

## Weekly Report: 21– 27 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
017/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a> <a href="#">Update 002</a>	UKTMO received reports of a Yemeni fishing vessel being Hijacked by heavily armed personnel, 13 KM North of Eyl, Somalia. Local authorities report the fishing vessel was last seen heading North along the Yemeni coastline. Military authorities assess the vessel may be used for future piracy attacks. Vessel Description: Name: EMARAT-2 Colour: White Length: 17.7m Breadth: 4m Depth: 2.1m.
018/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received a report of an attack by Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) on a vessel, causing an explosion and fire 200 NM South West of Veraval, India. The fire was extinguished without any casualties, the vessel then proceeded onto NPOC.
019/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received a report of a UAS exploding nearby a reporting vessel, in the vicinity of the Bab El Mandeb, 45NM South West of Saleef, Yemen. The vessel reported no damage, and all crew safe. A UAS had ditched 500m in front of the reporting vessel.
020/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a>	UKMTO received a report of UAS activity, with a drone seen flying approx. 50m above the reporting vessel. It subsequently exploded circa 1.5 NM away from the reporting vessel, approximately 50 NM West of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The vessel and crew were reported as safe and the reporting vessel proceeded to the NPOC.
021/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a> <a href="#">Update 002</a>	UKMTO received reports of two UAS sightings from a vessel. About 15 minutes after the sightings two explosions were observed circa 5 NM away from the reporting vessel. The first explosion was at about 0320UTC and the second explosion was at about 0325UTC, approximately 50 NM West of Al Hudaydah. The vessel was in communications with coalition forces at the time. The reporting vessel confirmed that the vessel and crew were safe, and cleared the area for the NPOC.
022/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received a report of an explosion at the port beam of the vessel, approximately 60 NM from Al Hudaydah. Missiles were reportedly observed approximately 4 NM from the vessel's position. A further explosion was observed, this time approximately 0.5 NM from the reporting vessel and in the sea. The reporting vessel proceeded to her NPOC without further incident.

#### Advisories

No advisories were released this week.

#### Notices

Number	Category	Remarks
002/Dec2023	<a href="#">Live Weapon Firing</a>	Live weapon firing expires 1200UTC 27 DEC 2023

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

## Open Source Media Articles

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- **CTF 151 Visits Seychelles' Coordination Centers.**
  - 27 Dec - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3RuMWSU>
- **Shipping firms take first steps towards Red Sea return.**
  - 26 Dec - reuters: <https://bit.ly/3NIPTOG>
- **US shoots down 4 drones launched from Houthi-controlled areas.**
  - 24 Dec - reuters: <https://bit.ly/48zPYfx>
- **Israel-affiliated merchant vessel hit by aerial vehicle off India.**
  - 23 Dec - reuters: <https://bit.ly/47j1pHw>
- **French-led CTF 150's Successful Drug Interdiction during Focused Operation CHARRAS.**
  - 21 Dec - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/3GYgRyg>

## 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.

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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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