

Joint Maritime Information Center

Update 056 to JMIC Advisory Note:

01 March – 09 June 2026

Regional Tension - Impact on Maritime Security

Area of Concern:

Middle East Maritime Region

JMIC# 001-26

Regional Threat Level: SEVERE

1. Confirmed Maritime Security Incidents List since last report

Date	Vessel	Vessel Type	Event Type	Location	Summary
08 June 2026, UKMTO 064-26	Marivex	Tanker	Suspicious Activity	15 NM northeast of Masirah, Oman	A tanker reported a fire onboard. The crew was evacuated, no indications of environmental impact at this stage.

2. Operational Summary – Last 48 Hours

Arabian Gulf (No change)

Traffic flows remain stable. No changes in anchorage congestion. Recurring GNSS interference continues.

Strait of Hormuz (No change)

Strait of Hormuz traffic remains significantly reduced, with commercial vessels continuing to route south of the TSS via Omani territorial waters.

A NAVAREA IX warning (180/26) was issued on 26 May reporting a suspected floating mine in position 26 24.3N 056 20.6E. Vessels transiting the area are advised to navigate with extreme caution.

Mining in and near the TSS remains a threat, and GNSS interference is consistent.

Gulf of Oman

Merchant vessels continue to report a strong multinational naval presence across the area. Blockade-enforcement activity is ongoing.

Incident Summary – UKMTO 064-26

On 08 June 2026, a tanker, Marivex, reported a fire onboard approximately 15 NM northeast of Masirah, Oman. The crew was evacuated, and Omani and Indian authorities are coordinating the response.

There are no indications of environmental impact at this stage.



Traffic flows remain stable, and vessels are advised to maintain heightened awareness.

Arabian Sea (No change)

The northern Arabian Sea remains calm with no confirmed maritime security incidents in the last 48 hours. Naval forces continue routine patrols, and commercial traffic is transiting without disruption. The broader operating environment remains influenced by regional tensions, but no direct impacts on merchant shipping have been reported in this period.

Gulf of Aden (No change)

Commercial traffic remains steady in the Gulf of Aden.

While threats of historical skiff activity and piracy-related approaches remain, no such events have been reported in this period. Vessels are advised to maintain BMP-compliant watchkeeping throughout the IRTC.

Southern Red Sea & Bab el Mandeb

Commercial traffic continues to transit steadily through the Southern Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb. No confirmed attacks on merchant shipping have been reported in the last 48 hours. The security posture remains stable, with coalition naval units maintaining a visible presence. Recent Houthi statements have increased rhetorical threats, but no associated operational indicators or targeting activity have been observed.

Somali Coast and Somali Basin (No change)

No piracy incidents have been reported in the last 48 hours.

Three merchant vessels remain held:

- Oil/products tanker – held since 21 April 2026
- General cargo / cement carrier – held since 26 April 2026
- Oil tanker – held since 02 May 2026; taken 10 NM off the Yemen coast and diverted toward Somali waters; status unconfirmed

Northern Red Sea & Suez Canal (No change)

No confirmed attacks or disruptions. Suez Canal transits continue normally. There are reports of elevated levels of electronic interference in vicinity of Yanbu.

Eastern Mediterranean (No change)

No maritime attacks have been reported. Periodic electronic and navigational interference continues near Cyprus and the Levant. Naval presence remains, and vessels are advised to maintain prudent separation from military units.



