

JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East



Accurate and timely information for the protection of Mariners

Week 12 – 2026
(16 Mar to 22 Mar)

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)

JMIC Weekly Assessment for the Middle East Region.

Guidance for Vessels transiting the High Threat Area

Regional Overview: Active military operations are ongoing in parts of the Middle East. The security environment remains dynamic and subject to rapid escalation. Maritime operators should anticipate potential spillover effects into maritime domain, including:

1. Possible disruption to commercial shipping routes
2. Short-notice coastal or navigation warnings
3. Increased military presence and activity at sea and in the air
4. Heightened risk of miscalculation in congested waterways
5. Increased risk of GNSS/GPS disruption or spoofing due to EMI; mariners should exercise extreme caution and verify navigation data through alternative means
6. Commercial operators should ensure they obtain the latest port status updates and operational advisories from local agents, terminal operators, and relevant authorities prior to planning or executing port calls in the region.

The overall threat level to merchant vessels transiting the RS, BAM, GoA, Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and SoH varies by sub-region. Threat level in the RS, BAM, and GoA remain assessed as **MODERATE**. While, the threat levels in the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and SoH remain assessed as **CRITICAL**. At present, SoH is not officially closed, and merchant vessels remain able to transit. UKMTO and JMIC continue to operate, with support from onsite and remote locations. Shippers are requested to continue reporting and to reach out to UKMTO / JMIC as needed.

JMIC continues to monitor reports of suspicious approaches in the region and will issue Information Notes for confirmed pirate activity. No active PAGs are noted at time of this report assessed possibly due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Risk mitigation measures and resources include:

1. BMP-Maritime Security
2. JMIC Bridge Emergency Reference Cards
3. Register for ASPIDES protection via [EUNAVFOR ASPIDES website](#)

Specific Events

Indian Ocean and Coast of Somalia

- The piracy threat is currently assessed as **LOW** in the GoA, Somali Basin, and the Indian Ocean.

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Central Red Sea

- **MODERATE** EMI
- Maintain awareness on small crafts operating in the BAM area, but be aware that not all small crafts have hostile intentions.
- Reports of naval mining activity in the SoH remain unsubstantiated; no confirmation of mining in the SoH.

CMF Regional Threat Level Assessment

Due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, CMF N2 is currently unable to provide the Regional Threat Level Assessment.

For updates and outlook of the respective Area of Operation (AOO), the shipping industry may refer to the JMIC Daily Advisory Note.



Electromagnetic Interference



- Across the central Red Sea region, the levels of interference have decreased from critical to moderate levels. In the northern and southern regions, the levels have similarly decreased, as highlighted around Suez Canal and Bab el Mandeb areas.
- Compared to last week, the levels of interference observed in the vicinities of Fujairah, Khor Fakkan, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bandar Abbas have decreased from severe to moderate levels.
- The vicinity of Bandar e-Pars has decreased from critical to moderate levels. The Strait of Hormuz and Southern Arabian Gulf have also decreased from severe/critical to moderate levels, while the Northern and Central Arabian Gulf have decreased to low levels.
- Vessels are requested to report experiences of electronic interference to UKMTO, in support of keeping the broader shipping community better informed.

Source: [UKMTO](#)



Houthi related incidents reported by UKMTO: None



Date	Type of Incident Source	Vessel Name Flag / IMO / Location	Reports
NTR	-	-	-

Houthi activity continues to pose a significant threat to maritime traffic in the Red Sea.

