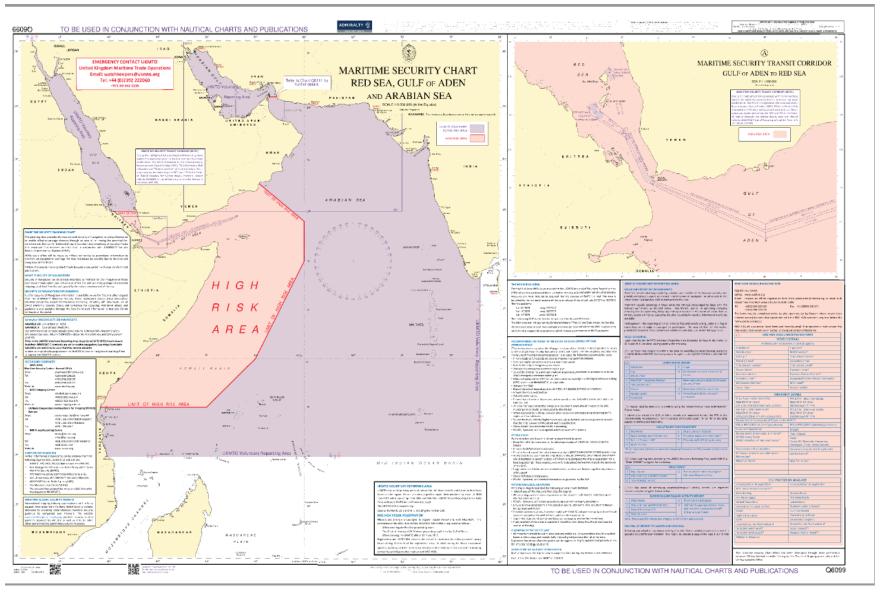


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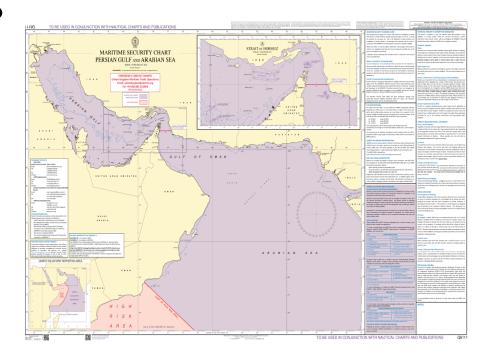


What's happened in the area?

Ongoing threats

The response

What next?



What's happened?



- Piracy
- Conflict spill over:
 - Yemen
 - SoH
- Recent events:
 - Saudi tug and units seized
 - US assassination of MG Qassem Suleimani
 - Iran missile strike on US Forces
 - Covid
 - Harassment continues

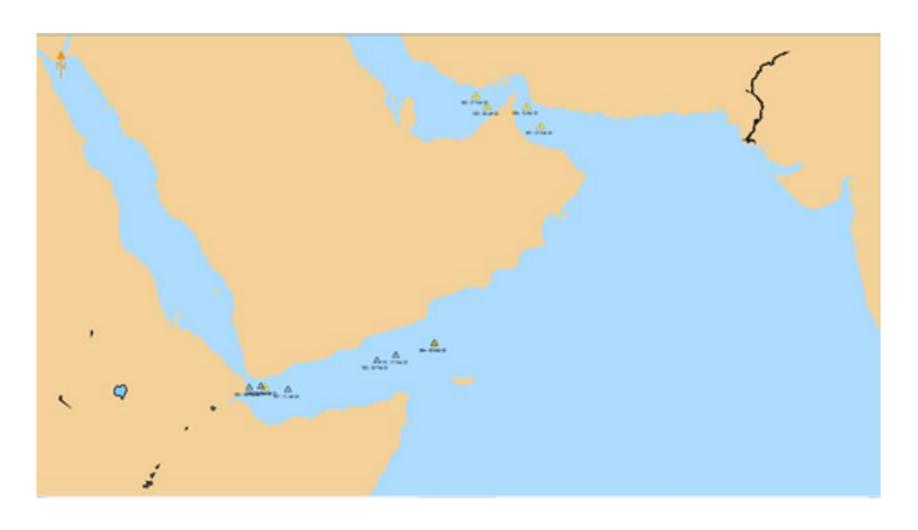
Threat & Outlook-Somalia



- Overview:
 - States act independently
 - Oil exploitation law process
 - Al-Shabaab.
- Piracy:
 - Pirate Action Groups remain active
 - MSCHOA alert-Xaradheere vessels
- Other criminal activity:
 - Smuggling

Warnings & Advisories: 01 Jan-01 Jun 20





Suspicious Approaches





Threat & Outlook Yemen



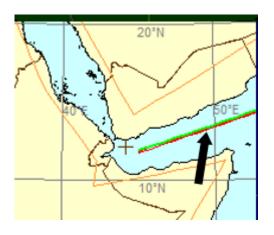
- Country remains volatile and complex
- A number of maritime incidents
- Eritrean 'Coastguard' & Hanish Islands
- Neutral shipping had not being targeted
- But delays in port



Evolving Threat



- IRTB 19
- UK Flagged product tanker
- transiting the IRTC
- PAST embarked
- Attacked by 2 skiffs
- Upshot
 - Similar to IRTB 18 incident;
 - PAST with automatic weapons
 - Location of crew
 - Differentiation of pirate v terrorist attacks



What's the response?



Guidance:

- UKMTO Warnings and Notices
- US/CMF/EUNAVFOR MARAD
- Trade Associations

Grey hull activity:

- UKMCC MTO Cell
- IMSC
- EMASoH
- India, ROK, JPN...

Guidance:



UKMTO

Advisory Notices UK HO 2020/001

MARAD

U.S. Maritime Alert 2020- 001B

CMF/EUNAVFOR

IRTB 18

IRTB 19

US response 2020-001 (update 2020-011)-Threats to Commercial Vessels by Iran and its Proxies



Review security measures, AIS on monitor VHF Channel 16

US Vessels are advised to:

- register with UKMTO and U.S. Fifth Fleet NCAGS, and call UKMTO/ Fifth Fleet In the event of any incident/suspicious activity
- Department of Homeland Security's CISA also issued Alert AA20-006A

IRTB 18



- Vessel approached by three skiffs.
- Warning shots fired by PAST
- Shots fired upon apparently unmanned skiff
- Which collided with the vessel
- Second unmanned skiff closed, but did not impact
- The skiff on starboard side appeared to have 2 POB
- Likely terrorist organisation/ a party to the Yemen conflict

Recommendations:

- follow BMP5 and the Global Counter Piracy Guidance and;
- monitor reports from UKMTO and MSCHOA

IRTB 19



Vessel westbound lane of IRTC

Two skiffs approaching

sounded its horn; activated its fire hoses.

one skiffs commenced deliberate approach; other stood off.

PAST fired two warning shots at the approaching skiff, which reportedly contained multiple blue drums. Fire was returned which reportedly resulted in the skiff exploding and the other skiff leaving the scene

No members of the crew or PAST were hurt.

Vessel reported that 10-14 rounds impacted its superstructure, causing minor damage.

The vessel was able to continue on its voyage unlikely that the incident was piracy related unclear whether this incident is related to the IRTB 18 incident

Recommendations: Remain vigilant; adhere to BMP5 in GoA and SRS. Citadel below the waterline may not offer best protection against a WBIED.

ANY QUESTIONS?



