Joint Maritime Information Center JMIC Advisory Note

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Maritime Threat Update - Red Sea & GoA

The Joint Maritime Information Centre (JMIC) issues this advisory to alert commercial shipping and associated maritime stakeholders that the Houthis have now resumed attacks on commercial vessels, following 230 days without Houthi-related incidents. In response, <u>JMIC strongly urges</u> all shipping companies and operators with vessels transiting the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb Strait, and the Gulf of Aden to review their risk assessments to include the following:

- Conduct a comprehensive audit of any Israeli port calls within their fleet, including those of sister vessels, time-chartered vessels, and vessels under common beneficial ownership or technical management.
- Evaluate their digital footprint, including AIS transmission logs, vessel-tracking platforms, and public maritime databases, for any historical linkage that could be interpreted by Houthiaffiliated actors as grounds for targeting.
- Reinforce cybersecurity and information control protocols, particularly concerning voyage routing, port call data, and affiliations that may be available through open-source intelligence (OSINT) methods.

On 6 July 2025, M/V MAGIC SEAS (IMO 9736169) was attacked by up to 8 small craft, to include USVs, employing small arms fire, RPGs, and a missile. The attack resulted in M/V MAGIC SEAS sustaining severe damage, hull penetration and flooding with response operations in progress. See <u>JMIC Infonote</u> 117 dated 7 July 2025.

On 7-8 July 2025, M/V ETERNITY C (IMO 9588249) was attacked by multiple small craft, small arms fire, and RPGs. M/V ETERNITY C sustained severe damage including injuries to her crew, hull penetration and flooding. See JMIC Infonote 118 dated 8 July 2025.

Given the frequency and severity of these recent attacks, JMIC is issuing this advisory to remind mariners to exercise caution when transiting the high threat area, and to report anomalous activities to UKMTO and/or MSCIO. The resumption of Houthi attacks on commercial ships comes 230 days after the previous incident on 18 November 2024. Based upon research, JMIC assesses that both vessels were attacked due to prior Israeli port calls or ownership/ship manager affiliations with ships making Israeli port calls.

JMIC will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as required.

