

Joint Maritime Information Center

JMIC Advisory Note

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Escalating Regional Tensions – Potential Impact on Maritime Security

Area of Concern:

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Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Northern Arabian Sea

1. Summary:

Open-source information and regional diplomatic developments indicate a marked escalation in tensions between Israel and Iran. The situation remains fluid and highly volatile. At present, there is no direct evidence that commercial shipping is being targeted. However, given the proximity of regional flashpoints to major maritime routes, the potential for rapid escalation involving a maritime nexus should not be discounted.

2. Current Situation:

- Diplomatic efforts between the United States and Iran concerning nuclear negotiations have reportedly stalled.
- Rhetoric from regional actors has intensified; increasing the probability of a military operations involving direct engagement
- There is a possibility that operations could spill over beyond bilateral hostilities into the region.

3. Maritime Implications:

While there are no confirmed indications of an immediate threat to maritime traffic, the following scenarios could prompt a reassessment:

- Use of ballistic or cruise missiles near major maritime chokepoints.
- Targeting of western-aligned or affiliated commercial vessels.
- Collateral risks from regional conflict expanding to coastal or port infrastructure.

4. Recommended Actions:

- **Threat Level:** Threat will be elevated until further notice for vessels operating in or transiting the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Northern Arabian Sea.
- **Situational Monitoring:** Shipmasters and CSOs are advised to maintain close contact with regional maritime security centers (UKMTO and MSCIO) and monitor official government and military advisories.
- **Communications:** Vessels should report any unusual activity or security incidents to UKMTO via established Voluntary Reporting Schemes and keep communication equipment manned and functional at all times.
- **Planning:** Companies are urged to apply BMP MS and review contingency plans for routing, crew welfare, and emergency response in the event of a significant regional escalation.

5. Additional Notes:

This advisory reflects a proactive approach in light of dynamic regional developments. The information herein is derived from open-source information and does not confirm any deliberate targeting of maritime interests as of this publication.

Further updates will be issued as the situation evolves.

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