

# JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East



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**Week 49 - 2025**  
**(01 – 07 December)**



*Combined Maritime Forces*

# JMIC Weekly Assessment for the Middle East Region

## Guidance for Vessels transiting the High Threat Area

Houthi forces have HIGHLY LIKELY paused maritime strikes whilst they continue to monitor the ongoing ceasefire agreement. At ICOD, the Gaza peace pact and overarching ceasefire remain intact. Should the ceasefire collapse entirely then the Houthis would HIGHLY LIKELY return to attacks on Israel, and Israeli affiliated interests.

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.

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 **MODERATE** in the Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin and the Indian Ocean.

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman

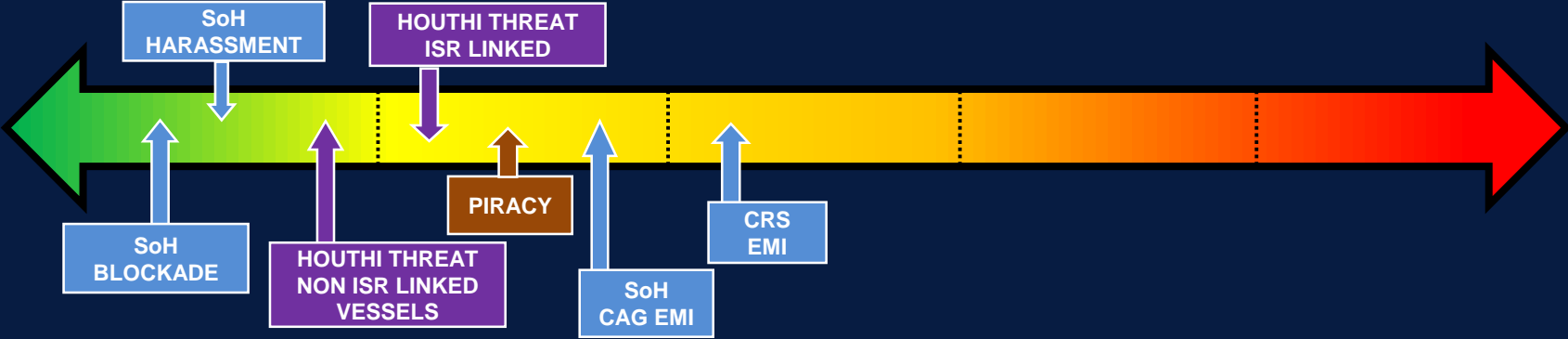
- **MODERATE** EM interference in the AG, SoH, and GoO.

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

- **SUBSTANTIAL** EM interference in the Red Sea in vicinity of Port Sudan, Yanbu, and Jeddah.
- Maintain awareness on small crafts operating in the Bab-al-Mandeb area, but be aware that not all small crafts have hostile intentions. There is a large presence of fishermen operating small crafts in BAM and GoA from Nov to Feb due to Yellowfin Tuna Season.



# 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

Levels of GNSS interference in the Arabian Gulf (AG) have presented at lower intensity levels throughout the last week. The SoH and AG remain prone to sporadic EMI and vessels transiting this area could be impacted.

The concentration of EMI remains **SUBSTANTIAL** in the Central Red Sea with jamming emanating from Port Sudan in particular.

CMF Assessment - Piracy Threat

The piracy threat is assessed as **MODERATE** due to the permissive weather conditions and continued presence of foreign fishing vessels (FFVs) operating within the SOM EEZ, which increases the opportunity for PAGs to target FFVs to use as motherships further offshore in dense shipping traffic. The two suspicious incidents reported this week by MSCIO (19/25, 6 Dec & 18/25, 5 Dec) are both now assessed to be non piracy related events.

CMF Assessment - Houthi Threat

Houthi leadership continues to promote supportive messaging to Hamas concerning the peace plan and current ceasefire. The Houthi rhetoric remains the same, stating that they are poised to re-start their campaign against Israel and Israeli interest if they deem the peace plan to have failed.

The threat level is **MODERATE** for any merchant vessel (MV) or shipping company (inc. fleet) affiliated to Israel (fully/partially owned, flagged, Israeli port calls) when transiting the RS, BAM and GoA, whilst the threat to other non-Israeli affiliated shipping is assessed to be **LOW**.



# CMF Regional Threat Level Assessment

## Key Considerations

**02 DEC** Open-source reporting stated that 9 Philipino sailors held hostage by the Houthis since July 2025 have been released to the Philipino embassy in Oman. The Philipino sailors were crew members aboard Eternity C; a merchant vessel targeted by the Houthis on 07 JUL 2025.

