



VOLUNTARY REPORTING AREA

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Transit statistics, GNSS interference and regional incident activity across the maritime VRA.

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REPORT
No. 12

151

WARNINGS YTD

21

ADVISORIES YTD

141

IRAN-US CONFLICT
RELATED INCIDENTS YTD

6

RED SEA ATTACKS ON
SHIPPING YTD

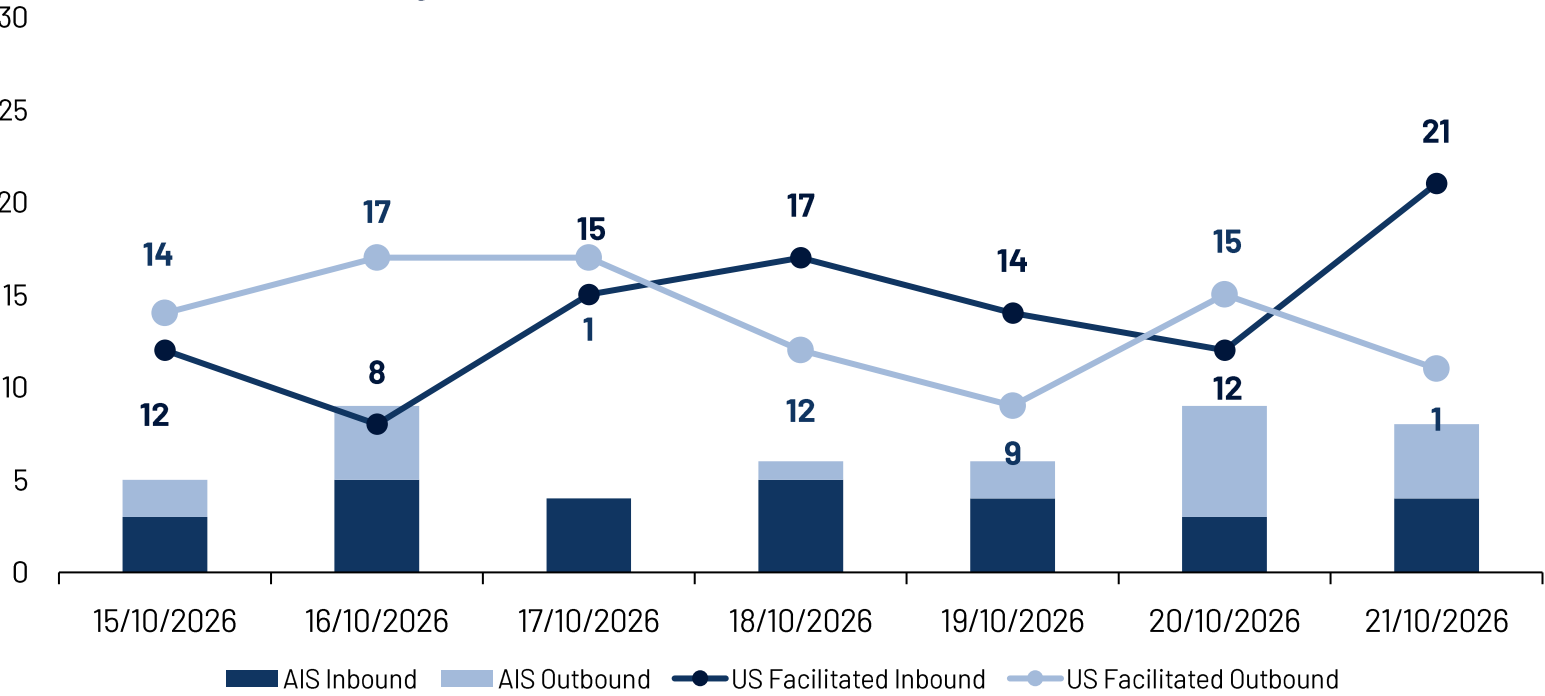
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PIRACY RELATED
INCIDENTS YTD

STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT OVERVIEW

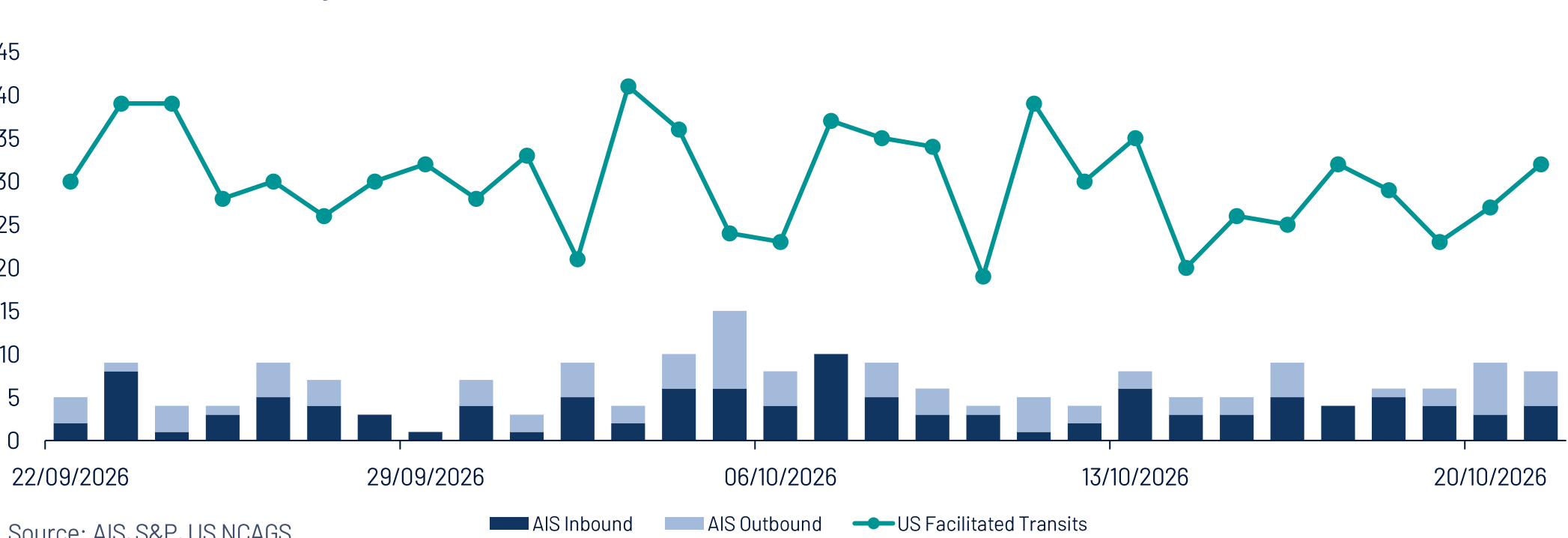
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Strait of Hormuz Transits 7-Day



