

JMIC Monthly Statistics for the Middle East



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March 2026



Combined Maritime Forces

JMIC Monthly Assessment Mar 2026

JMIC Overview

On 28 Feb 2026, outbreak of renewed hostilities in the Middle East marked a potential inflection point. Through Mar 2026, the situation remained volatile, with continued tension across key maritime chokepoints. This has sustained heightened risks of spillover into the maritime domain, including asymmetric attacks, targeting affiliated shipping, and persistent electromagnetic interference. Accordingly, the maritime threat level, including for electromagnetic interference, remains assessed at **CRITICAL**, reflecting the continued instability and potential for rapid escalation.

The pause in Houthi attacks is holding but remains fragile. Regional developments require close monitoring, particularly if the Houthis enter the broader conflict. Notwithstanding the elevated threat environment, the overall maritime threat level for merchant vessels transiting the RS, BAM, and GoA remains assessed at **MODERATE**, with risks varying by location and affiliation.

Highlights

Arabian Gulf (AG) / Strait of Hormuz (SoH) / Gulf of Oman (GoO): Maritime Threat **CRITICAL**.

- The threat remains **CRITICAL** to merchant traffic.
- Electromagnetic Interference was **CRITICAL** at the beginning of Dec 2025 and remained at that level in Mar 2026.

Red Sea (RS) / Bab al-Mandeb (BaM) / Gulf of Aden (GoA): Maritime Threat **MODERATE**.

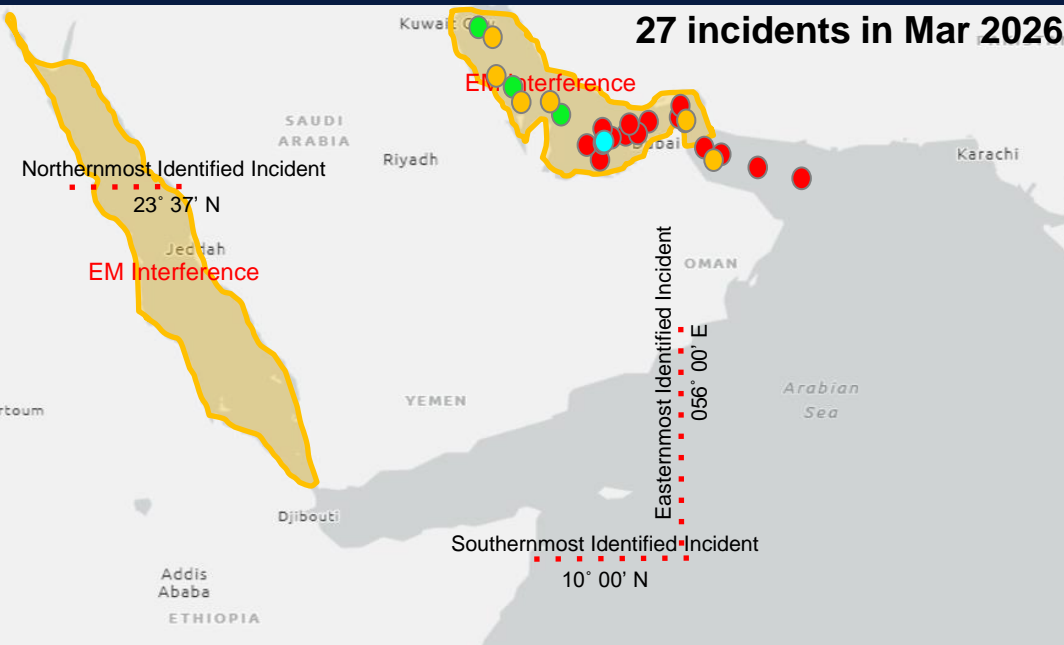
- Following the Houthi announcement of the resumption of maritime attacks targeting Israeli and non-Israeli affiliated vessels, the threats has remained **MODERATE**.
- Electromagnetic interference remained **MODERATE** throughout the month Mar 2026, more especially in the vicinity of the Port of Sudan, Yanbu, and Jeddah.

Piracy: Maritime Threat **LOW**

- Unfavorable for small boat operations due to current weather conditions.