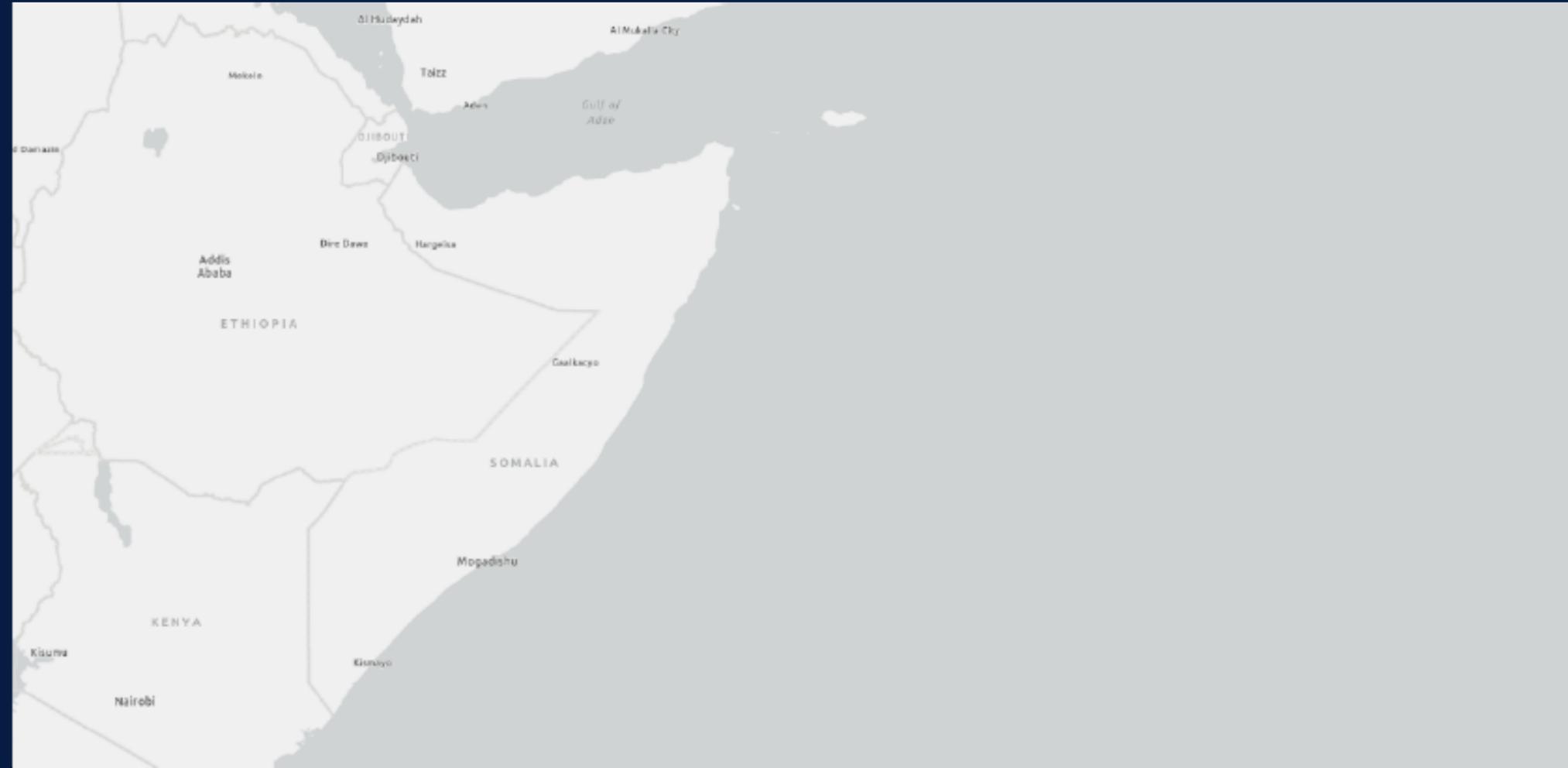
Merchant shipping incidents reported by JMIC/UKMTO



Date	Total number of Attacks/Near Miss	Remarks
16 to 22 Mar	1 Attack (Serious) + 3 Suspicious Activities	Refer to JMIC Daily Advisory Note 16 to 22 Mar 26



