

# UKMTO Weekly Report

3 - 9 Jan 2021

## Command Overview

1. In response to a recent incident where a limpet mine was found attached to a ship conducting STS operations in the Gulf region, BIMCO, OCIMF and the round table of Industry Associations released an update and risk mitigation measures on 5 Jan 2021. The document can be viewed via the following link: <http://bit.ly/3nwyYk>
2. UKMTO released Notices 002/JAN/2021 and 003/JAN/2021 giving details of military exercises taking place within the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), see below and page 2 for details.
3. This week the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration released the following notices:
  - a. Maritime Alert 2021-001A: Persian Gulf-Threats to Commercial Vessels - <http://bit.ly/3s7AKu3>
  - b. Maritime Advisory 2021-001: Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Indian Ocean-Threats to Commercial Vessels by Iran and its Proxies - <http://bit.ly/3q4Ginf>

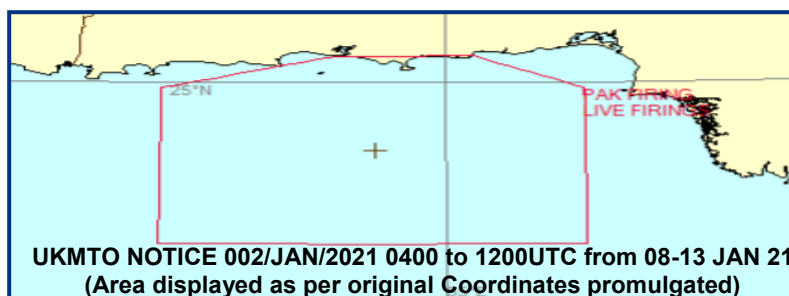
### Warnings & Advisories

**UKMTO did not release any Warnings or Advisories this week.**

#### UKMTO NOTICE 002/JAN/2021

1. **Category:** Military Exercise
2. **Description:** Naval units will carry out firing practice with live ammunition between 0400 to 1200 UTC from 08 to 09 Jan 21 in the following area:
  - a. 24-56.00N 066-15.00E
  - b. 23-00.00N 066-15.00E
  - c. 23-00.00N 062-25.00E
  - d. 24-56.00N 062-25.00E
  - e. 25-20.00N 064-00.00E
  - f. 25-20.00N 065-15.00E
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.



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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**UKMTO NOTICE 002/JAN/2021 (continued)**

**VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA**

4. **Source:** [www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro](http://www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro)

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

**UKMTO NOTICE 003/JAN/2021**

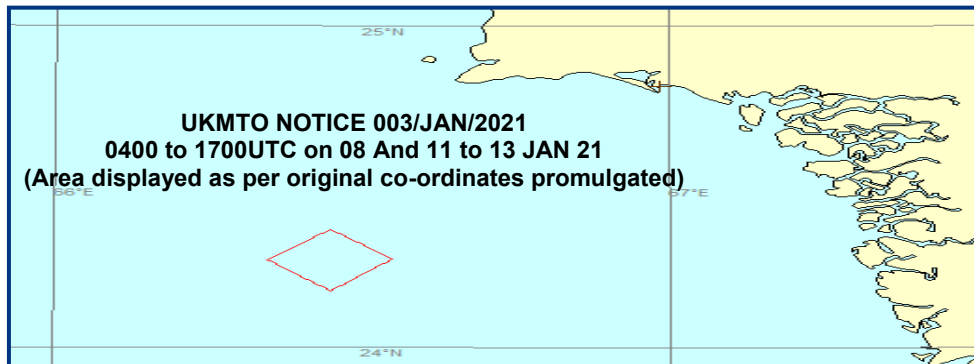
1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** Naval units will carry out depth charge live firing practice between 0400 to 1700 UTC on 08 and 11 to 13 Jan 21 in area bounded by:

- a. 24-16.18N 066-20.50E
- b. 24-22.00N 066-27.00E
- c. 24-16.30N 066-33.00E
- d. 24-10.30N 066-27.00E

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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
TBC	SHADE	Bahrain
TBC	MIEVOM	Dubai

## 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 Chris Long by telephone: +971 (0)501898389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
03/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	EDITH MAERSK
03/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	AS CYPRIA
04/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	MADREDEUS
04/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	TANGO
05/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	CAPE MORETON
05/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	DIYALA
05/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	CONSTANTINOS
05/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	MAERSK GUAYAQUIL
06/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	NORDIC GENEVA
06/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	OKEE ORTOLAN DELTA
08/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	POLARIS GALAXY
08/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	NEPTUN D

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- 8 Jan 21 - West Africa dominates piracy in 2020 – Report (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/3saiXT2>
- 8 Jan 21 - Maritime security recommendations for operations in the Persian Gulf (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/39j80pk>
- 8 Jan 21 - South Korean team departs for Iran to negotiate over seized tanker (Sentinel): <http://bit.ly/3bo6vcj>
- 6 Jan 21 - The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has concluded its contribution to the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) in the Middle East region. (DefenceConnect): <http://bit.ly/2MFIRxy>
- 5 Jan 21 - EU Naval Force Security Operation in Somalia Extends Until 2023 (HomelandSecurity): <https://bit.ly/2LjCPm3>
- 4 Jan 21 - EU Somalia naval op marks 12 successful years (DefenceWeb): <http://bit.ly/2LgB74S>
- 4 Jan 21 - Iraq defuses mine attached to oil tanker, no impact on crude exports: ministry (HellenicShippingnews): <http://bit.ly/3ovaGH3>

## 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.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org)  
[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)



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