

UKMTO Weekly Report

14 March to 20 March 2021

Command Overview

- 1. SAVE THE DATE Thursday 10 June:** We have secured a provisional date for the next MIEVOM - Maritime Information Exchange Vessel Operators' Meeting. The ambition will be to hold this event face-to-face dependent on restrictions on meeting at the time, however we will also aim to have the ability to join remotely. More details to follow nearer the time.
2. This coming week we will say farewell to Lt Cdr Andrew 'Bruce' Mclaughlin from the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). Despite only being here for three months he has made a considerable contribution to the team here, and we thank him for his efforts to promote maritime security in the region. From all here at UKMTO Dubai we wish him fair winds and following seas.

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

No Advisories issued this week.

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
005/MAR/2021	Military Exercise	251600UTC 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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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 +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.

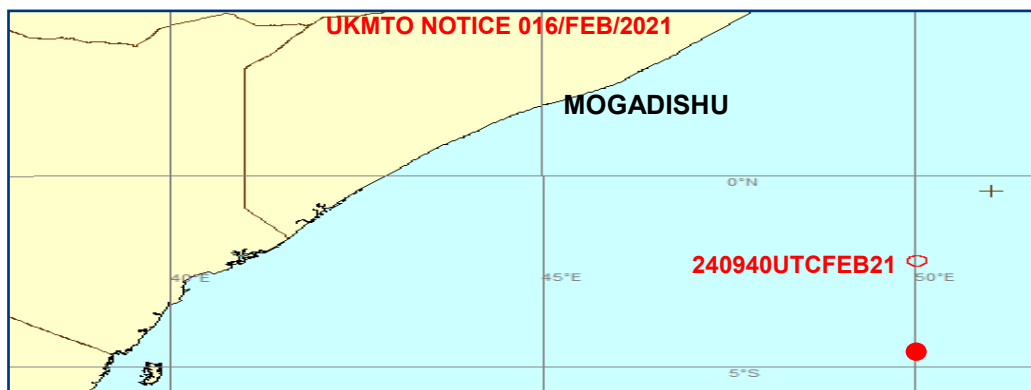
3. All ships are to keep a vigilant look out in the area. Position 021342S 0500206E (380NM South East of Mogadishu).

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

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UKMTO NOTICE 016/FEB/2021 (continued)



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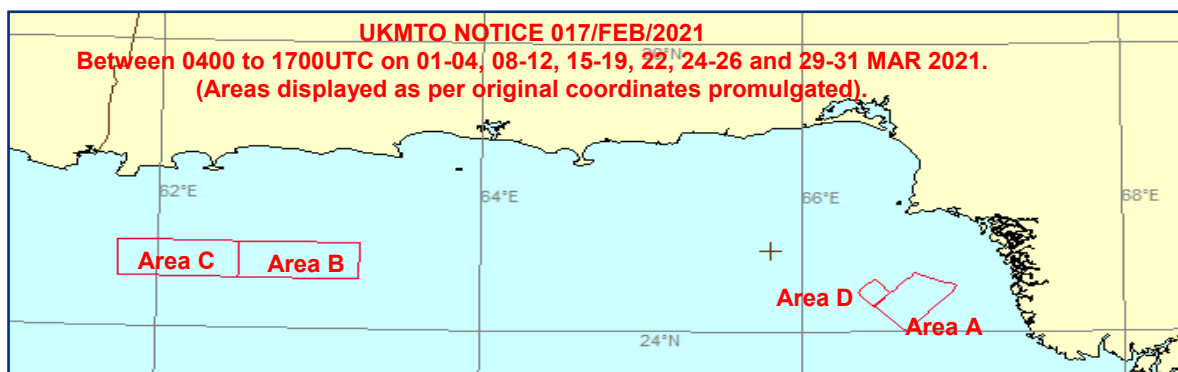
UKMTO NOTICE 017/FEB/2021

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:

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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



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4. **Source:** [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 074/21](#)

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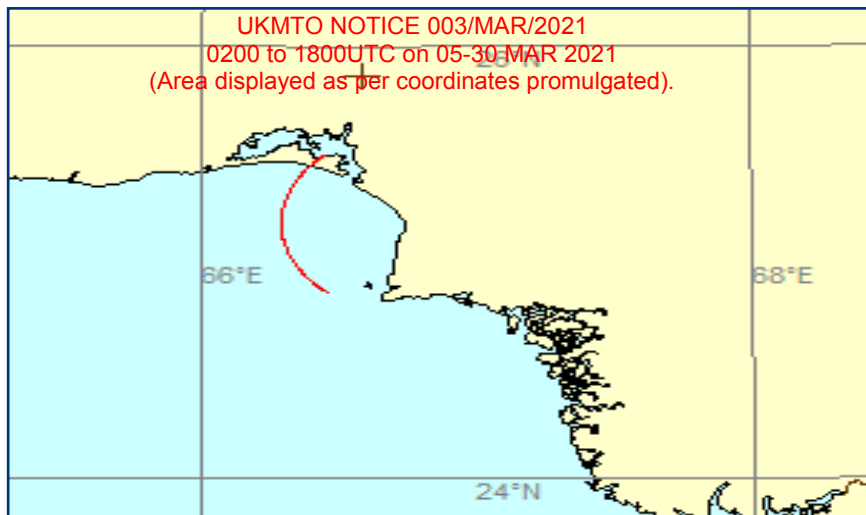