3. Regional Threat overview

JMIC Threat Scale: ● Low | ● Moderate | ● Substantial | ● Severe | ● Critical

Region	Threat Level	Notes
Arabian Gulf	SEVERE	Navigation interference continues, with residual kinetic risk and potential for rapid escalation. Risk of attack or miscalculation remains elevated.
Strait of Hormuz	SEVERE	Navigation interference and blockade-enforcement activity persist. Mine-risk reports remain relevant within and adjacent to the TSS. Elevated risk of attack or miscalculation. Due to the number of safe transits conducted via the southern route, this threat level has been reduced from Critical to Severe.
Gulf of Oman	SEVERE	Historical projectile/UAV strike patterns sustain the risk profile. Naval presence and enforcement activity remain elevated.
Arabian Sea	MODERATE	No confirmed maritime attacks. Regional posture stable, with residual risk linked to broader conflict dynamics.
Gulf of Aden	MODERATE	PAG activity remains highly likely, particularly in coastal approaches and known small-boat operating areas. Recent weather conditions reduce small-boat operating windows in open waters but do not eliminate the threat.
Bab el-Mandeb / Southern Red Sea	MODERATE	No confirmed maritime attacks. Overall posture stable, though Houthi rhetoric persists. No operational indicators of imminent targeting.
Somali Coast / Somali Basin	MODERATE	Three vessels remain held by Somali pirates. PAG activity remains possible but strengthening southwest monsoon conditions are severely limiting offshore and extended-range skiff operations. Coastal waters still offer favorable small-boat conditions, so opportunistic activity cannot be ruled out.
Northern Red Sea / Suez Canal	MODERATE	No attacks or disruptions reported. Suez Canal operations remain normal. Periodic EMI/GNSS interference remains possible.
Eastern Mediterranean	MODERATE	EMI/GNSS disruptions; naval presence; no maritime attacks.



4. Maritime Incidents & Traffic Assessment

4A. Confirmed Vessel Incidents (Since 1 March)

Total of 46 incidents since 1 March; one incident since last report.

4B. Infrastructure Incidents (Last 48 Hours) (No change)

No attacks on ports or maritime infrastructure reported. Overall risk remains SUBSTANTIAL, driven by the potential for renewed kinetic activity and ongoing uncertainty around Iranian coastal waters and blockade-related enforcement. Recent drone activity focused on power generation.

4C. Traffic Trends

- Strait of Hormuz:
 - Historical average: ~138 vessels/day
 - 07 June: 2 transits
 - 08 June: 9 transits
- Bab el-Mandeb:
 - 80 vessel transits in past 48 hours
 - Still below pre-2023 baseline

** Metrics are a compilation of data from S&P Maritime and SeaVision sources and are exclusive of ships calling Iranian ports adjacent to the Strait of Hormuz.*

4D. Port & Anchorage Congestion (No change)

High vessel density persists across major Arabian Gulf anchorages, with no significant change in congestion levels over the last 48 hours. Traffic patterns remain largely unchanged as operators continue to delay Strait of Hormuz transits in response to observed activity. Periodic repositioning within anchorages remains advisable to avoid predictability and reduce exposure to potential targeting.

4E. GNSS / AIS Interference (No change)

GNSS interference remains consistent across the Strait of Hormuz approaches, the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Gulf, the central Red Sea, and the Suez Canal approaches. Higher than normal levels of electronic interference have been observed IVO Yanbu.

5. Outlook (24–48 Hours)

Arabian Gulf (No change)

The operating environment remains at high risk, with continued navigational system interference and residual kinetic risk. Rapid, short-notice actions near Iranian coastal waters and anchorages remain possible. Vessels stationary for extended periods, or maintaining AIS transmission while static, may be at elevated risk for targeting.

Strait of Hormuz (No change)

Risk remains elevated, driven by recent kinetic activity and continued aggressive hailing by Iranian forces.

Mine-risk reporting continues to apply within and adjacent to the TSS. Vessels anchored close to the Strait may be instructed to relocate or risk consequences. Short-notice actions by Iranian units remain possible.



Gulf of Oman (No change)

Naval activity remains elevated, and blockade-enforcement measures are expected to persist. Verification hails and identity checks for vessels approaching the Strait of Hormuz or operating to/from Iranian ports are highly likely.

Suspicious approaches and electronic interference remain possible near coastal transit lanes. Use of force against vessels failing to comply with blockading units has been reported.

Arabian Sea (No change)

No significant change in the operating environment. Residual risk persists due to broader regional tensions, but no confirmed maritime attacks have been reported.

Gulf of Aden (No change)

No confirmed attacks; however, the environment remains influenced by regional instability and the persistent risk of suspicious approaches by small craft.

Weather conditions remain favourable for small-boat operations in coastal areas, while fresh easterly winds and 1.5–2.0 m seas in open waters are degrading offshore conditions and narrowing small-boat operating windows.