**05 DEC** UKMTO reported a vessel experienced an attack in the BaM, 15 small craft approached and the vessel and the skiffs exchanged warning shots. The master of the vessel reported that there were no casualties and the vessel proceeds to its next call. Subsequent CMF/JMIC assessments point to a non-piracy related event and that the incident was highly likely a rapid escalation between local fishermen whose lines had been run over and armed security teams.

**07 DEC** Israeli PM Netanyahu said the first phase of Gaza peace plan was nearly complete and that the second phase would begin soon. Although conditions for Phase 2 have yet to be fully met, an announcement is likely in the next two weeks. Phase 2 involves governance and security mechanisms which aims to support a post war Gaza, including the presence of an international stabilisation force.



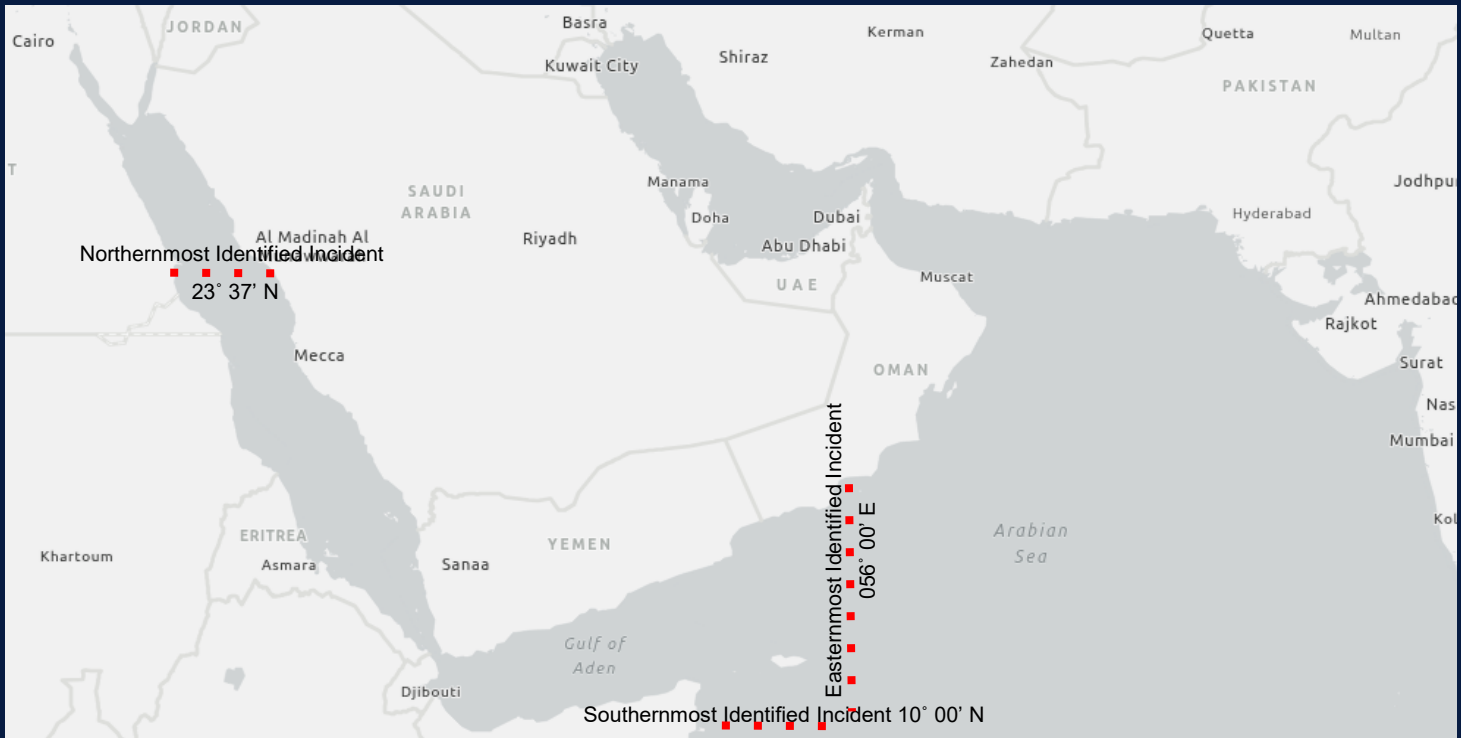


# Electromagnetic Interference

- The heat-mapping graphic indicates the relative levels of electronic interference in the form of AIS anomalies during the period 27 November – 04 December, 2025
- The only visible concentrations that have been noticed this week are in the vicinity of Bandar e-Pars, Central Red Sea and in the vicinities of Abu Dhabi and Fujairah. There have been no reports of GNSS Vessel Reports since 06 November, highlighting a further lack of compliance in reporting. The levels of interference now appear to be holding steady, replicating those levels first seen in January 2025.
- Vessels are requested to report experience of electronic interference to UKMTO, in support of keeping the broader community better informed.



