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NATO Requests Reports of GPS Interference

NATO has appealed for shipowners and operators to report any instances of GPS or AIS interference in the Mediterranean.

Following reports of several instances of electronic interferences in recent months, NATO has requested additional reporting in order to construct a comprehensive picture of this activity and assess its impact in the maritime domain. Of particular concern to NATO are the reports of GPS and AIS interference and GPS jamming in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

NATO has requested reporting as follows:

*/1/DTG (DATE TIME GROUP)/UNIT LAT/ LONG POSITION AT REPORTING TIME//
/2/TRACK WHILE OBSERVING INTERFERENCES/FROM LAT/LONG-TO LAT/ LONG//
/3/DURATION WHILE OBSERVING INTERFERENCES- START AND END TIME//
/4/INTERFERENCE TYPE (SYSTEMS AFFECTED AND HOW)//
/5/ASSESSED DIRECTION OR COVERAGE AREA OF INTERFERENCE//
/6/NAVIGATION - SECONDARY MODES OF NAVIGATION USAGE AND ACCURACY VS GPS SYSTEMS//
/7/COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AFFECTED
/8/OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF OBSERVATIONS - PROVIDE FREE TEXT COMMENT ON THE EVENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED INTERESTING.*

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