UKMTO Weekly Report

30 Aug – 5 Sep 2020

Command Overview

1. On 4 Sep 20 UKMTO released advisory 01/SEP/2020 which gives details of a planned Iranian military exercise taking place in the Gulf of Oman, see below for further information.

2. On 2 Sep 20 UKMTO (Dubai) resumed the provision of Maritime Security briefings to merchant vessels alongside ports in the UAE. All visits follow published BIMCO guidance in relation to COVID-19 and our officers will comply with individual commercial shipping companies restrictions as required.

3. Masters of merchant vessels not trading in the UAE or have restrictions regarding ships visitors can continue to receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security brief via telephone or by e-mail, using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

4. UKMTO Dubai and the Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC) remains fully operational throughout the duration of the global pandemic and can be contacted as usual using the details promulgated in BMP5.

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

ADVISORY NOTICE 001/SEP/2020

1. Category: Military Exercise in GOO

2. **Description:** It has been reported to UKMTO that Iranian military forces will be conducting a military exercise with possible live missile, gun or rocket firing and GPS jamming between 0130 UTC 04 SEP 20 and 1830 UTC 10 SEP 20 in the Gulf of Oman in an area bounded by:

A. 25-04.44N 061-32.45E B. 24-41.40N 061-20.19E C. 25-01.20N 057-30.52E D. 25-36.00N 056-46.00E E. 26-15.35N 056-44.09E F. 26-41.51N 056-27.48E G. 26-57.12N 056-28.00E H. 26-44.43N 057-03.02E and back along the coast to point A.



All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents to UKMTO. All vessels are requested to inform UKMTO if any interference is noted on Radios/Radars/GPS.

VESSELS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRANSITING THE AREA

No Warnings or Notices have been issued.

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices call: 0044 2392 222060. This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region. UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.



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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Maritime Security Briefing

| Details of Vessel | Vessels held | Souls held | Date Taken | Date | Location | Vessel |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Merchant Vessels | 0 | 0 | | 02/09/20 | JEBEL ALI | FALCON ROYAL |
| Fishing Boats | 0 | 0 | | 02/09/20 | JEBEL ALI | HAMMONIA AMERICA |
| Dhows | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Total | 0 | 0 | | 03/09/20 | JEBEL ALI | MG NEPTUNE |
| Future Events | | | | 03/09/20 | JEBEL ALI | LYME BAY |
| Date | Event | Lo | ocation | 04/09/20 | TELEPHONE | ISLAND PRINCESS |
| 3 - 5 Nov 2020 | SHADE | Ba | ahrain | 04/09/20 | IELEFHONE | ISLAND FRINCESS |
| 12 Nov 2020 | MIEVOM | Du | ıbai | | | |

Liaisons and Visits

With current restrictions due to COVID-19, all visits to our office remain cancelled until further notice.

If anyone wishes to contact our Dubai office or to arrange a telephone briefing from UKMTO, please contact Lt Cdr Chris Long at +971 (0)50189 8389 or email <u>dubai-oic@ukmto.org</u>

Open Source Media Articles

UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of these open source media articles of interest.

a. 4 Sep 20 - part 1 - Tanker, Jailer, Soldier, Sailor: Functional immunity and the Enrica Lexie award (Just Security): <u>https://bit.ly/2GyFIN9</u>

b. 3 Sep 20 - Piracy in 2020: the trends you need to know (Lexology): https://bit.ly/2F99RBI

c. 3 Sep 20 - Continued security vigilance recommended for vessels transiting Arabian Gulf, Strait Of Hormuz, Gulf Of Oman, Red Sea, Gulf Of Aden and Indian Ocean (HellenicShippingNews): https://bit.ly/3h0ZmOl

d. 3 Sep 20 - Carnival's Costa cruises to set sail this weekend (Reuters): https://bit.ly/3lVnK7u

e. 31 Aug 20 - The Royal Jordanian Naval Force hands over command of CTF 152 to the Saudi Border Guard (CMF): <u>https://bit.ly/2Z6PTi8</u>

f. 31 Aug 20 - Mental health resources for maritime workers (gCaptain): https://bit.ly/2YY1IN2

Additional sources of Information

www.ukmto.org MSCHOA Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) United Kingdom Hydrographic Office IMB Live Piracy Reports

www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI NATO Maritime Command (MARCOM) www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org Middle East Navigation Aids Service (MENAS)



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