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Gulf of Aden Alert (UPDATE): UKMTO reports multiple 'suspicious incidents' within Gulf of Aden during morning hours on May 23; continue avoiding all travel

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Current Situation:

- The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) stated that it has received reports from multiple sources of “suspicious activity” within the Gulf of Aden during the morning hours (local time) on May 23.
- It added that there have been multiple reports of vessels being approached by skiffs, including a large skiff with two engines carrying ladders and weapons.
- Authorities have advised vessel operators to transit the area with caution, follow guidance, and report any suspicious activity to the UKMTO.
- As of the time of writing, authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: [UKMTO](#)

Recommendations:

1. Those managing or operating vessels in the Gulf of Aden on May 23 and over the coming days are advised to take necessary precautions due to the reported incident and remain cognizant of suspicious activity while transiting in the area.
2. Take necessary precautions due to the elevated threats at sea. Remain apprised of UKMTO and US DOT Maritime Administration-issued notices, as well as being aware of NATO Shipping Center alerts.