

UKMTO Weekly Report

17 - 23 January 2021

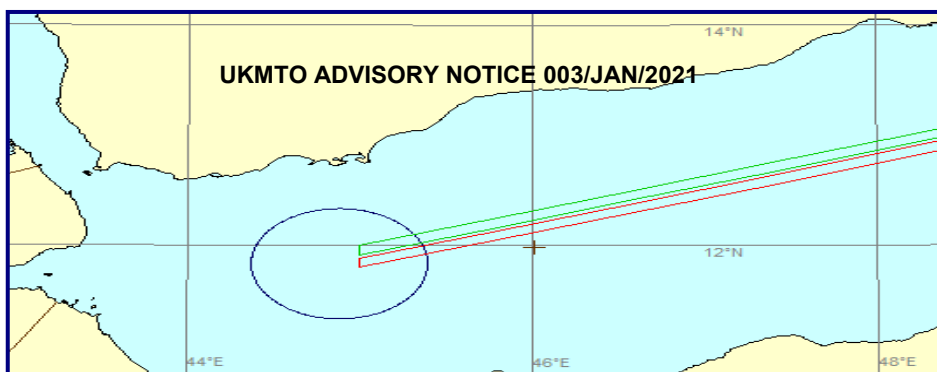
Command Overview

1. This week UKMTO released Advisory 003/Jan/2021, Notice 005/Jan/2021 (cancelled 20 Jan 2021), Notice 006/Jan/2021 (cancelled 18 Jan 2021), Notice 007/Jan/2021 and Notice 008/Jan/2021, see below and page 2 for further details.
2. On 22 Jan 2021 MSCHOA released their National Convoy Schedule for the month of February which is available on their website <https://www.mschoa.org/> (log-in required).
3. As I leave the post of OiC UKMTO Dubai after five years I can reflect on the changing face of the maritime threat to shipping in this region. Although piracy is suppressed other more complex threats have emerged that could still destabilise the area and affect the free flow of commerce. UKMTO will continue to take the lead in engagement, reassurance and most importantly the sharing of information between the military and commercial industry and I am proud of the contribution my office has made in keeping ships and their crews safe as they transit this area. I hand over today to Lt Cdr Sam Yee RN who I hope enjoys his time with UKMTO Dubai as much as I have. I wish you all good luck in the future.

Warnings & Advisories

ADVISORY NOTICE 003/JAN/2021

1. **Category:** Small vessel concentration
2. **Time:** 17 JAN 2021 at 0900UTC
3. **Description:** UKMTO have received several reports of a concentration of small boats approaching vessels in the vicinity of ITRC Point A. CPA varies between 1-2 Cables to 1.5nm.
4. **Source:** Master



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UKMTO NOTICE 001/JAN/2021 UPDATE 001 (AMENDED DATES)

1. **Category:** Military Exercise

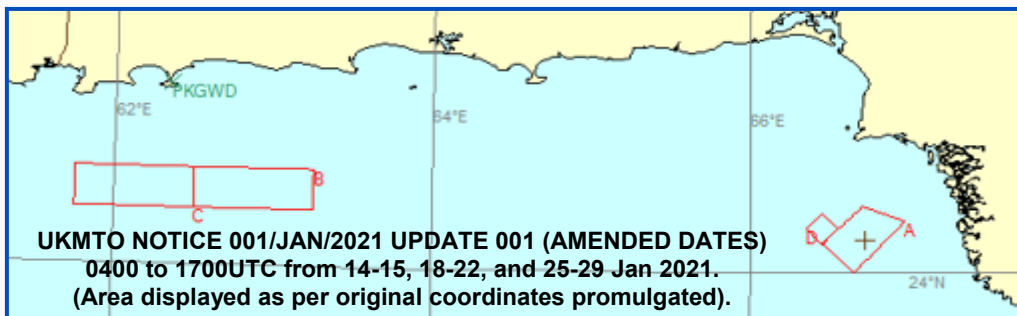
2. **Description:** Naval ships will carry out Surface, Anti-Aircraft and Depth Charge LIVE FIRING PRACTICE between 0400 and 1700UTC from 14-15, 18-22 and 25-29 Jan 2021 in the following areas:

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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/hydro

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UKMTO NOTICE 007/JAN/2021

1. **Category:** Military Exercise

2. **Description:** Anti aircraft guns firing practice with live ammunition will be carried out on 26 and 27 JAN 2021 in an area bounded by:

