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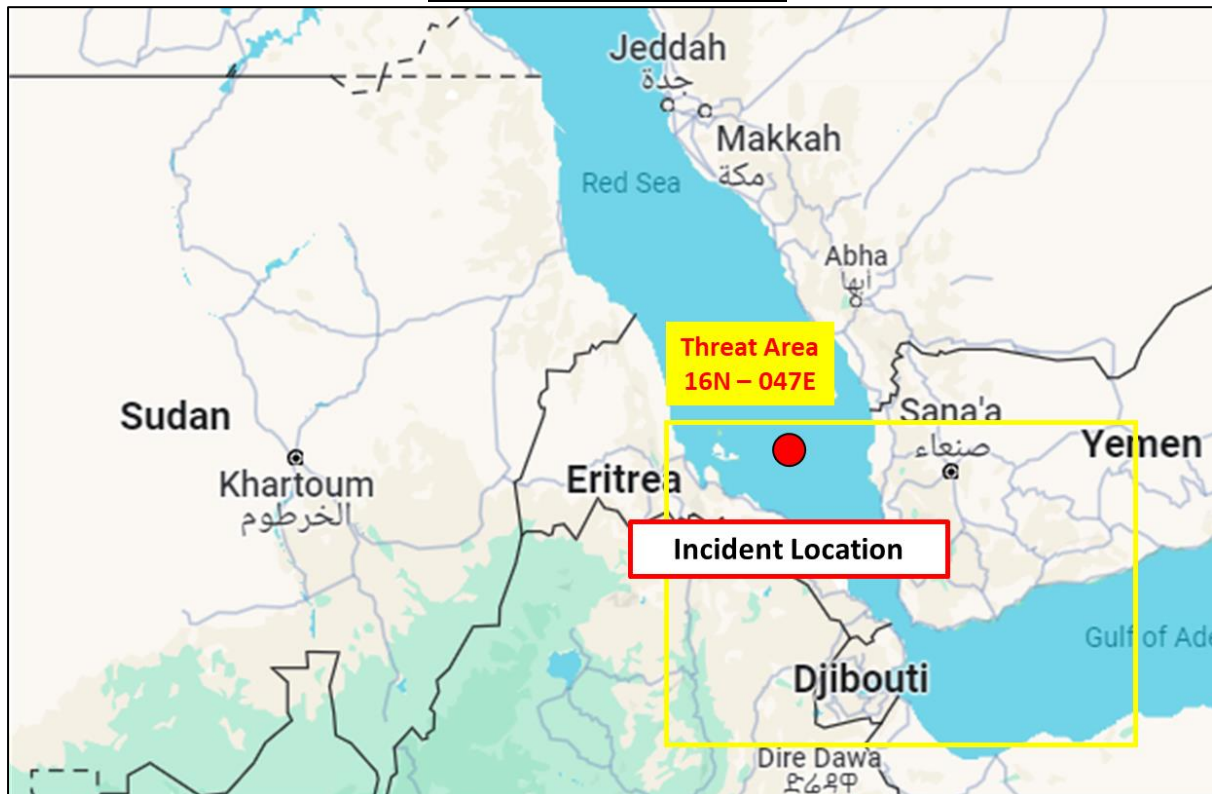


JMIC INFONOTE 27/02/01 – HOUTHU UAVs SIGHTED 60NM WEST OF AL HUDAYDAH, YEMEN & MV RUBYMAR Update

UAV INCIDENT REPORT

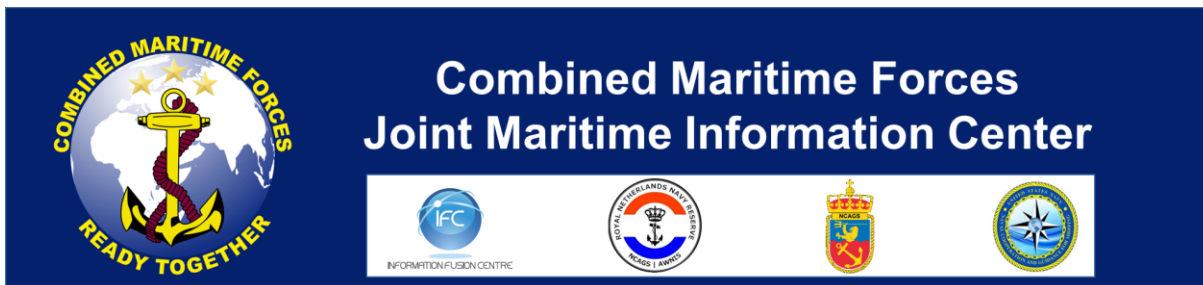
1. Up to 5 Houthi UAVs were detected with hostile intent, the direction of travel suggested targeting of military assets west of Al Hudaydah on 27 Feb 24 at 19:15 (UTC). There were no other threats detected at this time. Reports from merchant vessels of sightings are likely related to military action against the UAVs. See **Picture 1** for incident location.

Picture 1: Incident Location



2. JMIC has confirmed that coalition assets detected and neutralized the Houthi UAVs.

3. It was assessed that the employment of UAVs for surveillance and opportunistic attacks on merchant vessels continues to be well within the current capability of the Houthi's for the foreseeable future. CMF forces identified these



UAVs to be originating from Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen and assessed that they continue to present a threat to merchant vessels in the region.

Official CENTCOM media release [Feb. 27 Red Sea Update > U.S. Central Command > Press Release View \(centcom.mil\)](#)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Feb. 27, between the hours of 9:50p.m. and 10:55 p.m. (Sanaa time), U.S. aircraft and a coalition warship shot down five Iranian-backed Houthi one-way attack (OWA) unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in the Red Sea.

CENTCOM forces identified these UAVs originating from Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen and determined they presented an imminent threat to merchant vessels and to the U.S. Navy and coalition ships in the region. These actions will protect freedom of navigation and make international waters safer and more secure for U.S. Navy and merchant vessels.

JMIC Military Recommendations to Shipping Industry

4. The southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden from 16N to 047E remain a threat area based on the Houthis capability to attack vessels with various platforms. The threat remains focused on vessels with an Israeli, United States and United Kingdom associations. This is attributed to defensive coalition strikes to reduce Houthi attack capability to merchant shipping. Assurance to maritime industry and the free flow of commerce remain a top priority. JMIC recommends that vessels operating in the Red Sea, BAM and Gulf of Aden to exercise caution, conduct a risk assessment, review security measures, and incorporate appropriate protective measures into their vessel security plans. Vessels should ensure AIS is transmitting (except when the ship master believes that continuing to operate AIS might compromise safety and security of the vessel) consistent with provisions of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and monitor VHF Channel 16.

5. Vessels are advised to transit with caution, and share sightings of suspicious activity (including that of UAV sightings) in the area with UKMTO.



MV RUBYMAR

The vessel RUBYMAR which was struck by Houthis on the 19th February continues to remain afloat and drift, she is currently unlit, last known location was 28 FEB 1155z / 13 20.8N 042 57.5E drifting NW.

Merchant vessels are advised to navigate with caution in this area and report any sightings to UKMTO.

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



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