alerts, Industry Releasable Threat Assessments (IRTA) and Industry Releasable Threat Bulletins (IRTB) are available on the MSCHOA website <https://www.mschoa.org> (log-in required).
3. UKMTO has seen a recent rise in sailing yachts transiting the HRA. Owners and Masters of sailing yachts that are due to travel this area should inform MSCHOA by emailing postmaster@mschoa.org and UKMTO at watchkeepers@ukmto.org with the subject line 'Yacht Vessel Movement'.
4. With current Global measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19 being increased and some Countries introducing new lockdowns, UKMTO personnel have temporarily paused their visits to vessels alongside ports of the UAE. CSOs and Masters can continue to receive the latest Maritime Security Brief either by telephone or virtual via zoom by sending their request to Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org with a preferred date and time.

Warnings & Advisories

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/FEB/2021- Update 002

1. **Category:** Small vessel concentration
2. **Time:** 02 Feb 2021 at 1530UTC
3. **Description:** UKMTO has been informed by an MV that there is a concentration of 10 small craft in the vicinity of IRTC Point A.
4. **Source:** Master



VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION

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 001/FEB/2021

1. **Category:** Military Exercise

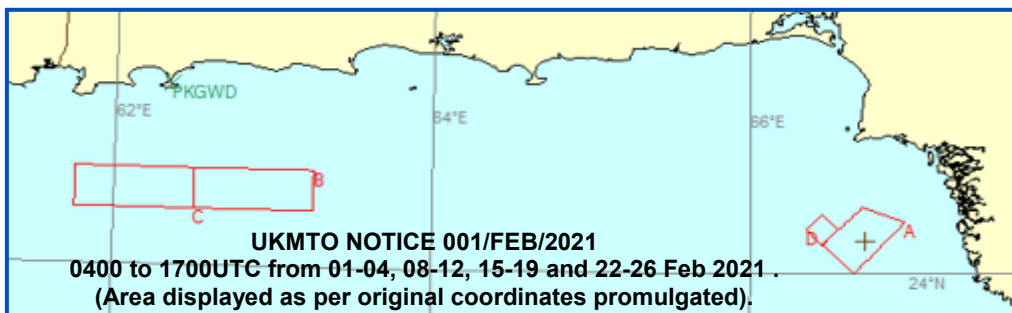
2. Description: Naval ships will carry out Surface, Anti-Aircraft and Depth Charge LIVE FIRING PRACTICE between 0400 and 1700UTC from 01-04, 08-12, 15-19 and 22-26 and Feb 2021 in the following areas:

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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 |

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.

4. Source: www.paknavy.gov.pk/038-21

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



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Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
No briefings took place this week.		

Liaisons and Visits

No visits took place 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 Sam Yee by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or email: dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Open Source Media Articles

- a. 5 Feb 21 - BIMCO to develop standard contract for Security Escort Vessel employment (Hellenic Shipping News): <http://bit.ly/3oSKPIx>
- b. 3 Feb 21 - A month on, Atalanta commander reflects on new mandate (defence web): <http://bit.ly/3jxQ8Mj>
- c. 2 Feb 21 - USS PHILIPPINE SEA interdicts over \$2.8 million of heroin in North Arabian Sea (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3cNPWXW>
- d. 2 Feb 21 - Safeguarding shipping in the Middle East: IMSC (Naval Technology): <https://bit.ly/2Lwj2Qu>
- e. 1 Feb 21 - Maritime piracy hotspots persist during 2020 (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/39Ygy6A>

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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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