

Joint Maritime Information Center







Weekly Executive Summary



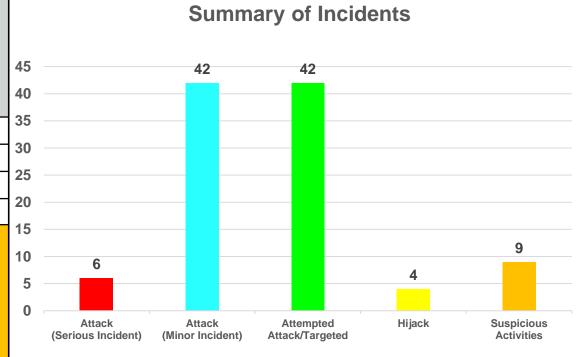
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Weekly Assessment:

This past week there were no Houthi incidents or attacks to report. JMIC assess the overall threat remains **HIGH** within the concentrated area as depicted on Overview of Incidents and Suspicious Activities slide. The Houthis maintain the capability and intent to target civilian merchant vessels in the Southern Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean.

Please view JMIC Advisory Note on slides 3

Since 19th November 2023 Total number of Incidents (excluding coalition engagements) Total Mariners Killed Total Mariners Severely Injured 2 (0 new this week)



JMIC ADVISORY NOTE 17 October '24 | Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean

JMIC analysis highlights the Houthis continue to target vessels in the Southern Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean

This advisory note updates methods by which the Houthis may use to identify/target vessels and recommends CSOs and ships Master consider pattern-of-life adjustments while transiting/operating the area defined on the map.

The area of threat to merchant vessels from missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in the Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden has expanded into the Indian Ocean. The threat from missiles is a growing concern.

Missile Capability:

The JMIC estimates the maximum range of Houthi missiles to be roughly 1,700km and drones slightly less at 1,500km. This estimate is based on furthest identified targeting and attacks of merchant vessels.

The complete version of the JMIC Advisory Note dated 17 October can be found <u>here</u>.



The diagram depicts the estimated capability range and area where merchant vessels have been targeted.



JMIC Advisory Note | Reminder

JMIC ADVISORY NOTE 12 October '24 | Arabian Gulf, SoH and Gulf of Oman

This advisory note is to ensure seafarers remain vigilant within the Arabian Gulf (Persian Gulf), Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman.

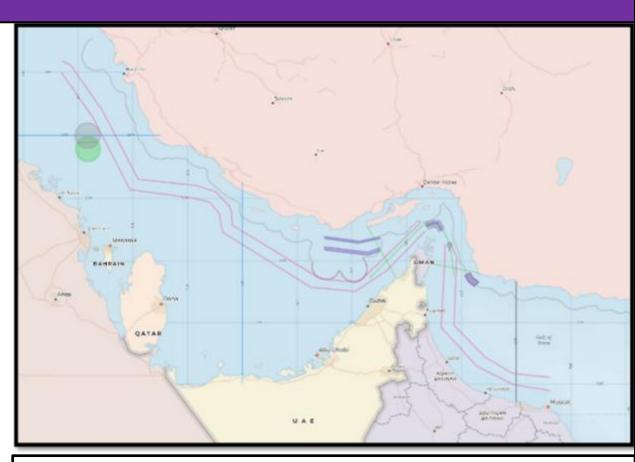
As tensions in the region increase, so should the concern for merchant shipping to exercise freedom of navigation.

Despite no current indication of harassment, seizure, or attack to merchant shipping, JMIC recommends the following risk mitigation measures:

- Implement equivalent ISPS level 2
- Immediately report suspicious activity to a designated regional reporting centre (UKMTO, MSCHoA) for further advise
- Apply Best Management Practices (BMP 5)
- Follow Industry recommended Maritime Security Transit Corridor Middle East (MSTC-ME)
- Review the guidance on the JMIC bridge cards specific to VHF Hailing / Harassment in advance of the Strait of Hormuz or surrounding area
- Keep AIS on accordance with IMO SOLAS regulation V/19

Link to Industry Transit Advice (9 November 2023)

 https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/media/k1alljrz/2023-11-09-industry-transit-advicepersian-gulf-strait-of-hormuz-and-sea-of-oman.pdf



Industry transit advice, Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Sea and of Oman



Complete List of Merchant Vessels Incidents

Since 19th November 2023 (1 of 2)

