JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East



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Week 41 - 2025 (06 October – 12 October)



JMIC Weekly Assessment for the Middle East Region.

Guidance for Vessels transiting the High Threat Area

As the Houthis continue to threaten commercial maritime vessels which they perceive to have an Israeli association, aligning to the May 19 Blockade and July 27 Phase IV Operation announcements, companies and operators planning a Bab El-Mandeb transit are encouraged to conduct a **thorough** assessment of their company business structure and previous port calls to identify any associations that may place the vessel at risk. JMIC reminds maritime industry that the Houthis possess the capability to target commercial vessels well into the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, and the threat of collateral damage exists when operating or transiting through a conflict zone. The Houthis will also continue to engage industry through various methods including HOCC messaging and display of capabilities.

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 Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin and the Indian Ocean. With threat increasing to MODERATE closer inshore.

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman

• SUBSTANTIAL EM interference in the AG, SoH, and GoO.

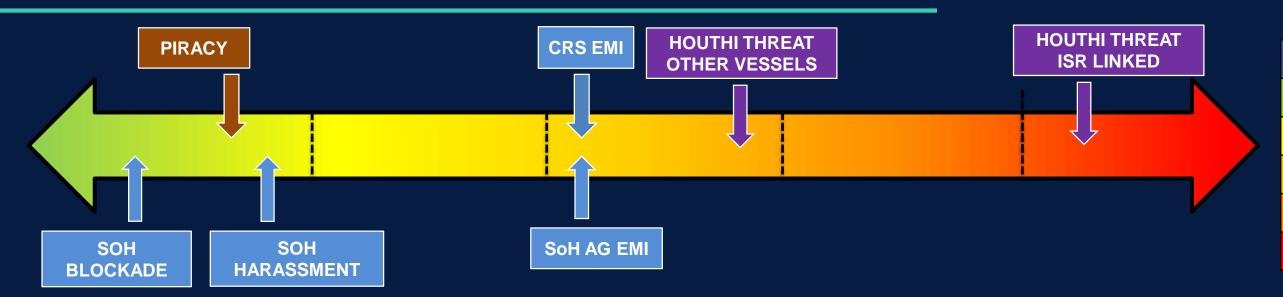
Red Sea, Bab-al-Mandab and Gulf of Aden

• SUBSTANTIAL EM interference in the Red Sea and noticeable levels in vicinity of Port Sudan, Yanbu, and Jeddah.





CMF Regional Threat Level Assessment



Threat Level	Definition
Low	An attack is highly unlikely
Moderate	An attack is possible but not likely
Substantial	An attack is a strong possibility
Severe	An attack is highly likely
Critical	An attack is almost certain

CMF Assessment - Other Disruption Threats

There are **SUBSTANTIAL** levels of EMI and GNSS interference reported in the Arabian Gulf with EMI LIKELY emanating from Bandar-e-Pars, Port of Asaluyeh and areas ivo the SoH. It is LIKELY that an increase in EMI is due to military force protection.

There are **SUBSTANTIAL** levels of EMI reported in the CRS with the partial EMI LIKELY emanating from ports and military installations within Sudan. There has also been an increase in reporting of GNSS interference from within the CRS between 03 OCT 25 – 05 OCT 25.

CMF Assessment - Piracy Threat

The piracy threat is currently assessed as **LOW** in the Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin and the Indian Ocean.

As the weather conditions continue to improve, the opportunity for criminal networks/pirates to attempt aggressive actions against merchant vessels or small fishing dhows will LIKELY increase, with the threat increasing to **MODERATE** closer inshore.

CMF Assessment - Houthi Threat

At ICOD Israel and Hamas have agreed to the first phase of a U.S.-brokered peace deal, with a full ceasefire expected to take effect. It is not yet known how this will affect the Houthi threat to shipping in the Red Sea and GoA.

Threat level remains **CRITICAL** for any merchant vessel (MV) or shipping company (inc. fleet) affiliated to Israel interests (fully/partially owned, flagged, Israeli port calls) when transiting the Red whilst the threat to other non-Israeli affiliated shipping is assessed to be **SUBSTANTIAL**.





CMF Regional Threat Level Assessment

Key Considerations

06 OCT: The Somalian Army has regained control of coastal area, Awdeeghle in the Lower Shabelle region. The area has reportedly been under Al-Shabaab control since MAR 2025. Al-Shabaab have focused on controlling areas within the Lower Shabelle region due to their proximity to the coastline.

07 OCT: Yemeni forces seized a vessel carrying military equipment which included drone components, surveillance devices and communications equipment. The vessel was intercepted west of Aden near the Lahj province.

07 OCT: The Houthis attempted 4 drone attacks within one hour into the Israeli coastal city of Eilat. The IDF reported they had successfully intercepted all four attempts and there were no reported injuries or structural damage.

09 OCT: Hamas agreed to the first phase of the Gaza peace plan allowing the release of hostages put forward by US President Donald Trump. This followed three days of mediated talks in Egypt starting on 06 OCT.