Skiff mobility therefore remains possible, particularly nearshore, but offshore activity is increasingly constrained.

Southern Red Sea / Bab el Mandeb

Houthi messaging has intensified, including renewed threats toward Israeli-linked and “enemy” shipping, but no associated operational indicators or confirmed attacks have been observed. The overall posture remains stable, though the potential for renewed disruption has increased should regional tensions escalate.

GNSS interference remains a residual hazard, with periodic effects extending from the central Red Sea into the southern sector.

Somali Coast and Somali Basin (No change)

PAG activity remains possible across the Somali Coast and Somali Basin, though overall likelihood is reduced. Strengthening southwest monsoon conditions are significantly degrading offshore and open-water conditions, restricting extended-range skiff operations through the next 48 hours.

Despite monsoon onset, coastal waters remain conducive to small-boat operations, sustaining a residual risk of opportunistic piracy.

Northern Red Sea / Suez (No change)

The environment remains stable with no indicators of maritime escalation. Periodic EMI and GNSS disruptions are likely to continue.

Eastern Mediterranean (No change)

While there is no major change in the Eastern Mediterranean, periodic electronic and navigational interference may be encountered near Cyprus and the Levant. Naval presence remains, and vessels should maintain prudent separation from military units.



JMIC Advisory special topics schedule:

Sunday: AIS and Electronic Interference

Thursday: UKMTO Transit Metrics

Full incident history will be included in the JMIC Weekly Report.

Industry Guidance for Safe Management of Vessel Transit through the Strait of Hormuz:

<https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/media/vkaa3pjr/2026-05-20-guidance-strait-of-hormuz.pdf>

ANNEXES

Transit comparisons

CARGO VESSELS TRANSITS COMPARISON

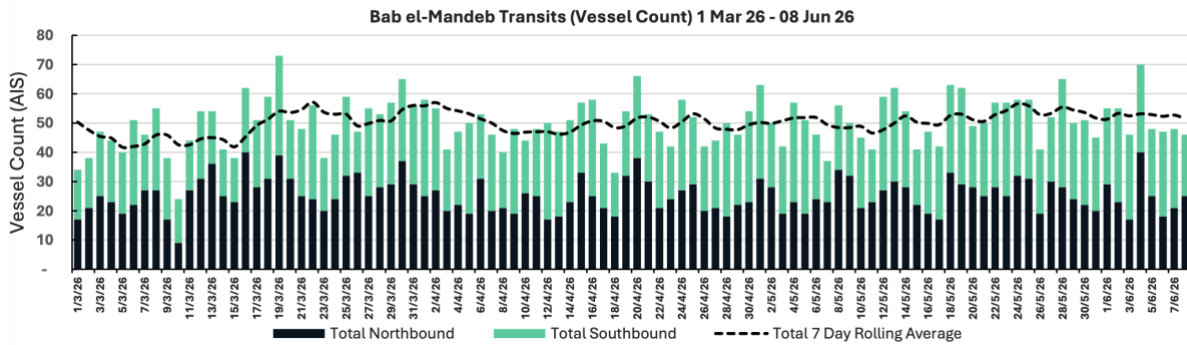
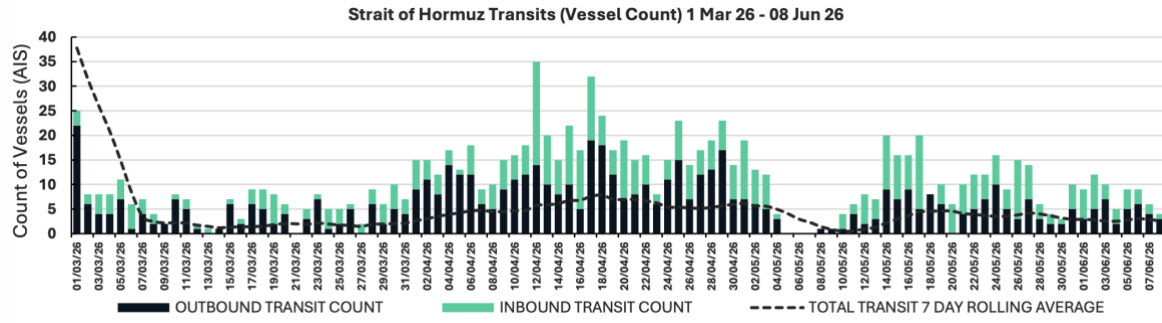
Date	02-June	03-June	04-June	05-June	06-June	07-June	08-June
SoH E	6	3	1	1	1	1	4
SoH W	1	3	3	2	0	1	0
SoH Total	7	6	4	3	1	2	4
BAM NW	11	6	23	13	9	6	13
BAM SE	19	14	12	15	15	13	15
BAM Total	30	20	35	28	24	19	28