	I/N	Date	Name	ΙT	۷T	AΑ
	1	19/11/23	GALAXY LEADER			
NOV	2	25/11/23	CENTRAL PARK			
_	3	26/11/23	CENTRAL PARK			
	4	03/12/23	NUMBER 9			
	5	03/12/23	UNITY EXPLORER			
	6	03/12/23	AOM SOPHIE II			
	7	09/12/23	PANTA REI 1			
	8	10/12/23	CENTAURIUS LEADER			
	9	11/12/23	STRINDA			
	10	13/12/23	ARDMORE ENCOUNTER			
2	11	14/12/23	MAERSK GILBRATAR			
BE	12	15/12/23	AL JASRAH			
DECEMBER	13	15/12/23	MSC ALANYA			
EC	14	15/12/23	MSC PALATIUM 3			
	15	18/12/23	SWAN ATLANTIC			
	16	18/12/23	MSC CLARA			
	17	23/12/23	SAIBABA			
	18	23/12/23	BLAAMANEN			
	19	24/12/23	MSC SILVANA			
	20	26/12/23	MSC UNITED III			
	21	28/12/23	MSC BEIRA IV			
	22	30/12/23	MAERSK HANGZHOU			
	23	02/01/24	CMA CGM TAGE			
	24	09/01/24	GREEN BAY			
	25	12/01/24	KHALISSA			
	26	15/01/24	GIBRALTAR EAGLE			
RY	27	16/01/24	ZOGRAFIA			
JANUARY	28	17/01/24	GENCO PICARDY			
JAN	29	18/01/24	CHEM RANGER			
	30	24/01/24	MAERSK DETROIT			
	31	24/01/24	MAERSK CHESAPEAKE			
	32	26/01/24	MARLIN LUANDA			
	33	29/01/24	PANTA REI 1			
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	I/N	Date	Name	ΙΤ	VT	AΑ
	34	01/02/24	KOI			
	35	06/02/24	STAR NASIA			
	36	06/02/24	MORNING TIDE			
	37	12/02/24	STAR IRIS			
_	38	15/02/24	LYCAVITOS			
FEBRUARY	39	16/02/24	POLLUX			
8	40	18/02/24	RUBYMAR			
EB	41	19/02/24	SEA CHAMPION			
"	42	19/02/24	NAVIS FORTUNA			
	43	21/02/24	LAVENDER			
	44	22/02/24	ISLANDER			
	45	24/02/24	TORM THOR			
	46	27/02/24	-			
	47	04/03/24	MSC SKY II			
	48	06/03/24	TRUE CONFIDENCE			
동	49	08/03/24	PROPEL FORTUNE			
MARCH	50	11/03/24	PINOCCHIO			
È	51	14/03/24	PACIFIC 01			
	52	15/03/24	MADO			
	53	23/03/24	HUANG PU			
	55	06/04/24	HOPE ISLAND			
	56	24/04/24	MAERSK YORKTOWN			
뭂	57	25/04/24	MSC DARWIN VI			
APRI	58	26/04/24	ANDROMEDA STAR			
	SI2	26/04/24	MSC ORION			
	59	29/04/24	CYCLADES			
	60	06/05/24	MSC DIEGO / MSC GINA			
≿	61	17/05/24	WIND			
MA	62	23/05/24	YANNIS			
	63	28/05/24	LAAX			

	I/N	Date	Name	IT	۷T	AΑ
	64	01/06/24	ABLIANI			
	65	06/06/24	AAL GENOA			
	66	08/06/24	NORDERNEY			
	67	08/06/24	MSC TAVVISHI			
	68	09/06/24	NORDERNEY			
	69	12/06/24	TUTOR			
	70	13/06/24	VERBENA			
JUNE	71	13/06/24	SEAGUARDIAN			
]	72	16/06/24	CAPTAIN PARIS			
	73	21/06/24	TRANSWORLD NAVIGATOR			
	74	23/06/24	TRANSWORLD NAVIGATOR			
	75	24/06/24	MSC SARAH V			
	76	25/06/24	LILA LISBON			
	77	27/06/24	SEAJOY			
	78	28/06/24	DELONIX			
	80	30/06/24	SUMMER LADY			
	81	09/07/24	MAERSK SENTOSA			
	82	10/07/24	MOUNT FUJI			
>	83	11/07/24	ROSTRUM STOIC			
JULY	84	15/07/24	BENTLEY I			
17	85	15/07/24	CHIOS LION			
	86	19/07/24	LOBIVIA			
Ш	87	20/07/24	PUMBA			
	88	03/08/24	GROTON			
	89	08/08/24	DELTA BLUE			
	90	12/08/24	DELTA ATLANTICA			
I ₋	91	13/08/24	ON PHOENIX			
NS	92	15/08/24	SIAM & SUNNY OCEAN			
AUGUST	93	21/08/24	SOUNION			
⋖	94	21/08/24	SW NORTH WIND I			
	95	26/08/24	CAROLINE BEZENGI			
	96	27/08/24	MUTRIBA			
	97	30/08/24	GROTON			