10 OCT: Houthi media coverage on Al-Masirah TV promoted mass rallies in northern Yemen in support of Gaza, highlighting that the Houthis would take action if they perceived any breaches to the agreement.





Electromagnetic Interference



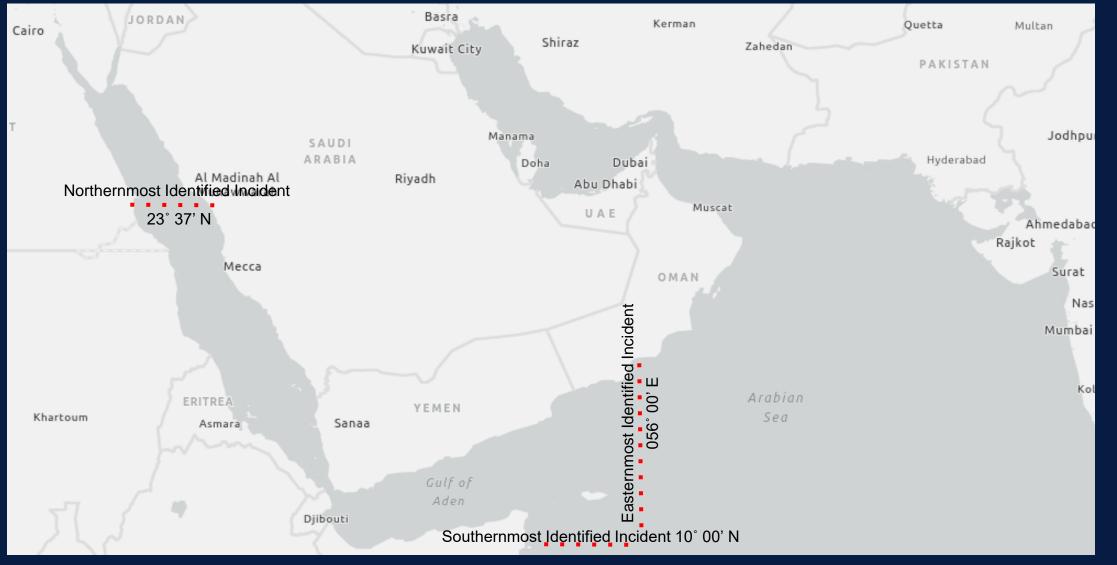
- The heat-mapping graphic indicates the relative levels of electronic interference in the form of AIS anomalies during the period 1st October - 8th October.
- Last week, anomalous speeds were primarily clustered in the Red Sea.
 This week, there is a marked increase in anomalies in the Arabian Gulf, particularly in the vicinity of Bandar-e-Pars and the Strait of Hormuz.
 Additionally, the Suez Canal region shows a higher concentration of anomalies than previously observed, indicating a broader spread of interference across key maritime chokepoints.
- Vessels are requested to report experience of electronic interference to UKMTO, in support of keeping the broader community better informed.





Source: **UKMTO**

Incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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





Incident: Attack (Serious Incident) - UPDATE

29th September 2025 | UN-DISCLOSED | Attack (Serious Incident) | Gulf of Aden | JMIC Incident No. 123

At 1340UTC military sources reported that a general cargo vessel, 128nm East of Aden, Yemen, was hit. Crew carried out firefighting and reported two crew members were injured. The crew was evacuated to Djibouti.

At the moment, one injured crew members is still hospitalized, but stable. The other injured crew member unfortunately passed away.