Source: AIS, S&P, US NCAGS

Strait of Hormuz Transits 30-Day



Source: AIS, S&P, US NCAGS

TOTAL OUTBOUND TRANSITS LAST 7 DAYS

114
Total of AIS derived and US stated facilitated transits

Down

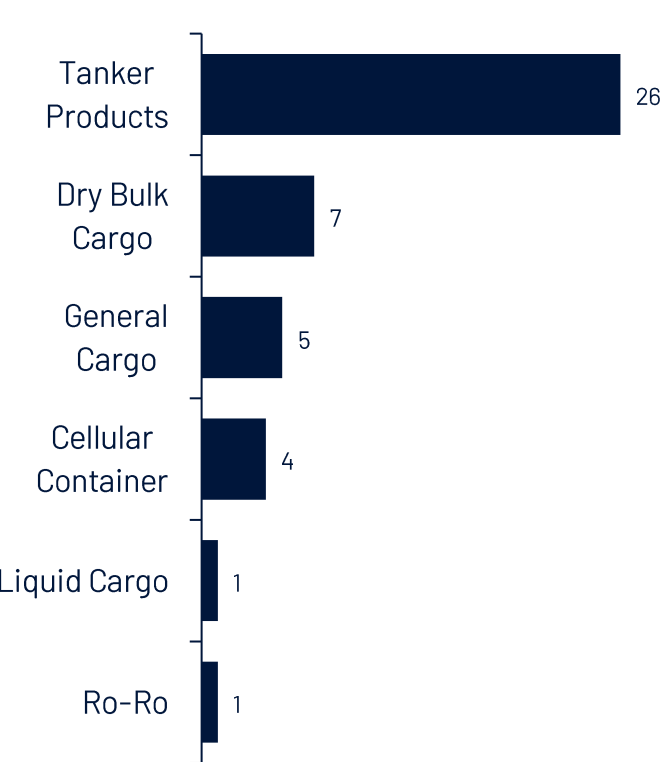
TOTAL INBOUND TRANSITS LAST 7 DAYS

127
Total of AIS derived and US stated facilitated transits

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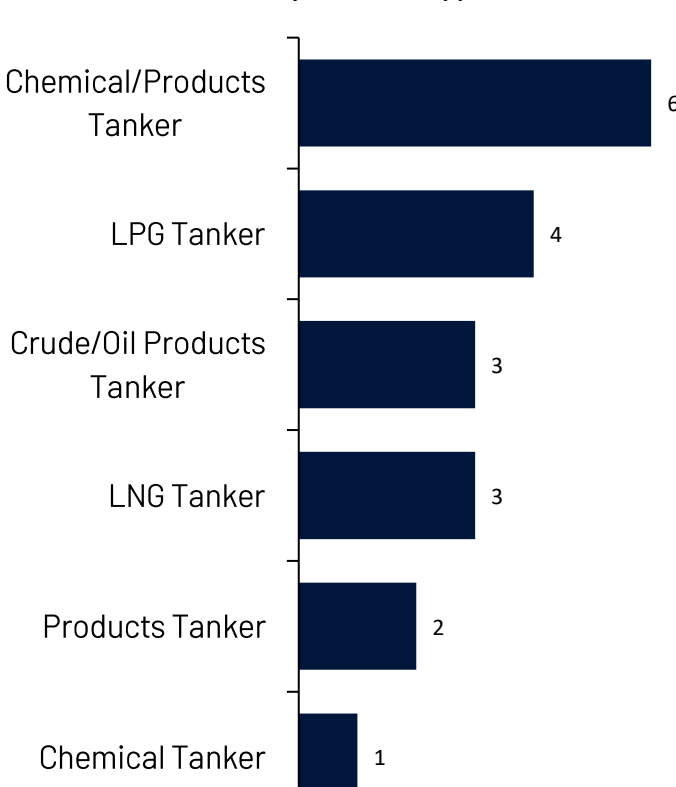
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INCIDENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO
DURING STRAIT OF HORMUZ SINCE 28
FEB 26

7-Day Vessel Types



Source: AIS, S&P

7-Day Tanker Types



Source: AIS, S&P

7-Day Flags of Registration	Count	7-Day Economic Benefit	Count
Liberia	6	United Arab Emirates	11
Panama	6	China	7
Barbados	4	Turkey	5
Marshall Islands	4	South Korea	4
Hong Kong, China	3	Greece	4

Top 5 most occurring included, for the reporting period derived solely from AIS data, Red text denotes unknown ownership or false flag registry. Derived from S&P Data.

UKMTO Comment: Combined transits were 114 outbound and 127 inbound (125 & 129 last week), approximately 70% below pre-conflict levels. AIS observed transits rose to 47 (42 last week) while US-stated facilitated transits were roughly level, about 4:1. US NCAGS reporting 80% of SoH transits remain energy carriers. Most AIS broadcasting vessels continue to route via Iranian Route.

Disclaimer: All figures are derived from AIS data and enriched through S&P vessel entity correlation, except US NCAGS facilitated transit figures and associated totals, which are sourced separately, including non-AIS broadcasting vessels, and cannot be independently verified by UKMTO at this stage.