Incident Type (IT):
Attack (Serious Incident)
Attack (Minor Incident)
Attempted Attack/Targeted
Hijack
Suspicious Activities

Vessel Type (VT):	
Bulk	
Tanker	
Passenger	
Container	
RORO	
Other	

Assessed Association (AA):
Israel
UK
US
No Direct Association
Outdated Association

Note 1. As per the request of the owners, some vessel names and details on attacks may not be disclosed

Note 2. 'SI' means *Special Information Note* (outside the original JMIC Area of responsibility) at the time of publishing



Complete List of Merchant Vessels Incidents

Since 19th November 2023 (2 of 2)

	101	D-4-	N			
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_	98	02/09/24	BLUE LAGOON I			
SEP	99	02/09/24	OIL TANKER			
0,	100	21/09/24	DILIGENT WARRIOR			
	101	1/10/2024	CORDELIA MOON			
OCT	102	1/10/2024	MINOAN COURAGE			
Ľ	103	10/10/2024	OLYMPIC SPIRIT			
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Incident Type (IT): Attack (Serious Incident) Attack (Minor Incident) Attempted Attack/Targeted Hijack Suspicious Activities Vessel Type (VT): Bulk Tanker Passenger Container RORO Other

UK
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No Direct Association
Outdated Association

Assessed Association (AA):

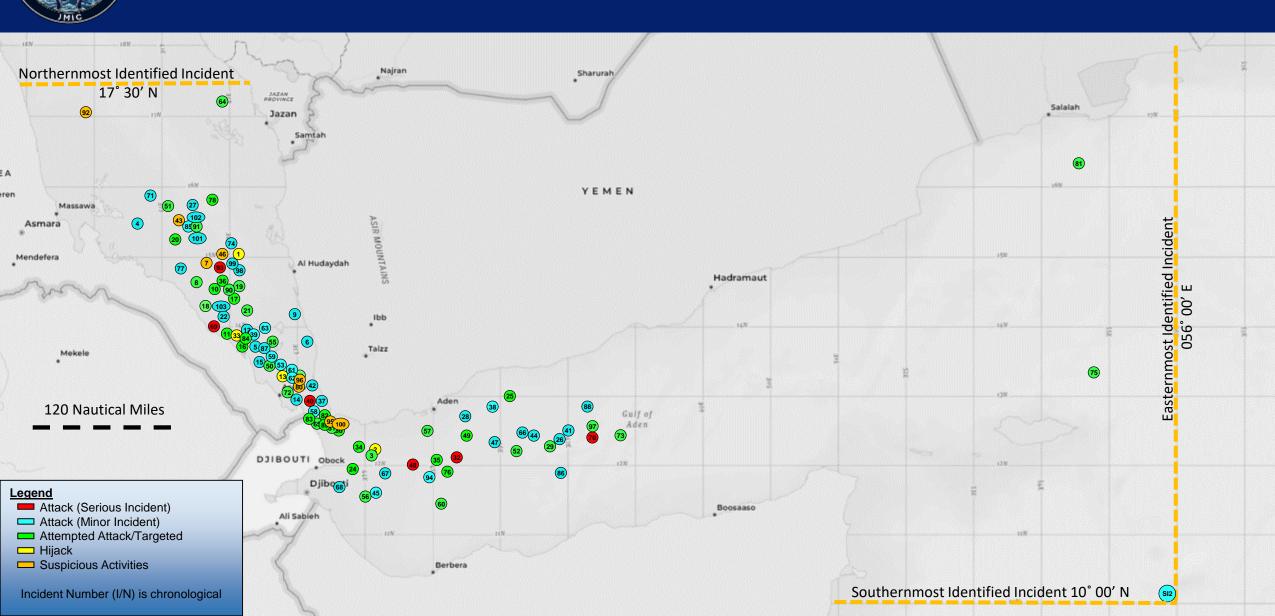
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Overview of Incidents and Suspicious Activities

