

# JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East



*Accurate and timely information for the protection of Mariners*

**Week 50 - 2025**  
**(8 – 14 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 while 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

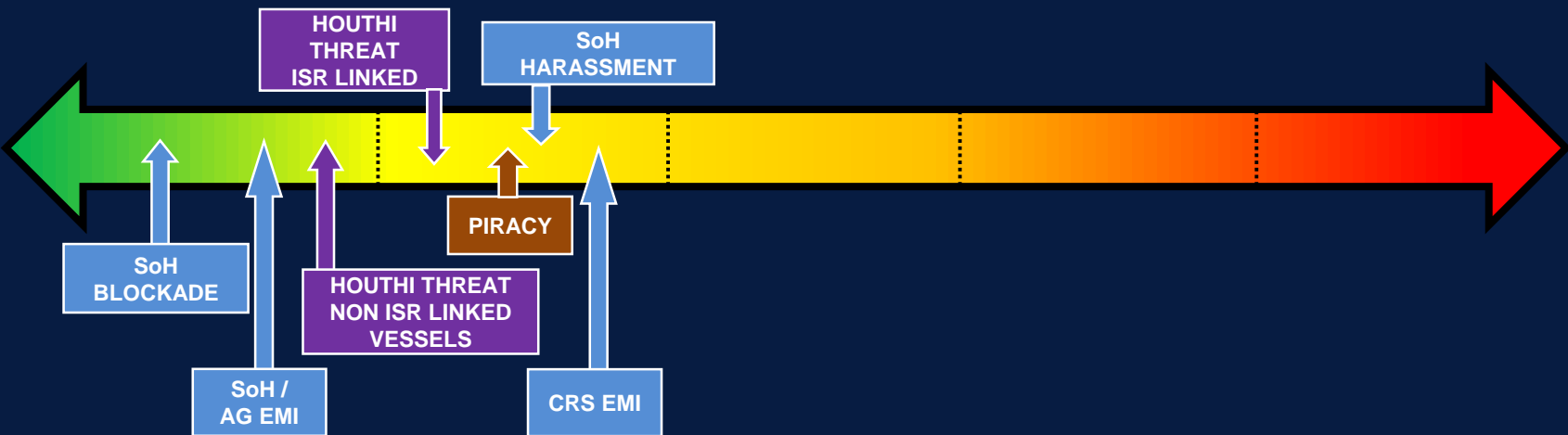
- **LOW** EM interference in the AG, SoH, and GoO.

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

- **MODERATE** 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 as **LOW** in the Arabian Gulf (AG) and the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) throughout the last week. Vessels transiting this area could be impacted.

The concentration of EMI remains **MODERATE** in the Central Red Sea.

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. There are currently no known PAGs in the AOR.

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

In **the first half of DEC** the UAE-backed Southern Transition Council (STC) in Yemen has made significant grounds in Southern Yemen, in an unprecedented power grab. It seized control of most areas across the eight southern governorates of Yemen, including key parts of the oil-rich region of Hadramawt and Yemen's capitol, Aden. The move has generated significant political tension, with the STC's actions being condemned by the head of the Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) as a violation of power-sharing agreements. The STC maintains its ultimate goal is independence for the south.