Executive Summary



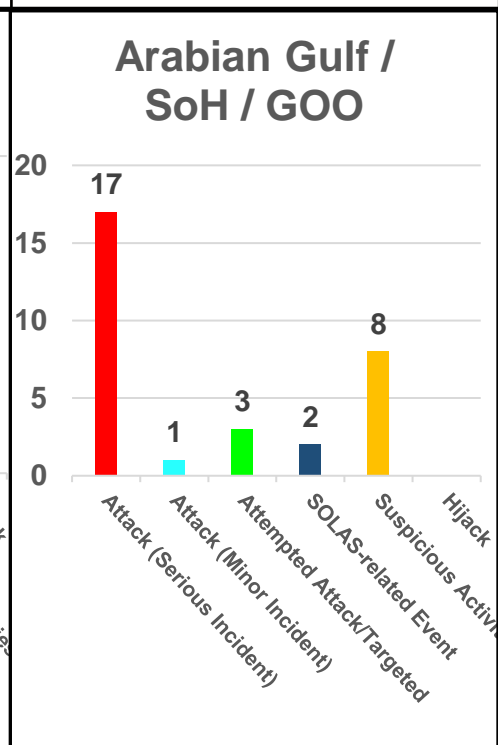
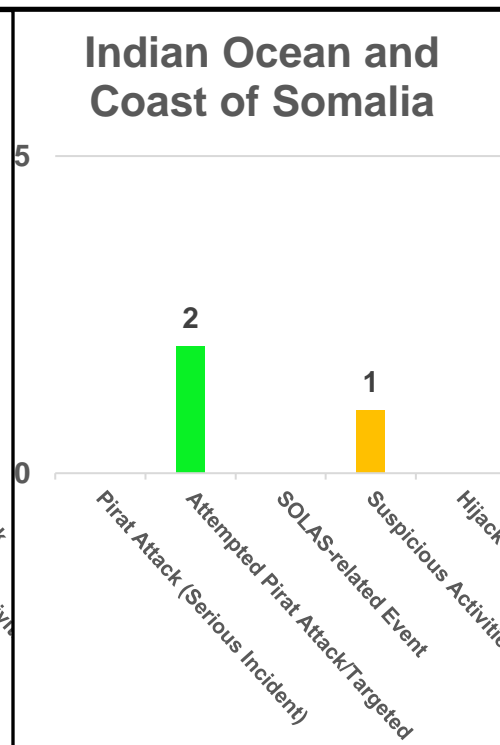
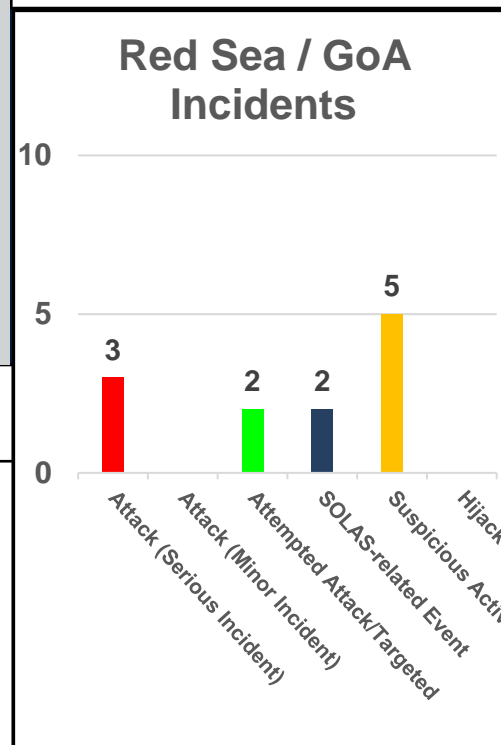
Since 01 Jan 2025

Total number of JMIC Incidents
(excluding coalition engagements)

155
27 for the month of Mar-26

Days since last incident / incident reported by JMIC

0 day (since 31 Mar 26)