Since 19th November 2023

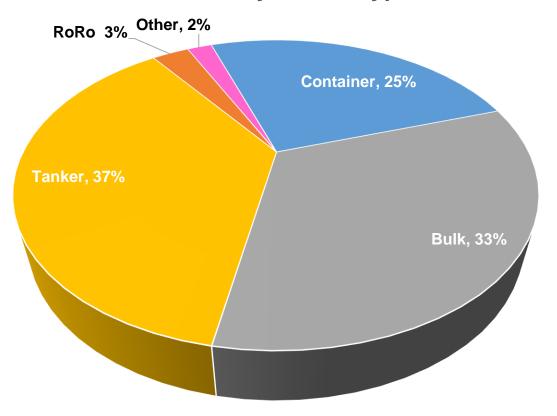




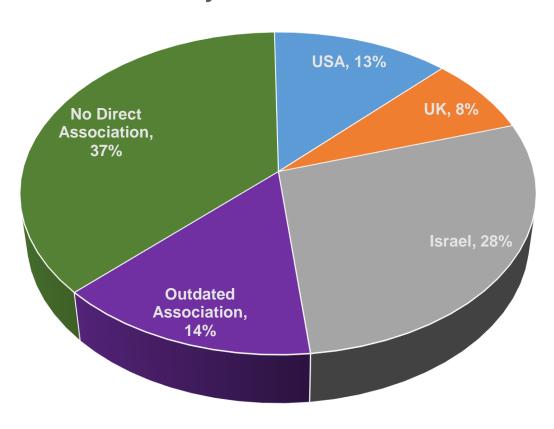
Incidents Involving Merchant Vessels

Since 19th November 2023

Incidents by Vessel Type



Incidents by Assessed Association



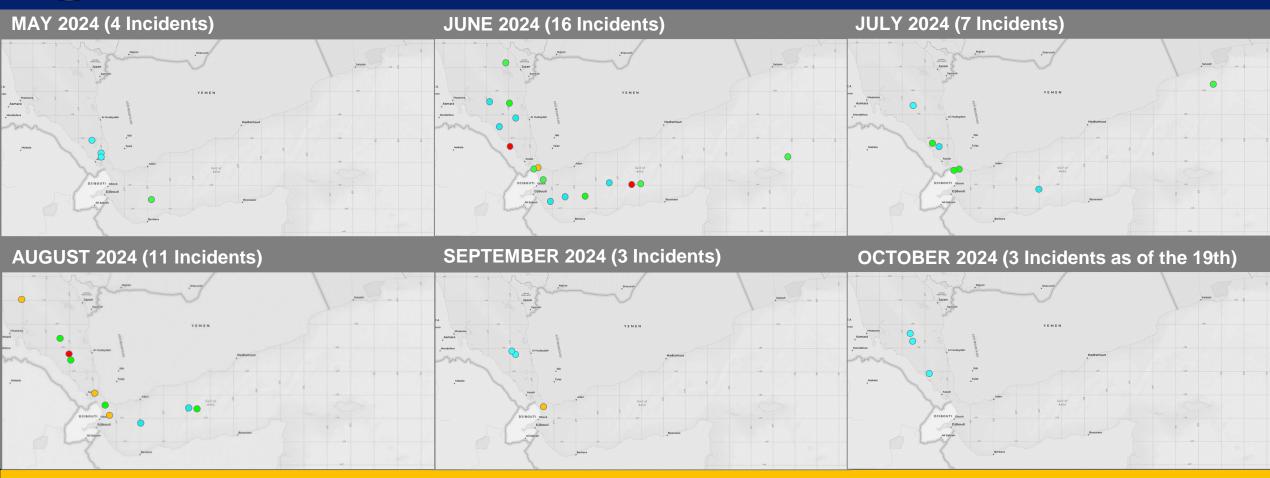
Direct Association: The vessel itself has made a recent port call to Israel, or the Owner, Operator, Charterer, Manager or Flag State is Israeli, US or UK.

No Direct Association: Other vessels within the company structure that have made one or more recent port calls to Israel.



