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Houthis Attack UK Ship; “Ban” Israeli, US, and UK Shipping in Red Sea

Earlier today, Yemen’s Houthis attacked a Palau-flagged, U.K.-owned ship, the *MV Islander*, which was en route to Egypt from Thailand. [Reuters reports that the Houthi Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center](#) sent notices to shipping firms formalizing a ban on Israeli, U.S., and U.K. vessels in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Arabian Sea. A Houthi official told Reuters, “The Humanitarian Operations Center was established in Sanaa to coordinate the safe and peaceful passage of ships and vessels that have no connection to Israel.”

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sare’e wrote in a [statement released on X](#), “The Yemeni Armed Forces’ naval forces conducted a targeting operation against a British ship (*Islandra*) in the Gulf of Aden, using a number of suitable naval missiles that directly hit it, causing a fire to break out on it.”



Yemeni Armed Forces/X

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U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) [announced that six Houthi](#) one-way attack unmanned aerial vehicles were shot down in the Red Sea, and confirmed that two Houthi missiles impacted the cargo ship *MV Islander*, stating, “Later, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., the Houthis fired two anti-ship ballistic missiles from southern Yemen into the Gulf of Aden. The missiles impacted *MV Islander* a Palau-flagged, U.K.-owned, cargo carrier causing one minor injury and damage. The ship is continuing its voyage.”

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Between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. (Sanaa time), on Feb 22, U.S. aircraft and a coalition warship shot down six Iranian-backed Houthi one-way attack (OWA) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the Red Sea. The OWA UAVs were identified by U.S. Central Command as...
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