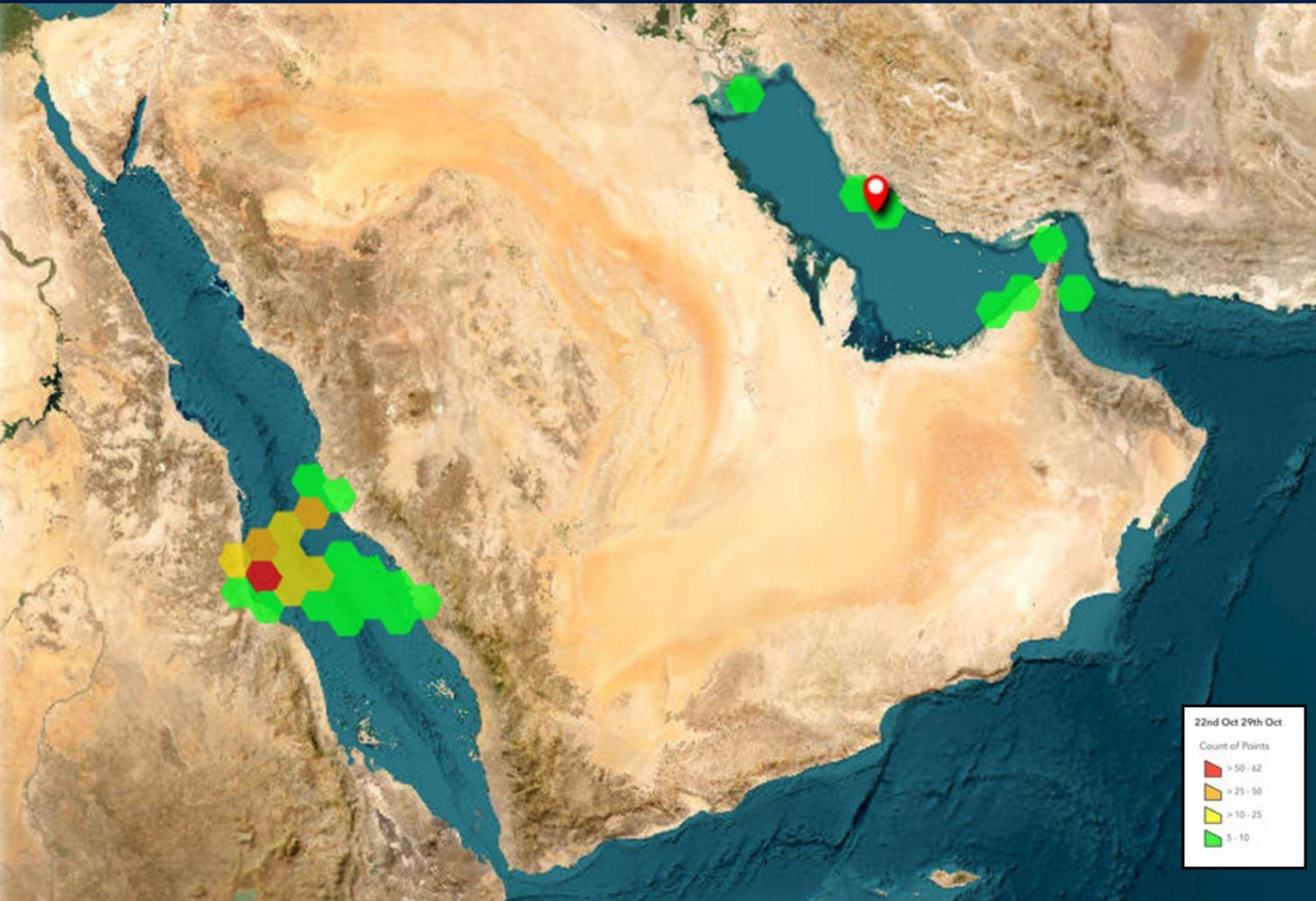
Iranian authorities reported the seizure of a foreign oil tanker and detained its 18 crew members in the Gulf of Oman, on **12 DEC**. According to Iranian media reports said the ship seized was carrying some 6 million liters of smuggled fuel. No mention was made of the flag under which the vessel operated. JMIC has so far been unable to substantiate the reporting.

According to open-sources the Israeli military has reported that it had killed a senior Hamas commander who it claims was one of the architects of the October 7, 2023 attacks on Israel, in a strike on a car in Gaza City on **13 DEC**. It was the highest-profile assassination of a senior Hamas official since the Gaza ceasefire deal came into effect in October. In a statement Hamas condemned the attack as a violation of the ceasefire agreement but did not mention any retaliatory measures.