Month by Month Comparison of Incidents

(Last 6 months)



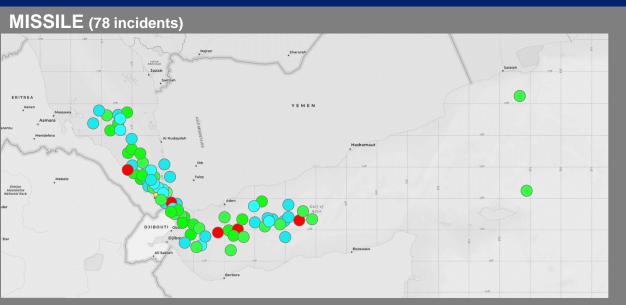
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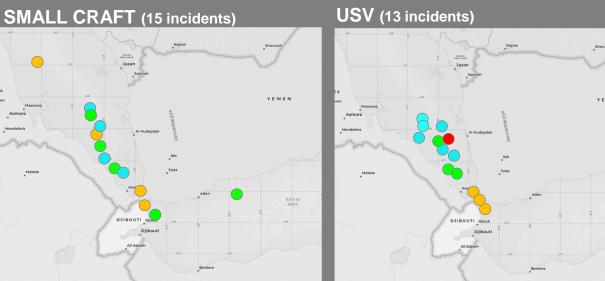
The Houthis maintain the capability and intent to target vessels with a perceived association to U.S., UK, or Israel. With less opportunity as vessels are transiting the Cape of Good Hope or no longer transiting the Red Sea or Gulf of Aden, it should be expected that the Houthis will continue to look for any type of association to target innocent shipping and potentially target vessels further out into the Indian Ocean.

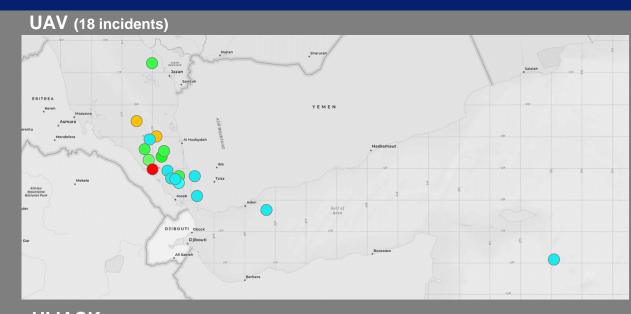


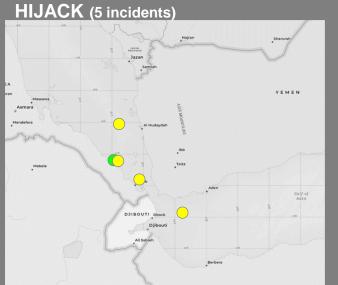
Incidents by Type

Since 19 November 2023









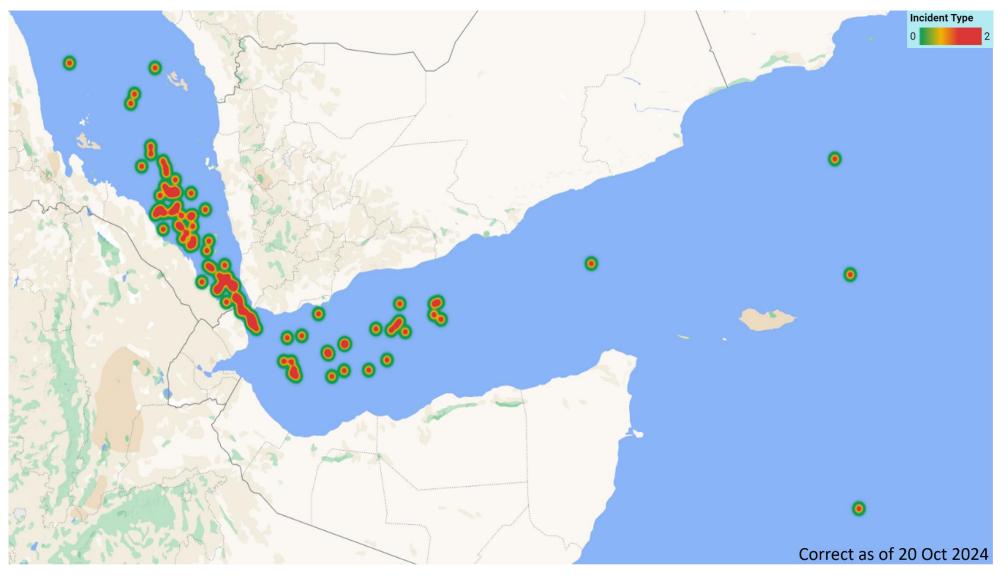
Note: Incidents with more than one incident-type will appear in all applicable charts





