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MARINE SECURITY BULLETIN – 06/2025

Dear Shipowners, Operators and Masters

Subject: Vessel Attack in the Southern Red Sea

On July 06, a cargo vessel was targeted by multiple skiffs in position 14-28.24N 042-08.57E approximately 51 nautical miles southwest of Al Hudaydah, Yemen. The skiffs approached the vessels and engaged with small arms fire and self-propelled grenades. The onboard Security Team engaged the skiffs. Vessel slowed their speed, and all crewmembers mustered in the Citadel and maintained local control of the vessel. The vessel was also targeted by an unmanned surface vessel (USV) and missile. The vessel has reported damage to the bridge, engine room, cargo holds and multiple compartments with confirmed reports of flooding and unconfirmed fire in the engine room due to damage sustained in the attack. Crew reports the vessel is taking on water and gaining draft. Crew members have abandoned the vessel and have been safely embarked aboard another commercial vessel and are enroute to Djibouti for transfer. No injuries to crew members have been reported. Recovery operations are underway for the vessel.

Security Level

Liberian flagged vessels transiting the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea are to increase their security level to security level 3 and implement all protective measures in their Ship Security Plan. In addition, Liberian flagged vessels should avoid calling ports in Yemen. The decision to transit remains at the discretion of the Company, considering the number of recent targeted attacks on commercial ships, with affiliation to Israel by ownership, cargo or port calls by any of the Company's ships. Liberian flagged vessel, shipowners, operators and masters are highly encouraged to reference [Marine Security Advisory 09/2023, as revised](#) for updated information and points of contact prior to navigating through the region.

Recommendations

All vessels should report to the UKMTO and register with the Maritime Security Centre for the Indian Ocean (MSCIO) in accordance with industry BMP (Best Management Practices) and take advice from the coalition forces operating in the area. Best Management Practices for Maritime Security ([BMPMS](#)) will continue to provide the necessary guidance for shipping to ensure threat and risk assessments are developed for every voyage to mitigate the risks presented by remaining

security threats in the region. The shipping industry will continue to monitor and advise on maritime security threats to assist the safe transit of vessels and seafarers.

UKMTO acts as the primary point of contact for merchant vessels and liaison with military forces in the region. Vessels are encouraged to register with UKMTO and report their positions (By email daily at 08.00 UTC) whilst operating in the area.

The MSCIO is the planning and coordination centre for the EU Naval Forces (EU NAVFOR). MSCIO encourages companies to register their ships' movements before entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA).

Contact Information

In an emergency, vessels transiting the Arabian Gulf, Straits of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman, should contact NAVCENT Battle Watch Phone: +973-1785-3879; Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) Primary Watch Floor Phone: +973-1785-0033, Contingency Mobile Phone: +973- 3940-4523, Email: m-ba-cusnc-ncags@us.navy.mil .

Contact MSCIO prior to transiting the Gulf of Oman, Straits of Hormuz and Arabian Gulf.

The contact details of MSCIO are:

Maritime Security Centre – Indian Ocean (MSCIO) Email

postmaster@mscio.eu

Telephone +33 (0) 298 220 220 +33 (0) 298 220 170

Fax +44 1923 958520 Website www.ukmto.org

When transiting the Gulf of Oman, Straits of Hormuz and Arabian Gulf should register their vessels with UKMTO

Email: watchkeepers@ukmto.org and ukmto@eim.ae

Phone: +44 - 2392-222060, +971-50-552-3215

Fax +44 1923 958520

Please keep LISCR's Security Department informed of any security incidents at:

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