

# Threat to maritime targets near Yemen

A recent spate of militant attacks on navy and merchant vessels off the coast of Yemen is raising concerns over the safety of shipping in the narrow Bab al-Mandab Strait, a vital waterway for oil and gas supplies

**Bab al-Mandab: 3.8 million barrels of oil per day transit 30km-wide strait**



Oil routes

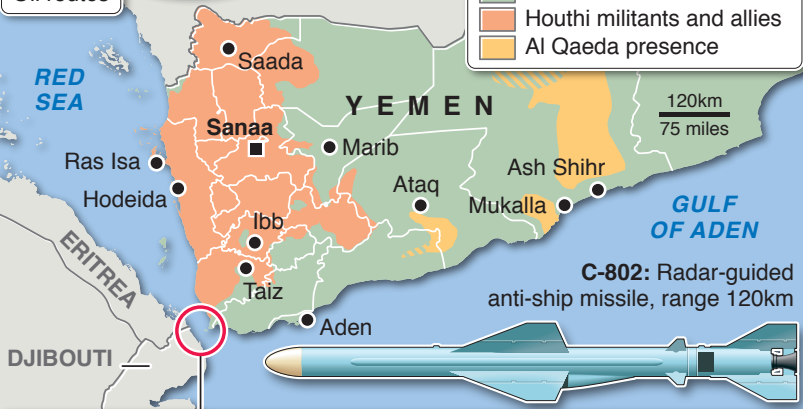


▲ UAE Navy HSV-2 Swift reportedly hit by Iranian-supplied C-802 missile

Closure of strait would force ships to travel extra 9,500km to reach Europe

**Areas of control (as of Nov 7)**

- Government and allies
- Houthi militants and allies
- Al Qaeda presence



**C-802: Radar-guided anti-ship missile, range 120km**



**Oct, Bab al-Mandab Strait: Three U.S. warships and UAE vessel targeted by missiles fired from Houthi territory. Two tankers attacked by suspected pirates**