

# JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East



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**Week 07 - 2026**  
**(9 to 15 Feb)**



*Combined Maritime Forces*

# JMIC Weekly Assessment for the Middle East Region

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## Guidance for Vessels transiting the High Threat Area

A recent NAVTEX warning notes intention to conduct live-firing exercises 14-17 Feb IVO SOH. Vessels are encouraged to report any observation of dangerous activity to UKMTO.

Houthi forces have paused maritime strikes, consistent with their previous pattern of linking ops to developments in Gaza. Should the ceasefire collapse, the Houthis would HIGHLY LIKELY resume attacks against Israel and non Israel-affiliated interests. The threat level remains at **MODERATE** for any merchant vessel (MV) when transiting the RS, BAM and GoA. The axis of resistance group Hezbollah and Houthi have voiced strong support for Iran with sustained rhetoric from the Houthis, warning that, any attack on Iran would turn all US ships and interests in the region into legitimate targets.

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 Gulf of Aden, Somali Basin and the Indian Ocean.

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Central Red Sea

- **SUBSTANTIAL** EMI
- 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



## Houthi Threat

The threat level remains at **MODERATE** for any merchant vessel (MV) or shipping company (inc. fleet) when transiting the RS, BAM and GoA. The axis of resistance group Hezbollah and Houthi continue to voice support for Iran with sustained rhetoric from the Houthis, warning that, any attack on Iran would turn all US ships and interests in the region into legitimate targets.

Given the sustained volatility in the region, Houthi intent to resume attacks against shipping they deem as a legitimate target could change quickly. The threat level currently reflects threats to all shipping in the region, irrespective of flag state, ownership or recent port calls, due to the time elapsed since the Gaza ceasefire.

## Other Disruption Threats

Levels of GNSS interference in the Arabian Gulf (AG) have presented as **SUBSTANTIAL** in the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and Central Red Sea.

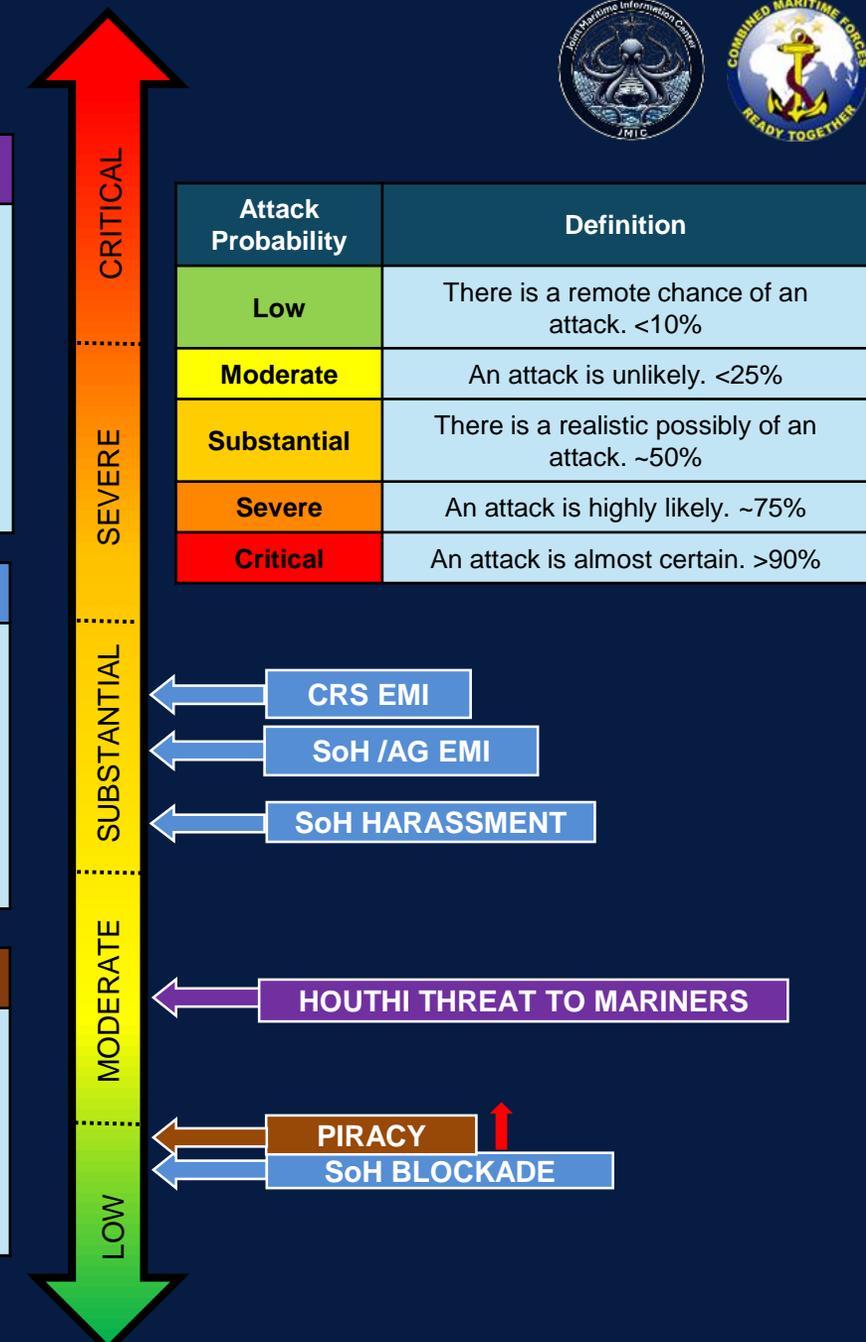
There have been sustained levels of EMI in the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) over the past 7 days. However, this is not deemed to have a significant impact on ships navigation or safety.