JMIC #	Type of Incident	Vessel Type
Refer to JMIC Advisory Note (dtd since 1 Mar 2026 to 31 Mar 2026 for more info)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total of 18 Attacks (of which 17 are Serious and 1 is of Minor) Total of 3 Near Misses Total of 6 Suspicious Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SKYLIGHT (TANKER) HERCULES STAR (TANKER) OCEAN ELECTRA (BULK) MKD VYOM (TANKER) STENA EIMPERATIVE (TANKER) PELAGIA (BULK) GOLD OAK (BULK) LIBRA TRADER (TANKER) SAFEEN PRESTIGE (CONTAINER) MSC GRACE (CONTAINER) SONANGOL NAMIBE (TANKER) MUSSAFAH 2 (TUG) ARABIA III (OFFSHORE RIG) GH KAHLO (BULK) ONE MAJESTY (CONTAINER) MAYUREE NAREE (BULK) STAR GWYNETH (BULK) SAFESEA VISHNU (TANKER) ZEFYROS (TANKER) SOURCE BLESSING (CONTAINER) 4X NAME WITHHELD (LPG, CHEMICAL PRODUCT TANKER, TUG, BULK) EXPRESS ROME (CONTAINER) AL SALMI (CRUDE OIL TANKER) AQUA 1 (TANKER)

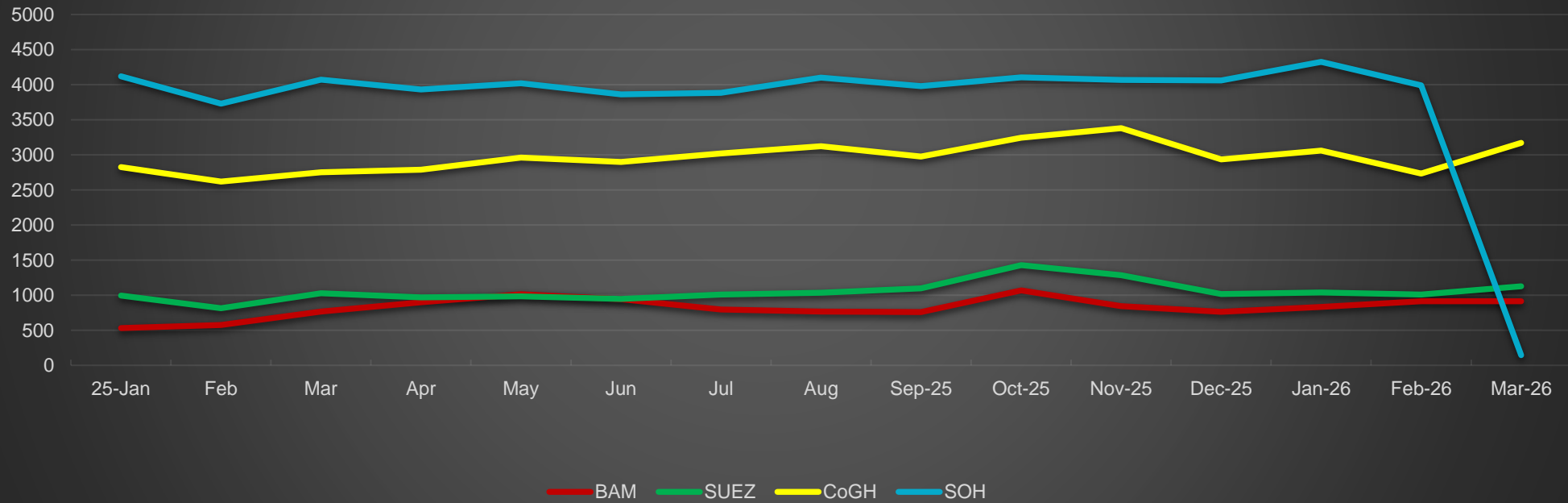
Last incident info:
Date: 17 FEB 2026
Type: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Ship: TUG

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

Last incident info:
Date: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 30 and 31 MAR 2026 (More info refer to infographic in subsequent slide)

Monthly Statistics (from Jan 2025 to Mar 2026)

