

Weekly Report: 11-17 Jan 2024

Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below for 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
006/Jan/2024	Flash Boarding Update 001 Update 002 Update 003	UKMTO received a report of an incident at approximately 0330UTC, 50NM East of Sohar, Oman. It was reported that a vessel had been boarded by four, possibly five unauthorised persons wearing military style black uniforms with black, full-face covering masks. Whilst endeavoring to contact the vessel's master, the Company Security Officer (CSO) also reported hearing unknown voices over the phone along with what was thought to be the master's voice. The vessel altered course towards Iranian territorial waters and contact with the vessel subsequently lost.
007/Jan/2024	Incident Attack Update 001	UKMTO received a report of a missile being fired towards a vessel which was approximately 90NM South East of Aden, Yemen. The master reported a missile landing in the water circa 400 metres to 500 metres away as well as the vessel being followed by three small surface craft. The master reported that no injuries or damage had been sustained as the vessel proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.
008/Jan/2024	Suspicious Approach	UKMTO received multiple reports of small boats approaching merchant shipping in the vicinity of a position 80NM South East of Aden, Yemen. Two small boats were reported to have followed a merchant vessel for over an hour. The merchant vessel reported that no weapons had been sighted as it proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.
009/Jan/2024	Attack Update 001 Update 002	UKMTO received a report of an incident in the vicinity of a position approximately 95NM South East of Aden, Yemen. The master reported that the port side of his vessel had been hit from above by a missile. With both the vessel and crew reported as safe, the reporting vessel proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.
010/Jan/2024	Incident Suspicious approach update 001	UKMTO received a report of an incident in a position approximately 57NM North West of Assab, Eritrea. The reporting vessel's master reported small craft circling his vessel. The reporting vessel's Armed Security Team (AST) fired warning shots and the small craft departed the immediate area. The reporting vessel subsequently reported that all was well and the crew were safe. The reporting vessel then proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.

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Warnings Continued

011/Jan/2024	Attack Update 001 Update 002	UKMTO attempted to make a routine operations normal check-call with the reporting vessel but was unable to establish contact. Subsequently, UKMTO contacted the vessel's Company Security Officer (CSO) who stated that a vessel, for which he had responsibility had been the subject of a maritime security incident in a position approximately 100NM North West of Saleef, Yemen. The CSO went on to report that the vessel had been hit by an unknown object in one of the vessel's cargo holds. Shortly afterwards the CSO confirmed that the vessel had been hit for a second time on the Port side in an immediately adjacent hold. The reporting vessel had sustained damage above the water line, but there had not been a fire and neither had there been any casualties. Shortly afterwards, the Vessel and crew were reported to be safe and the vessel continued to her next port of call without further incident.
012/Jan/2024	Sighting	UKMTO received a report of an unidentified Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) sighted in a position approximately 150NM South East of Ash Shihr, Yemen.

Advisories

001/Jan/2024	Suspicious Approach Update 001	UKMTO received a report of what was considered to be a suspicious approach involving two small craft, in a position 23NM North West of Assab, Eritrea. The two small boats approached and hailed a merchant vessel, before attempting to influence the vessel to change course by hailing the vessel on VHF Channel 16 and by threatening to fire upon the subject vessel. The subject vessel maintained its course, having received reassurance from a nearby warship, which had in turn warned-off the threatening small boats, the two small boats then left the vicinity as the vessel and crew were reported to be safe. The subject vessel proceeded onto to its next port of call without further incident.
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Notices

003/Jan/2024	Security Notification	UKMTO is aware of the joint statement on strikes against Houthi military targets in Yemen.
004/Jan/2024	Live Weapon Firing	Live weapon firing 16-18 Jan 24. This Notice expires 1400UTC 18 Jan 24.
005/Jan/2024	Live Weapon Firing	Live weapon firing 17-18 Jan 24. This notice expires 1900UTC 18 Jan 24.

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **Greek ship hit by Houthi rocket as US seizes Iranian missiles headed for Yemen.**
 - 16 Jan - [telegraph.co.uk](https://www.telegraph.co.uk)
- **Yemen's Houthis hit US-owned dry bulk ship, no injuries.**
 - 15 Jan - [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)
- **Guarding the sea: Indian Navy has fielded 12 anti-pirate patrolling ships in the Arabian Sea.**
 - 14 Jan - [tribuneindia.com](https://www.tribuneindia.com)
- **Houthi attacks on shipping in Red Sea persist, U.S. and allies strike back.**
 - 12 Jan - [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)
- **Iran seizes oil tanker off Oman in dispute with US.**
 - 11 Jan - [france24.com](https://www.france24.com)

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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