In the context of heightened regional tensions, the SoH harassment threat level has remained as **SUBSTANTIAL**.

## CMF Assessment - Piracy Threat

The piracy threat is assessed as **LOW** in the Somali Basin. Weather conditions are expected to be mostly permissive for small boat operations, with conditions improving as the end of monsoon season approaches.

The presence of foreign fishing vessels (FFVs) operating within the SOM EEZ increases the opportunity for piracy related activities. Hijacked vessels can either be held for ransom or used as motherships to target FFV further offshore in dense shipping traffic.



# CMF Regional Threat Level Assessment

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## Key Considerations

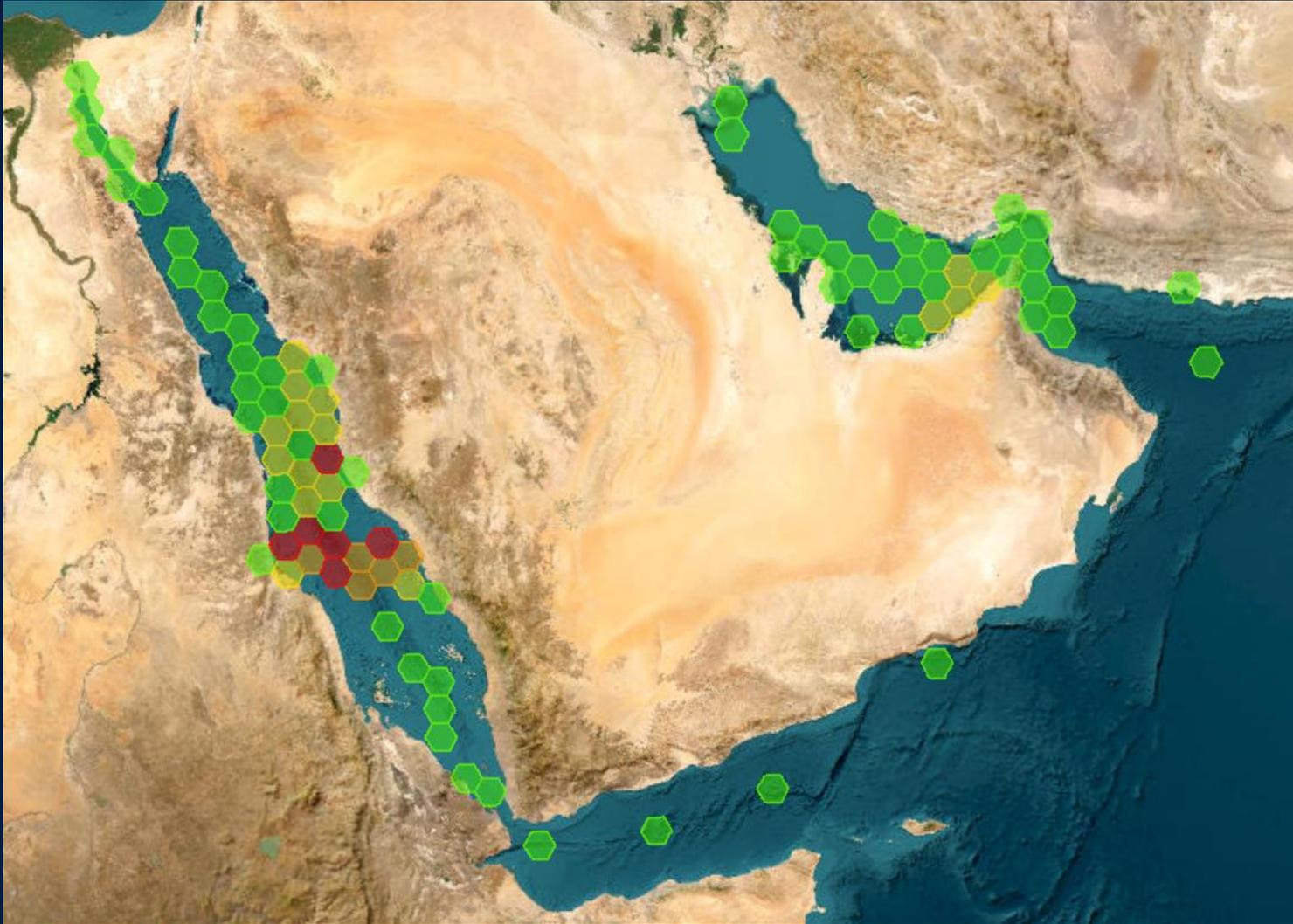
**09 Feb 2026** - AIS Spoofing incident in the SoH clustering vessels to the coast of Sirik.

