

UKMTO Weekly Report

7 to 13 February 2021

Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO released Notice 006/Feb/2021 (cancelled by 006/Feb/2021 update 001), Notice 007/Feb/2021, Notice 008/Feb/2021, Notice 009/Feb/2021 with Amend 001 and Notice 010/Feb/2021. See below and pages 2 & 3 for further details.
2. No Warning or Advisories were released this week by UKMTO.
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 (Dubai) 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.

Notices

UKMTO NOTICE 007/FEB/2021

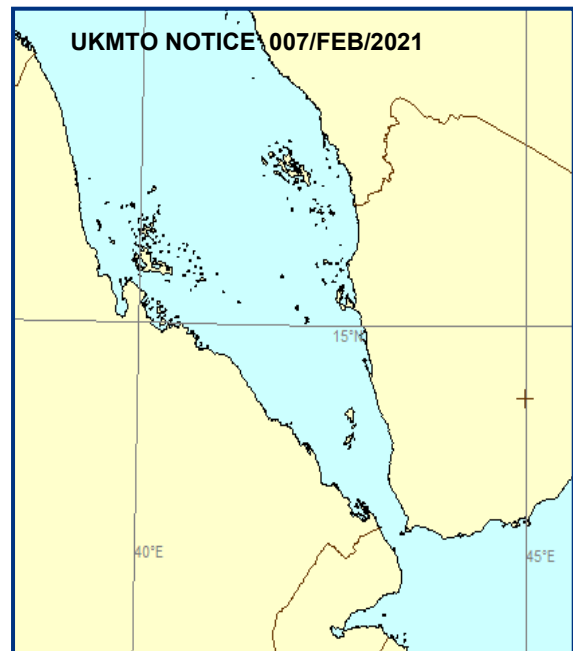
1. Category: Activity

2. Description: UKMTO is aware that the Yemeni coastguard are coordinating increased patrols and VHF hailings with merchant vessels in the vicinity of Bab El Mandeb. This information is being made available for company awareness.

3. Source: Third Party.

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 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 250 52'N 550 02'E
- Greater Tunb 260 15'N 550 16'E
- Lesser Tunb 260 14'N 550 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 009/FEB/2021 – AMEND 001

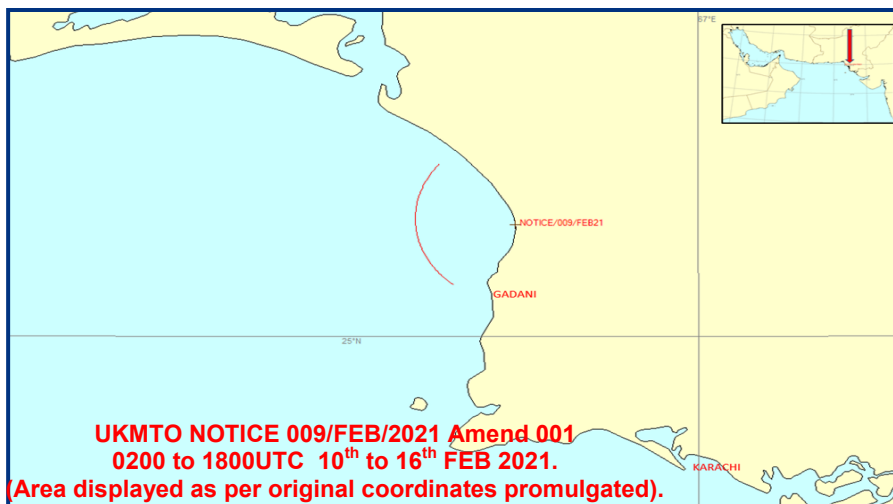
1. **Category:** Air Defence Exercise

2. **Description:** Air Defence Exercise will be carried out from 10 to 16 FEB 2021 time 0200 to 1800UTC

Area Bounded by an Arc
Radius 8NM

Centre point 2511N 06645E
Clockwise bearing 220 to 310 degrees

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.



VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA

4. **Source:** <https://www.paknavy.gov.pk/054-21>

5. 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

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060.
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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. 13 Feb 21 - How History Predicts COVID-19's Impact on Maritime Piracy, and What America Can do to Help (HSToday): <https://bit.ly/3dcH7aw>
- b. 12 Feb 21 - Navy Ships And Personnel Line Up For Gulf Commander's Send-Off (ForcesNet): <http://bit.ly/3jPs73G>
- c. 11 Feb 21 - Change in Deputy Command of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3phqDQv>
- d. 11 Feb 21 - 'Bridge Cards' for use in high-risk areas (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/37aNDL6>. The 'Bridge Cards' can be accessed directly via the following links.
 - IMSC Bridge Cards: <https://bit.ly/37c34Cs>
 - OCIMF Bridge Cards: <http://bit.ly/37aUZG>
- e. 10 Feb 21 - Coalition Announces Stakeholders Conference (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/3phuVHS>
- f. 8 Feb 21 - EU NAVFOR ATALANTA conducts joint exercises to increase interoperability between partners and strengthen co-operation (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/3tV4Npz>

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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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