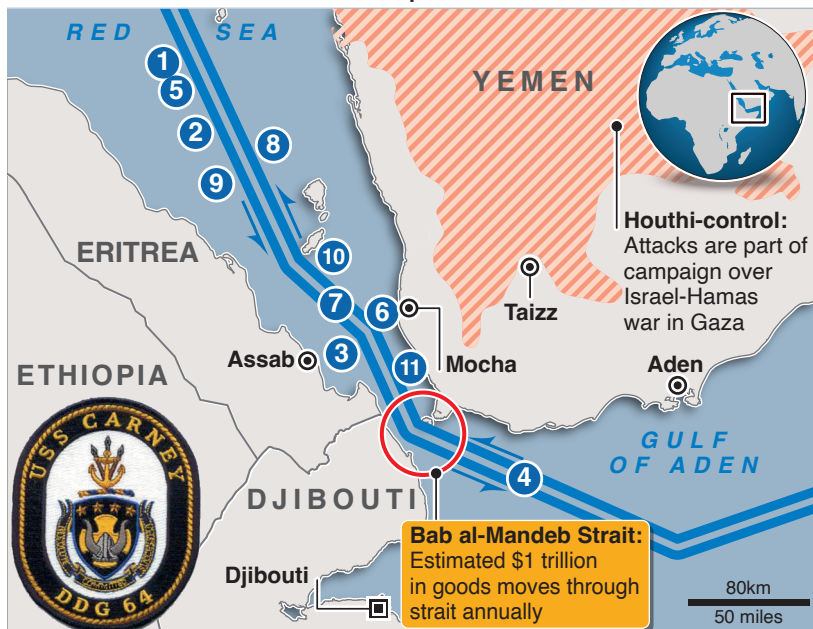


# Red Sea shipping attacks

Drone and missile attacks by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militants on ships in the Red Sea have prompted the U.S. to lead a multi-national maritime task force to protect vital sea routes



**1 Nov 19:** Houthis seize British-owned, Japanese-operated cargo ship **Galaxy Leader**

**2 Dec 3:** Container ship **Number 9**, bulk carriers **Unity Explorer** and **Sophie II** damaged in missile attacks. Navy destroyer **USS Carney** shoots down three drones

**3 Dec 11:** Norwegian tanker **Strinda** hit by cruise missile, leading to fire

**4 Dec 13:** **USS Mason** shoots down drone in act of self defence

**5 Dec 13:** Tanker **Ardmore Encounter** attacked by speedboat and two missiles

**6 Dec 14:** Tanker **Maersk Gibraltar** involved in "near-miss" drone strike

**7 Dec 15:** Missiles hit container ship **Palatium 3** and cargo vessel **Al Jasrah**

**8 Dec 16:** UK warship **HMS Diamond** shoots down attack drone

**9 Dec 16:** **USS Carney** shoots down 14 drones

**10 Dec 18:** Norwegian **Swan Atlantic** attacked by drone and ballistic missile

**11 Dec 18:** Bulk cargo ship **MSC Clara** attacked. U.S. launches **Operation Prosperity Guardian** with Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles, Spain and UK