**09 Feb 2026** - An influential pro-al-Qaeda media group launched a campaign to promote "solidarity" with those targeted by airstrikes in Yemen.

**10 Feb 2026** - Lebanese Hezbollah leader Sheikh Naim Qassem, stated on the group's Al-Manar TV channel, said the region was "dominated by US-Israeli hegemony" and rejected that Lebanon be the battleground for expansionist "Zionist ambitions".

**12 Feb 2026** – Sea conditions are expected to be favorable to moderate in the region over the next 7 days.

# Electromagnetic Interference



- Low levels of interference have been observed throughout the Straits of Hormuz, Northern Red Sea region and Arabian Gulf; as well as sporadic positions on Gulf of Aden.
- Moving towards the Central Red Sea region, the levels range from moderate to critical; the most critical levels seen around the vicinity of Port Sudan.
- In terms of ports, moderate levels have been observed in the vicinities of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jeddah, and Yanbu.
- Vessels are requested to report experience of electronic interference to UKMTO, in support of keeping the broader community better informed.

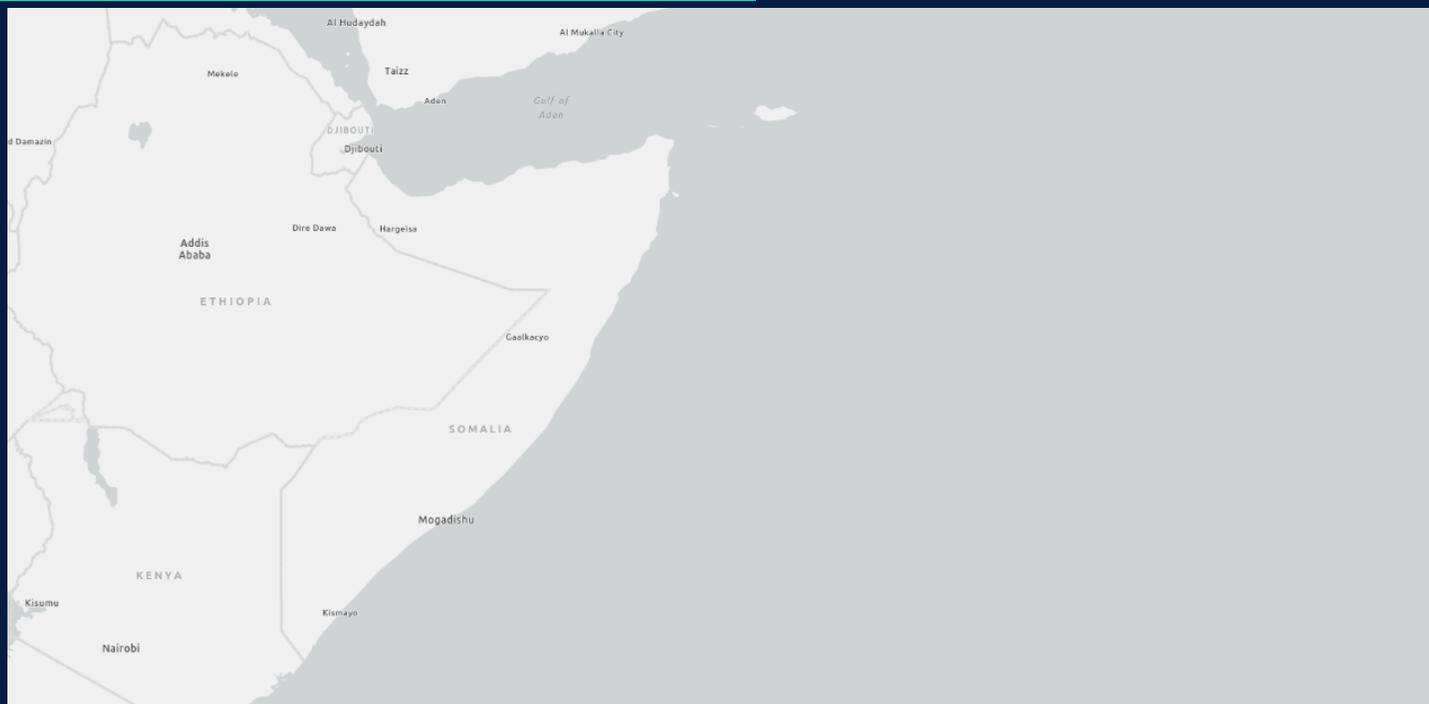
# Houthi related incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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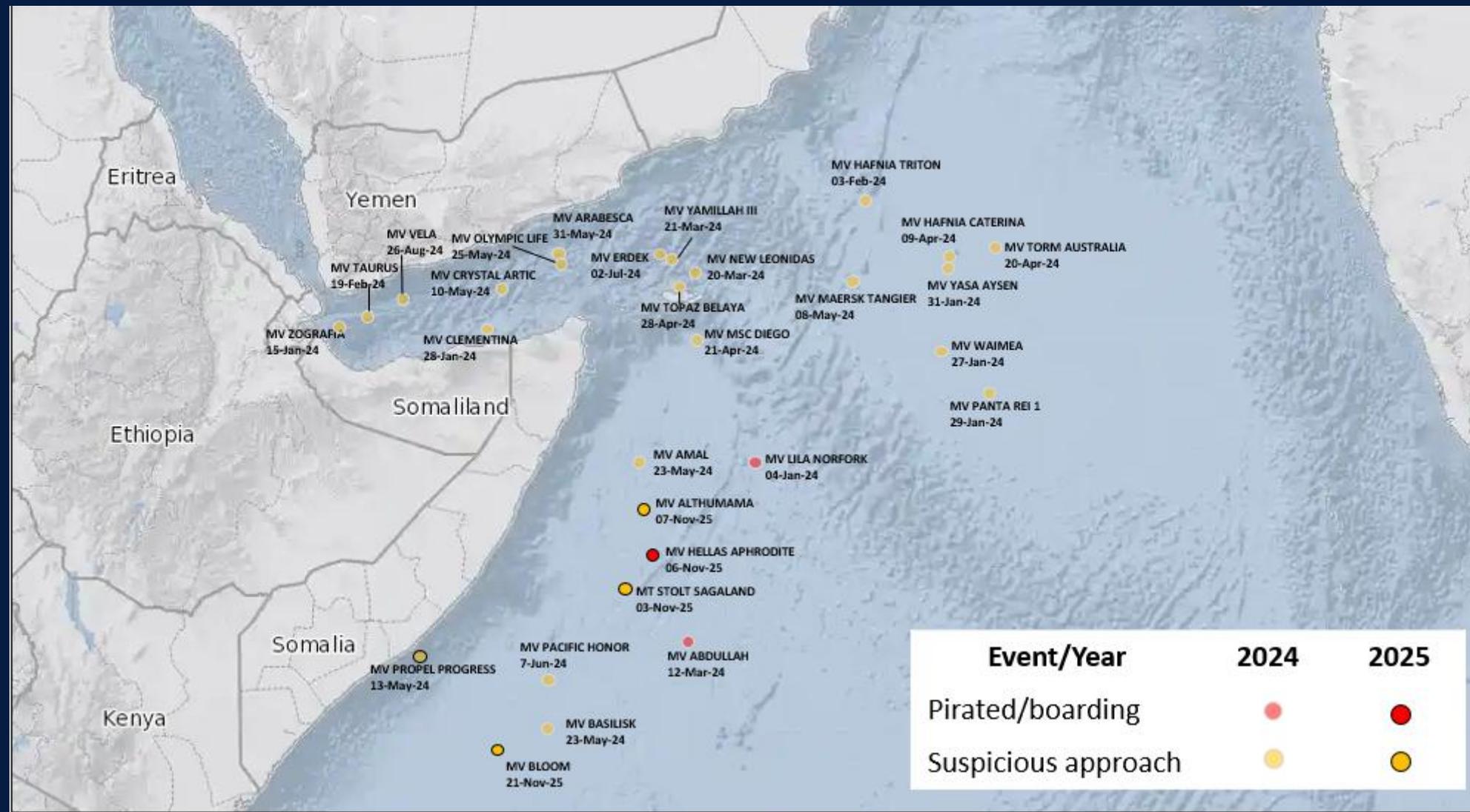
# Piracy incidents reported by UKMTO: None