TANKERS (ALL TYPES) VESSELS TRANSITS COMPARISON

Date	02-June	03-June	04-June	05-June	06-June	07-June	08-June
SoH E	1	1	2	1	1	0	2
SoH W	3	0	0	0	1	0	3
SoH Total	4	1	2	1	2	0	5
BAM NW	6	4	10	9	7	9	9
BAM SE	6	8	9	5	12	10	5
BAM Total	12	12	19	14	19	19	14



UKMTO transits



UKMTO Incident Maps

MARITIME EVENTS REPORTED TO UKMTO 06– 08 Jun 26

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Confirmed Maritime Security Incidents List since 28 February

Date	Vessel	Vessel Type	Event Type	Location	Summary
01 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 004-26	SKYLIGHT	Tanker	Attack	Strait of Hormuz	Vessel struck by projectile while at anchor causing fire; crew evacuated with injuries reported.
01 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 006-36 UKMTO 005-26	HERCULES STAR	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Strait of Hormuz	Vessel struck by projectile while transiting outbound; fire reported onboard.
01 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 006-26	OCEAN ELECTRA	Bulk	Attack (serious)	Arabian Gulf	Projectile detonated in close proximity while vessel was transiting westbound; no damage reported.
01 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 007-36	MKD VYOM	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Gulf of Oman	Vessel struck by projectile (USV) while transiting northbound causing fire; one fatality reported.
01 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 008-26	STENA IMPERATIVE	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Bahrain	Vessel struck by two projectiles while in drydock causing fire and damage.
03 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 009-26	PELAGIA	Bulk	Near Miss	Gulf of Oman	UAV observed near vessel before impacting water nearby; no damage reported.
03 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 010-26	GOLD OAK	Bulk	Attack (serious)	Gulf of Oman	Vessel struck by projectile while at anchor causing structural damage; crew safe.
03 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 011-26	LIBRA TRADER	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Gulf of Oman	Vessel struck by projectile while anchored; damage reported.
04 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 012-26	SAFEEN PRESTIGE	Container	Attack (serious)	Strait of Hormuz	Explosion was reported near stern following approach by small craft; crew abandoned vessel.
04 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 013-26	MSC GRACE	Container	Near Miss (serious)	Arabian Gulf	Projectile detonated approximately 1 NM from vessel while drifting.
06 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 015-26	MUSSAFAH 2	Tug	Attack (serious)	Strait of Hormuz	Vessel struck by projectiles while supporting operations with SAFEEN PRESTIGE.
07 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 016-26	ARABIA III	Offshore Rig	Attack (serious)	Arabian Gulf	Drilling rig struck by UAV causing injuries and evacuation of personnel.
10 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 017-26	GH KAHLO	Bulk	Near Miss	Arabian Gulf	The Master reports witnessing a splash and hearing a loud bang in close proximity of a bulk carrier.
10 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 018-26	ONE MAJESTY	Container	Attack (serious)	Arabian Gulf	Vessel struck by projectile at stern causing possible structural damage.
11 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 020-26	STAR GWYNETH	Bulk Carrier	Attack (serious)	Arabian Gulf	Projectile strike caused breach in cargo hold and adjacent ballast tanks resulting in listing.
11 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 021-26	SAFESEA VISHNU	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Northern Arabian Gulf (STS area)	Struck by projectile while conducting STS operations; fire onboard and casualty reported.
11 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 021-26	ZEFYROS	Tanker	Attack (serious)	Northern Arabian Gulf (STS area)	Struck by projectile during STS operations causing significant fire.
12 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 022-26	SOURCE BLESSING	Container	Attack	Arabian Gulf (North of Jebel Ali)	Projectile struck accommodation block causing fire; crew safe.



