

## Weekly Report: 08 - 13 Dec 2023

### Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website: [UKMTO](https://www.ukmto.org). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
Number	Category	Remarks
004/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a>	UKMTO received reports relating to a vessel being attacked within the vicinity of the Bab Al Mandeb (BAM), 15nm West of port Mokha, Yemen. The vessel suffered an upper-deck fire onboard and international search and rescue were informed. All crew were reported as safe, with events reported to UKMTO as a missile attack. Military coalition authorities and warships provided assistance to the afflicted vessel, subsequently escorting the vessel out of the BAM where it proceeded to NPoC.
	<a href="#">Update 001</a>	
	<a href="#">Update 002</a>	
005/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a>	UKMTO received a report of an incident in the vicinity of the BAM, 50nm West of port Hodeidah, Yemen. A small boat with 3 armed persons onboard approached a merchant vessel to within 5 cables. Several small arms shots were fired in the general direction of the vessel from the small craft as it approached, and, the embarked armed security team fired warning shots. The small boat veered away and departed the vicinity of the vessel. Having mustered the crew to emergency stations, the reporting vessel was subsequently hailed by an entity declaring itself to be Yemeni authorities, directing the vessel to alter course East towards Yemen, under threat of being fired upon. The reporting vessel then sighted a large airborne object plunge into the water circa 200 metres astern, with a large splash and loud explosive noise observed. The vessel reported that they had not been struck and the CSO confirmed that the vessel had subsequently cleared the area, without further incident and the crew reported as safe.
	<a href="#">Update 001</a>	
006/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received a report of an incident approximately 90nm South of Al Duqm. A vessel reported being followed by 5 or 6 small boats for approximately 90 minutes. Each of the craft had 3 persons on board, who appeared to be in grey uniforms. A machine gun was mounted on the bow of at least one small craft. The Master's report states the small boats had powerful outboards, which the Master assessed as likely being able to achieve 25 knots. The craft came between 6 cables and 8 cables of the vessel, including at least one craft, which repeatedly crossed the reporting vessel's bow. The small boats subsequently cleared away from the vicinity of the reporting vessel, which confirmed that all were safe without further incident.

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
003/Dec2023	<a href="#">Irregular Activity</a>	UKMTO received reports of an entity declaring itself to be the Yemeni authorities, ordering a vessel to alter course in the Southern Red Sea.
004/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Irregular Activity</a>	UKMTO received reports of an entity declaring itself to be the Yemeni Navy, ordering a vessel to alter course to a Yemen port.

Notices		
No notices were released this week.		

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

## Open Source Media Articles

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- **Yemen's Houthis claim missile attack on Norwegian tanker in tense Middle East.**
  - 12 Dec - reuters.com: <https://bit.ly/3Tn9Oq1>
- **MK Strinda: Yemen's rebel Houthis hit Norwegian tanker with missile.**
  - 12 Dec - bbc.com: <https://bit.ly/3GGsaek>
- **Norwegian-Flagged Tanker Hit By Missile Fired from Yemen.**
  - 11 Dec - gcaptain: <https://bit.ly/41AzK3T>
- **Tanker in Red Sea targeted by speedboat gunfire and missiles -sources.**
  - 13 Dec reuters.com : <https://bit.ly/4anh5MA>

## Office Visits, Briefings and Maritime Security Updates

To contact our Dubai office, arrange an office visit, request a briefing on UKMTO or request a regional maritime security brief, please email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org). Please note that any emails received between 13:00 (UTC) on Friday afternoon and 04:00 (UTC) on Monday morning, may not be actioned before 04:00 (UTC) on Monday. For urgent and short notice briefing requirements, Security Officers and Masters should contact the Duty UKMTO (Dubai) Officer on: +971 (0)50 554 5477 who will be able to arrange urgent and/ or short-notice briefings that fall outside of the above times.

### Regional Engagement

#### Jebel Ali Port Briefs

No Ships briefs were conducted this week.

- **Friday 8 December** - saw UKMTO (Dubai) say goodbye to Lt Pete Gee RNZR, who had been with UKMTO (Dubai) as the New Zealand International Liaison Officer (ILO) since August this year.
- **Thursday 14 December** - UKMTO (Dubai) had an office visit from Lucas Perterer of OMS, for a role, operating model and maritime security update brief.



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### Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)

[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)

[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)

[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)

[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)

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

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

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

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