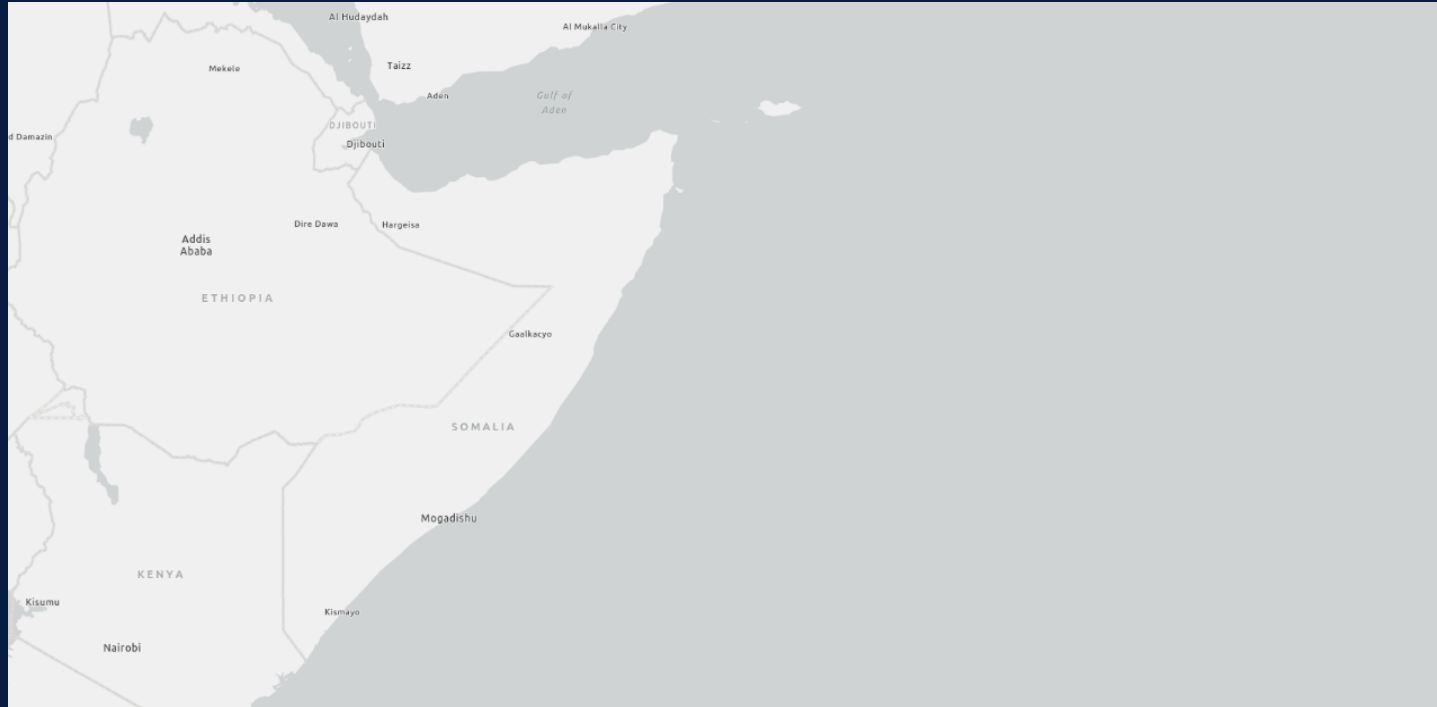
# Houthi related incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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NTR			



# Piracy incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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# JMIC Investigated Incidents Since 01 January 2025