17 Mar 2026 - UKMTO 023-26	Name withheld UFN	LPG Carrier	Suspicious activity	Approx 23 NM of the coast of UAE	Vessel was subjected to falling debris from drone or Missile Interception minor structural damage, no fire; crew safe.
18/03/2026 - UKMTO 024-26	Name withheld UFN	Chemical products tanker	Attack	Vessel in TTW of UAE, 11NM off the coast	Hit by unknown projectile and caught fire. Crew of 16, 15 rescued and one crew member unaccounted for.
19/03/2026 UKMTO 025-26	Name withheld UFN	Tug, Multipurpose Offshore vessel	Suspicious activity	Inner anchorage at Ras Laffan Port, approx 4 NM out.	Debris from a drone impacted on board, resulting in damage to the bridge window. No injuries to personnel and no structural damage to the vessel have been reported.
21/03/2026 UKMTO 026-26	Name withheld UFN	Bulk carrier	Suspicious activity	Arabian Gulf, approx 12 NM from the coast of UAE.	Vessel crew heard an explosion and observed a fire for a short period approx 1300 meters from vessel, crew of 24 safe.
30/03/2026 UKMTO 028-26	EXPRESS ROME	Container	Suspicious activity	Transiting eastbound via the Arabian Gulf, 22NM from Saudi Arabia	2 missiles splash into the water approximately 50 – 100 meters on the starboard side of the vessel. No damage and all crew are safe
30/03/2026 UKMTO 029-26	Al SALMI	Crude oil Tanker	Suspicious activity	Stationary, 31NM from the coast of UAE, Arabian Gulf.	Vessel was hit by an unknown projectile. There was a fire located in the STBD side cargo tank, fire was extinguished. Crew safe.
31/03/2026 UKMTO 030-26	AQUA 1	Tanker	Suspicious activity	Stationary 12NM from the coast of Qatar.	Vessel was hit by 2 unknown projectiles. As a result, a small fire started but was extinguished. Crew safe.
05/04/2026 UKMTO 031-26	Name withheld UFN	Container	Suspicious activity	Alongside in Khorfakkan port, UAE	Three unknown projectiles impacted in close proximity, no damage. Crew safe.
07/04/2026 UKMTO 032-26	Name withheld UFN	Container	Attack	In transit westbound Arabian Gulf, 25 NM off the cost of Iran.	The vessel was struck by an unknown projectile causing damage above the waterline. The crew are safe.
07/04/2026 UKMTO 036-26	Name withheld UFN	Bulk Carrier	Attack	112nm SE of Ras-al-Hadd	The vessel was struck by 2 unknown projectiles resulting in a fire. The crew is safe.
18/04/2026 UKMTO 037-26	Name withheld UFN	Tanker	Attack	20NM NE of Oman	The vessel being approached by 2 IRGC gun boats, no VHF challenge that then fired upon the tanker. Tanker and crew are reported safe.
18/04/2026 UKMTO 038-26	Name withheld UFN	Container	Attack	25NM NE of Oman	A report of a vessel being hit by an unknown projectile which caused damage to some of the containers, no fires or environment impact reported
18/04/2026 UKMTO 039-26	Name withheld UFN	Unspecified	Suspicious activity	3NM E of Oman	The Master reported sighting a splash in close proximity of the vessel.



