

Joint Maritime Information Center

Update 002 - JMIC Advisory Note

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Regional Tension - Impact on Maritime Security

Area of Concern:

Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Northern Arabian Sea

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Regional Threat Level: **SIGNIFICANT**

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Headlines:

The events over the past 24-hours have increased the likelihood of regional conflict to Significant. Regarding the maritime, the Strait of Hormuz remains open and commercial traffic continues to flow uninterrupted. **Currently, the JMIC has no indications of an increased threat to the Maritime Environment.**

The JMIC continues to monitor the situation closely and will provide timely updates should there be any changes. Monitor the [UKMTO](#) and [MSCIO](#) website for updated information.

Daily updates will be provided unless there is a reason to provide more timely information.

Background:

Based on open-source media, Israeli authorities forwarded an ultimatum to both Iran and the United States, stating that a nuclear agreement must be reached by Sunday 15 June between the two countries. If not, Israeli leadership has an intent to initiate military action against Iran. The statement introduces a short operational pause until Sunday to allow diplomatic efforts.

1. Summary 13 June:

Reporting reflects Israeli Defence Forces unilaterally commenced military operations against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Attacks targeted the leadership of the military forces, nuclear infrastructure, and defence installations. The response from Iran, its proxies and allies is unknown and any effect on the maritime environment is not predictable.

Given the proximity of regional flashpoints to major maritime routes and chokepoints, the potential for rapid escalation involving the maritime environment should not be discounted. The threat from the Houthis, who have publicly stated their intent to respond if the U.S. is perceived to be involved, increases the threat of a broader regional impact.

2. Situation 13 June:

- Military operations commenced early morning on 13 June, 2025 to include missile strikes and drone activity. Marine operators have reported significant electronic interference in the region.
- Diplomatic efforts between the United States and Iran concerning nuclear negotiations have reportedly stalled.
- Rhetoric from regional actors has intensified; increasing the probability of a military operations involving direct engagement. International diplomats are calling for calm and diplomacy.
- There is a possibility military operations could spill over beyond bilateral hostilities into the wider region.

3. Maritime Implications:

While there are no confirmed indications of an immediate threat to maritime traffic, the following scenarios would prompt a reassessment:

- Use of ballistic or cruise missiles near major maritime chokepoints.
- Targeting of western-aligned or affiliated commercial vessels.
- Collateral risks from regional conflict expanding to coastal or port infrastructure.

4. Recommended Actions:

- Owners and charterers continue to conduct thorough threat and risk assessments well in advance of entering the Arabian Gulf and implement necessary security and risk mitigation measures while operating in the region. As the situation remains fluid, pay close attention to the changing environment.
- Closely monitor all electronic aids and communication networks for electronic interference. Be ready with alternative options should navigation aids fail.
- Threat Level: Threat in the maritime remains elevated until further notice for vessels operating in or transiting the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Northern Arabian Sea.
- Situational Monitoring: Shipmasters and CSOs are advised to maintain close contact with regional maritime security centers (UKMTO and MSCIO) and monitor official government and military advisories.
- Communications: Vessels should report any unusual activity or security incidents to UKMTO via established Voluntary Reporting Schemes and keep communication equipment manned and functional at all times.

- Planning: Companies are urged to apply BMP MS and review contingency plans for routing, crew welfare, and emergency response in the event of a significant regional escalation. The use of full speed maybe be a consideration.
- JMIC recommends following Best Management Practices and industry recommended MSTC-ME routing when transiting the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Northern Arabian Sea. Given the current operational pause, this window may be used to move, load or discharge vessels and if necessary, reposition into international waters. Should strikes occur, consider staying within territorial waters.

5. Additional Notes:

This update is based on the most recent development over the past 24-hours. **JMIC will issue daily updates unless events warrant more expeditious reporting.**

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