

## Weekly Report: 27 Dec 2023 - 03 Jan 2024

Following on from a slightly quieter reporting period, this last week; The team at UKMTO (Dubai) would like to wish everyone within the maritime community a happy and prosperous new year, as we hope for a peaceful cessation to all of the Maritime Security incidents within the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).

### 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
023/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a> <a href="#">Update 002</a>	UKMTO received a report of an incident approximately 55NM South West of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The master reported a loud bang accompanied by a flash on the port bow of the vessel. Several more explosions were also sighted in the vicinity of Al Hudaydah by the master. It was subsequently reported that there was no damage to the vessel, which then proceeded to the next port of call. The master contacted coalition forces on VHF at the time, who monitored the situation throughout. The crew remained safe throughout.
024/Dec/2023	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received a report of an attack 60NM North West of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The master reported being attacked by 3 small boats on his Port side, shots were exchanged. All crew were accounted for without any casualties. Coalition forces assisted at the time, and the small boats departed. After an exchange of fire with US military helicopters, US authorities reported that a number of small vessels were engaged, with three destroyed. The master confirmed the vessel and crew were safe as the vessel exited the area, the reporting vessel continued on its voyage to the next port of call .
001/Jan/2024	<a href="#">Incident</a> <a href="#">Update 001</a>	UKMTO received reports of up to three explosions between one and five NM from a merchant vessel in the Bab El Mandeb, 33NM East of Assab, Eritrea. The master reported no damage to the reporting vessel and crew were reported as safe, with the vessel proceeding safely to its next port of call..

#### Advisories

No advisories were released this week.

#### Notices

No notices were released this week.

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## Open Source Media Articles

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- **US says no damage reported after latest Houthi attack in Red Sea.**
  - 03 Jan - reuters: <https://bit.ly/3NNP8Ux>
- **CMF-assigned Cutter Seizes Hashish and Methamphetamines in North Arabian Sea.**
  - 31 Dec - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/41R94vF>
- **Indian Navy steps up surveillance in Arabian Sea amid rise in drone attacks.**
  - 31 Dec - wionews: <https://bit.ly/41I93tM>
- **Maersk Ship Hit by Missile, Avoids Boarding in the Red Sea.**
  - 30 Dec - gcaptain: <https://bit.ly/3H34916>
- **CMF Forces Seize Illegal Drugs in Gulf of Oman.**
  - 28 Dec - combinedmaritimeforces: <https://bit.ly/47otr4m>

## 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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