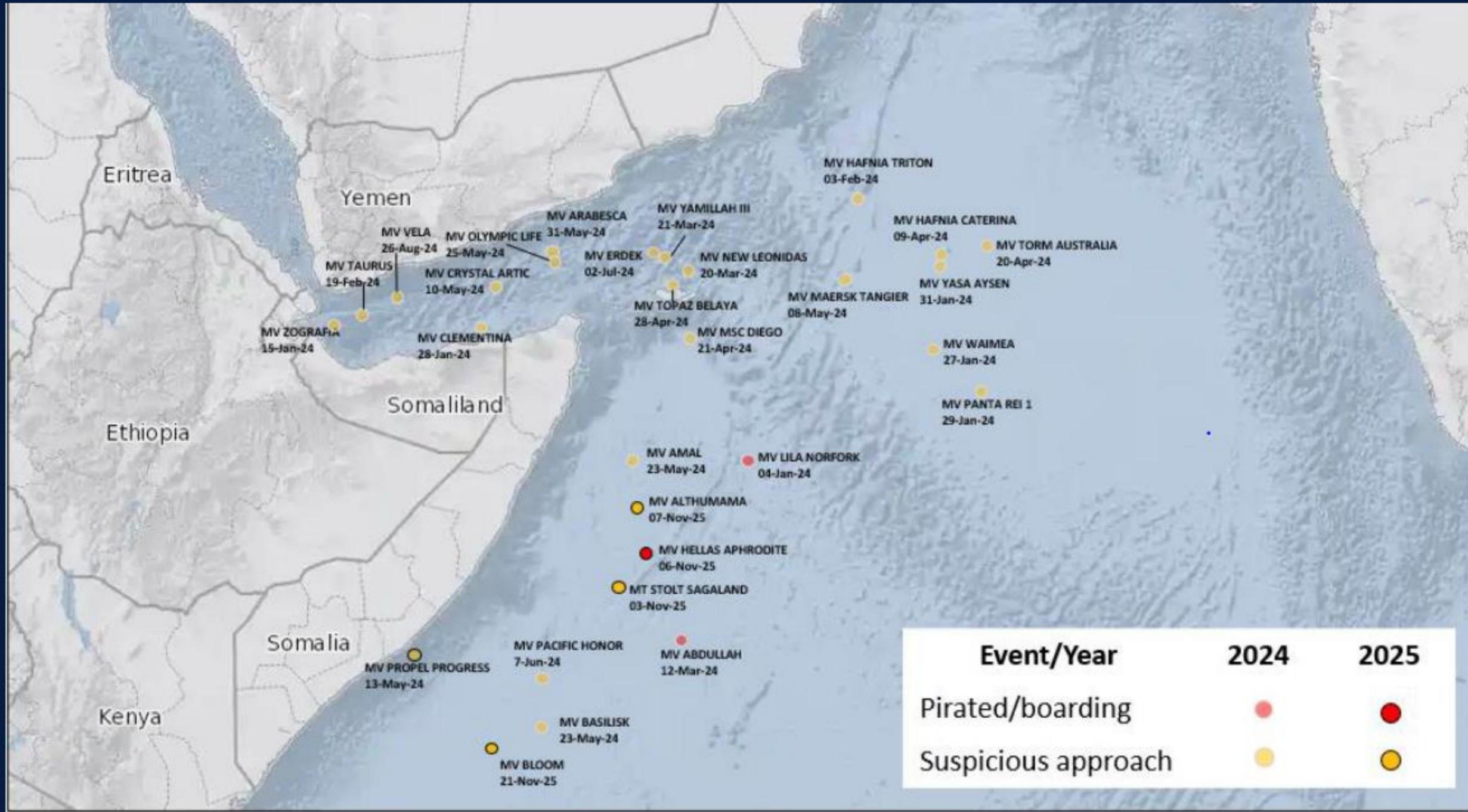
Piracy incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