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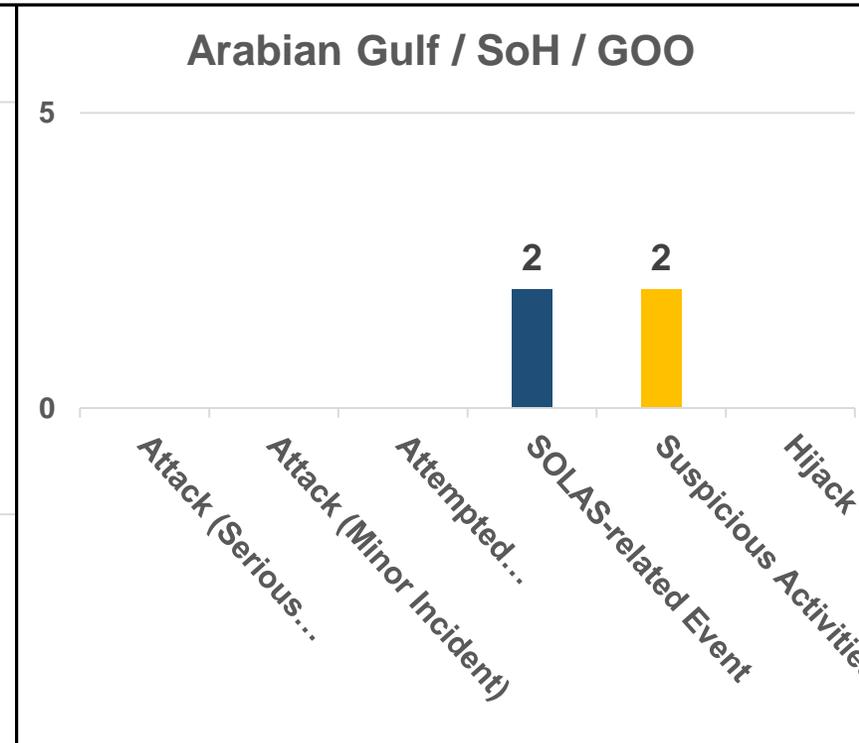