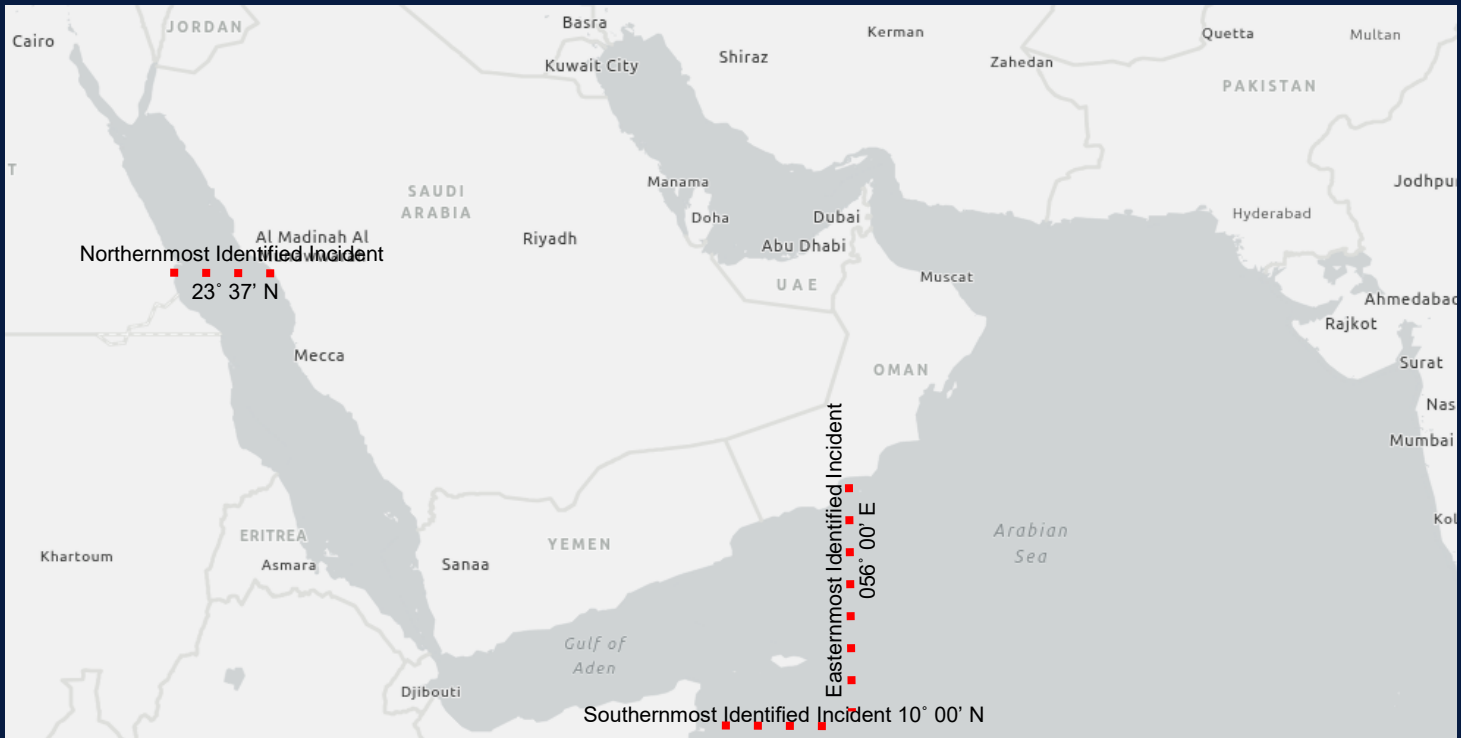


# Electromagnetic Interference



- The heat-mapping graphic indicates the relative levels of electronic interference in the form of AIS anomalies during the period 4 – 11 December 2025
- The 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 Nov, highlighting a further lack of compliance in reporting. The levels of interference now appear to be 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.

