

UKMTO Summary Report: 25-30 Jan 2024

UKMTO Alerts and Notices

Please see below for a list of all recent and extant UKMTO alerts 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.

UKMTO Alerts (formerly Warnings & Advisories)		
Number	Category	Remarks
Incident 020	Attack Update 001	UKMTO received a report of an incident 60 nautical miles South West of Aden, Yemen. The Master reported two missiles exploding in the water a distance off the reporting vessel's port quarter. The Master subsequently reported that the vessel and crew were safe and that no damage had been incurred. The reporting vessel then proceeded to its next port of call, without further incident and following on from a coalition forces response.
Incident 021	Attack Update 001 Update 002 Update 003	UKMTO received a report of an incident 60 nautical miles South East of Aden, Yemen. The Company Security Officer (CSO) reported that his vessel had been struck, a fire had broken out in one of the product storage tanks and the burning vessel required assistance, principally with fire-fighting. The high-up nature of the damage meant that initial attempts to douse the fire with Aqueous Film Forming Solution (AFFF) were frustrated as the foam blanket poured out through damaged areas. Once the product level had reduced sufficiently in the storage tank, through burning, a subsequent AFFF blanket was retained successfully. The fire was contained and doused in conjunction with other fire-fighting systems used throughout the incident. French, Indian and US warships (three in total) attended and supported the vessel, including provision of significant quantities of extra AFFF, until the fire was extinguished. All members of the crew as well as the vessel were reported to be safe and the reporting vessel was able to proceed to its nominated next port of call.
Incident 022	Attack	UKMTO received a report of an incident involving a small craft and a merchant vessel 780 nautical miles East of Hafun, Somalia. The vessel had been approached by a small, light blue craft with four persons onboard who were each armed with what was reported as automatic rifles as well as a single Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) launcher between them. The small craft approached to within 300 meters of the reporting vessel before the onboard Armed Security Team (AST) fired warning shots. Following an exchange of fire, the small craft then broke away from the scene and fell astern. The crew and vessel were subsequently reported to be safe and the reporting vessel proceeded to its next port of call without further incident. After the incident, the master checked the vessel for indications of damage and found indentations and markings that could be attributed to small arms bullet impact. Note: Update 002 has been released as PDF, but was unavailable on UKMTO's website at the time of Summary Report issue.

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Incident 023	Suspicious Approach	UKMTO received a report of an incident which took place 70 nautical miles North West of Bosaaso, Somalia. The reporting vessel had been approached aggressively by one small craft at a speed of 17.5 knots, from the reporting vessel's starboard quarter, into a distance of 400 metres. The small craft had five persons onboard and was powered by a single large engine. Four of the persons in the small craft were holding AK47 type weapons although none were wearing uniform. The Armed Security Team (AST) fired two warning shots and the persons in the small craft put their weapons inside the boat, raised their hands and the small craft broke away from its approach, towards land. The Master reported that his vessel and all crew were safe and continued to the next port of call, without further incident.
Incident 024	Suspicious Approach	UKMTO received a report of an incident 44 nautical miles West of Al-Mukha, Yemen. The Master reported that his vessel was approached on its starboard bow by three small craft, which then dropped into a position one nautical mile astern of the reporting vessel. One small craft with three persons on board, was described as navy grey in colour with a front, fixed-mounted weapon. The other small craft each had three or four persons on board but the colour of those small craft was not reported, possibly as a function of poor light. The embarked Armed Security Team (AST) fired warning shots, the merchant vessel carried out self-protection measures and the reporting vessel departed the area and the three small craft fell astern. The vessel and crew were reported to be safe as it proceeded to the next port of call, without further incident. The identity of the personnel in the three small craft was not established.

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **U.S. Military and Kuwait armed forces collaborate in Exercise EAGER DEFENDER 24.**
- 29 Jan - [marines.mil](https://www.marines.mil)
- **India and Seychelles Stop Latest Pirate Attacks in the Indian Ocean.**
- 29 Jan - [maritime-executive.com](https://www.maritime-executive.com)
- **Denmark Dispatches Frigate Preparing to Join Red Sea Security Efforts.**
- 29 Jan - [maritime-executive.com](https://www.maritime-executive.com)
- **Colombia Joins Combined Maritime Forces in Middle East as 41st Member.**
- 27 Jan - [dvidshub.net](https://www.dvidshub.net)
- **Red Sea Tanker Fire Extinguished.**
- 28 Jan - [maritime-executive.com](https://www.maritime-executive.com)
- **China presses Iran to rein in Houthi attacks in Red Sea, sources say.**
- 26 Jan - [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)
- **US Navy intercepts missiles in Red Sea while escorting Maersk ships.**
- 25 Jan - [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.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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