MARITIME INCIDENTS – Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman

Week ending: 23 Oct 26
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119
REPORTS OF DAMAGE
TO VESSELS YTD

↑Up

13
NEAR MISS
REPORTS YTD

77
INJURY /
FATALITIES YTD

↑Up

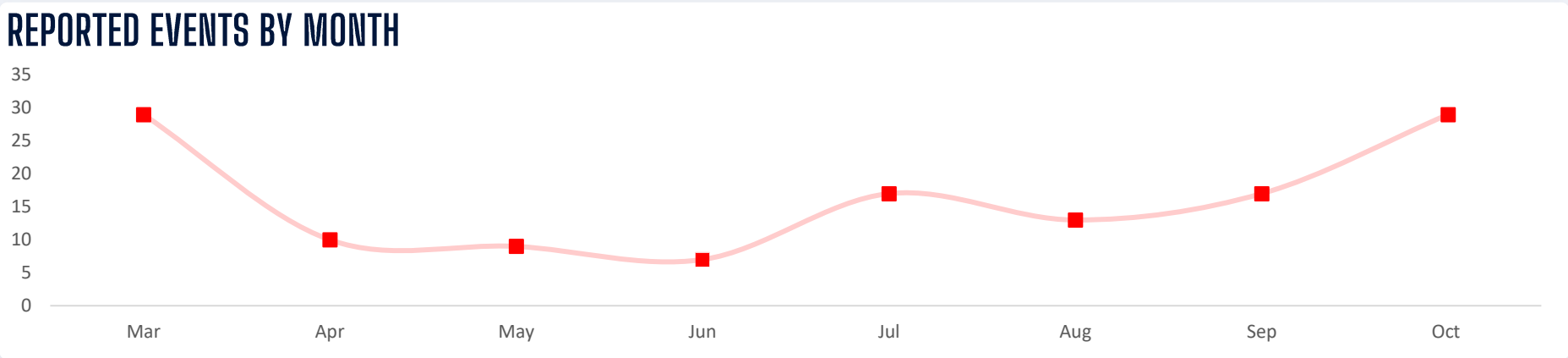
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TOTAL EVENTS
REPORTED YTD

235
DAYS SINCE
CONFLICT START
(28 FEB 26)

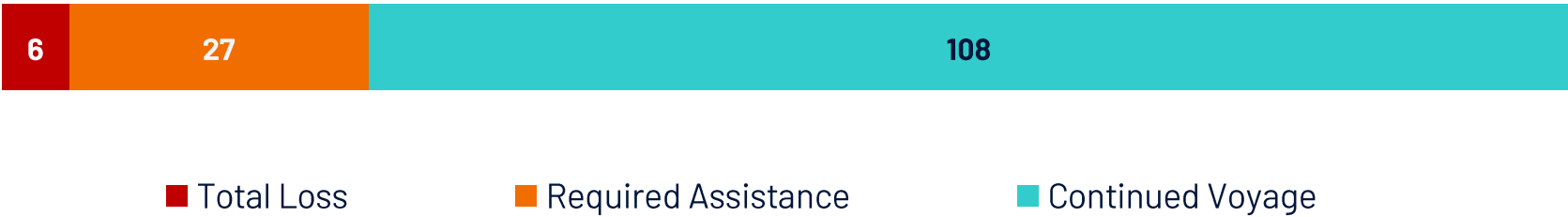
JMIC – ARABIAN GULF
SUBSTANTIAL

JMIC – STRAIT OF HORMUZ
SEVERE

JMIC – GULF OF OMAN
MODERATE



OUTCOMES SINCE 28 FEB



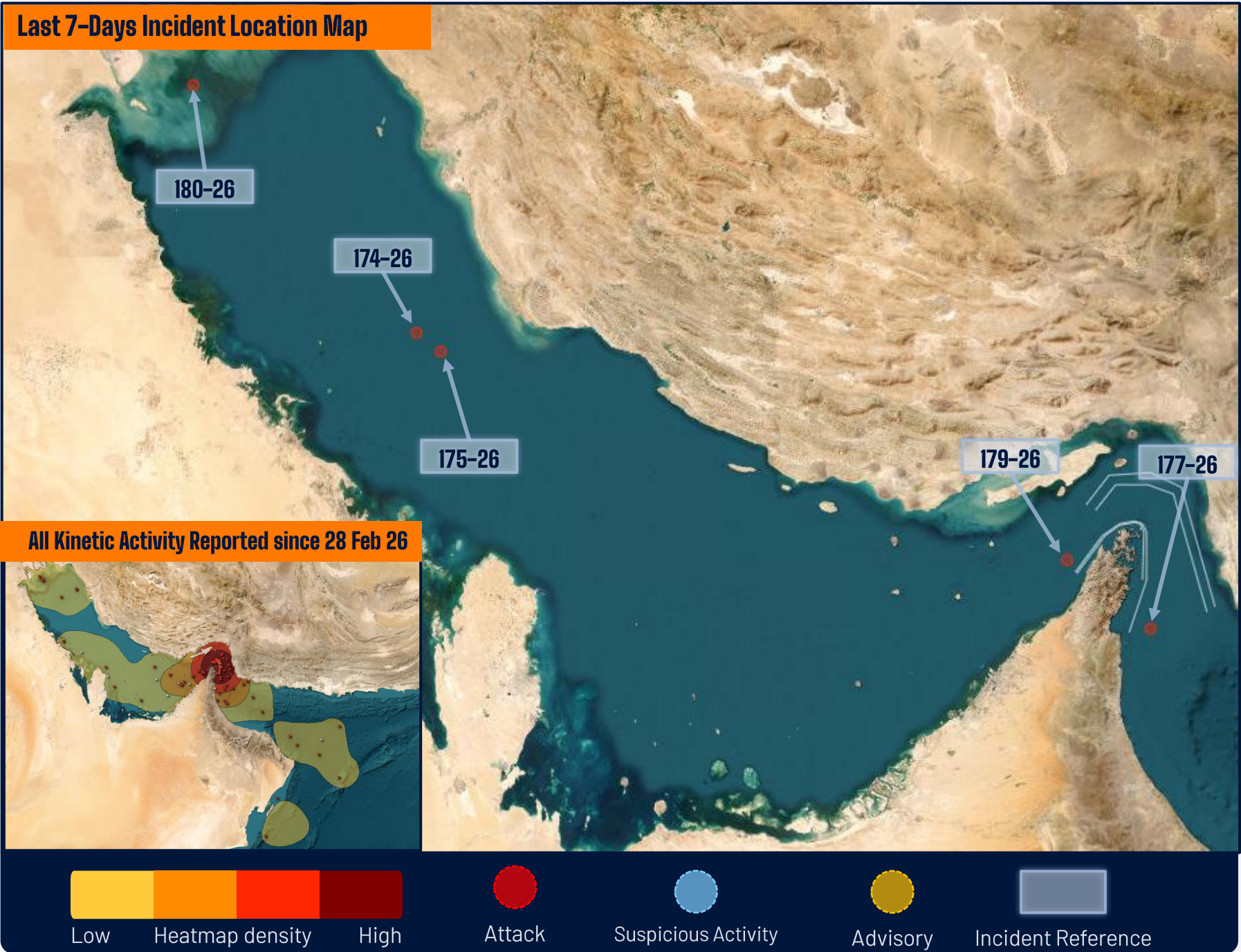
INCIDENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO IN THE LAST 7 DAYS