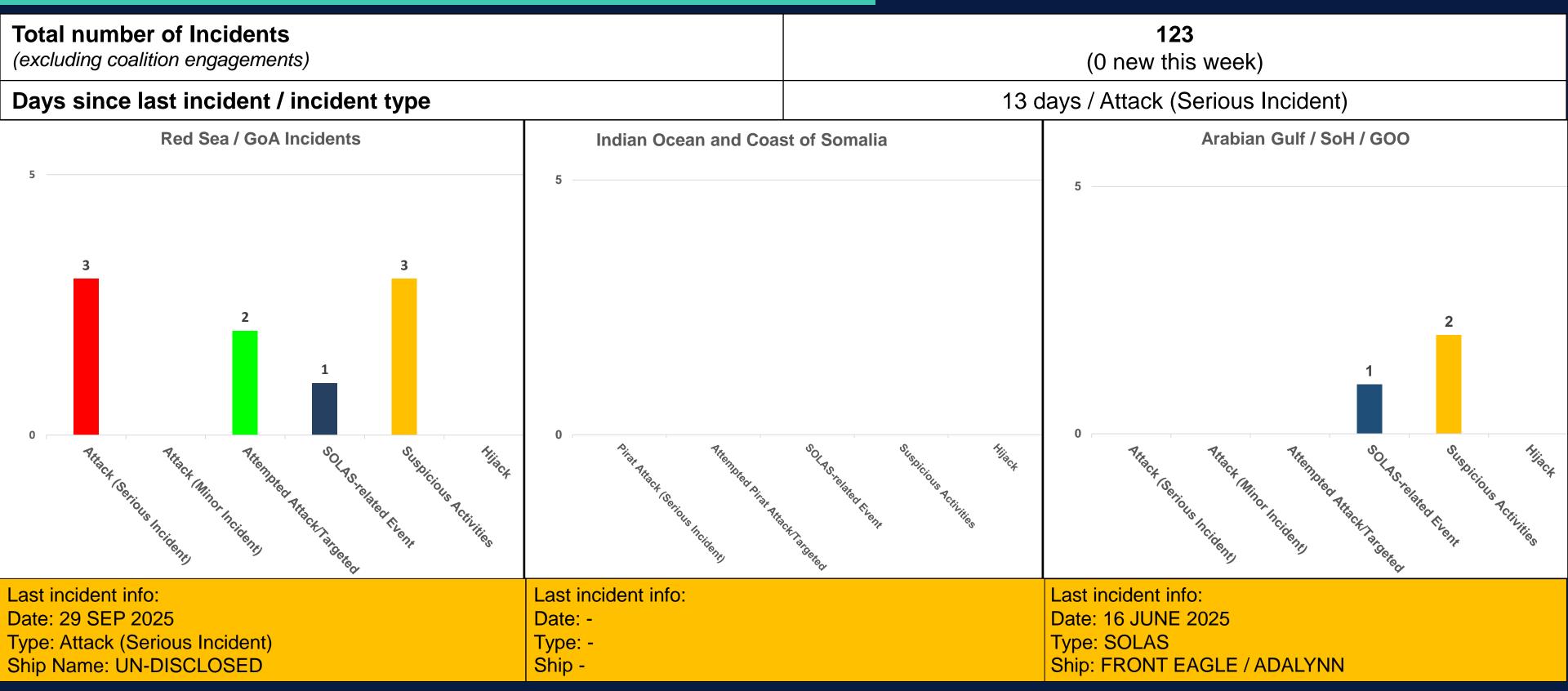
Incident ship is no longer on fire and is being towed towards a safe harbour.







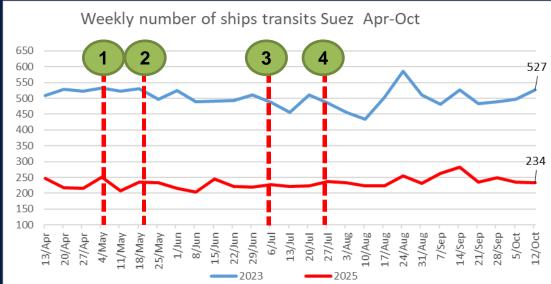
JMIC Investigated Incidents Since 01 January 2025





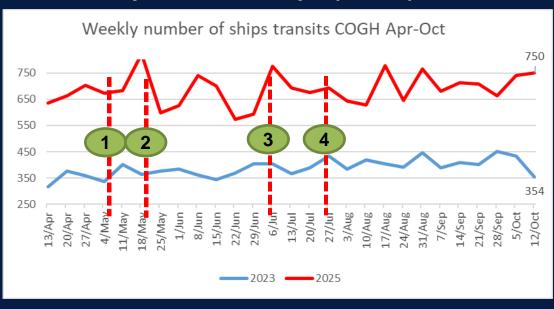
Weekly Transits





0,85 % decrease WoW

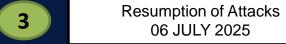
Cape of Good Hope (CoGH)



1,2 % increase WoW

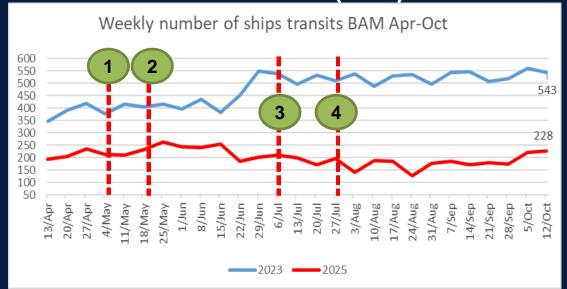
US and Houthis Ceasefire 1 06 MAY 2025





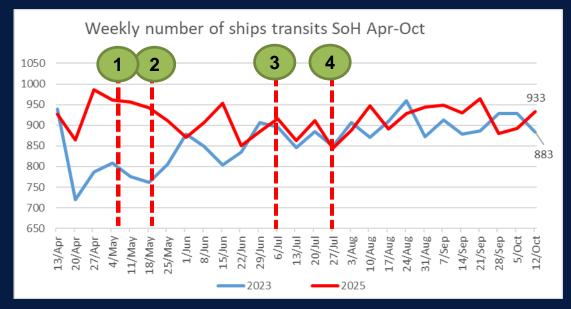


Bab al-Mandeb (BAM)



2.7 % increase WoW

Strait of Hormuz (SoH)



4,6 % increase WoW



^{*}The statistics presented in this report are based solely on cargo caring 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 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	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. • 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

<u>BMP-MS-March 2025</u>

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

JMIC

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

<u>JMIC Products (ukmto.org)</u>

JMIC Advisory on CMF Maritime Threat Levels

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