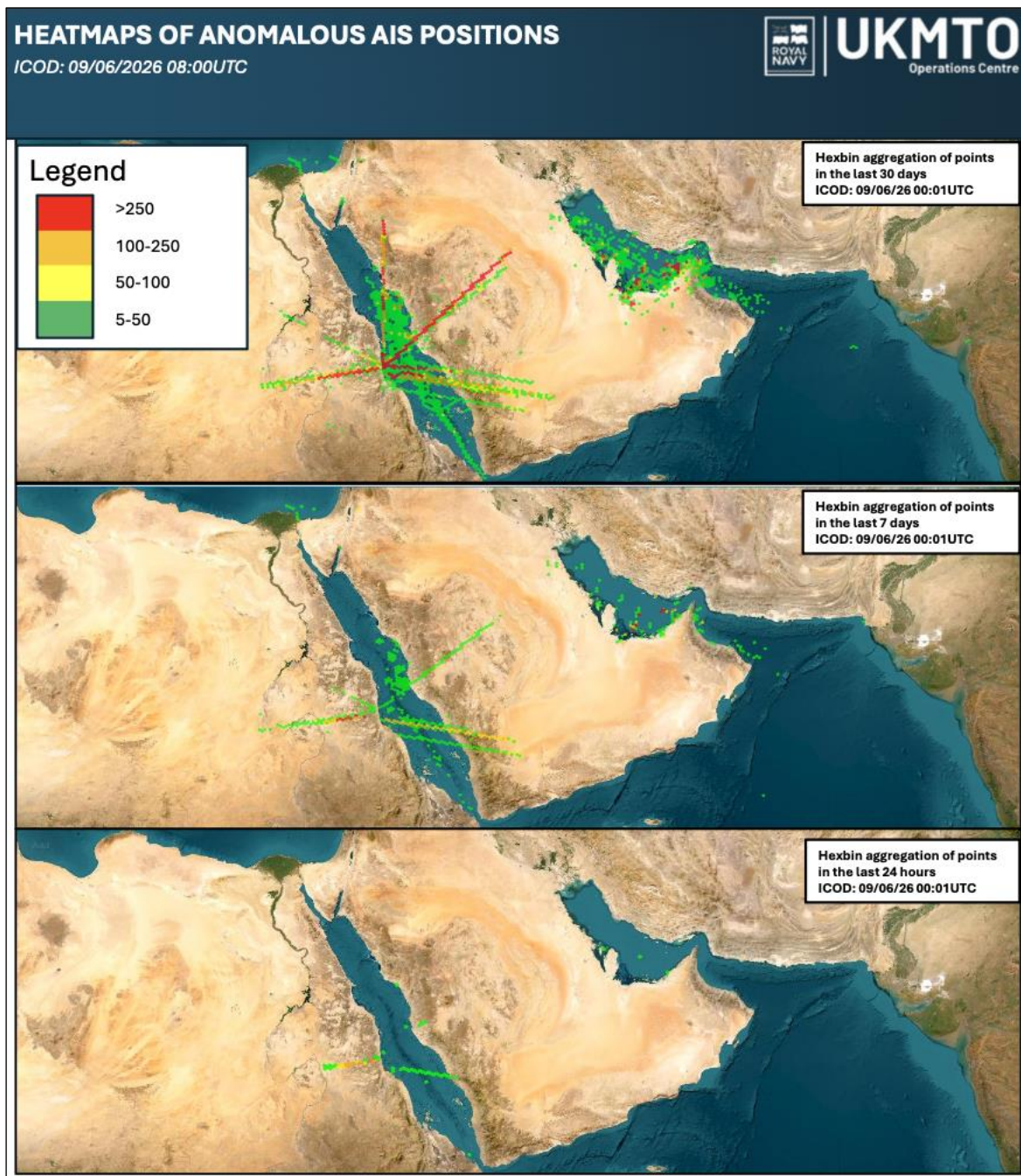
20/04/2026 UKMTO 040-26	Name withheld UFN	Unspecified	Suspicious activity	Strait of Hormuz	Vessel experienced aggressive hailing and threats by IRGC during transit of the Strait of Hormuz. Vessel proceeded unharmed.
22/04/2026 UKMTO 041-26	Name withheld UFN	Container	Attack	15NM from the coast of Oman	A container vessel was attack by 1 small craft with 3persons onboard. The bridge heavily damaged by RPG and small arms fire. The Master was informed he has permission to transit the Strait of Hormuz. AIS was off. No VHF warning prior to the attack. Crew are reported safe and well.
22/04/2026 UKMTO 042-26	Name withheld UFN	Container	Attack	6NM west of Iran	The vessel was transiting southbound through the Strait of Hormuz.The vessel was fired at and VHF hailed by the IRGC to drop anchor.
22/04/2026 UKMTO 043-26	Name withheld UFN	Cargo	Attack	8NM west of Iran	An outbound cargo ship reported been fired upon and then stopped in the water. Crew are safe and accounted for. There is no reported damage to the vessel.
03/05/2026 UKMTO 050-26	Name withheld UFN	Bulk Carrier	Attack	11NM west of Sirik, Iran	The Master of a northbound bulk carrier has reported being attacked by multiple small craft. All crew reported safe and no environmental impact reported.
03/05/2026 UKMTO 052-26	Name withheld UFN	Tanker	Attack	78NM of coast of UAE	Vessel attacked by possible drones in the engine room and cargo hold. All crew reported safe and no environmental impact reported.
04/05/2026 UKMTO 053-26	Name withheld UFN	Cargo Vessel	Suspicious Activity	36NM N of Dubai	Fire reported in engine room. Cause unknown. Authorities investigating. All crew reported safe and no environmental impact reported.
04/05/2026 UKMTO 054-26	Name withheld UFN	Tanker	Attack	40NM off the coast of UAE	Fire reported on deck, a result of attack. Ballast and cargo tank damage reported. All crew reported safe.
05/05/2026 UKMTO 055-26	Name withheld UFN	Cargo Vessel	Attack	Strait of Hormuz, IVO the coast of Oman	The vessel has reportedly been hit by an unknown projectile while transiting out of the Straits of Hormuz. 4 of the crew have been injured and 1 crew member is severely injured. Later 8 crew were flown to hospital.
10/05/2026 UKMTO 056-26	Name withheld UFN	Bulk Carrier	Attack	23NM northeast of DOHA, QATAR	The Master of a Bulk Carrier reports being hit by an unknown projectile. A small fire was extinguished; there are no casualties or environmental impact.



