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Security Update Brief Persian Gulf

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General Situation

Between July 6th and July 7th, three tankers were attacked. This was followed by mutual attacks of the US and Iran. This follows patterns, that have been seen in previous weeks (see figure). However, statements by the U.S. president at the NATO conference in Ankara/Turkey, that the ceasefire would be finished for him, could lead to further escalation of the situation in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.

Further negotiations were interrupted before the weekend for the funeral of the slain Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. How and whether negotiations will proceed is unclear due to the current situation.



Picture 1: Source: EOS Risk, EOS Marine





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The Iran, especially the IRGC, continues to insist that all ships should only pass through the Strait of Hormuz via the northern route controlled by Iran. US NCAGS also continues to support ships that want to travel out of the Persian Gulf via the southern route. If a passage is planned, it is advised to contact US NACAGS (m-ba-navcent-ncags@us.navy.mil).

There is still a danger of mines in the Strait of Hormuz and of disruptions to navigation systems. There are also continuing reports of radio transmissions and monitoring of ship traffic by the IRGC.

Operational Overview

Since the beginning of the war, a total of 41 commercial vessels have been hit in the Persian Gulf, with some sustaining severe damage. Since the last update on July 2nd, 2026, three confirmed attacks on merchant vessels occurred.

- SKYLIGHT (IMO 9330020): Chemical tanker (Palau). Hit on Feb 28 north of Khasab (OMN). 4 crew members injured; evacuation completed; vessel sank.
- MKD VYOM (IMO 9284386): Crude oil tanker (Marshall Islands). Hit on March 1 in the Gulf of Oman. Vessel is drifting and severely disabled; 1 confirmed fatality, unit evacuated. Heavy hull damage above the waterline and fire in the engine room.
- HERCULES STAR (IMO 9916135): Product tanker (Gibraltar). Hit on March 1, 20 nautical miles northwest of Dubai. Fire extinguished.
- OCEAN ELECTRA (IMO 9402782): Product tanker (Liberia). Hit on March 1 by a drone or missile, no major damage.
- STENA IMPERATIVE (IMO 9666077): Oil/chemical tanker (USA). Hit in the port of Muharraq (Bahrain). Fire extinguished; crew evacuated.
- GOLD OAK (IMO 9806342): Bulk carrier (Panama). Lateral hit on March 3 while at anchor in Fujairah (UAE).
- PELAGIA (IMO 9433626): Bulk carrier (Malta). Loud explosion and smoke observed near the vessel on March 3.
- LIBRA TRADER (IMO 9562673): Tanker (India). Hit by an unknown projectile on March 3, minor damage.
- SAFEEN PRESTIGE (IMO 9593517): Container ship (Malta). Hit on March 4; projectile passed through the vessel; fire broke out. Crew abandoned ship. Further attack on March 18, fire broke out; no crew on board (since March 4).
- SONANGOL NAMIBE (IMO 9325049): Crude oil tanker (Bahamas). Hit on March 4 at anchor in Iraqi waters; water ingress and ballast water leakage.
- MUSSAFAH 2 (IMO 9522051): Tug (UAE). Hit on March 6 while in route to salvage the SAFEEN PRESTIGE; struck by two missiles. 4 dead, 3 injured.
- ARABIA III (IMO 8771332): Drilling rig (Liberia). Hit on March 7; fire under control, one injured, crew reduced to minimum.