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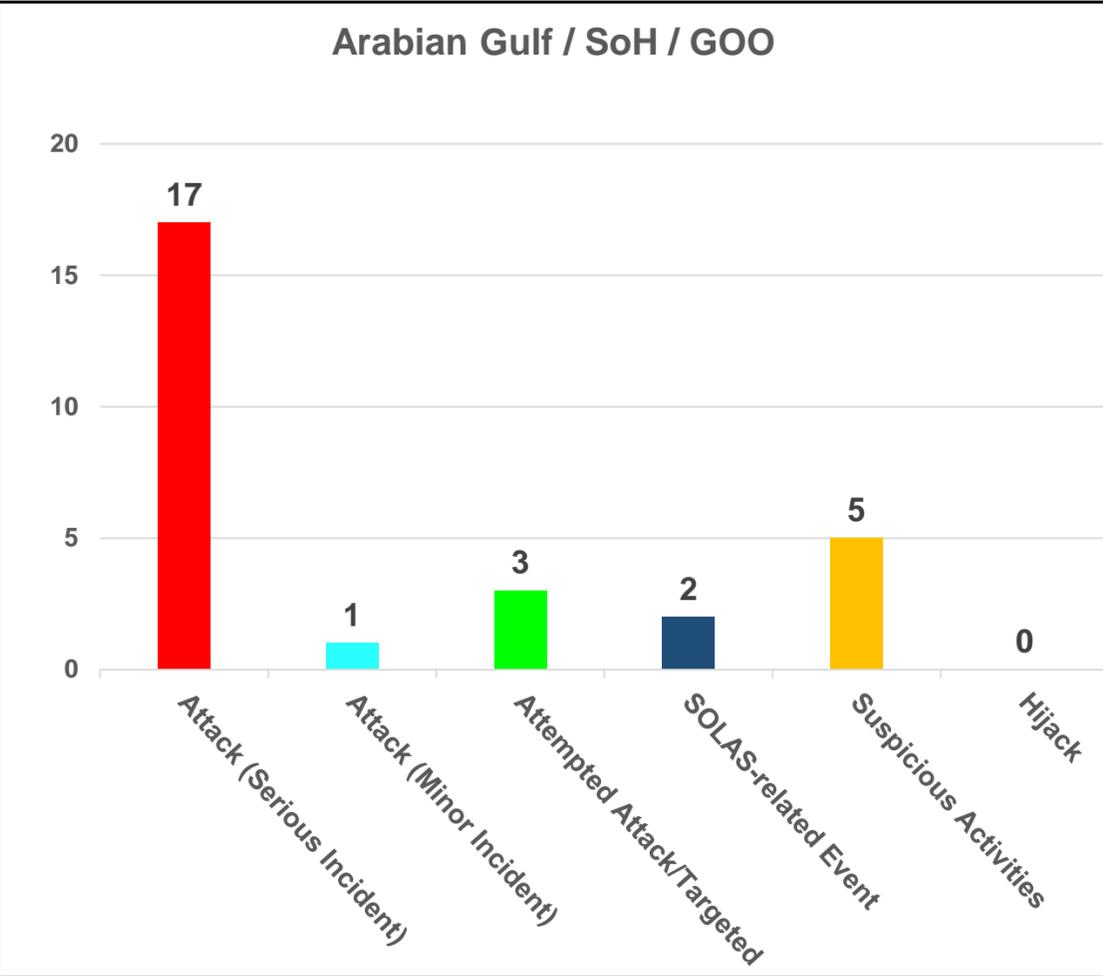