BaM/SUEZ/CoGH/SoH
Month on Month, from January 2025 to Mar 2026



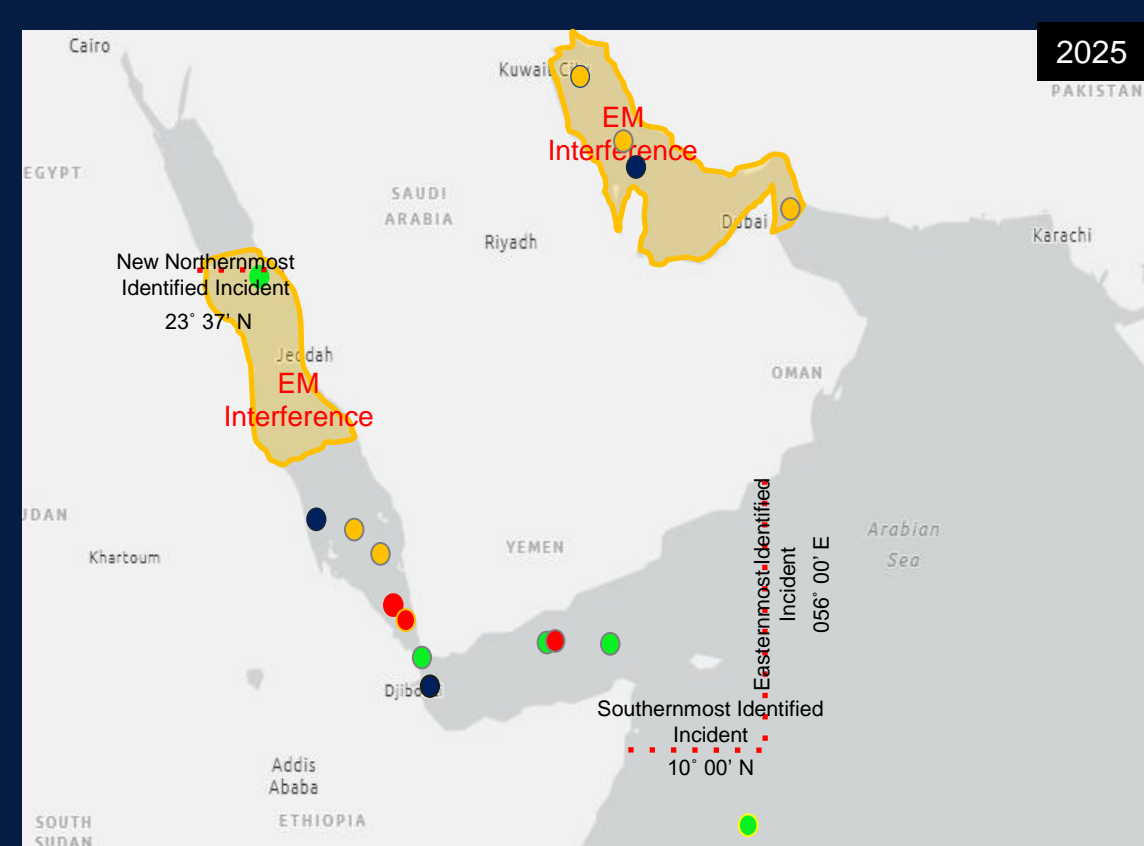
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Heatmap of Incidents in CMF AOR



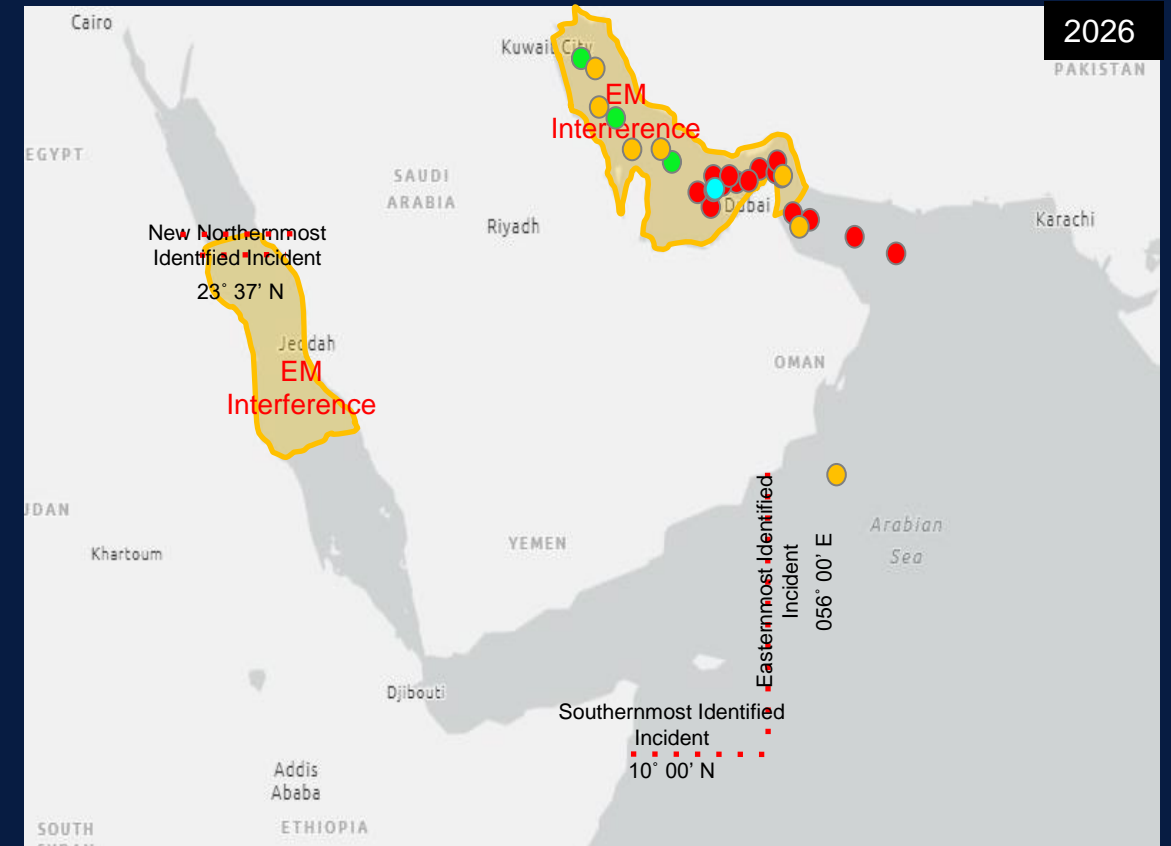
Overview of Incidents and Suspicious Activities in CMF AOR Since 01 Jan 2025



