



Situation Room

**** MONITORING SECURITY IN THE RED SEA ****

Period under review: from 24 July 2025 to 24 August 2025

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- **(24 July)** Greek Shipping Minister Vassilis Kikilias announced that Greece will send a salvage vessel named *Giant* to the Red Sea to assist in maritime emergencies and protect Greek-owned ships and seafarers. UKMTO (United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations) received a report, believed to be from the captain of a vessel, stating that the ship was approached and challenged by a small craft, with gunfire reported. The vessel was ordered to reverse course toward Yemen. Later, a military source confirmed that the Yemeni Coast Guard detained the vessel.
- **(25 July)** The Israeli military reported that it intercepted a ballistic missile launched from Yemen. According to the Houthis, it was a hypersonic missile named "Palestine 2," allegedly aimed at Ben Gurion Airport. KSrelief distributed 670 food baskets in Somalia, helping 4,555 people, and launched a volunteer training project in Aden for administrative staff, which has so far reached 137 participants.
- **(28 July)** The Houthis announced they would attack ships belonging to companies that do business with Israeli ports, regardless of nationality or destination. This is part of the fourth phase of their military operations against Israel. Project Masam removed 1,151 explosive devices across 11 regions in Yemen, including mines and unexploded ordnances.
- **(29 July)** The Israeli military intercepted a missile launched from Yemen. The Houthis claimed responsibility for the attack, stating that the missile was aimed at Ben Gurion Airport. The Houthis released footage of ten seafarers from the *Eternity C* and the *Magic Seas*, which were sunk in the Red Sea in early July. They claim to have rescued them, while according to Philippine authorities, nine Filipino crew members are held illegally. Manila said it would seek help from "friendly" countries for their release, as it does not intend to communicate directly with the Houthis. The footage shows the sailors are alive, with one reportedly injured. The US and Human Rights Watch accuse the Houthis of unlawful detention and war crimes. Filipino seafarers make up around 30% of the global commercial shipping workforce.
- **(1 August)** The Houthi militants in Yemen launched a hypersonic ballistic missile, named Palestine 2, targeting Israel's Ben Gurion Airport. The Israeli military intercepted the missile and responded with several retaliatory strikes on Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen, including ports and the airport in Sanaa.

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- **(2 August)** The Saudi humanitarian agency KSrelief carried out a surgical project in Yemen's Aden governorate, performing 26 operations, and began distributing 6,000 cartons of dates in Al-Mahrah governorate, as part of a broader plan to assist 12 Yemeni governorates.
- **(4 August)** According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), at least 76 people died, and dozens are still missing, after a boat carrying mostly Ethiopian migrants sank in the Gulf of Aden, near Abyan governorate in southern Yemen.
- **(5 August)** The Israeli military intercepted a missile launched from Yemen. The Houthis, through their spokesperson Yahya Saree, claimed responsibility for the attack.
- **(6 August)** KSrelief signed an emergency cholera response agreement in Yemen, aiming to reach over 1.15 million people with medical aid and border screening. Additionally, in Hadhramaut, it distributed tents and emergency kits to 120 people affected by severe weather.
- **(7 August)** The Houthi's Humanitarian Operations Coordination Centre (HOCC) sent warning letters to 64 shipowners, accusing them of violating the group's blockade of Israeli ports. The letters, described as "pre-penalty notices," state that vessels belonging to these companies are prohibited from transiting the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandab Strait, the Gulf of Aden, and the Arabian Sea, and will be targeted wherever they fall within reach of Yemeni armed forces. The group also warned that it may expand its targeting to include companies that conduct business with the named shipowners.
- **(10 August)** As part of the Masam Project, 1,140 explosive devices were cleared in Yemen this month, including 1,090 unexploded ordnance, 49 anti-tank mines, and one anti-personnel mine.
- **(11 August)** US ambassador to the UN, Dorothy Shea, speaking at the UN Security Council meeting, accused Iran of threatening maritime security in the Red Sea through its support for the Houthis, and called on member states to uphold the arms embargo and take action against violators, including halting international funding of the Houthis' weapons programs.
- **(12 August)** Ramesh Rajasingham, Director for coordination, at the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Aid (OCHA) told the UN Security Council that humanitarian aid can keep people alive, but only a political solution can ensure their safety, as children in Yemen are already dying from the catastrophic food crisis, with half of those under five suffering from acute malnutrition.
- **(13 August)** Yemen's representative to the UN, Abdullah Al-Saadi, warned that the country is on the brink of economic collapse due to the loss of oil revenues, which once accounted for 70% of public income, severely worsening living conditions for millions of people. He stressed that Yemen urgently needs international support to prevent further humanitarian catastrophe. As part of a joint condemnation by Arab states regarding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statements about the so-called "Greater Israel," Yemen reaffirmed its unwavering support for the Palestinian people, emphasised their right to an

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independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and called on the UN Security Council to take urgent measures to halt Israeli violations and hold Israeli leaders accountable. The Houthis claimed responsibility for launching six drones toward Israel, with at least one intercepted near Eilat, highlighting their ongoing attempts to extend influence beyond Yemen amid regional tensions.

- **(14 August)** The Houthis launched a 'Palestine 2' hypersonic ballistic missile from Yemen towards Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, but the Israeli military successfully intercepted it. In Yemen, Saudi Arabia's aid agency KSrelief continued its humanitarian efforts by supplying 1.5 million litres of water to the community in Hodeidah and conducting 49 waste removal operations in camps for displaced people, benefiting 16,170 individuals.
- **(16 August)** Yemen, along with 30 other countries and the leaders of the Arab League, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), signed a joint statement condemning the remarks made by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and his ministers about a "Greater Israel" and plans to annex Palestinian territories. Five United Nations agencies (FAO, WFP, UNICEF, WHO, and IFAD) warned in a joint report that food security in Yemen is deteriorating due to conflict, economic crisis, declining real wages, and high food price inflation.
- **(17 August)** The Israeli military attacked the Haziz power station near the Yemeni capital Sanaa early Sunday morning. According to the Houthi-run Al Masirah television, part of the power station was damaged in the attack, some generators went offline, but firefighting teams successfully contained the blaze.
- **(18 August)** Yemeni Foreign Minister Dr. Shaya al-Zindani has strongly criticised the Houthi militias, accusing them of deliberately obstructing the UN-led peace process in Yemen.
- **(19 August)** Members of Saudi Arabia's Project Masam removed 915 explosive devices from various regions of Yemen last week, including 880 unexploded ordnances, 14 improvised explosive devices, 13 anti-tank mines, and 8 anti-personnel mines. Since its launch in 2018, the project has cleared over 500,000 landmines, saving countless civilian lives. It also runs a prosthetics program that has provided thousands with advanced prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation services. Another initiative has rehabilitated 530 Yemeni child soldiers and provided psychological and social support to 60,000 of their family members. The "Date Diplomacy" initiative was introduced with the aim of strengthening cooperation in date cultivation between Saudi Arabia, particularly the central Qassim region, and other countries.
- **(20 August)** The Joint Incidents Assessment Team (JIAT) reviewed multiple allegations and concluded that coalition forces (Saudi Arabia - leading force, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, Sudan and Jordan) did not target civilian sites in Yemen, during the ongoing Saudi-led military intervention in the Yemeni civil war.

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- **(22 August)** The Houthis carried out an attack by launching a ballistic missile toward Israel, with Ben Gurion Airport reportedly being the target. No injuries were reported in the attack.
- **(24 August)** Israeli airstrikes targeted sites in Yemen's capital, Sanaa. According to the Houthis, the strikes hit multiple areas, including a power plant and a gas station.

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