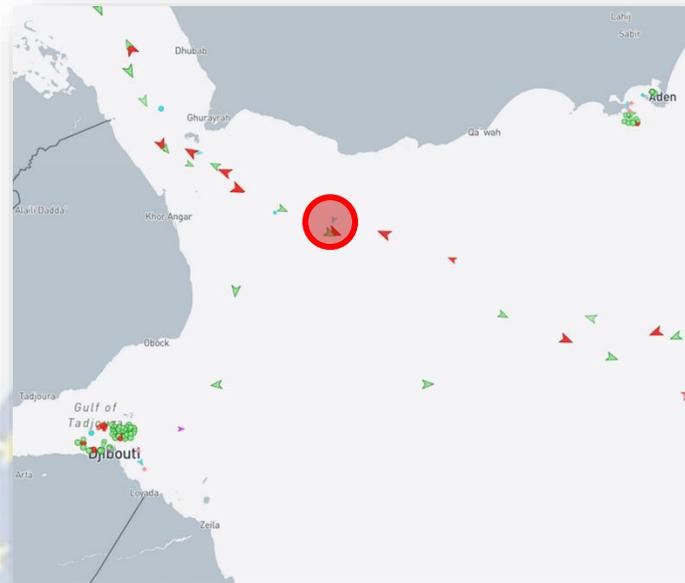


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### OP ATALANTA INITIAL ASSESSMENT

It has been reported an incident in the vicinity 12-18N 043-51E, close to Bab El Mandeb in the GoA, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 0942UTC, involving a vessel being approached by a skiff with armed people on board and ordering the vessel to stop followed by exchange of fire.



After information gathering from key stakeholders and analysis made, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA initial classification of this event is: **Non-piracy related.**

EUNAVFOR ATALANTA recommends shipping industry to maintain a robust MDA, made of three key components:

- **MSA.** This incident is in line with previous observations, so a pattern of life could be considered.
- **Maritime Security Threat Awareness.** Reportedly, skiffs delivered rounds into the air, and not aiming at the approached vessel. That is assessed as warning shots. No increase of threat is considered.
- **Incident response Awareness.** Vessel promptly reported the incident allowing MSCIO to react. The industry is encouraged to review procedures for incident response in any area they are going to transit across, including reporting/registration schemes with MSCIO/UKMTO in Indian Ocean, Red and Persian Gulf.

**Reporting all observations will strengthen this knowledge.**