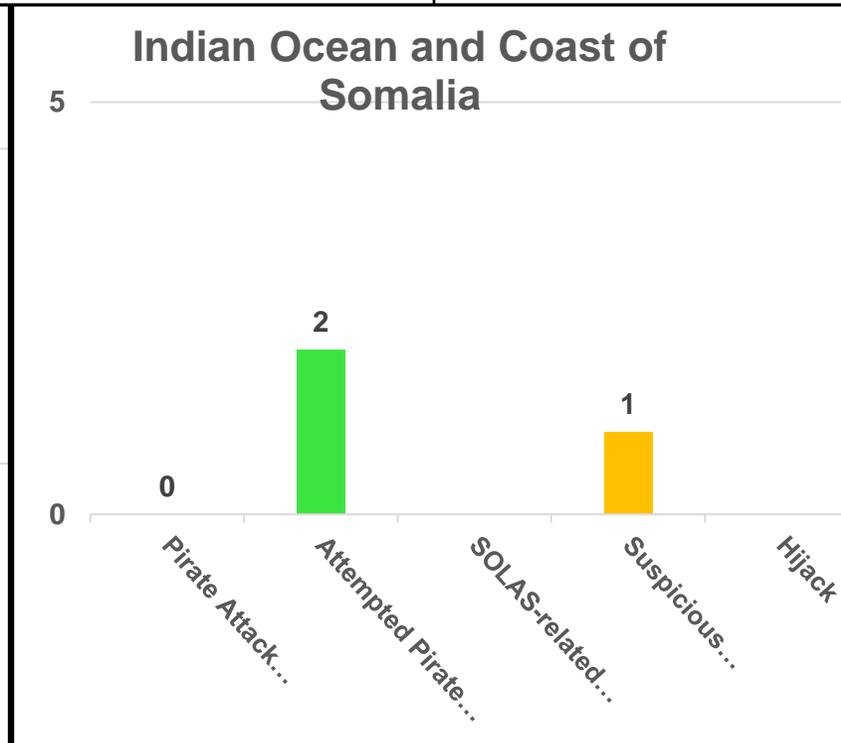
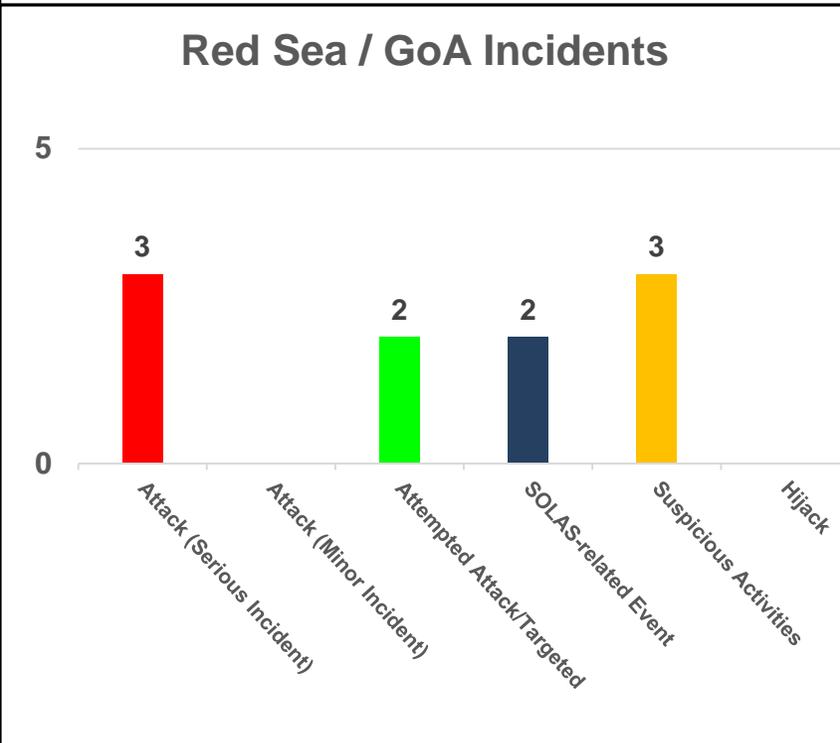