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- MAYUREE NAREE (IMO 9323649): Bulk carrier (Thailand). Hit on March 11; fire under control, 3 missing.
- ONE MAJESTY (IMO 9424912): Container ship (Japan). Hit on March 11, damage to the vessel's stern above the waterline.
- STAR GWYNETH (IMO 9301031): Bulk carrier (Marshall Islands). Hit on March 11; punctures in cargo hold and ballast tank, vessel is listing.
- ZEFYROS (IMO 9515917): Oil/chemical tanker (Malta). Hit on March 11 during STS (ship-to-ship transfer) with SAFESA VISHNU; fire, one fatality.
- SAFESA VISHNU (IMO 9327009): Crude oil tanker (Marshall Islands). Hit on March 11 during STS with ZEFYROS; fire.
- SOURCE BLESSING (IMO 9243198): Container ship (Liberia). Hit on March 12; fire extinguished (German link).
- AL SALMI (IMO 9534793): Tanker (Kuwait): Hit on March 30, drone impact on the starboard side, resulting in fire.
- AQUA 1 (IMO 9573660): Tanker (Panama): Two hits on March 31, one explosion and one unexploded charge in the engine room; recovery of the explosive charge is underway.
- QINGDAO STAR (IMO 9318163): Container ship (Marshall Islands): Hit by an unknown projectile on April 7; damage sustained above the waterline.
- GOLD AUTUMN (IMO 9220483): Bulk carrier (Panama): Struck on April 7, by up to two missiles/drones 200 nm south of Pakistan. A fire broke out and the crew was rescued by Pakistan.
- SANMAR HERALD (IMO 9330563): Tanker (India): Attacked on April 18, by IRGC boats; small arms fire, damage to bridge windows.
- CMA CGM EVERGLADE (IMO 9894985): Container ship (France): Hit by a drone on April 18; damage to containers.
- MEIN SCHIFF 4 (IMO 9678408): Cruise ship (Malta), German connection: Observation of an impact in the water 150 m away; hailing via VHF.
- EPAMINONDAS (IMO 9153862): Container ship (Liberia): Fired upon on April 22, with RPGs and small arms; bridge heavily damaged.
- MSC FRANCESCA (IMO 9401116): Container ship (Panama): Fired upon on April 22; damage to hull and accommodation; vessel was also ordered to anchor by the IRGC via VHF, seized by Iran.
- EUPHORIA (IMO 9235828): Container ship (Panama): Fired upon on April 22, by the IRGC; crew retreated to the citadel, was able to escape IRN seizure.
- BARAKAH (IMO 9902615): Tanker (Liberia): Hit on May 3, by an unknown projectile, likely drones, in the engine room and cargo hold; the crew has abandoned the ship.
- MINOAN FALCON (IMO 9605841): Bulk carrier (Liberia): Fired upon on May 3, by several small boats; damage to the bridge and superstructure.
- JV INNOVATION (IMO 9276688): Tanker (Marshall Islands): Hit on May 4, by an unknown projectile; reported by third parties; heavy damage to the hull.
- CMA CGM SAN ANTONIO (IMO 9294173): Container ship (Malta): Hit on May 5, by an unknown projectile; several injuries, some serious; the injured were evacuated to shore (German connection).





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- SAFSEA NEHA (IMO 9563392): Bulk carrier (Marshall Islands). Hit on May 10, by a drone, fire was extinguished, light damage in the area of the quarterdeck.
- MSC SARISKA V (IMO 8715857): Container ship (Panama). Struck on June 1 on the starboard side. Damage at the waterline; fire could be extinguished.
- BOCHEM MARENGO (IMO 9749025): Oil and chemical tanker (Hong Kong). According to US NCAGS as of June 14, it was hit by a cruise missile, with damage to the ballast tank and cargo hold.
- EVER LOVELY (IMO 9629110): Container ship (Singapore). Hit on June 25 by a projectile causing minor damage on the bridge
- KIKU (IMO 9329796): Crude oil tanker (Panama). Hit on June 27 by a projectile, no major damage
- AL REKAYYAT (IMO 9397339): LNG-Tanker (Marshall Islands). Hit on July 7, fire in engine room was extinguished, crew abandoned ship which is now being towed
- WEDYAN (IMO 9524970): Crude oil tanker (Saudi Arabia). Hit on July 7 with minor structural damages
- CYPRUS PROSPERITY (IMO 9595216): Crude oil tanker (Liberia). Hit on July 7 with minor structural damages

Piracy

The continuing south-westerly monsoon makes the use of small boats by pirates in the areas of the Arabian Sea, the Somali Basin, and the Indian Ocean virtually impossible. In the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden further piracy attacks remain possible.

On July 5th, a bulk carrier was attacked by several skiffs. Due to the position of this attack in the Red Sea, only 15 nautical miles from the Yemeni coast, it is unclear who was responsible for the attack. Active pirate groups had so far operated in the Gulf of Aden and not in the Red Sea.

As in the previous reporting period, the vessels EUREKA, HONOUR 25, and SWORD remain in the hands of Somali pirates. The threat potential for the Arabian Sea, Bab al-Mandab, the Red Sea, the Somali coast, and the Somali basin remain at: MODERATE.

Due to the increased number of piracy incidents (seven since June 11th) the threat level for the Gulf of Aden will be raised to: SUBSTANTIAL.

Port Status and Infrastructure

There were no successful attacks on ports or maritime infrastructure during the last reporting period. All statements contained in the Security Update Brief 20260618 remain in force.

Impact on German Interests (DEU)

According to AIS data and consultations with shipping companies, there are approximately 128 vessels with German links in the Area of Interest (see annex), 23 of which are currently in the Persian Gulf. In total 3 ships with German interest have been attacked.





