

Weekly Report: 14 - 20 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
007/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	UKMTO received a report of an explosion sighted 50 metres off the reporting vessel's port quarter whilst transiting the BAM. Nothing further of significance reported.
008/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001 Update 002 Update 003	UKMTO received a report of a distress call heard over VHF of a vessel being boarded by unknown persons in the vicinity of 700NM East of Bossaso, Somalia. The vessel was seized by unauthorised persons and taken towards Somalia. The crew are reported as safe on board. Coalition warships closely monitor the vessel.
009/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	UKMTO received a report of a small white craft with a black top, and 10 unidentified POB, in the vicinity of 50NM North of port Mokha, Yemen. They declared themselves to be Yemeni authorities and ordered the reporting vessel to alter course towards Yemen. However, the reporting vessel continued passage and was subsequently attacked, struck on the starboard side and an explosion reported. A fire was extinguished and the vessel cleared the area without casualties, to the NPOC.
010/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	As per Warning 009/Dec/23 above.
011/Dec/2023	Incident	UKMTO received a report from a vessel in the vicinity of the BAM, 30NM South West of port Mokha, Yemen. Although the reporting vessel had not heard any warnings, it had been struck on the starboard side resulting in an explosion. A fire was extinguished without casualties. Reporting vessel proceeded to the NPOC.
012/Dec/2023	Incident	UKMTO received a report of a water explosion in the vicinity of the BAM, 30NM South of port Mokha, Yemen. The Master reported the event 2NM off the vessel's port quarter before clearing the area and proceeded to her NPOC.
013/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	UKMTO received a report of an attack in the vicinity 30NM North West of Mokha port, Yemen. The vessel had been struck with an explosion on her port side, near a water tank and without causing a fire. A further attack saw an airborne object splashing into the water approximately 1NM off the port bow. No casualties were reported, the vessel cleared the area and proceeded to the NPOC.
014/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	UKMTO received a report of a vessel approached by one small craft with several armed POB in the vicinity of 24NM South East Of Mokha Port, Yemen. An embarked AST fired shots to warn-off the small craft and it altered away. Later, the reporting vessel was circled 4 times by 2 x UAS just South of the BAM. The UAS was reported to be about a metre long with a flashing red light. It came as close as 50 metres and continued to circle the ship for between 30 and 40 minutes, before departing the area. The vessel reported 7 UAS approaches in total before itself clearing the area and proceeded to NPOC without further incident.

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Warnings, Advisories and Notices Continued

Warnings Continued & Advisory 007/Dec/2023

Number	Category	Remarks
015/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001	UKMTO received a report of 5 small boats containing armed personnel approaching the vessel in the vicinity 63NM North West Of Djibouti. The small boats harassed the vessel as it took evasive manoeuvres, closing to less than a mile. Intervention by coalition forces, including an aircraft likely deterred anything more. The vessel cleared the area, with all crew safe and proceeded to NPOC.
016/Dec/2023	Incident Update 001 Update 002	UKMTO received a report of a vessel approached by 4 small boats, 4 or 5 POB in each, in the vicinity of 80NM NorthEast of Djibouti. The small boats were blue/grey in colour. One small boat paralleled the vessel's course at 0.5NM before breaking away. The Master reported that no hailing was heard or weapons sighted.
Advisory 007/Dec/2023	Security Notification	UKMTO received a report of a UAS in the vicinity of 84NM East of Djibouti. The Master reported 2 x UAS circling the vessel several times at a distance of 50 metres before disappearing. The reporting vessel cleared the area with nothing further of significance to report.

Notices

No notices were released this week.

Open Source Media Articles

(UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles)

- **Commercial ship still hijacked off Somali coast - sources.**
 - 18 Dec - reuters.com: <https://bit.ly/3tnt3p4>
- **More big shipping firms stop Red Sea routes after attacks.**
 - 17 Dec - bbc.com: <https://bit.ly/3tr50FO>
- **Exercise Compass Rose II Enhances Maritime Security Training.**
 - 17 Dec - combinedmaritimeforces.com: <https://bit.ly/4746Cmv>
- **US, UK say they shot down 15 drones from Yemen's Houthis over Red Sea.**
 - 16 Dec - Aljazeera.com: <https://bit.ly/3Tr00K7>
- **Attacks from Houthi-controlled Yemen hit two ships.**
 - 16 Dec reuters.com : <https://bit.ly/3NAebdT>

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. 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.

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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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