# Piracy incidents 2024 2025 comparison



# 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)
<b>Days since last incident / incident type</b>	72 days / Suspicious Activities (since 06 Dec 25)



**Last incident info:**  
 Date: 06 DEC 2025  
 Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
 Ship: MV

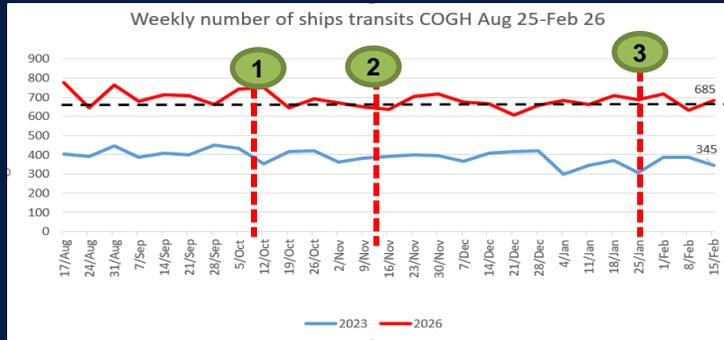
**Last incident info:**  
 Date: 07 NOV 2025  
 Type: ATTEMPTED PIRATE ATTACK  
 Ship: TANKER

**Last incident info:**  
 Date: 14 NOV 2025  
 Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
 Ship: TANKER



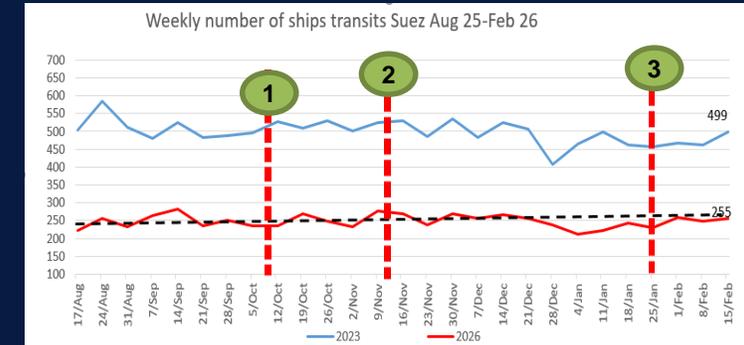
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## Suez



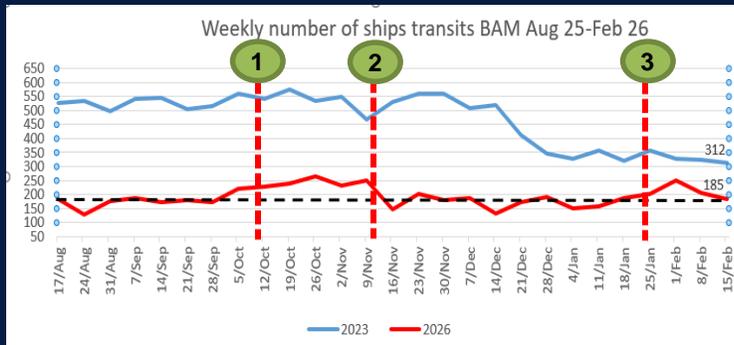
3.2 % Increase in the last week

## Bab al-Mandeb (BAM)



10.6 % Decrease in the last week

## Cape of Good Hope (CoGH)



8.5 % Increase in the last week

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Hamas-Israel cease-fire  
10 OCT 2025

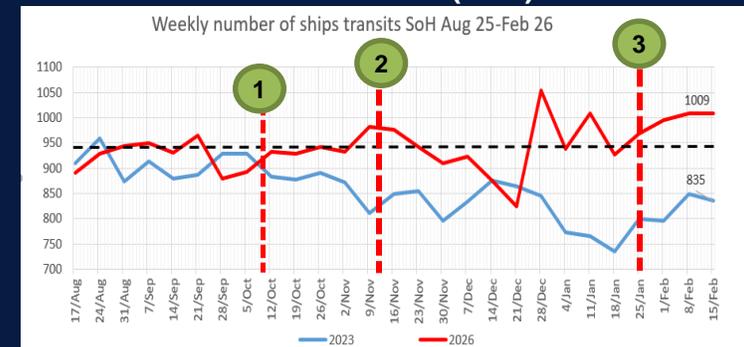
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Houthi statement  
11 NOV 2025

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Houthi announcement on the  
retaliatory maritime attack if  
strikes in the region  
25 JAN 2026

## Strait of Hormuz (SoH)



Maintained in the last week

\*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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