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Assessment

The security situation has further deteriorated following the recent attacks. Since Tuesday, July 7th, there have been renewed strikes by the United States on Iran and strikes by Iran on US bases in Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. Additionally, US President Trump's statement that he sees the ceasefire to be over does not contribute to de-escalating the situation.

Due to the deteriorating situation and the unclear further developments, passing through the Strait of Hormuz is currently discouraged. The situation is highly dynamic and can quickly swing in a negative direction.

Furthermore, a passage through the strait should only take place via the southern route through the Oman TTW. The use of the Iran-controlled northern route is strongly discouraged. Should shipping companies plan a transit through the Strait of Hormuz, it is advised to coordinate the passage with US CENTCOM/US-NCAGS. Coordination via the PGSA/Iran is not recommended here either.

The ongoing GPS and Internet disruptions must be accounted for in route planning. The risk posed by mines remains acute.

Conclusion

The situation in the Strait of Hormuz and the surrounding sea areas has deteriorated further due to the mutual attacks. It is currently unclear when and whether negotiations will be resumed.

There continues to be dangers from mines, technical disruptions, and navigational challenges due to the increasing shipping traffic. Currently, further hostilities cannot be ruled out.

The threat potential for the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman remains at: MODERATE

The threat potential for the Strait of Hormuz is heightened to:

MARITIM RISK LEVEL – SEVERE





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Appendix

Position of possible mines

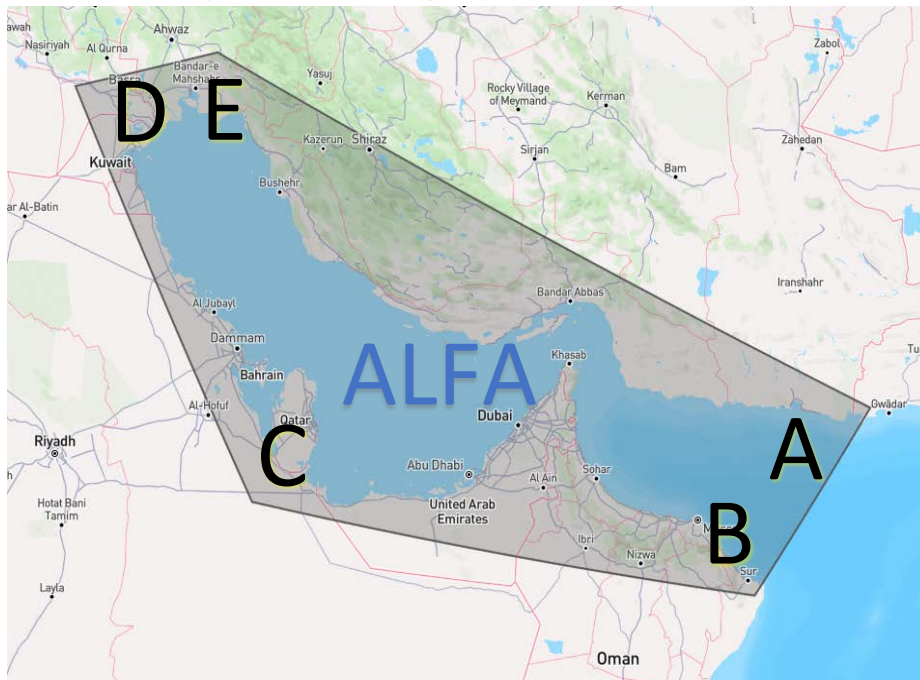
The following positions reported as mine locations cannot be verified by the Germany:

26°24'35,6"N 056°20'33,3"E	US 5th Fleet
26°24'36,7"N 056°20'37,3"E	US 5th Fleet
26°24'44,6"N 056°20'46,6"E	US 5th Fleets
26°24'18,0"N 056°20'36,0"E	NAVWARN

US NCAGS advises to pass these positions at least 1 nm south of them.