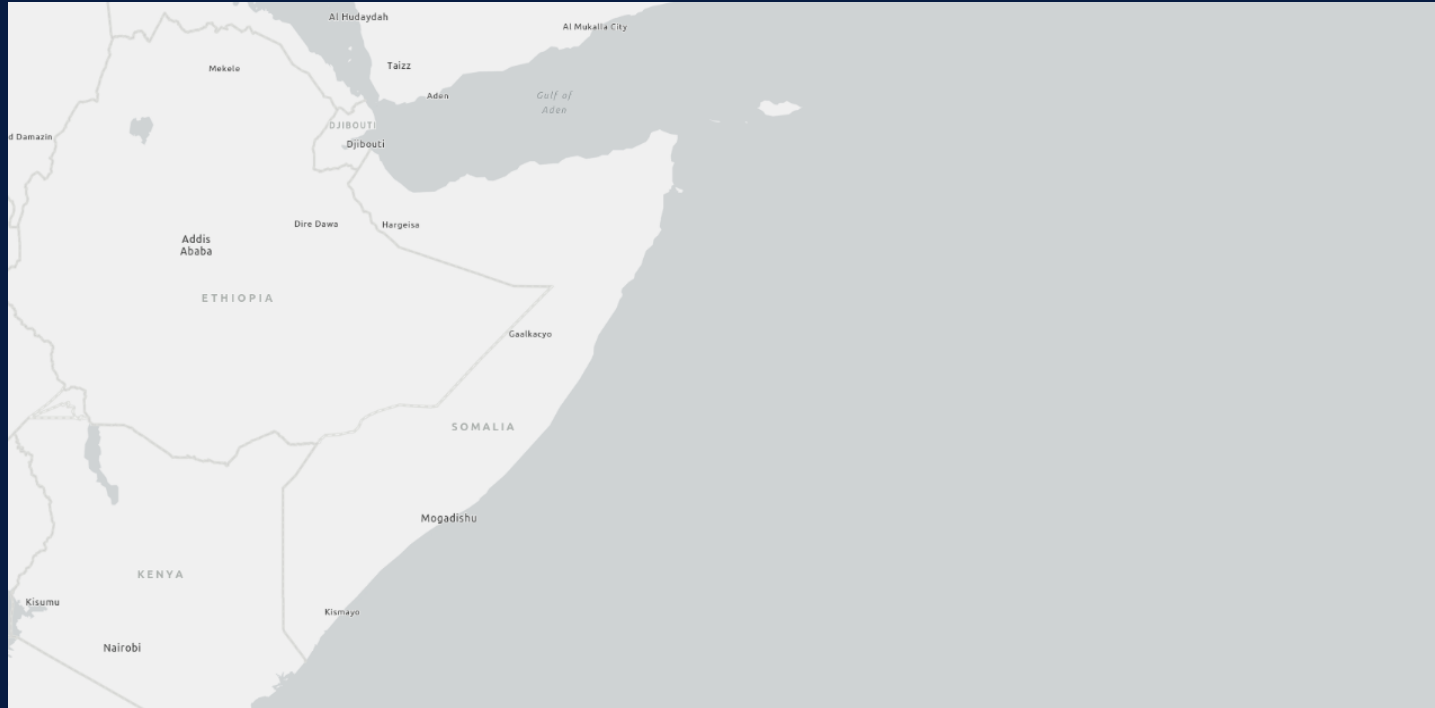
# Houthi related incidents reported by UKMTO: None



Date	Type of Incident Source	Vessel Name Flag / IMO / Location	Reports
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# Piracy incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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# JMIC Investigated Incidents Since 01 January 2025