2025

Observations and Assessments (2025)

In 2025, we have observed a total of 16 incidents.



2026

Observations and Assessments (2026)

In Mar 2026, we have observed a total of 27 incidents occurring in the AG and SoH. The total count thus far is 28 incidents.

Legend

- Attack (Serious Incident)
- Attack (Minor Incident)
- Attempted Attack/Targeted
- Hijack
- Suspicious Activities
- SOLAS-related Event

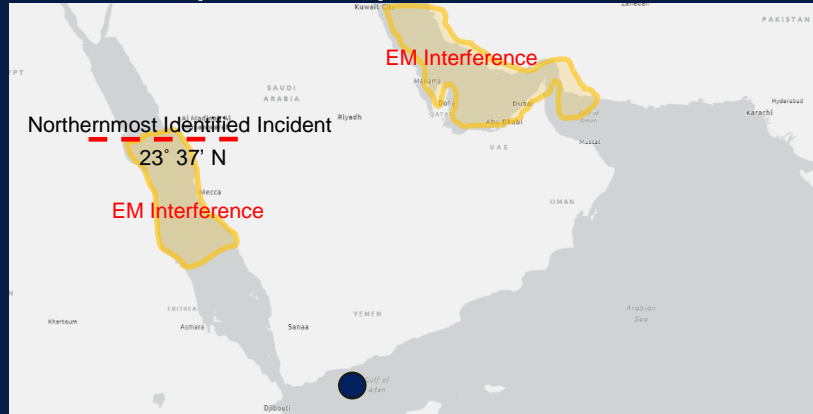


JMIC Month by Month Comparison of Incidents

(Last 6 months)



Oct 2025 (1 Incident)



Nov 2025 (1 Incident)



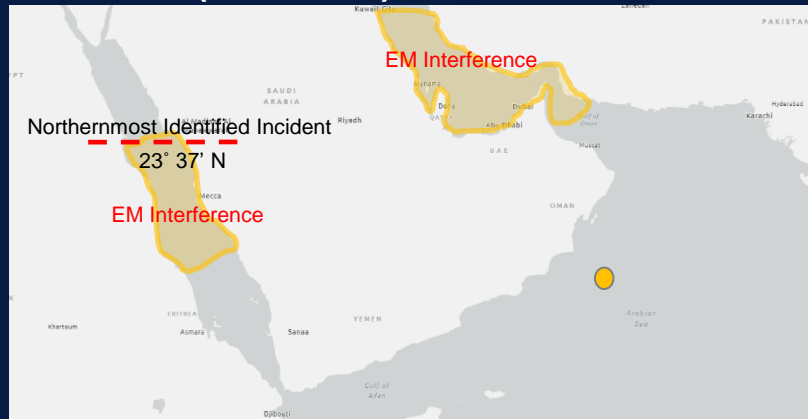
Dec 2025 (1 Incident)