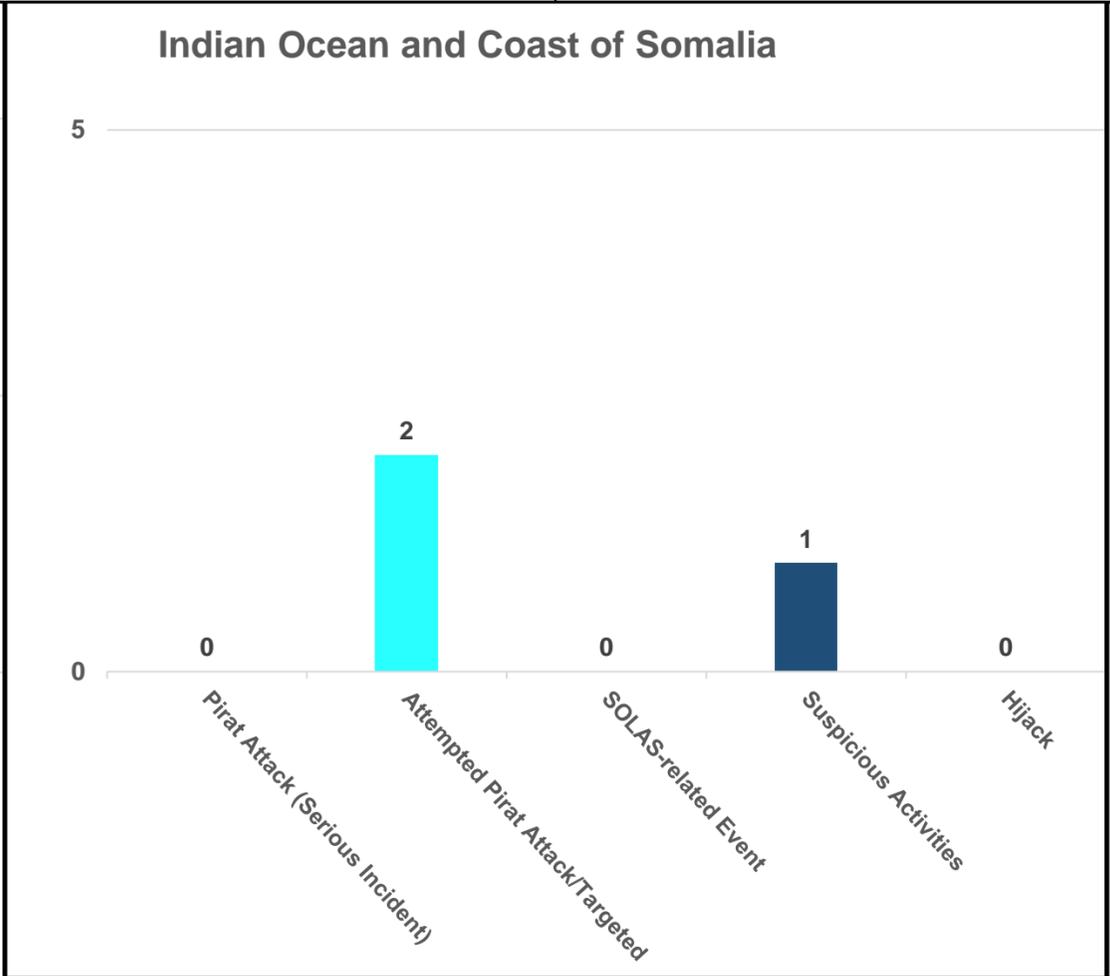
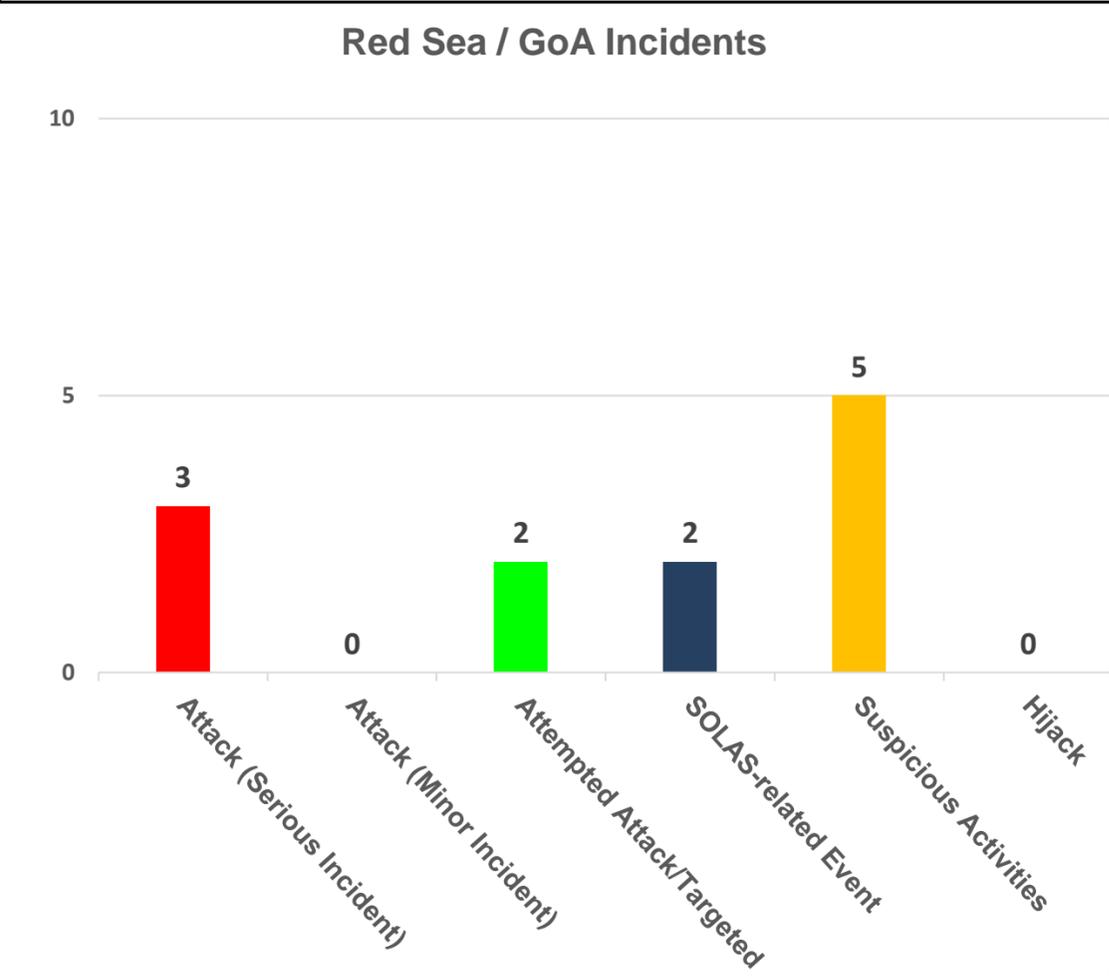