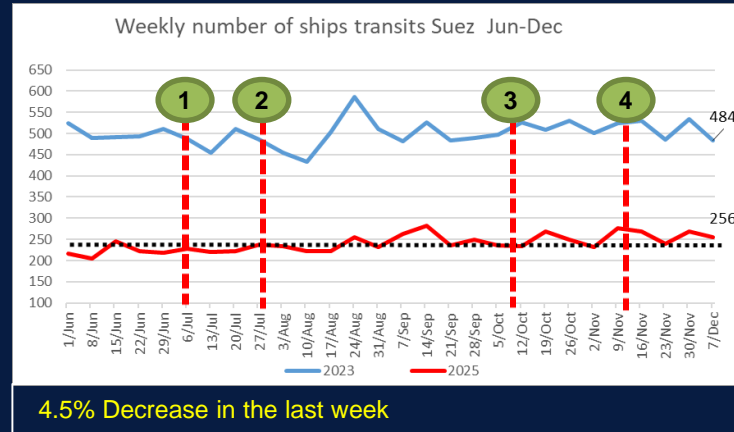
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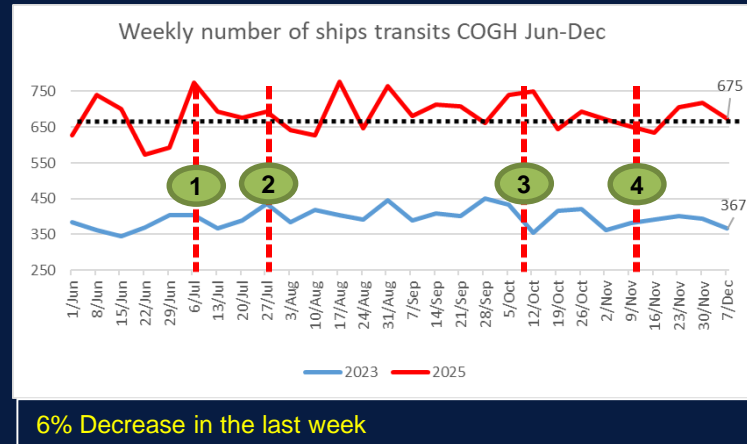


# Weekly Transits

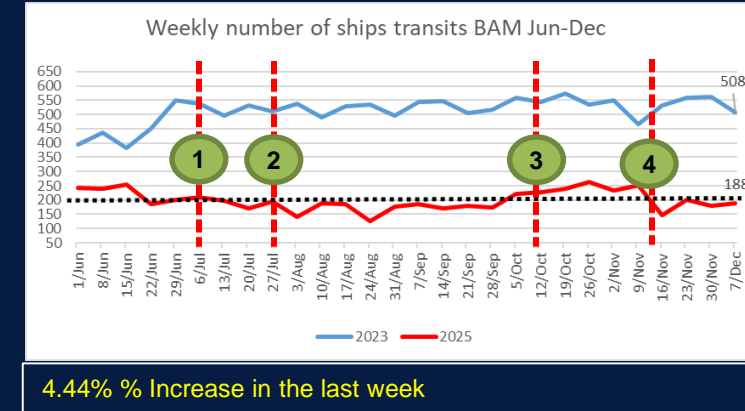
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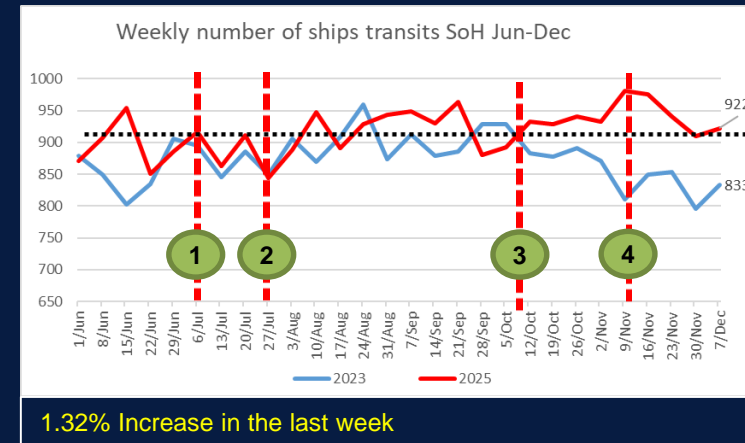
## Cape of Good Hope (CoGH)



## Bab al-Mandeb (BAM)



## Strait of Hormuz (SoH)



1

Resumption of attacks  
06 JULY 2025

2

Houthi announcement  
27 JULY 2025

3

Hamas-Israel ceasefire  
10 OCT 2025

4

Houthi statement  
11 NOV 2025

\*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
<b>Attack (Serious Incident)</b>	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.
<b>Attack (Minor Incident)</b>	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.
<b>Attempted Attack/Targeted</b>	<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"> <li>Any use of force including but not limited to launching of weapons (i.e. missiles, drones), and/or ramming into the vessel.</li> <li>No damage may include but not limited to missile ditching, and/or coalition warships shooting down missiles and/or drones.</li> </ul>
<b>Hijack</b>	Is where attackers have illegally boarded and taken control of a ship against the crew's will.
<b>Suspicious Activities</b>	This refers to any act of activity near the vessel that is enough to warrant suspicion. To include aerial, surface, and subsurface activities.
<b>SOLAS-related Event</b>	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

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## **Additional Resources on Incident:**

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

Email: [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

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