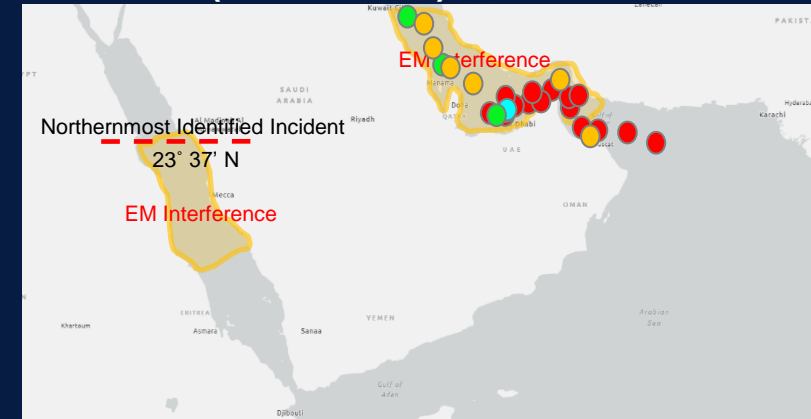
Jan 2026 (0 Incident)



Feb 2026 (1 Incident)



Mar 2026 (27 Incidents)

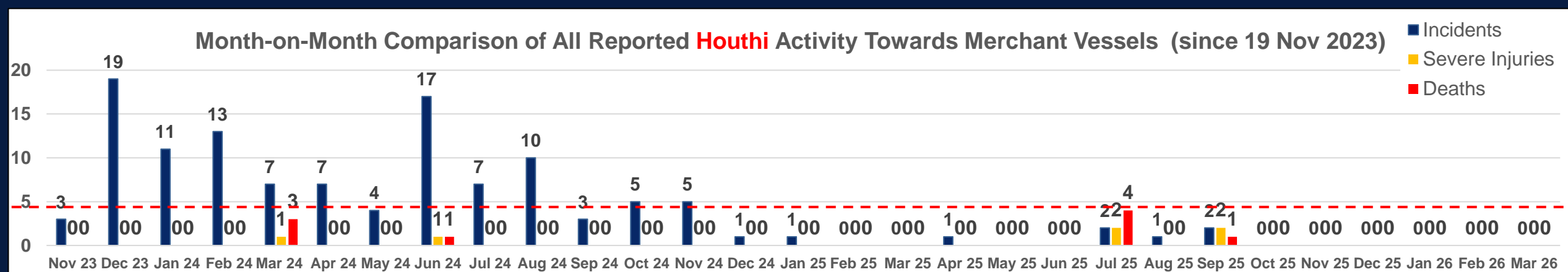
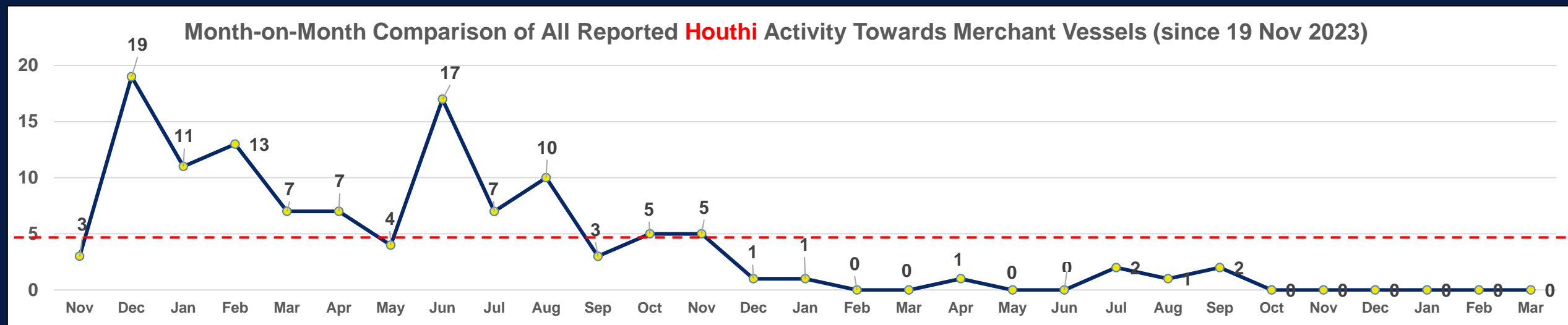


