

# UKMTO Weekly Report

7 March to 13 March 2021

## Command Overview

1. 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](mailto:Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org) with a preferred date and time.
2. This week, UKMTO Dubai welcomed Lt John Ahearn from the Royal New Zealand Navy. John joins us as the International Liaison Officer (ILO) for a period of three months replacing our current ILO Lt Cdr Andrew 'Bruce' McLaughlin from the Royal Australian Navy.

### 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

Number	Category	Remarks
001/MAR/2021	Suspicious Approach	Arabian Sea

#### Notices

Number	Category	Remarks
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
016/FEB/2021	Navigation Hazard	In force until further notice
017/FEB/2021	Military Exercise	311800UTC MAR 2021
003/MAR/2021	Air Defence Firing Exercise	<i>Superseding Notice</i> 001/MAR/2021 301900UTC MAR 2021
004/MAR/2021	Military Exercise	181500UTC MAR 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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## ADVISORIES

### ADVISORY NOTICE 001/MAR/2021

1. **Category:** SUSPICIOUS APPROACH
2. **Time:** 08 MAR 2021 at 0555 UTC.
3. **Description:** An MV has reported being approached by four small craft with 2 POB on each.
4. **Position:** 1443.09N 05331.3E (Approximately 95NM Southeast of Nishtun)
5. **Source:** Master.



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

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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](mailto:Dubai-OiC@ukmto.org) +971 43094268/4462

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

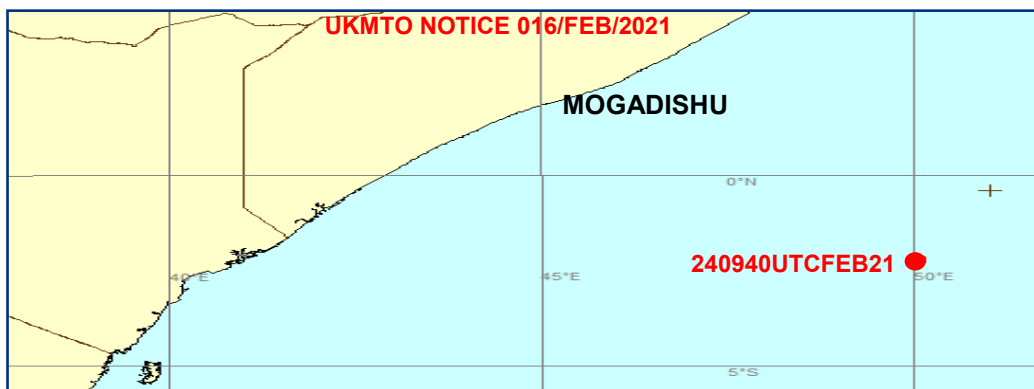
### UKMTO NOTICE 016/FEB/2021

1. **Category:** Navigation Hazard

2. **Description:** On the 24 FEB 21 at 0940UTC it has been reported to UKMTO that an object has been sighted in position 021342S 0500206E and is described as an upturned enclosed lifeboat. An MV has reported checking the upturned enclosed lifeboat and there are no persons onboard. Coast guards have been informed.

3. All ships are to keep a vigilant look out in the area. Position 021342S 0500206E (380NM South East of Mogadishu).

4. **Source:** Master of MV.



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## UKMTO NOTICE 017/FEB/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 01-05, 08-12, 15-19, 22, 24-26 and 29-31 Mar 2021 in following areas:

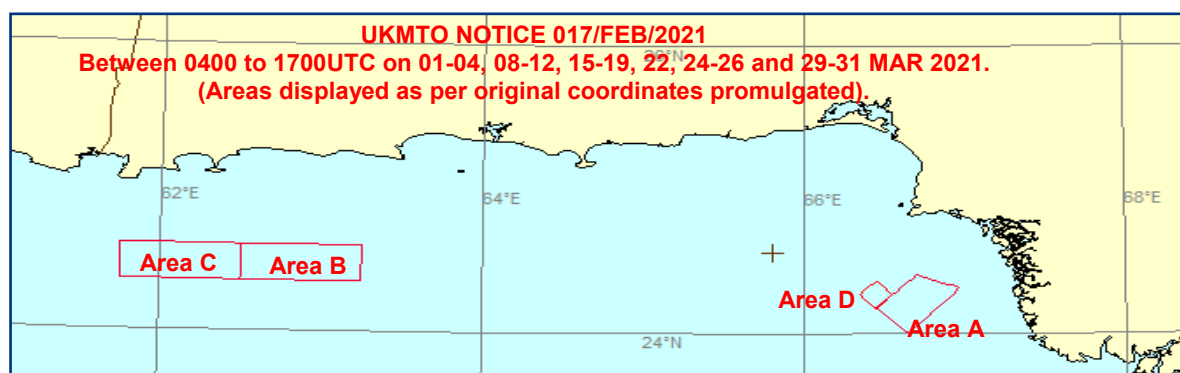
A. 24-19.00N 066-58.00E      24-00.00N 066-39.00E  
24-11.00N 066-27.00E      24-24.30N 066-42.00E