Date	Name	IMO	Type	Position	Event	Product
21/10/2026	WITHHELD	WITHHELD	TANKER	26°09'N 055°56'E	ATTACK	179-26
20/10/2026	SOYIA	9653446	TANKER	29°34'N 048°47'E	ATTACK	180-26
18/10/2026	WITHHELD	WITHHELD	TUG	25°38'N 056°36'E	ATTACK	177-26
16/10/2026	WITHHELD	WITHHELD	TANKER	27°40'N 050°49'E	ATTACK	175-26
16/10/2026	WITHHELD	WITHHELD	TANKER	27°48'N 050°37'E	ATTACK	174-26

Red text denotes approximate position.

UKMTO Comment:

- UKMTO reports only incidents verified through primary sources; additional incidents are known but cannot be independently verified.
- 5 attacks reported this week: 2 in the Strait of Hormuz, 3 in the Arabian Gulf.
- 1 additional incident in the Arabian Sea (178-26) "Reports indicate that the tanker was subject to interaction as part of ongoing military activity in the region."
- Since 6 Jul, 57 of 79 projectile strikes were on the southern route.
- Of the 6 incidents, 3 continued their voyage and 3 required assistance..



MARITIME INCIDENTS – Red Sea, Gulf of Aden

6

Confirmed Attacks within Defined Area

8

Year to Date Suspicious Activity Reported

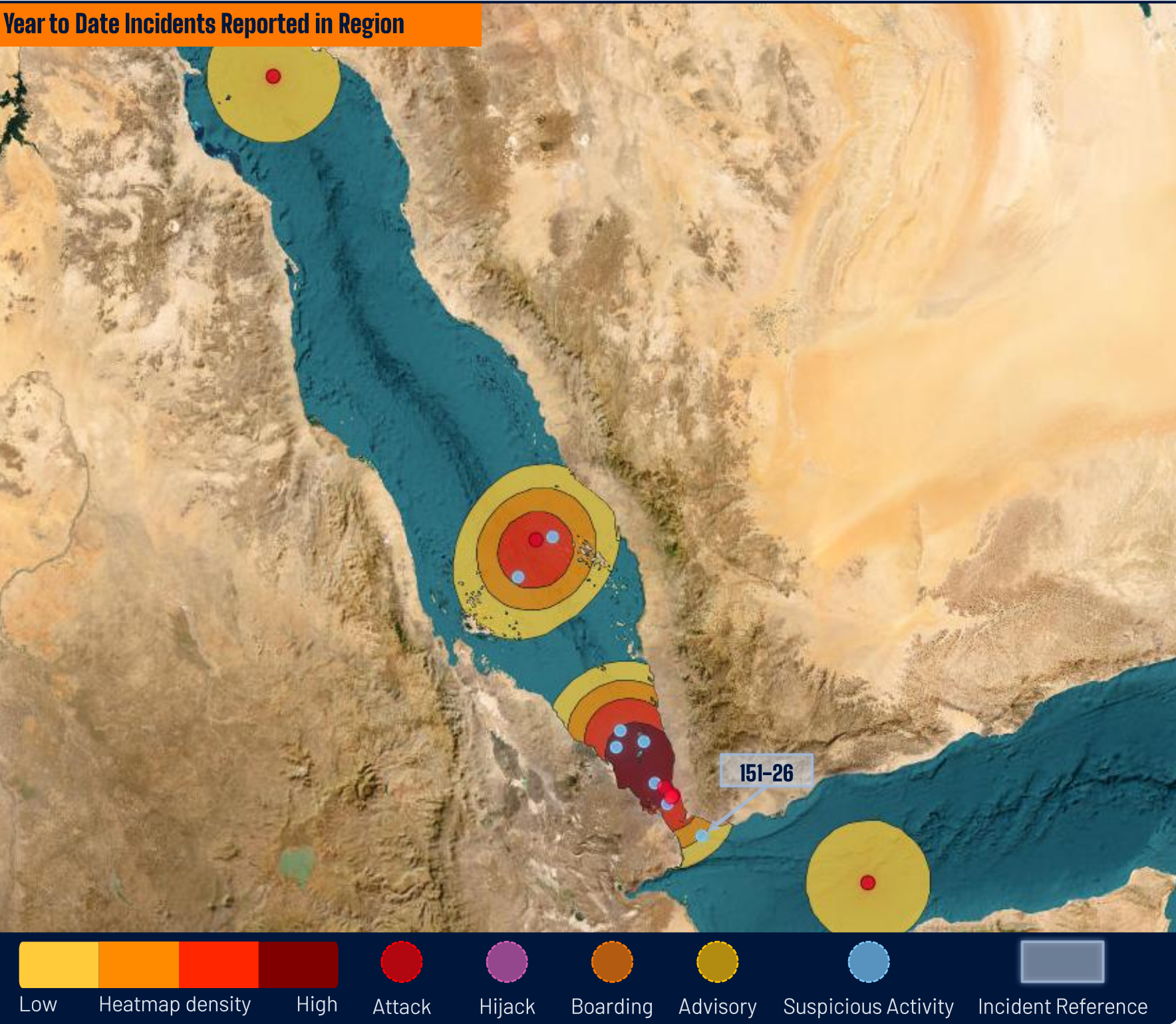
→ Level

-22%

Bab El-Mandeb Transits Prior to 22 Jul 26

6

Casualties Reported Year to Date



UKMTO Comment:

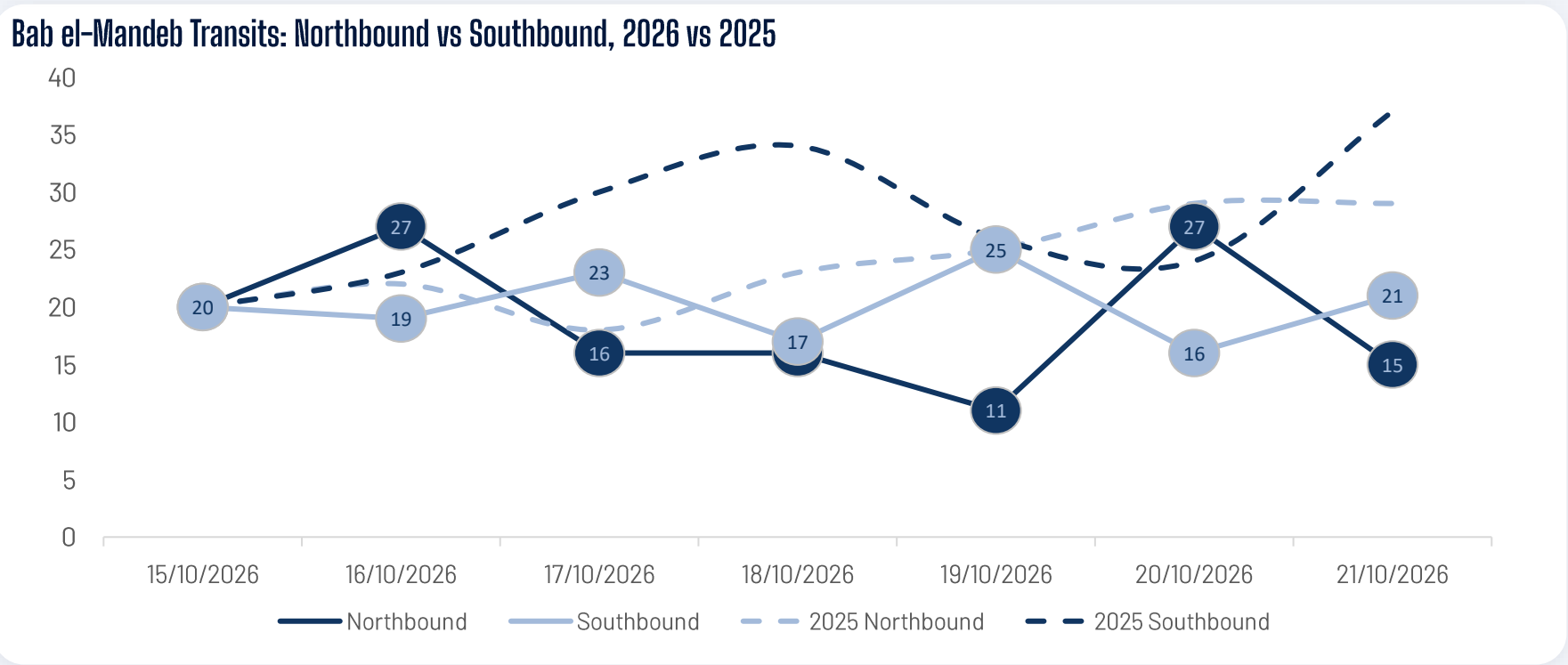
- No attacks on shipping reported in the Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb this week. The last was 24 Aug (58 days).
- The most recent event, 151-26 (4 Oct, explosions close to a tanker near the Bab el-Mandeb), is assessed as spillover from the ongoing land conflict rather than intentional targeting of the vessel.
- Increase in reporting to UKMTO from vessels of interactions with claimed Yemeni Authorities.
- Bab el-Mandeb transits remain 22% below the level before the Houthi blockade announcement on 22 Jul.
- Current threat to shipping appears to be in line with the published blockade on Saudi-linked shipping.
- Recognised Government and Houthi sources provide conflicting accounts, with no clear open-source confirmation of current control of coastal areas following the September offensive.
- JMIC: Southern Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb and Gulf of Aden are all SUBSTANTIAL threat level.

ATTACKS – projectile strikes, near misses & aggressive approaches with weapons discharged

- No attacks reported UKMTO in the last 7 days within the defined area

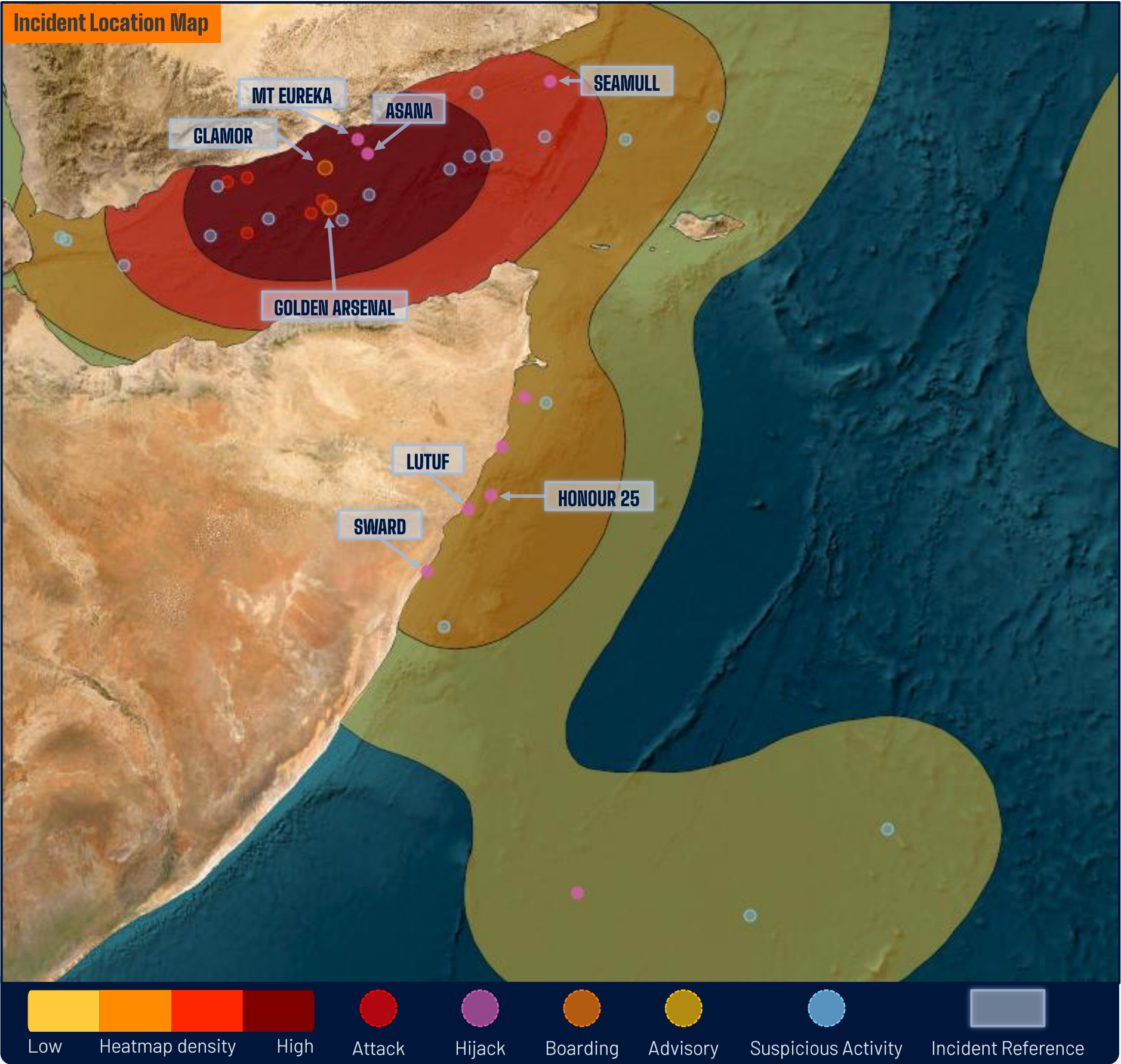
LATEST SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – unaccountable actions indicating potential threats, such as unusual equipment or behaviour