Observations and Assessments

Of the past 5 months (from Oct 25 to Feb 26), the overall number of incidents has remained low. However, since 28 Feb 26, following the outbreak of regional hostilities in the Middle East, the total number of incidents has spiked. Piracy threat in the GoA, Somali Coast and Indian Ocean remains **LOW**. JMIC assesses the overall threat to merchant vessels transiting the AG, SoH and GoO as **CRITICAL** for vessels engaged in legitimate trade.

Trending of Houthi-related Maritime Incidents

19 Nov 2023 – 31 Mar 2026 (Last reported incident)



Observations and Assessments

During last month, no Houthi attacks reported on merchant vessels.

Month-on-Month average displayed as red dotted line. This will be updated to reflect values for the current reporting period.

Complete List of Merchant Vessels Incidents in the Red Sea, GoA and Indian Ocean

	I/N	Date	Name	IT	VT	AA
NOV	1	19/11/23	GALAXY LEADER			
	2	25/11/23	CENTRAL PARK			
	3	26/11/23	CENTRAL PARK			
DECEMBER	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			
	11	14/12/23	MAERSK GIBRALTAR			
	12	15/12/23	AL JASRAH			
	13	15/12/23	MSC ALANYA			
JANUARY	14	15/12/23	MSC PALATIUM 3			
	15	18/12/23	SWAN ATLANTIC			
	16	18/12/23	MSC CLARA			
	17	23/12/23	SAI BABA			
	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			
JANUARY	24	09/01/24	GREEN BAY			
	25	12/01/24	KHALISSA			
	26	15/01/24	GIBRALTAR EAGLE			
	27	16/01/24	ZOGRAFIA			
	28	17/01/24	GENCO PICARDY			
	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			

	I/N	Date	Name	IT	VT	AA
FEBRUARY	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			
	39	16/02/24	POLLUX			
	40	18/02/24	RUBYMAR			
	41	19/02/24	SEA CHAMPION			
	42	19/02/24	NAVIS FORTUNA			
	43	21/02/24	LAVENDER			
MARCH	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			
	49	08/03/24	PROPEL FORTUNE			
	50	11/03/24	PINOCCHIO			
	51	14/03/24	PACIFIC 01			
	52	15/03/24	MADO			
	53	23/03/24	HUANG PU			
APRIL	54	01/04/24	CRYSTAL SYMPHONY			
	55	06/04/24	HOPE ISLAND			
	56	24/04/24	MAERSK YORKTOWN			
	57	25/04/24	MSC DARWIN VI			
	58	26/04/24	ANDROMEDA STAR			
	SI2	26/04/24	MSC ORION			
MAY	59	29/04/24	CYCLADES			
	60	06/05/24	MSC DIEGO / MSC GINA			
	61	17/05/24	WIND			
	62	23/05/24	YANNIS			
	63	28/05/24	LAAX			

	I/N	Date	Name	IT	VT	AA
JUNE	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			
	71	13/06/24	SEAGUARDIAN			
	72	16/06/24	-			
	73	21/06/24	-			
JULY	74	23/06/24	-			
	75	24/06/24	MSC SARAH V			
	76	25/06/24	LILA LISBON			
	77	27/06/24	SEAJoy			
	78	28/06/24	DELONIX			
	79	29/06/24	ROTTERDAM TRADER			
	80	30/06/24	SUMMER LADY			
	81	09/07/24	MAERSK SENTOSA			
	82	10/07/24	MOUNT FUJI			
	83	11/07/24	ROSTRUM STOIC			
AUGUST	84	15/07/24	BENTLEY I			
	85	15/07/24	CHIOS LION			
	86	19/07/24	LOBIVIA			
	87	20/07/24	PUMBA			
	88	03/08/24	GROTON			
	89	08/08/24	DELTA BLUE			
	90	12/08/24	DELTA ATLANTICA			
	91	13/08/24	ON PHOENIX			
	92	15/08/24	SIAM & SUNNY OCEAN			
	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)
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Vessel Type (VT):

Bulk
Tanker
Passenger
Container
RORO
Other

Assessed Association (AA):