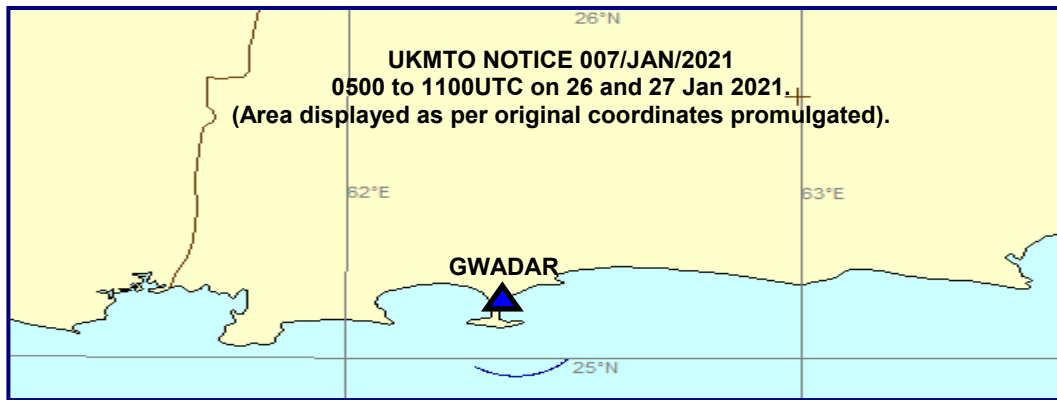
Position: 25-05.88N 062-22.27E
Time: 0500-1100 UTC
Firing Arcs: 130-220 Degree (clockwise)
Safety Range: 14000 metres

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/hydro 028/21

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UKMTO NOTICE 007/JAN/2021 (continued)



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UKMTO NOTICE 008/JAN/2021

1. Category: Military Exercise

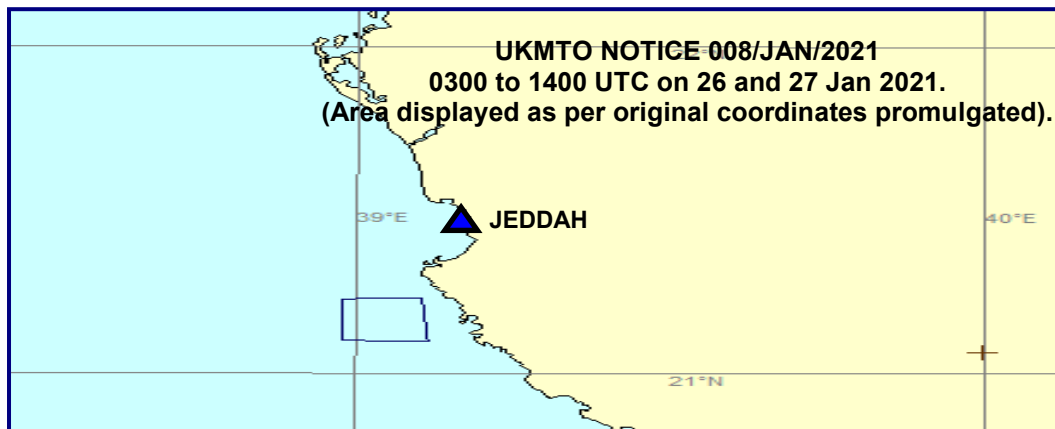
2. Description: Firing practice will be carried out between 0300 to 1400 UTC on 26 and 27 Jan 2021 in area bounded by:

- A. 21-06.00N 038-58.50E
- B. 21-05.58N 039-07.00E
- C. 21-13.40N 038-58.50E
- D. 21-13.50N 039-06.20E

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4. Source: <https://paknavy.gov.pk/29/21>

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Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
18/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	PACIFIC JULIA
18/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	CHEM NEW
18/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	BW GALATEA
19/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	KRUIBEKE

Date	Location	Vessel
19/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	CENTAURUS
20/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	LR2 PIONEER
22/01/2021	JEBEL ALI	ANO KATO

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

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- a. 22 Jan 21 - Does Somali Piracy Hold Security Lessons for the Gulf of Guinea? (Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/3iO2PCs>
- b. 21 Jan 21 - CTF151 and Djibouti hold talks to combat piracy (CMF): <http://bit.ly/3pcP6at>
- c. 22 Jan 21 - US and Saudi Arabian navies begin maritime exercise Naval Defender 21 (NavalTechnology): <https://bit.ly/2Yb6xMJ>
- d. 20 Jan 21 - US Maritime (US MARAD) updates its Gulf of Guinea, Red Sea/Gulf of Aden and Persian Gulf security advisories (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/2Y6U0Ka>
- e. 18 Jan 21 - Maritime Security: Updated Guidance For Vessels Operating In The Arabian Gulf, Gulf Of Oman, Gulf Of Aden And Red Sea (HellenicShippingNews): <http://bit.ly/2YaTsmS>
- f. 11 Jan 21 - After a month in command of Operation ATALANTA Task Force 465, Commodore Diogo Arroiteia reflects briefly on the mission and its new mandate (EUNAVFOR): <http://bit.ly/39XnBeJ>

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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