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EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Informational Message to the Shipping Industry

Days with no incident: 1

Last reported incident: 07 JUL 2025

Despite last Houthi attacks in the Red Sea and Israel attacks on Houthis controlled ports, threat to the maritime environment has now changed.

The assessment is now **CRITICAL** for vessels in connection with **Israel**, transiting through Red Sea, Strait of Bab El Mandeb and Gulf of Aden.

The assessment remains **MODERATE** for vessels in connection with **US**, transiting through Red Sea, Strait of Bab El Mandeb and Gulf of Aden.

The assessment remains **LOW** for vessels with **no** connection to US or Israel transiting through Red Sea, Strait of Bab El Mandeb and Gulf of Aden.

However, this does not exclude the possibility of merchant vessels being targeted in the future.

In order to avoid any collateral damages, we recommend all vessels to **avoid** entering Yemeni **territorial waters**. We further recommend to sail closer to African coast and follow other official guidance, recommendations and best practices.

A solid risk assessment needs to be conducted to sail in this High Threat Area. Especially, consider connections of companies and vessels to countries of interest.

ASPIDES is continuing to support Freedom of Navigation for the maritime community as a maritime security provider by offering Close Protection and Monitoring services to pass the Red Sea, Bab El Mandeb strait and Gulf of Aden area.

ASPIDES monitors continuously the evolution of the threat and its potential impact on maritime security. The operation remains committed to its defensive mission and offers free support in the area.

We further remind all vessel masters that the MSCIO remains available as a point of contact for any occurrences they may deem unusual. These information help to ensure the safety of seafarers and to safeguard the freedom of navigation with the continued support of Operation ASPIDES.

So, for the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, please follow the EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Operation recommendations, available on the MSCIO webpage. ASPIDES' updates can be found at <https://mscio.eu> or by contacting directly at postmaster@mscio.eu where you can be benefited from ASPIDES' support before transiting the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

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