Heatmap of Incidents and Suspicious Activities

Since 19th November 2023



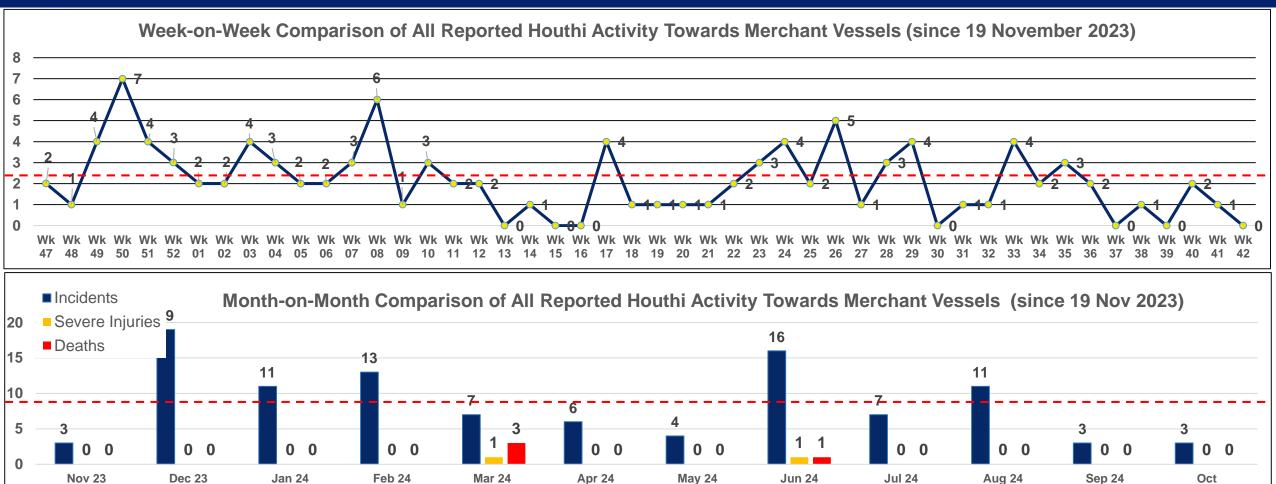
Note:

All positions shown are approximate and only presented for the purpose of highlighting the frequency of incidents



Trending of Incidents Involving Merchant Vessels

Since 19th November 2023



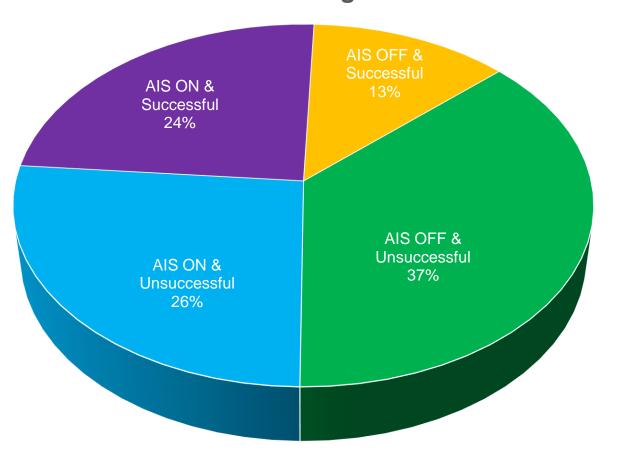
Observations and Assessments

Based on trending, the number of Houthi attacks on merchant vessels last week was below average. Refer to the 'JMIC Guidance to Industry' slide. Week-on-Week and Month-on-Month average displayed as red dotted line. This will be updated to reflect values for the current reporting period.



AIS Statistics

Attacks/Incidents Involving Merchant Vessels



Totals

102(1)
51
51
35
65

- (1) One incident with unknown details not included
- (2) "Successful" meaning attack with hit resulting in any damage to vessel

Serious Incidents(3)

		
Total number:	6	
AIS ON:	4	
AIS OFF:	2	

- (3) Incidents resulting in:
 - Abandoned Ship
 - Vessel Sunk
 - Death
 - · Major Fire

Observations and Assessments

AIS on or off does not appear to have an impact on whether or not a vessel will be targeted. However, if targeted, based on the available data vessels with AIS off are less likely to be hit.



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	 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.