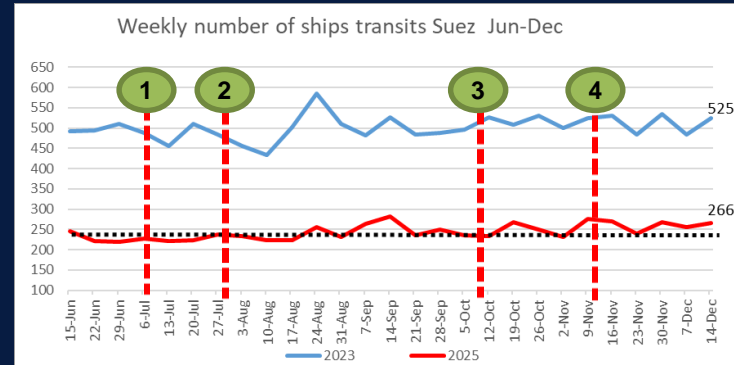
<b>Total number of Incidents</b> <i>(excluding coalition engagements)</i>		<b>127</b> (0 new this week)																											
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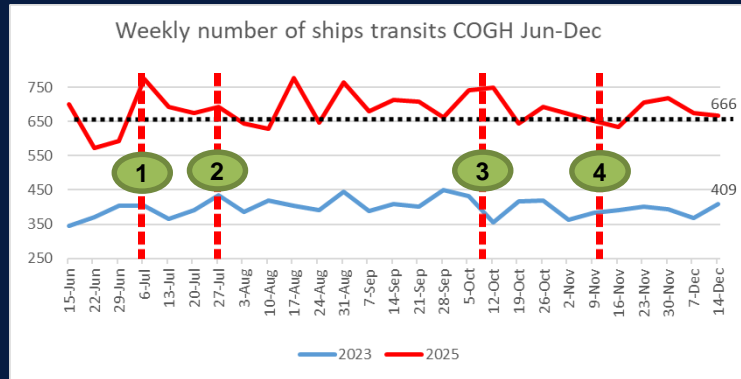
# Weekly Transits

## Suez



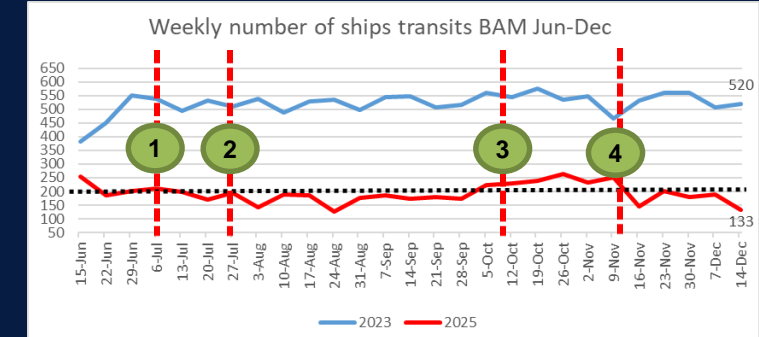
3.9% Increase in the last week

## Cape of Good Hope (CoGH)



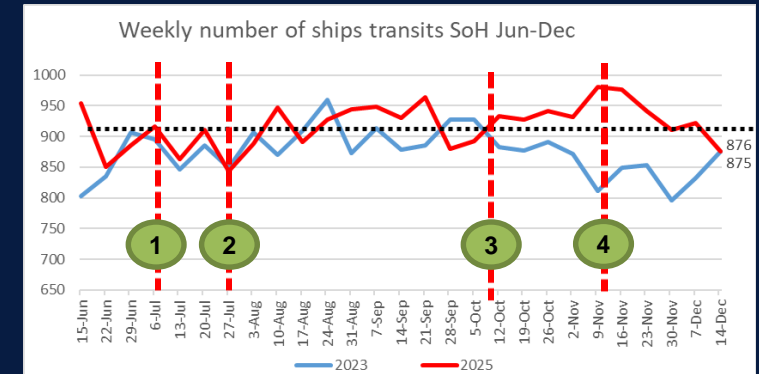
1.3% Decrease in the last week

## Bab al-Mandeb (BAM)



29.2 % Decrease in the last week

## Strait of Hormuz (SoH)



5% Decrease in the last week

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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