- No suspicious activity reported UKMTO in the last 7 days within the defined area



MARITIME PIRACY RELATED INCIDENTS – Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Somali Coast

Week ending: 23 Oct 26
Reporting Range 01 Jan 26 – 21 Oct 26



42

PIRACY RELATED INCIDENTS YTD

10

BOARDING & HIJACKS YEAR TO DATE

5

ATTACKS YEAR TO DATE

↑Up

27

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE

HIJACKS & BOARDINGS – attackers who take control of or board a vessel against the crews will without legal justification							
Date	Name	IMO	Type	Position	Event	Product	Status
10/09/26	GLAMOR	9177961	GENERAL CARGO	13°24'N, 047°58'E	BOARDING	132-26	Hijack Unsuccessful
20/08/26	SEAMULL	9204776	TANKER	14°41'N, 051°27'E	HIJACK	118-26	Released 25 Sep 26
17/08/26	LUTUF	9109134	GENERAL CARGO	08°12'N, 050°11'E	HIJACK	114-26	Released 29 Aug 26
17/07/26	ASANA	9035838	TANKER	13°36'N, 048°37'E	HIJACK	090-26	~96 days in captivity
01/07/26	GOLDEN ARSENAL	9493212	DRY BULK CARGO	12°52'N, 048°1'E	BOARDING	077-26	Released 03 Jul 26
02/05/26	EUREKA	1022823	TANKER	13°49'N, 048°28'E	HIJACK	Null	Released 29 Sep 26
26/04/26	SWORD	9174244	GENERAL CARGO	7°13'N, 049°32'E	HIJACK	046-26	Released 11 Sep 26
21/04/26	HONOUR 25	1099735	TANKER	8°25'N, 050°21'E	HIJACK	045-26	Released 29 Sep 26

ATTACKS – aggressive approach with weapons discharged						
Date	Name	IMO	Type	Position	Event	Product
17/10/26	WITHHELD	WITHHELD	TANKER	12°54'N, 047°55'E	ATTACK	176-26

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY – unaccountable actions indicating potential threats, such as unusual equipment or behaviour

- No suspicious activity reported UKMTO in the last 7 days within the defined area

UKMTO Comment:

- One vessel remains under pirate control as of 21 Oct: ASANA, held since 17 Jul.
- Five vessels have been released or recovered since 19 Aug (LUTUF, SWORD, SEAMULL, HONOUR 25 and EUREKA).
- 1 new piracy incident 176-26 reported this week.
- Incidents meeting BMP criteria for piracy have migrated from the eastern Somali coastline towards the Gulf of Aden. Hijackings and boardings show a proven capability up to 500NM offshore, with opportunistic attacks closer to shore.
- None of the vessels successfully hijacked or boarded were actively reporting to UKMTO prior to the incident. Reports of anomalous behaviour act as early warning , UKMTO encourages all vessels within the VRA to report what they see.
- JMIC: Gulf of Aden SUBSTANTIAL; Somali Basin / Somali Coast MODERATE.

