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## **EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Informational Message to the Shipping Industry**

Days with no incident: 207 Last reported incident: 18 NOV 2024

The maritime community may express concerns with regards to the recent events between Iran and Israel and Houthis condemnation. But no increased threat to the maritime environment has been observed.

However, this does not exclude the possibility of merchant vessels being targeted in the future.

ASPIDES is continuing to support the maritime community as a maritime security provider by offering Close Protection and Monitoring services to pass the Red Sea, Bab El Mandeb strait and Gulf of Aden area.

ASPIDES monitors continuously the evolution of the threat and its potential impact on maritime security. The operation remains committed to its defensive mission and offers free support in the area.

We further remind all vessel masters that the MSCIO remains available as a point of contact for any occurrences they may deem unusual. These information help to ensure the safety of seafarers and to safeguard the freedom of navigation with the continued support of Operation ASPIDES.

So, for the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, please follow the EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Operation recommendations, available on the MSCIO webpage. ASPIDES' updates can be found at <a href="https://mscio.eu">https://mscio.eu</a> or by contacting directly at <a href="postmaster@mscio.eu">postmaster@mscio.eu</a> where you can be benefited from ASPIDES' support before transiting the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.