# Joint Maritime Information Center Update 013 - JMIC Advisory Note

Regional Tension - Impact on Maritime Security

**Area of Concern:** 

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Northern Arabian Sea

Regional Threat Level: SIGNIFICANT

JMIC# 008-25

# Update 013

**Headlines:** As of today, Tuesday, June 24, 2025, the strategic situation in the Strait of Hormuz and broader Middle East remains uncertain following recent airstrikes between Iranian and Israel and attacks on U.S bases from Iran. Commercial maritime traffic continues to flow through the SoH, but with reduced numbers recorded for 23 June. There remains no impact to commercial shipping; however, due to the uncertainty of maritime security the **maritime domain threat remains ELEVATED**.

Despite reports of a ceasefire between the U.S., Israel, and Iran, the maritime industry should remain on high alert. Conflicting statements from Iranian officials and continued hostilities highlight the fragility of the situation. While the media reports cautious optimism, they do not constitute a reliable basis for reducing security measures. Underlying geopolitical tensions remain unresolved, and threats from Iranian-aligned groups like the Houthis persist. Electronic interference and the strategic vulnerability of key choke points such as the Strait of Hormuz further underscore the ongoing risks.

JMIC continues to receive questions regarding the Strait of Hormuz and Iran-US Tensions. What we currently know is:

- **US Strikes:** The US carried out military actions against three Iranian nuclear sites (Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordow) over the weekend.
- US Bases Targeted: Iran conducted retaliatory strikes on a U.S. base in the region.
- **Ongoing Hostilities:** Iranian missile launches towards Israel and Israeli strikes in Tehran occured after the declared ceasefire commencement.
- **Electronic Interference:** Persistently higher levels of electronic interference, particularly affecting GNSS systems, continue to be experienced throughout a larger section of the region.
- Threat of SoH Closure: Remains unknown.

Sustainability of the ceasefire agreement remains unclear. There is no indication that the Strait of Hormuz will be blocked or closed. JMIC is persistently monitoring vessel movements in the region and

assesses traffic continues to flow through the Strait of Hormuz.

### JMIC recommends industry:

**Maintain Elevated Security Posture:** Continue to adhere to BMP-MS and all existing security advisories (e.g., JMIC, UKMTO, MSCIO).

**Conduct Thorough Threat and Risk Assessments:** Perform detailed, vessel-specific, and voyage-specific risk assessments for any transit through the region, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Gulf, and Red Sea.

**Ensure Robust Contingency Planning:** Have clear plans for rerouting, emergency response, crew welfare, and communication in the event of renewed escalation or incident.

**Maintain Vigilant Lookouts:** Employ enhanced visual lookouts and rely more heavily on radar-based navigation, especially given the prevalence of electronic interference.

**Stay Informed:** Continuously monitor credible intelligence sources and official government channels for real-time updates, as the situation can change rapidly.

See Figure 1 below.

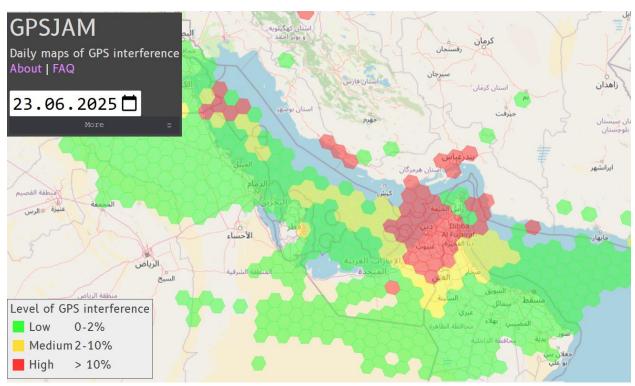


Fig 1. GNSS Interference Map 23<sup>nd</sup> July (source: gpsjam.org)

The JMIC continues to monitor the situation closely and will provide timely updates should there be any changes. Monitor the <u>UKMTO</u> and <u>MSCIO</u> website for updated information.

## 1. Situational updates as of 24 June:

- Iran's Parliament has approved a motion to close the Strait of Hormuz in response to the US strikes. The final decision rests with the Supreme National Security Council.
- June of 2025 averaged 114 vessels transiting the SoH daily. The figures below for June 2025 show consistency in the Strait of Hormuz traffic divided into East- and West transit.

Date	17. June	18. June	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June
East transit	58	57	53	53	59	67	49
West transit	56	73	50	51	63	50	42

<sup>\*</sup>Data based on cargo-carrying vessels 1,000 GT and above.

### 2. Maritime Implications and Recommended Actions:

- Latest guidance JMIC Advisory note 008 update 005
- JMIC Bridge Emergency Reference Cards
- BMP Maritime Security

### 3. Additional Notes:

This update is based on the most recent development over the past 24-hours. JMIC will issue daily updates unless events warrant more expeditious reporting.

# Next Update 25 June

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