Piracy incidents 2024 2025 Comparison



JMIC Investigated Incidents

Total number of Incidents <i>(excluding coalition engagements)</i>	152 (4 new this week)
Days since last incident / incident type	01 day / Suspicious Activity (since 21 Mar 26)



Last incident info:
 Date: 17 FEB 2026
 Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
 Ship: TUG

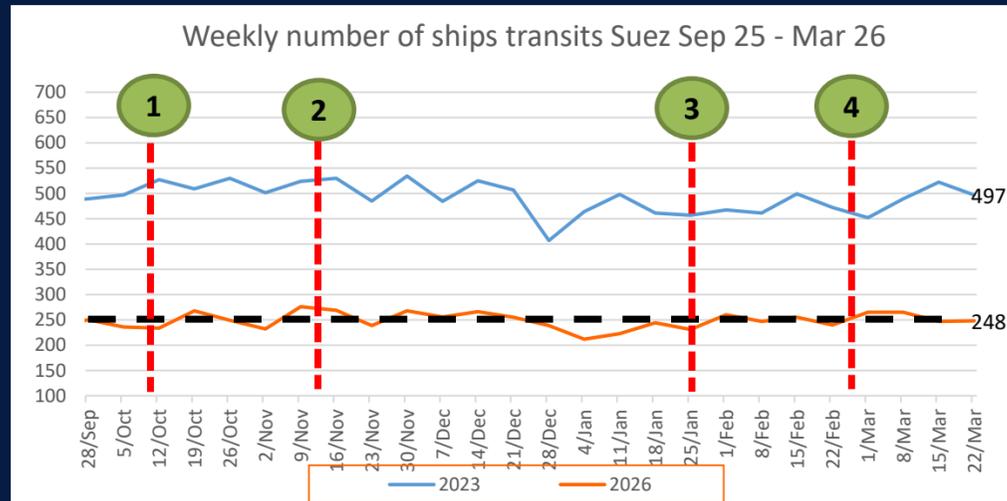
Last incident info:
 Date: 07 NOV 2025
 Type: ATTEMPTED PIRATE ATTACK
 Ship: TANKER

Last incident info:
 Date: 17 MAR, 18 MAR, 19 MAR, 21 MAR
 Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, ATTACK
 Ship: LPG, TANKER, TUG, BULK CARRIER