Area of Interest DEU NCAGS

Persian Gulf / Strait of Hormus / Golf of Oman:



- REF A: LAT: 25° 15' N LON: 61° 57' E
- REF B: LAT: 22° 18' N LON: 59° 37' E
- REF C: LAT: 23° 58' N LON: 50° 22' E
- REF D: LAT: 30° 31' N LON: 46° 50' E
- REF E: LAT: 31° 07' N LON: 49° 35' E

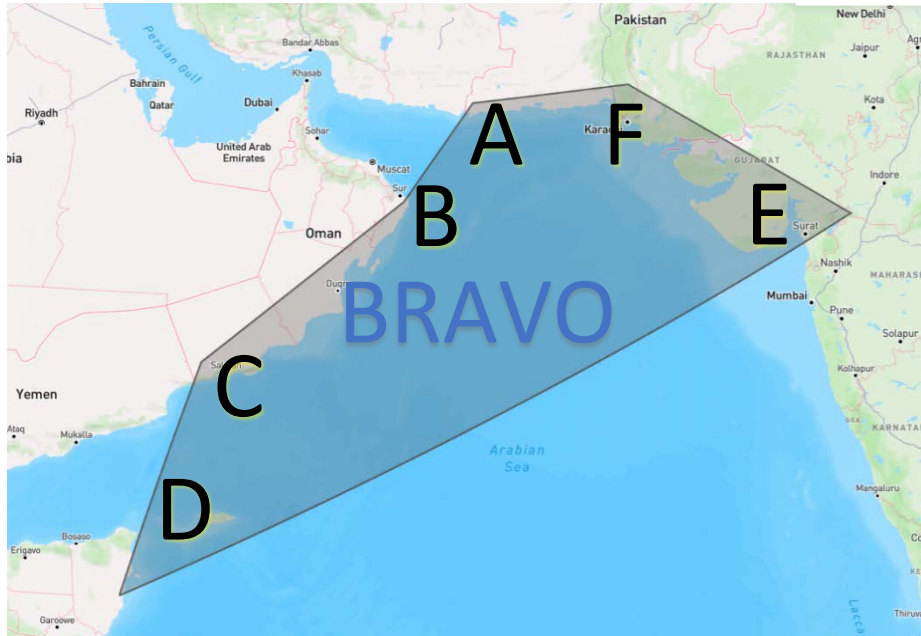




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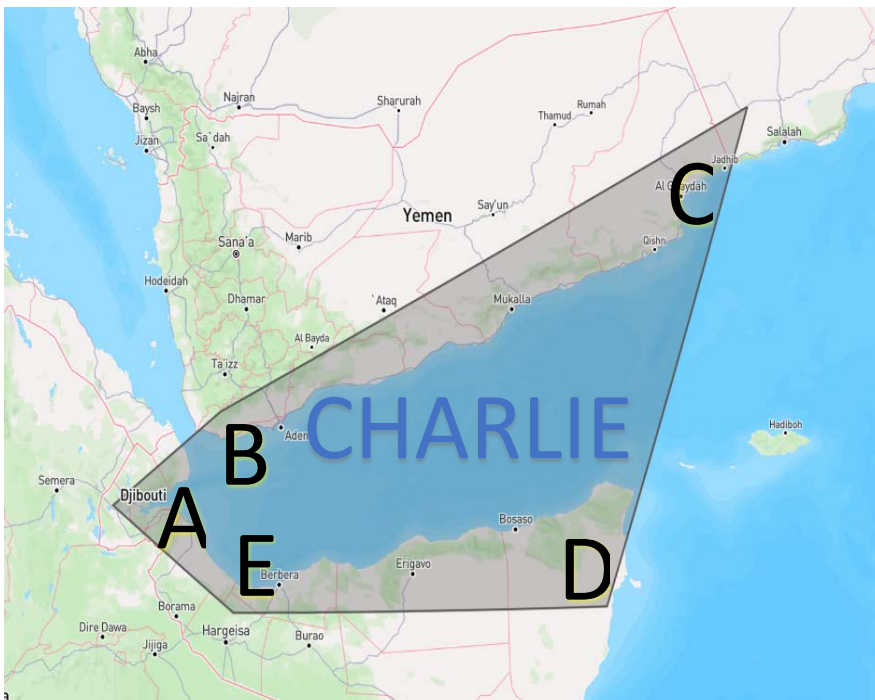


Arabian Sea NORTH:



- REF A: LAT: 25° 15' N LON: 61° 57' E
- REF B: LAT: 22° 18' N LON: 59° 37' E
- REF C: LAT: 17° 50' N LON: 53° 30' E
- REF D: LAT: 09° 59' N LON: 50° 48' E
- REF E: LAT: 21° 53' N LON: 74° 40' E
- REF F: LAT: 26° 03' N LON: 66° 39' E

Gulf of Aden:



