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MENA Alert (UPDATE): Houthis declare resumption of maritime attacks against 'Israeli ships' as four-day deadline passes during overnight hours of March 11-12; take precautions

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Current Situation:

- At midnight (Yemen time) during the overnight of March 11-12, the Houthi Military Spokesperson, Yahya Saree, stated that as per the ultimatum given by Houthi leader Abdul-Malik al-Houthi on March 5, the movement is resuming the “ban on the passage of all Israeli ships in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Arabian Sea.
- The ban came into effect immediately after the issuance of this statement.
- Saree further stated that the ban would continue until the crossings to the Gaza Strip were reopened and aid, food, and medicine were allowed to enter.

Source: [Houthi Military Spokesperson](#)

Recommendations:

1. Ahead of an expected renewal of Houthi maritime attacks at sea around Yemen, take precautions to ensure the safety of vessels and crews.
2. Remain apprised of UKMTO and US DOT Maritime Administration-issued notices and be aware of NATO Shipping Center alerts.
3. Businesses and consumers worldwide are advised to allot for further supply chain disruptions due to the expected renewal of Houthi attacks in and around the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
4. Monitor regional events related to the Israel-Hamas conflict, given their corresponding link to the Houthi campaign at sea.
5. Conduct specific risk assessments before essential Red Sea/Gulf of Aden voyages, including a review of ships' ownership and management history for past links to the US, UK, and Israel.
6. Remain vigilant for suspicious objects, actors, and possible threats at sea.
7. Ensure crewmembers' security awareness, contingency plans, and ability to respond to incidents at sea.
8. For custom risk assessments, contact us at intel@max-security.com.

Within Yemen:

1. Avoid all travel to Yemen due to the volatile security environment and underlying risk of armed conflict, terrorism, crime, kidnappings, and unrest.
2. Those operating or residing in Yemen are advised to avoid the vicinity of any government, military, or strategic civilian infrastructure in Houthi-held areas over the coming days and weeks due to the likelihood of retaliatory strikes against such facilities. This includes power plants, maritime ports, and the Sanaa International Airport.