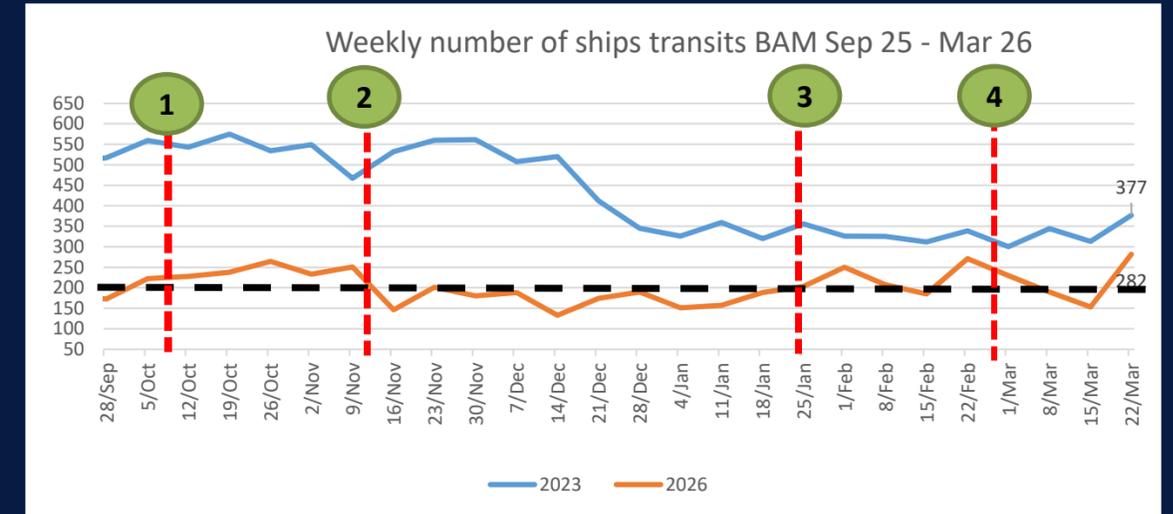
Weekly Transits

Suez



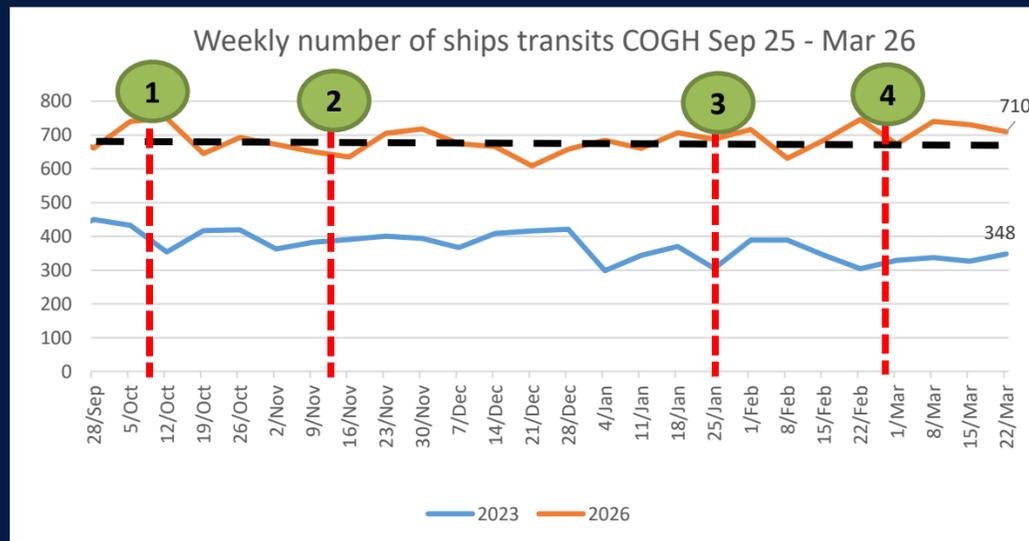
0.4% Increase last week

Bab al-Mandeb (BAM)