- REF A: LAT: 11° 37' N LON: 42° 05' E
- REF B: LAT: 12° 59' N LON: 43° 54' E
- REF C: LAT: 17° 50' N LON: 53° 30' E
- REF D: LAT: 09° 59' N LON: 50° 48' E
- REF E: LAT: 09° 55' N LON: 44° 07' E

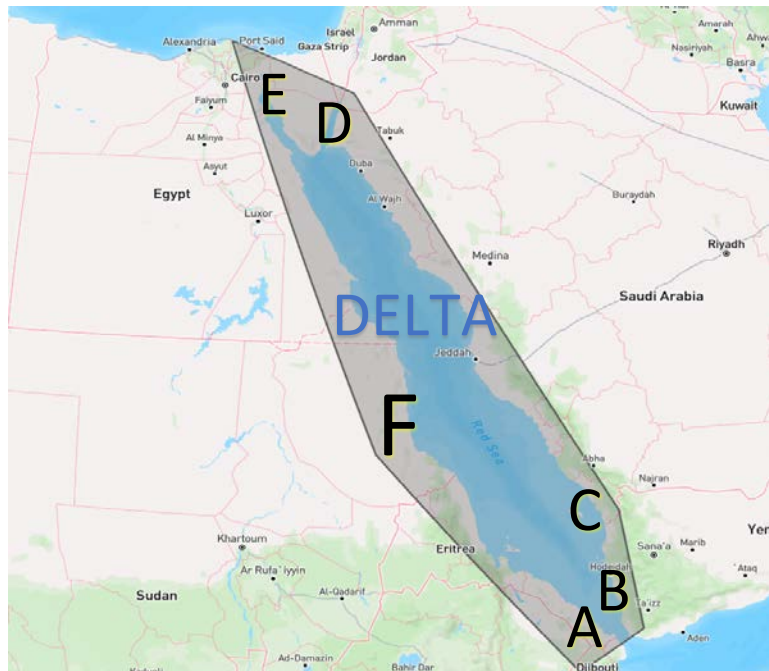




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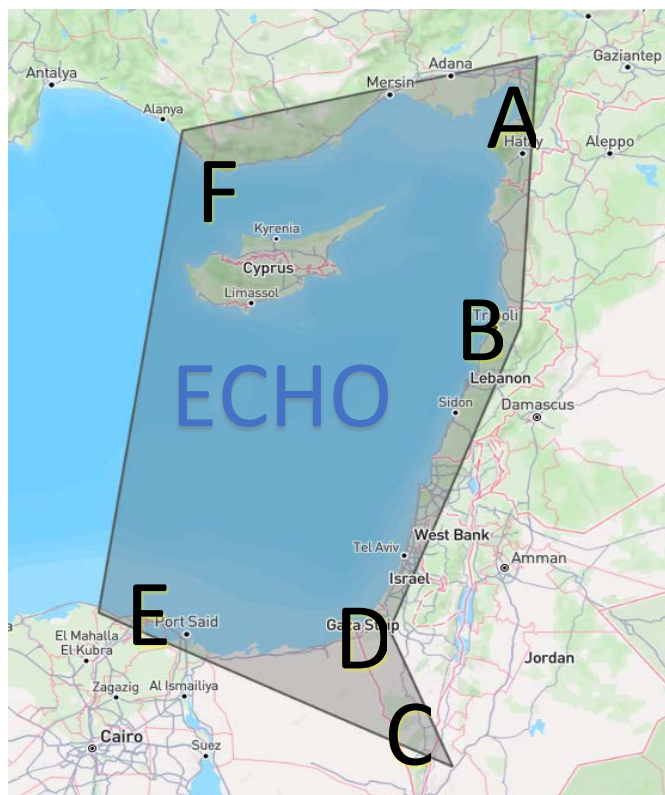


Red Sea:



- REF A: LAT: 11° 37' N LON: 42° 05' E
- REF B: LAT: 12° 59' N LON: 43° 54' E
- REF C: LAT: 16° 50' N LON: 43° 12' E
- REF D: LAT: 29° 49' N LON: 35° 23' E
- REF E: LAT: 31° 31' N LON: 31° 17' E
- REF F: LAT: 18° 35' N LON: 36° 19' E

Mediterranean Sea EAST:



- REF A: LAT: 37° 10' N LON: 36° 19' E
- REF B: LAT: 34° 27' N LON: 36° 07' E
- REF C: LAT: 31° 18' N LON: 34° 37' E
- REF D: LAT: 29° 49' N LON: 35° 23' E
- REF E: LAT: 31° 31' N LON: 31° 17' E
- REF F: LAT: 36° 25' N LON: 32° 13' E

