UKMTO Weekly Report

22 - 28 Mar 2020

Command Overview

1. In line with UAE Ports Authority and UAE Government advice, UKMTO has suspended port visits until further notice. Commercial shipping companies and ship's Masters can still receive the latest UKMTO Maritime Security update via telephone or by e-mail using the contact details at the bottom of this page. UKMTO Dubai and the Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC) will remain fully operational throughout the duration of the global pandemic and can be contacted as usual using the details promulgated in BMP5.

2. COVID-19, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and World Health Organization (WHO) have published specific advice for the Maritime Shipping Industry via their websites. The WHO guidance to commercial shipping can be viewed at: https://bit.ly/2xla6pp. The IMO advice can be obtained via the following link: https://bit.ly/39c8I5I.

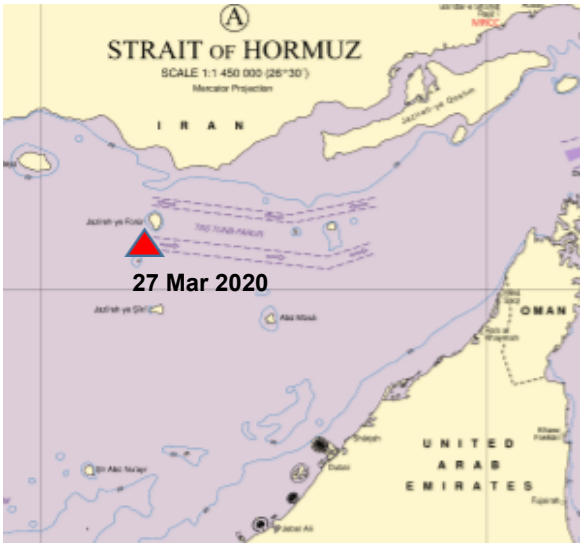
3. COVID-19 continues to dominate open source media this week, see page 2.

Warnings, Advisories & Notices

ADVISORY 004/MAR/2020

On 27 March at 1226 UTC in Posn: 2611N 05431E (TUNB-FARUR EASTBOUND TSS). A MT was approached by 2 Skiffs, 5-6 POB, with a ladder raised. MT took evasive measures. MT IS SAFE. Vessels transiting the area are advised to exercise caution.

No Warnings or Notices have been issued.



For further information or queries regarding UKMTO Warnings, Advisories or Notices ring: 0044 2392 222060.
This information is provided to inform maritime situational awareness for mariners operating in the region.
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Vessels and Persons Held Captive

Details of Vessel	Vessels held	Souls held	Date Taken
Merchant Vessels	0		
Fishing Boats	0		
Dhows	0	3	26/03/15
Total	**0**	**3**	

Ships Briefed

Date	Location	Vessel
No Vessels briefed this week See note below		

Future Events

Date	Event	Location
27 - 28 May 2020	SHADE	Bahrain
11 June 2020	MIEVOM	Dubai

Liaisons and Visits

With current restrictions due to COVID-19, all visits to our office and ships visits by Briefing Officers have been 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 dubai-oic@ukmto.org

Open Source Media Articles

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

a. 27 Mar 20 - COVID-19 and embarked Security Teams: Security at what cost? (Hellenic Shipping News): https://bit.ly/2JprhZX

b. 24 Mar 20 - Royal Navy fleets and medics respond to Covid-19 pandemic (Naval Technology) :https://bit.ly/39rQdKS

c. 23 Mar 20 - COVID-19 impacting Maritime Security (DefenceWeb): https://bit.ly/2UNAeBq

d. 23 Mar 20 - Shifting Realities: How the Covid-19 crisis will impact the maritime threat picture (Hellenic Shipping News): https://bit.ly/2WP2S7R

e. 21 Mar 20 - Coping with Coronavirus in the Marine Industry (Waterways Journal): https://bit.ly/39m3mFe

f. 20 Mar 20 - The Cruise Industry's war against COVID-19 (gCaptain): https://bit.ly/3aq885S

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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