UKMTO VRA: VESSEL REPORTED GNSS INTERFERENCE

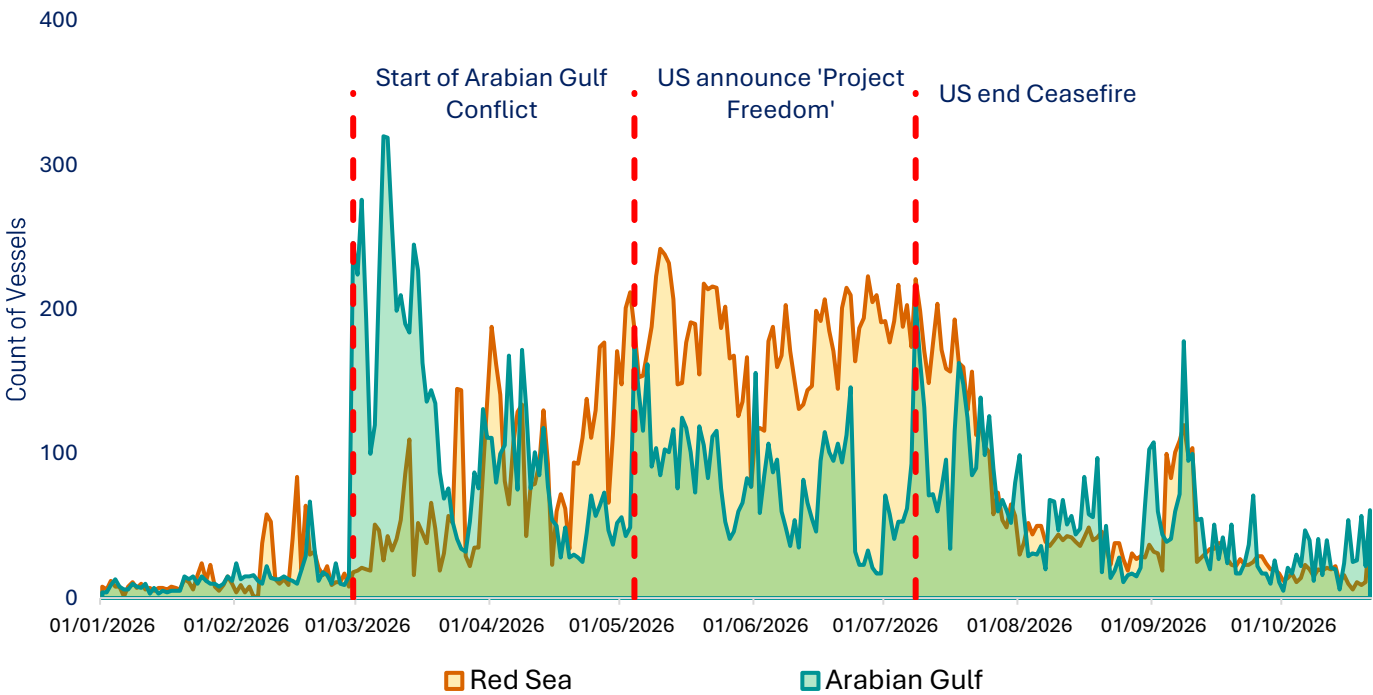
VESSEL REPORTING AND ANOMALOUS POSITIONS IN THE VRA



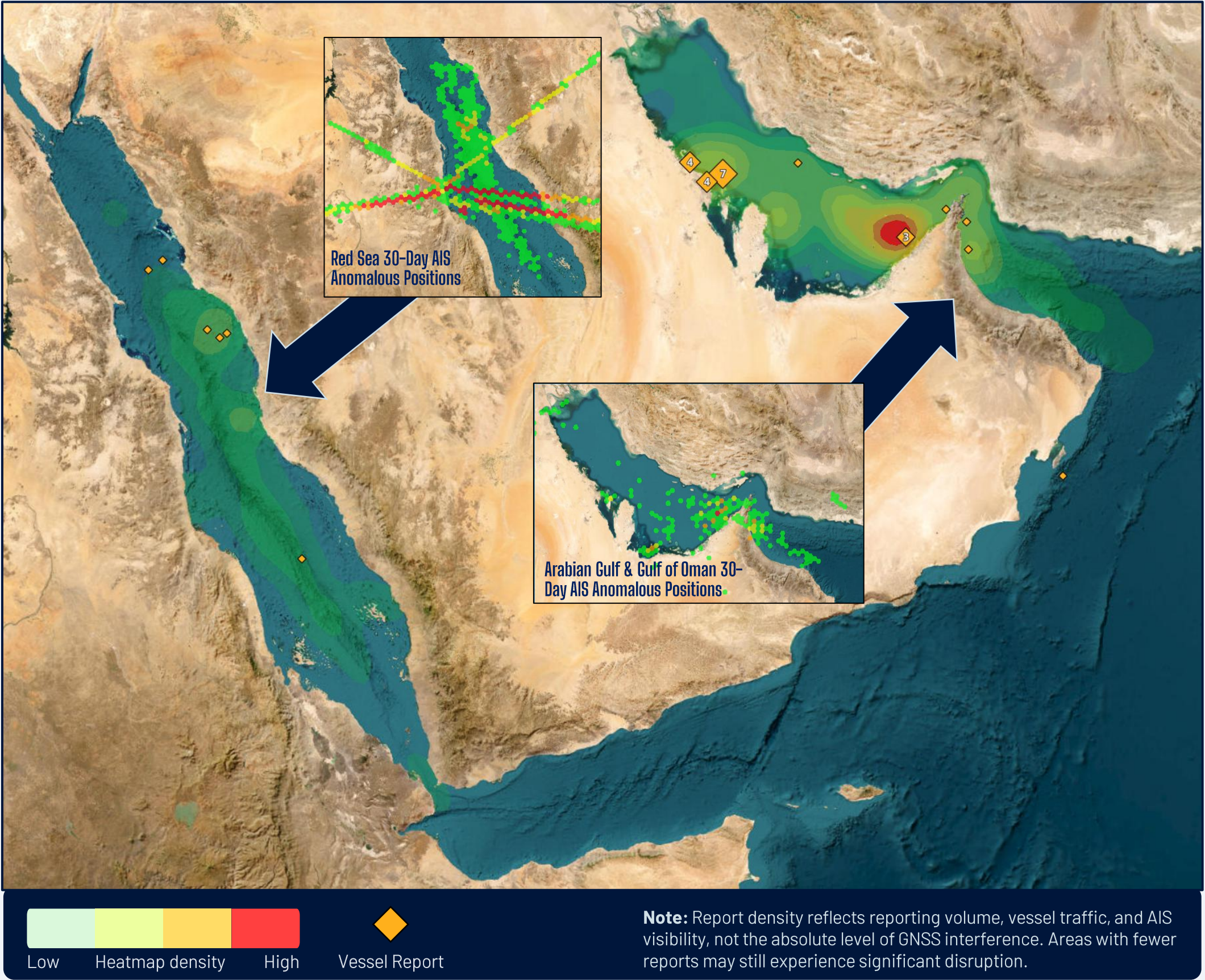
UKMTO Comment:

- 1 vessel report this week (8 last week). 30-day reports 32 (34 last week) and 7-day anomalous AIS positions dropped slightly to 18,049 (23,166 last week).
- Reporting remains concentrated in the Red Sea, Gulf of Oman and Arabian Gulf, with no significant change in distribution in the last 30 days.
- Areas with high report concentrations closely correlate with observed AIS spoofing, anomalous positions and movement patterns inconsistent with normal commercial operations, increasing confidence in this extent of disruption.
- Changes in report numbers do not necessarily reflect changes in the level of interference, as reporting is voluntary and depends on AIS availability.

ANOMALOUS AIS POSITIONS OVER TIME



Source: AIS



Note: Report density reflects reporting volume, vessel traffic, and AIS visibility, not the absolute level of GNSS interference. Areas with fewer reports may still experience significant disruption.