14/05/2026 UKMTO 057-26	Name withheld UFN	Fishery Research	Suspicious Activity	38NM northeast of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates.	The CSO reported that the vessel has been taken by unauthorised personnel whilst at anchor, now bound for Iranian Territorial Waters
14/05/2026 UKMTO 058-26	Name withheld UFN	Livestock Carrier	Suspicious Activity	IVO Limah, Oman	Livestock carrier suffered an explosion and subsequently sank. All 14 crew recovered by Omani authorities.
22/05/2026 UKMTO 059-26	Name withheld UFN	Tanker	Suspicious Activity	98NM north of Socotra	The CSO of a tanker has confirmed that the vessel was approached by a small craft with five persons onboard. The vessels Armed Security Team fired warning shots at the small craft which forced them to alter course.
22/05/2026 UKMTO 060-26	Name withheld UFN	Product tanker	Suspicious Activity	200NM west of Socotra	The vessel was approached by a small craft with 5 persons onboard, closest point of approach 100m. The vessel's Armed Security Team were deployed and the small craft altered course away from the reporting vessel.
22/05/2026 UKMTO 062-26	Name withheld UFN	Tanker	Attack	60NM east of Muscat, Oman	The Master of a Tanker reports of an external explosion, Port side aft close to the waterline. The crew and vessel are safe, although the Master reports some bunker fuel has discharged into the sea.
22/05/2026 UKMTO 063-26	Name withheld UFN	Cargo Vessel	Attack	40NM southeast of Umm Qasr, Iraq	A Cargo Vessel was transiting in the Arabian Gulf when it experienced a large explosion following potential impact from an unknown projectile on the starboard side.
22/05/2026 UKMTO 064-26	Marivex	Tanker	Suspicious Activity	15NM northeast of Masirah, Oman	A tanker has experienced a fire onboard resulting in the evacuation of crew. Omani and Indian Authorities are coordinating the response. There are no reports of environmental impact at present.



AIS/GNSS Interference Graphics



JMIC Regional Threat Levels

Threat Level	Definition
Low	An attack is highly unlikely
Moderate	An attack is possible but not likely
Substantial	An attack is a strong possibility
Severe	An attack is highly likely
Critical	An attack is almost certain