JMIC Guidance to Industry

<u>Vessels</u> intending to transit the threat area are recommended to exercise caution by applying the following:

- a. Conduct a threat and risk assessment prior to entering the area
- Review security measures/incorporate appropriate vessel hardening measures into their security plans
- c. Turning off any form of non-essential emissions (e.g. intra-ship UHF/VHF transmissions and AIS) in the vicinity of, or before transiting or entering the threat area, is to be very carefully considered as part of the voyage risk mitigation process, as broadcasting on AIS is assessed to aid Houthi targeting
 - While transmitting AIS may be consistent with SOLAS, it may compromise the safety & security of the vessel and crew
 - ii. If AIS is turned off, consider altering course and speed to minimize tracking by Dead Reckoning, and consider increasing your reporting frequency to UKMTO (or other)
- d. Do not loiter when transiting the threat area and proceed with caution
- e. If contacted by any unrecognized organization:
 - i. Report back to your company security officer and validate the source before responding
- f. If contacted on VHF by unverified vessels or "Yemeni Navy":
 - i. Ignore the VHF call and continue passage if safe to do so
 - ii. Describe the incident in follow up reports to UKMTO
- g. Share instances of suspicious activity with UKMTO (with recordings or imagery where possible)
 - i. UAV sightings
 - ii. Communications challenges
- h. In case of unexploded ordnance and debris on deck:
 - i. Maintain a safe distance (as far away as practically possible) and cordon off the area
 - ii. Do not touch or try to dismantle any debris
 - iii. Be aware that any radio emissions may trigger the device
 - iv. Request assistance through UKMTO, ask for an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD)
- i. Use of Best Management Practices (BMP) should be considered
 - i. Chain link fencing can be used to reduce the effects of an RPG

Maritime Industry is recommended to:

- a. Conduct a threat & risk assessment of all associated vessels and especially those that may have previous USA, UK or Israel ownership or associations [to include recent port calls by vessels within the company and/or group structure]
- Companies should plan and implement risk mitigation measures in advance of the furthest identified attack areas as depicted in the JMIC 'Overview of Incidents and Suspicious Activities' slide
- c. If an association is made, shipping companies are recommended to provide the information to UKMTO prior to transiting the threat area
- d. Ensure their managed vessels receive and follow the guidance for vessels
- e. Review digital footprint including AIS policy
- f. The JMIC is aware of increased email communication between unrecognized reporting entities and owners/operators
 - If contacted by any organization not officially recognized, report back to your company security officer and validate the source before responding
 - ii. Any response should be carefully considered
 - iii. Statements by Houthi forces to encourage merchant shipping to engage with the Houthi's Humanitarian Operations Coordination Centre (HOCC), or Yemeni Navy, should be disregarded and industry best practice and guidance should be followed in close communication with your company's CSO
- g. Open-source claims that vessels are targeted may not be factual
 - i. JMIC recommends verifying source for legitimacy



About Us

The Joint Maritime Information Center (JMIC) is an entity operating in close cooperation with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). The JMIC seeks, where possible, participation from multiple military stakeholders including Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) and Information Fusion Centers (IFC) specialists to fuse open-source unclassified information into a truthful messaging service for the maritime industry.

The JMIC has been established to support the Shipping Industry with challenges faced when operating in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden under threat conditions from a non-state actor. The JMIC is aligned to the principle that all vessels are entitled to Freedom of Navigation and seafarers supporting the legitimate movement of global trade are unhindered. The information shared by the JMIC endeavors to offer advice, and where prudent, military guidance only to help inform any Threat and Risk Assessment process. This framework is not a legally binding commitment. The JMIC is to:

- 1. Provide accurate incident information to enable risk assessment by shipping industry to support operational planning and decision making.
- 2. Provide clear and concise updates and guidance to the shipping industry where possible, to aim to be the "authoritative source of information."

JMIC information concentrates on non-state actor attacks on merchant vessels in the Red Sea, Bab Al Mandeb (BAM) and Gulf of Aden (GOA), however, this may extend outside the defined area based on threat expansion.



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 5 – Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea:

https://www.ics-shipping.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/bmp5-hi-res-min.pdf

ATP – 02.1 NCAGS Guide to Owners, Operators, Masters and Officers: https://shipping.nato.int/systems/file_download.ashx?pg=692&ver=2

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

Industry Transit Advice - 25th September

JMIC Bridge Emergency Reference Cards:

JMIC Products (ukmto.org)