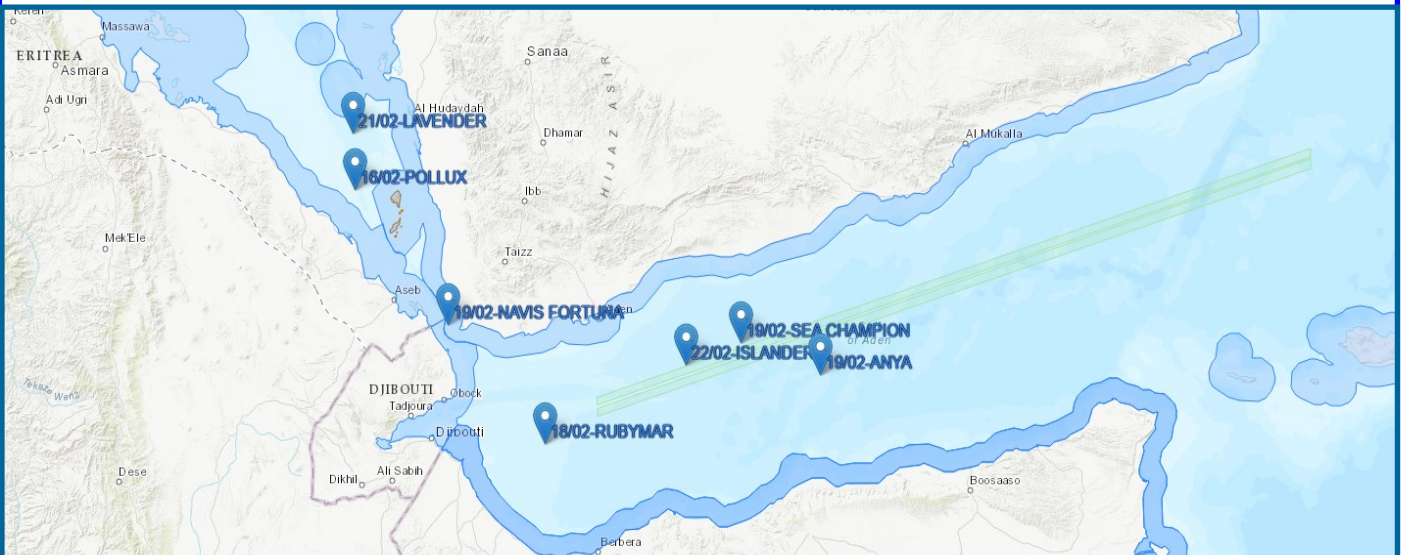


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UKMTO Alerts and Notices

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UKMTO Alerts

Incident No.	Category	Remarks
031	Attack Update 001	161331UTC Feb 24 - POLLUX. IMO: 9243320 UKMTO received a report of an incident in the vicinity of 72 nautical miles north west of Al Mukha, Yemen. The master of POLLUX reported that his Panama-flagged tanker had been attacked by a missile, which exploded approximately 100 metres off the port quarter. The master stated that this explosion was from one of three possible missiles, but no further details of the other two missiles were reported. Military authorities responded. No damage to the vessel was identified, the crew and ship were reported to be safe and the vessel subsequently proceeded on to its next port of call without further incident.
032	Attack Update 001 Update 002 Update 003	182000UTC Feb 24 - RUBYMAR. IMO: 9138898. UKMTO received a report of an incident 35 nautical miles south of Al Mukha, Yemen. The master of Belize-flagged bulker RUBYMAR reported an explosion approximately 50 meters off the starboard side of the vessel resulting in shrapnel penetrating the engine room. As a function of the damage sustained and engine failure, the crew subsequently abandoned the vessel. Other vessels in the area and military authorities provided assistance to RUBYMAR with the vessel LOBIVIA rescuing RUBYMAR's crew from two ship's boats and landing them safely in Djibouti without any reported casualties. The vessel remains at anchor, down by the stern and pending potential salvage discussions. Appropriate authorities and agencies have been informed.