WARNING & ADVISORY SUMMARY REPORTED TO UKMTO LAST 7-DAYS

WARNING (ATTACK) 174-26	DATE 16 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Marshall Islands flagged crude oil tanker (~300,000 DWT) was struck by an unknown projectile 68NM NE of Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. The incident caused loss of power and an engine-room fire. All crew were safely evacuated; no pollution was reported. Salvage operations commenced on 17 Oct.	POSITION 27°48'N 050°37'E	AREA ARABIAN GULF
WARNING (ATTACK) 175-26	DATE 16 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Tanzania (Zanzibar) flagged crude oil tanker (~300,000 DWT) was attacked by a small craft using an RPG, 78NM NE of Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. The vessel reported some damage during the incident but was able to continue its voyage under its own power, all crew were safe and accounted for. No environmental impact was confirmed at the time of reporting.	POSITION 27°40'N 050°49'E	AREA ARABIAN GULF
WARNING (ATTACK) 176-26	DATE 17 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Bahamas flagged LNG tanker (~110,000 DWT) was approached by a single small craft, 140NM southwest of Al Mukalla, Yemen. After an exchange involving warning shots from the vessel's security team, the small craft disengaged. The vessel continued its voyage. No injuries, damage or pollution were reported.	POSITION 12°54'N 047°55'E	AREA GULF OF ADEN
WARNING (ATTACK) 177-26	DATE 18 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Netherlands flagged tug towing another vessel was struck by two unknown projectiles while transiting towards Khor Fakkan, UAE. The vessel sustained damage to the wheelhouse but remained operational and continued its voyage. One minor injury was reported; all other crew were safe and accounted for.	POSITION 25°16N 057°06'E	AREA STRAIT OF HORMUZ
ADVISORY 178-26	DATE 19 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Hong Kong flagged crude oil tanker (~320,000 DWT) was involved in an interaction with military forces 121NM east of Duqm, Oman. The vessel was subject to communications relating to ongoing military activity in the region. No damage, injuries or pollution were reported.	POSITION 19°53'N 060°03'E	AREA GULF OF OMAN
WARNING (ATTACK) 180-26	DATE 20 OCT 26 VESSEL SOYIA A Liberia-flagged oil products tanker (~50,000 DWT) reported an incident, approximately 30NM southeast of Al Faw, Iraq. Explosions and falling debris were observed during STS operations. No significant damage, injuries or pollution were reported, and the vessel subsequently awaited tug assistance.	POSITION 29°34'N 048°47'E	AREA ARABIAN GULF
WARNING (ATTACK) 179-26	DATE 21 OCT 26 VESSEL WITHHELD A Kuwait-flagged crude oil tanker (~110,000 DWT) was struck by an unknown projectile, 11NM west of Bukha, Oman. A fire onboard was extinguished and the vessel subsequently anchored awaiting assistance. All crew were reported safe, with no injuries or pollution reported.	POSITION 26°09'N 055°56'E	AREA STRAIT OF HORMUZ

ABOUT THIS REPORT

What it is
UKMTO's weekly summary of maritime security incidents, Strait of Hormuz transits and GNSS interference reported to, or observed by, UKMTO across the VRA (Suez to 10°S and 78°E).

What it is not
Not navigational advice, a routing recommendation, operational direction or an attribution of responsibility. Not a complete record: reporting is voluntary and some incidents cannot be independently verified. Read alongside company procedures, Flag State guidance, BMP MS and your own risk assessment.

How it is produced
OFFICIAL, from commercial AIS, geospatial analysis, vessel and industry reporting, open source and partners (JMIC, MSCIO, IFC-IOR, US NCAGS, MICA Center). Cross-referenced where practicable. Open source may help identify incidents but is not verification in itself.

REPORTING PERIODS

Week ending / Reporting Range
Publication date / the period the data covers, normally ending two days earlier. SoH slides run from 28 Feb 2026; other slides from 1 Jan 2026.

YTD / Last 7 days
From 1 Jan 2026 unless shown / the seven days to the end of the Reporting Range.

PRODUCTS AND EVENTS

Warning
Alerts industry to attacks, boardings, hijackings and other maritime security incidents in the VRA.

Advisory
A security report that does not meet the BMP criteria for a Warning, published for situational awareness.

Product reference (e.g. 001-26)
Sequential product number. Links the map label, table row and Warning & Advisory Summary entry.

Attack
Hostile action against a vessel, including weapons, missiles or loitering munitions on or near it.

Hijack / Kidnap
Attackers take control of a ship / forcible removal of persons from a vessel.

Illegal / Attempted Boarding
Boarding without lawful authority, without taking control / a close approach with intent to board that is unsuccessful or prevented.

Suspicious Activity
Actions or circumstances that may indicate a threat: unusual behaviour, high-speed approaches, multiple skiffs, activity inconsistent with normal operations.

DATA TERMS AND CONVENTIONS

Combined transits
AIS-derived transits (operator-verified, S&P Global data) plus US-stated facilitated transits from US NCAGS. Facilitated figures cannot be independently verified in full.

AIS dark / Pre-conflict average
A vessel transiting without AIS / average weekly transits before 28 Feb 2026 (state AIS only or combined).

GNSS reports and heatmaps
Reports voluntarily submitted by vessels, checked against anomalous AIS positions. Heatmaps reflect reporting volume, not the absolute level of interference.

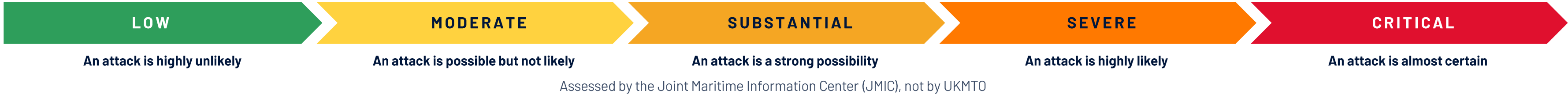
WITHHELD
Vessel name or IMO number not published.

Red text
Approximate position, or unknown ownership / suspected false flag.

Trend (Up / Down / Level)
Direction against the previous weekly report only. Not a judgement of improvement or deterioration.

Outcomes
Total loss; Required assistance (tug, salvage, evacuation, not under command); Continued voyage.

JMIC THREAT LEVELS



REPORTING TO UKMTO Register with UKMTO on entering the VRA. Report what you see and experience, however minor it seems. If a vessel is registered, UKMTO can contact it directly if an incident occurs in the vicinity, giving timely warning. Questions or feedback: info@ukmto.org

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