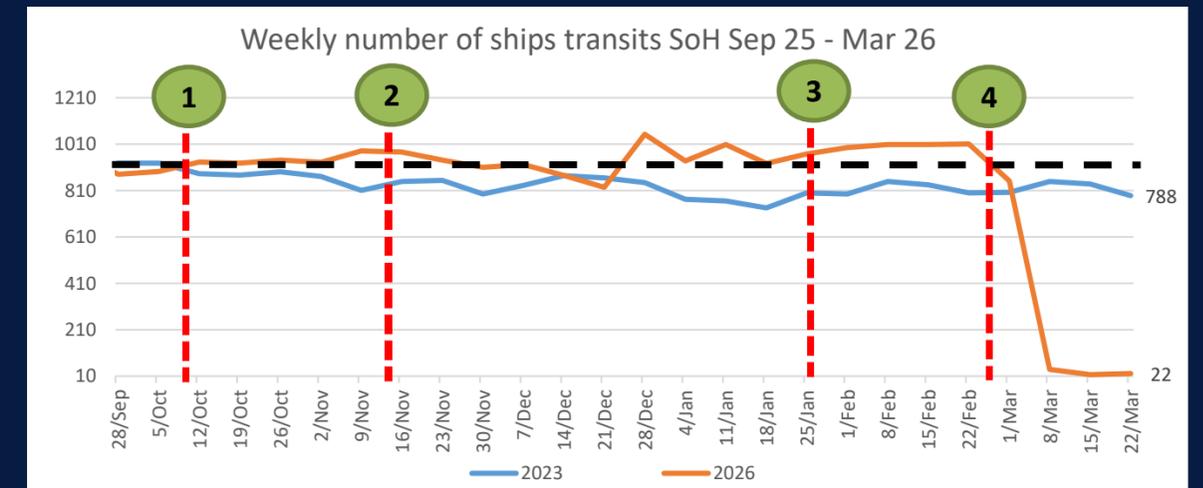
84.3% Increase last week

Cape of Good Hope (CoGH)



2.8% Decrease last week

Strait of Hormuz (SoH)



29.4% Increase last week

- 1 Hamas-Israel ceasefire
10 OCT 2025
- 2 Houthi Statement
11 NOV 2025
- 3 Houthi announcement on the
retaliationary maritime attack if
strikes in the region
25 JAN 2026
- 4 Outbreak of regional hostilities in
the Middle East
28 FEB 2026

*The statistics presented in this report are based solely on cargo carrying vessels engaged in international trade/transit. This data does not include smaller vessels such as pleasure crafts, yachts, fishing vessels, tugboats, or other types of smaller ships that operate within local or regional waters and are not involved in international shipping.

Definitions – Incident types

General Categories	Explanatory Notes
Attack (Serious Incident)	The result of a deliberate launching of weapons (i.e missiles, drones), and/or ramming into a vessel that results in serious damage to the vessel. The attack is deemed serious if any resulting damage impacts the vessel's ability to continue functioning, which requires immediate assistance. It includes a vessel deemed a total loss, and significant threat to lives.
Attack (Minor Incident)	The result of a deliberate launching of weapons (i.e missiles, drones), and/or ramming into a vessel that results in either a miss or minor damage to the vessel. The attack is deemed minor if any resulting damage does not impact the vessel's ability to continue functioning and/or does not require immediate assistance.
Attempted Attack/Targeted	<p>This refers to the act of targeting a vessel with the use of force that results in a miss and no damage to the vessel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any use of force including but not limited to launching of weapons (i.e. missiles, drones), and/or ramming into the vessel. • No damage may include but not limited to missile ditching, and/or coalition warships shooting down missiles and/or drones.
Hijack	Is where attackers have illegally boarded and taken control of a ship against the crew's will.
Suspicious Activities	This refers to any act of activity near the vessel that is enough to warrant suspicion. To include aerial, surface, and subsurface activities.
SOLAS-related Event	A SOLAS event in this terms refers to a major safety related event (Including but not limited to: Fire/Flooding/Capsizing) which is not due to an attack. This is reported by JMIC solely to avoid speculations about if this was a harmful activity towards a merchant vessel or not.



Additional Resources

Additional Resources on Incident:

UKMTO Reporting Visit: <https://www.ukmto.org>

Email: watchkeepers@ukmto.org

Emergency Tel: +44 (0)2392 222060

Additional Resources on Industry Guidance:

BMP - MARITIME SECURITY

[BMP-MS-March 2025](#)

Industry Transit Advice for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden from 25th of September 2024

[Industry Transit Advice - 25th September 2024](#)

MSCIO

[MSCIO Website](#)

[EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Support Request](#)

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Info Notes, Advisories, Weekly Summary, Monthly Statistics, and Bridge Emergency Reference Cards:

[JMIC Products \(ukmto.org\)](#)

[JMIC Advisory on CMF Maritime Threat Levels](#)

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