UKMTO NOTICE 003/MAR/2021

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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4. **Source:** [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 097/21](#)

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

UKMTO NOTICE 005/MAR/2021

1. **Category:** MILITARY EXERCISE

2. **Description:** Firing practice will be carried out between 1442 UTC on 21st Mar to 1442 UTC on the 25th Mar in an area bounded by:-

21-06.00N 038-58.50E

21-05.58N 039-07.00E

21-13.40N 038-58.50E

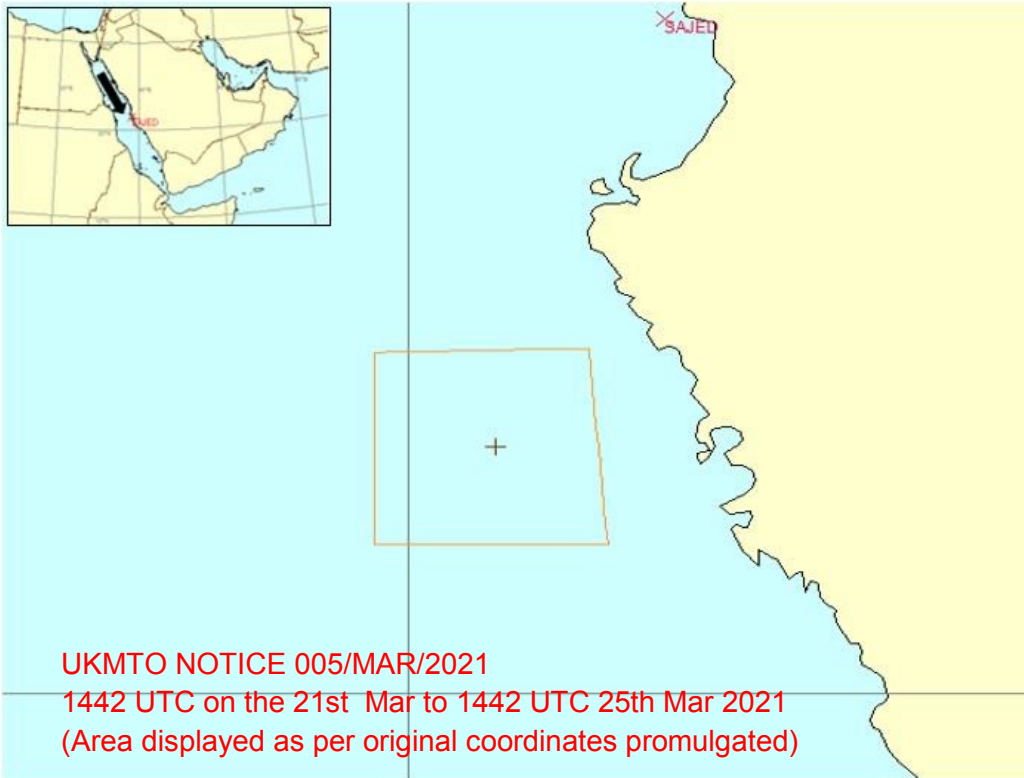
21-13.50N 039-06.20E

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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UKMTO NOTICE 005/MAR/2021 (continued)



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4. Source: [Pakistan Navy Hydrographer 115/21](#)

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Maritime Security Briefing

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

Liaisons and Visits

OiC Dubai met with Katherine Yakunchenkova from AI Safina Security.

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

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

- a. 14 Mar 21 - The United Nations Security Council needs to authorize military action to prevent the spill of the FSO SAFER (Atlantic Council):
<http://bit.ly/3cXw0Ae>
- b. 15 Mar 21 - Why pirates attack: Geospatial evidence (Brookings)
<http://brook.gs/2QroG8B>
- c. 16 Mar 21 - UN envoy warns of 'dramatic' deterioration in Yemen conflict (UN News)
<http://bit.ly/2OKu1HH>
- d. 16 Mar 21 - Kenya-Somalia dispute threatens an embattled Horn of Africa (ISS Africa)
<http://bit.ly/3vLg0tH>
- e. 19 Mar 21 - The Mozambique Channel is the next security hotspot (The Interpreter)
<http://bit.ly/38Xu8Xd>
- f. 19 Mar 21 - What's the Green Fuel of the Future for Shipping? (The Washington Post)
<http://wapo.st/3savFRb>
- g. 18 Mar 21 - Egypt, US in Red Sea naval exercises to support regional security (Arab News)
<http://bit.ly/2NBI3M7>
- h. 21 Mar 21 - Group Arabian Sea Warfare Exercise 21 Underway in the U.S. 5th Fleet From U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (DVIDS)
<http://bit.ly/3f7obuN>
- i. 15 Mar 21 - India set for Quad-plus navy drill as US defence secretary begins Asia tour (Times of India)
<http://bit.ly/38XttVJ>

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

[MSCHOA](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

[IMB Live Piracy Reports](#)

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI

[NATO Maritime Command \(MARCOM\)](#)

www.maritimelocalsecurity.org

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

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