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



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**4. Source:** Pakistan Navy Navwarn 74-21

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## UKMTO NOTICE 003/MAR/2021

**1. Category:** AIR DEFENCE FIRING EXERCISE

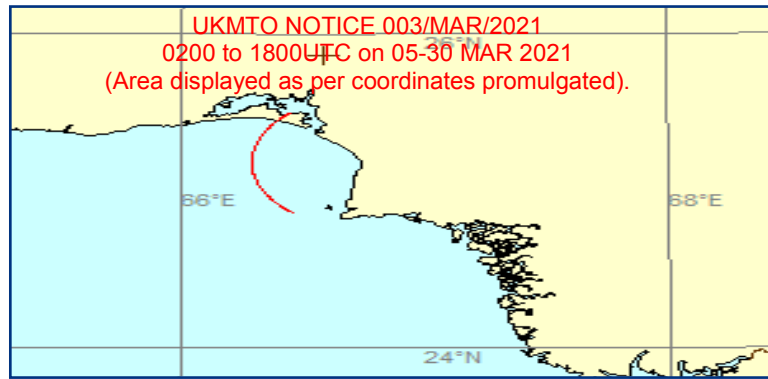
**2. Description:** Firing practice with live ammunition by air defence units will be carried out from 05 – 30 March 2021 between 0200 – 1800UTC in area bounded by an arc of radius 8 NM centred at position 2511N 06645E between 220 to 310 degrees clockwise.

**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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### UKMTO NOTICE 003/MAR/2021 (continued)



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4. Source: <https://www.paknavy.gov.pk/089-21>

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

### UKMTO NOTICE 004/MAR/2021

1. **Category:** MILITARY EXERCISE

2. **Description:** Firing practice will be carried out between 0300 to 1400 UTC on 14 to 18 Mar in an area bounded by:-

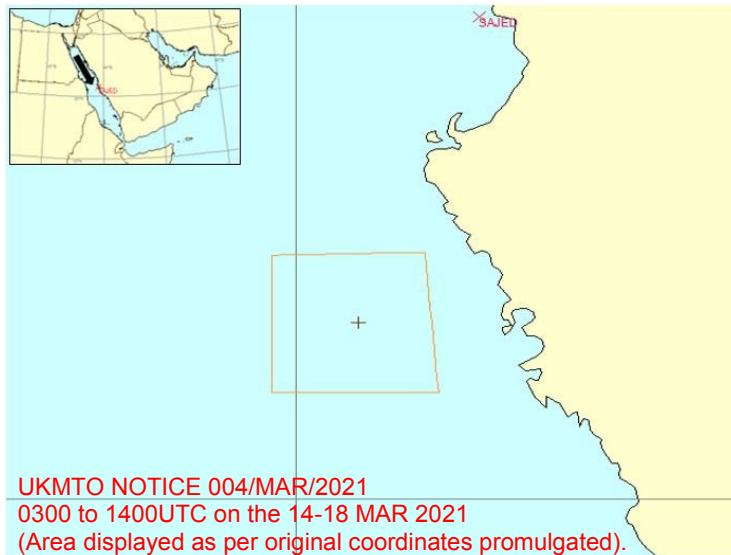
21-06.00N 038-58.50E

21-05.58N 039-07.00E

21-13.40N 038-58.50E

21-13.50N 039-06.20E

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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## Maritime Security Briefing

Date	Location	Vessel
Face to face briefings are currently paused due to Covid		

## Liaisons and Visits

This week, we welcomed Jack Scogin, a Director for American President Lines (APL) and also Captain Andrias Smith who takes over from Captain Steve Hardy from NYK Line.

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

## Open Source Media Articles

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

- a. 9 Mar 21 - French frigate seizes 3 tons of narcotics in the Arabian Sea (defenceWeb): <http://bit.ly/3criDok>
- b. 14 Mar 21 - U.S. Navy Destroyer Seizes RPGs, Machine Guns From Dhows off Somalia (The Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/3lmouTp>
- c. 8 Mar 21 - Egypt, France conduct naval exercise in the Red Sea (Egypt Independent): <https://bit.ly/3leY5qA>
- d. 14 Mar 21 - U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Participates in Oman-led Exercise - (The Maritime Executive): <http://bit.ly/38D1iv2>
- e. 11 Mar 21 - Gender Equality and Leadership in a COVID-19 Maritime World - (Homeland Security Today): <https://bit.ly/30EecV8>
- f. 11 Mar 21 - Talks begin to protect Indian Ocean tuna as demand depletes stocks (The Independent): <http://bit.ly/3bMECKA>
- g. 12 Mar 21 - Continued Houthi Strikes Threaten Saudi Oil and the Global Economic Recovery (The Washington Institute): <http://bit.ly/3qKZA0T>
- h. 12 Mar 21 - Poor seasonal rains threatening 'foundations' of tens of thousands of Somali livelihoods (UN News): <http://bit.ly/3bMYUE5>

## 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/37aIUZG>

## 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.maritimelocalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimelocalsecurity.org)

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



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