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033	Attack Update 001 Update 002	190955UTC Feb 24 - SEA CHAMPION. IMO: 9299915. UKMTO received a report of an incident 100 nautical miles east of Aden, Yemen. The master of a Greece-flagged bulker SEA CHAMPION initially reported an explosion approximately 15 metres off the starboard side of the vessel. Subsequently, the master reported a second explosion in the air approximately 15 metres off the starboard side of SEA CHAMPION. The master found evidence of shrapnel and damage to paintwork on the superstructure from this explosion. SEA CHAMPION and crew were reported to be safe before the vessel left the area and proceeded to the next port of call without further incident.
034	Suspicious Approach Update 001	191746UTC Feb 24 - ANYA. IMO: 9730268. UKMTO received a report of two Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) following the Cyprus-flagged bulker ANYA for approximately 30 minutes. The two UAS were assessed by the master to have been at a height of about 100 metres above the vessel before being observed to clear the immediate area. ANYA and crew were reported to be safe whilst authorities investigated. Other vessels were advised by UKMTO to transit with caution and report any suspicious activity to the organization whilst ANYA proceeded to her next port of call without further incident.
035	Attack Update 001	191820UTC Feb 24 - NAVIS FORTUNA. IMO: 9404455. UKMTO received a report of an incident 60 nautical miles north of Djibouti. The master of NAVIS FORTUNA had reported that the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier had been hit by an Uncrewed Aerial System, which had resulted in superficial damage to the starboard side of the accommodation superstructure. The crew was reported to be safe and the vessel subsequently proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.
036	Attack	210027UTC Feb 24 - LAVENDER. IMO: 9463750 UKMTO received time-late reports from the master of the Marshall Islands-flagged bulker LAVENDER following an explosion and a correlated flash from an assumed drone. The Uncrewed Aerial System had been sighted about one nautical mile off the vessel in the Southern Red Sea approximately 40 nautical miles to the west of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. LAVENDER and her crew were confirmed to be unharmed whilst the vessel proceeded to its next port of call without further incident.
037	Attack Update 001 Update 002	220745UTC Feb 24 - ISLANDER. IMO: 9136565 UKMTO received a report of an incident 70 nautical miles south east of Aden, Yemen. The vessel ISLANDER, a Palau-flagged general cargo ship, had been attacked and hit by two missiles, which resulted in fires on the upper deck and resulted in the vessel sustaining some minor damage once fires had been extinguished. ISLANDER and crew were subsequently reported to be safe as she proceeded to her next port of call without further incident.

UKMTO Notices

Issue date	Remarks
17/Feb/24	Live Depth-Charge Firing and Underwater Demolitions conducted: 171900UTC Feb 24 to 191900 UTC Feb 24 (now Expired).
18/Feb/24	Live Weapons Firing conducted: 200300UTC Feb 24 to 211200UTC Feb 24 (now Expired).
19/Feb/24	Firing Notice - Red Sea conducted: 200600UTC Feb 24 to 221200UTC Feb 24 (now Expired).
19/Feb/24	Live Depth-Charge Firings conducted: 191900UTC Feb 24 to 211900UTC Feb 24 (now Expired).
21/Feb/24	Security Notification issued 210250UTC Feb 24: The security notification is valid for a 72-hour period from time stated. In the event that the increased threat endures past 72-hour period an update will be released subsequently.

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Open Source Media Articles

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- **Yemen's Houthis claim missile attack on oil tanker in Red Sea.**
 - 17 Feb - [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)
- **Security and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea: Council launches EUNAVFOR ASPIDES.**
 - 19 Feb - [consilium.europa.eu](https://www.consilium.europa.eu)
- **Crew abandon UK-registered cargo ship after Houthi attack off Yemen.**
 - 20 Feb - [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com)
- **International Maritime Security Construct Holds Change of Command.**
 - 20 Feb - [dvidshub.net](https://www.dvidshub.net)
- **Greek ship attacked in Red Sea by Houthis arrives in Aden with cargo.**
 - 21 Feb - [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

21 Feb - The UKMTO (Dubai) team were delighted to host a visit from the European Maritime Awareness Straights of Hormuz (EMASoH) Force Commander (FCdr) at their Dubai office. EMASoH FCdr, Rear Admiral Hans Huygens, Belgium Navy and his staff; Commander Are Olberg, Norwegian Navy, Deputy Naval Coordination and Guidance to Shipping (NCAGS), Lieutenant Commander Wim Plancke, Belgium Navy, Assistant Chief of Staff (ACOS) NCAGS, and Lieutenant Lena Pax, Belgium Navy, Public affairs Officer (PAO) are pictured presenting OIC UKMTO (Dubai) with a memento to mark the occasion.



Ships Maritime Security Briefings - Jebel Ali

Date	Vessel	Date	Vessel	Date	Vessel
20 Feb	MSC AMELIA	21 Feb	AGEAN EXPRESS	22 Feb	LIONESS
20 Feb	W KLAIPEDA	21 Feb	TS COLOMBO	22 Feb	HAFNIA NORDICA

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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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