Joint Maritime Information Center

JMIC Advisory Note

High Threat to U.S. Associated Commercial Shipping

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Area:

Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb, Gulf of Aden

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JMIC issues this advisory to provide general awareness for the maritime industry stakeholders operating in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb Strait, and the Gulf of Aden. In light of **SIGNIFICANT** regional tensions, this advisory is intended to support safe transit through these strategically vital waterways. The recommendations outlined below should be reviewed carefully and, where applicable, implemented prior to and during transit in the threat area to enhance situational awareness and preparedness.

Threat Overview

The threat to U.S.associated commercial shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden is currently assessed as **HIGH**. This categorization follows U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities and Houthi rhetoric directly targeting the U.S.associated maritime assets (The Houthi statement Saturday, June 21, 2025*). This threat emerges amid ongoing hostilities between Israel and Iran. It should be noted, the Houthis, supported by Iran, have a documented history of targeting shipping in the Red Sea and have previously expressed intent to act against U.S. and Israeli interests at sea.

*Specifically, Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree stated that if the United States joins Israel in any military action against Iran, Houthi forces will target U.S. commercial vessels and warships in the Red Sea.

U.S. associated shipping includes but is not limited to flag State, owner, operator, charter, or cargo.

Recommendation and Guidance

For maritime operators with U.S. affiliations, JMIC strongly recommends extreme caution and consideration of potential route alterations.

Shipping not associated with the United States or Israel is currently subject to a lower threat level, but all vessels are advised to continue following BMP-MS guidance and report any incidents or suspicious activity to UKMTO.