Israel
UK
US
No Direct Association
Outdated Association

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SEP	98	9/2/24	BLUE LAGOON I			
	99	9/2/24	OIL TANKER			
	100	9/21/24	DILIGENT WARRIOR			
OCT	101	10/1/24	CORDELIA MOON			
	102	10/1/24	MINOAN COURAGE			
	103	10/10/24	OLYMPIC SPIRIT			
	104	10/23/24	HUAN HANG 99			
	105	10/28/24	MOTARO			
NOV	106	11/8/24	LIQUID SKY			
	107	11/9/24	S LINE			
	108	11/12/24	UN-DISCLOSED			
	109	11/18/24	ANADOLU S			
	110	11/21/24	TRIPLE SEVEN			
DEC	111	12/2/24	U.S. ASS. VESSELS			
JAN	113	1/28/25	ASL BAUHINIA			X
APR	114	4/15/25	UN-DISCLOSED			X
JUL	117	7/6/25	MAGIC SEAS			
	118	7/8/25	ETERNITY C			
	119	7/24/25	MERINOS LIVESTOCK			X
AUG	120	8/31/25	SCARLET RAY			
SEP	121	9/4/25	AGIOS NEKTARIOS I			X
	122	9/23/25	MINERVAGRACHT			
	123	9/29/25	UN-DISCLOSED			

	I/N	Date	Name	IT	VT	AA
NOV	124	10/18/25	MT FALCON			X
NOV	125	11/6/2025	HELLAS APHRODITE			X
DEC	127	12/6/25	UN-DISCLOSED			X
FEB 2026	128	17/2/26	Frontier			X

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2025	I/N	Date	Name	IT	VT
JAN	112	1/24/25	Un-disclosed	Yellow	Orange
MAY	115	5/15/25	Un-disclosed	Yellow	Blue
JUN	116	6/16/25	Front Eagle and Adalynn	Dark Blue	Yellow
NOV	126	11/14/25	Un-disclosed	Yellow	Yellow

MAR 2026	129	1/3/2026	SKYLIGHT	Red	Yellow	X
	130		HERCULES STAR	Red	Yellow	X
	131		OCEAN ELECTRA	Cyan	Grey	X
	132		MKD VYOM	Red	Yellow	X
	133		STENA IMPERATIVE	Red	Yellow	X
	134	3/3/2026	PELAGIA	Green	Grey	X
	135		GOLD OAK	Red	Yellow	X
	136		LIBRA TRADER	Red	Yellow	X
	137	4/3/2026	SAFEEN PRESTIGE	Red	Cyan	X
	138		MSC GRACE	Green	Cyan	X
	139		SONANGOL NAMIBE	Red	Magenta	X
	140	6/3/2026	MUSSAFAH 2	Red	Magenta	X
	141	7/3/2026	ARABIA III	Red	Magenta	X
142	10/3/2026	GH KAHLO	Green	Grey	X	
143		ONE MAJESTY	Red	Cyan	X	
144	11/3/2026	MAYUREE NAREE	Red	Grey	X	
145		STAR GWYNETH	Red	Grey	X	
146		SAFESEA VISHNU	Red	Yellow	X	
147		ZEFYROS	Red	Yellow	X	
MAR 2026	148	12/3/2026	SOURCE BLESSING	Red	Cyan	X
	149	17/3/2026	NAME	Yellow	Yellow	X
	150	18/3/2026	WITHHELD	Red	Yellow	X
	151	19/3/2026		Yellow	Magenta	X
	152	21/3/2026		Yellow	Grey	X
MAR 2026	153	30/3/2026	EXPRESS ROME	Yellow	Cyan	X
	154		AL SALMI	Yellow	Yellow	X
	155	31/3/2026	AQUA 1	Yellow	Yellow	X

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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 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	<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"> • 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.
SOLAS-related Event	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

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 - MARITIME SECURITY

[BMP-MS 2025](#)

Industry Transit Advice for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden from 25th of September 2024

Industry Transit Advice - 25th September 2024

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MSCIO Website

EU NAVFOR Support Request

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Info Notes, Advisories, Weekly Summary, Monthly Statistics, and Bridge Emergency Reference Cards:

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JMIC Advisory on CMF Maritime Threat Levels

JMIC Advisory Note on Determining Associations and Affiliations

