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Come daughter and listen to what I have to say. I have declared war openly upon Babylon-America. I have only just begun to move My hand upon and against your evil nation.

Trouble, trouble in the seas and oceans' deep. Trouble in the straits as Putin and others extend their reach to cause further interference in trade and commerce, for your once great nation and others, more so than already. I said 'straits' daughter, as not just the one already seeing interferences for your world.

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Trump says no Red Sea blockade yet, but if Houthis try to impose one, U.S. will "take care of that"

President Trump said Tuesday that there was currently no blockade of the Bab el-Mandeb strait or the Red Sea, despite at least five commercial vessels appearing to turn back from the vital shipping chokepoint in the Middle East under a threat from Iran's powerful Houthi rebel allies in Yemen.

Speaking at the White House alongside Lebanese President Joseph Aoun, Mr. Trump said a blockade in the Red Sea was possible, but "so far it hasn't happened."

"It might happen," Mr. Trump said, adding that if it did, "we take care of things. If something like that happens, we take care of that."

The Houthis declared on Monday that they would block Saudi Arabian ships and vessels transporting Saudi energy products from using the Bab el-Mandeb, which is the southern gateway to the Red Sea.

In a note posted on social media Tuesday, maritime tracking firm MarineTraffic.com noted that some vessels appeared to be heeding the Houthi warning.

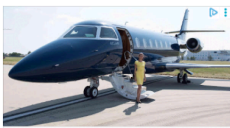
"According to [#MarineTraffic](#) data, the first operational response to heightened security risks in the Red Sea is now visible. Two laden crude tankers, the Singapore flagged XIN LONG YANG and the Liberia flagged RODOS, have altered their planned voyages after departing Saudi Arabia," the company said.

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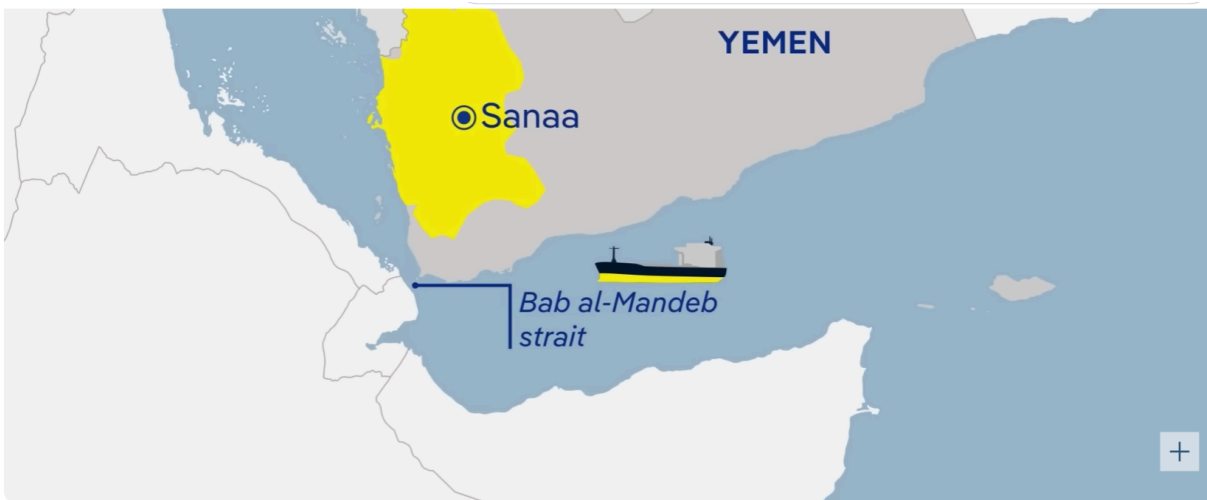
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As tensions tied to the Iran conflict continue to ripple across the Middle East, Yemen's Houthis are threatening a maritime blockade against Saudi Arabia in the strategic [Bab al-Mandeb Strait](#). Is this a response to recent tensions with Riyadh, an attempt to strengthen the group's position at home, or part of a broader escalation involving Iran's regional allies? Joining us with their analysis are Nadwa Al-Dawsari and Baraa Shiban.



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BREAKING: Houthis of Yemen announce a a "maritime embargo" against Saudi Arabia, "effective immediately."

Saudi Arabia has until now exported ~4.5m b/d from Yanbu in the Red Sea, most of it heading South throughout the Bab al-Mandab Strait between Yemen and Djibouti-Eritrea

- ▶ **First: The Yemeni Armed Forces declare a maritime embargo against the criminal Saudi enemy, based on the equation of "an eye for an eye," effective immediately upon the issuance of this statement.**
- ▶ **Second: We affirm the right of our great people to respond to the blockade with a blockade, and to respond to all escalation with all escalation, thus solidifying this equation.**
- ▶ **Third: The Yemeni Armed Forces affirm their complete readiness for all options, and any foolish act committed by the reckless Saudi enemy through all escalation will be met with a comprehensive and decisive escalation, by Allah's will and power.**
- ▶ **Fourth: We call upon the people of our great nation to continue the general mobilization and general call to arms, and to be fully prepared for all scenarios and developments, and to support the fronts with fighters.**
- ▶ **Fifth: We extend our greetings with pride and reverence to our great Yemeni people who turned out in an unprecedented million-man March of Warning and Mobilization. We assure them that we will spare no effort in restoring their plundered rights and ending the unjust siege imposed upon them, whatever the consequences and repercussions, relying on Allah and placing our trust in Allah.**

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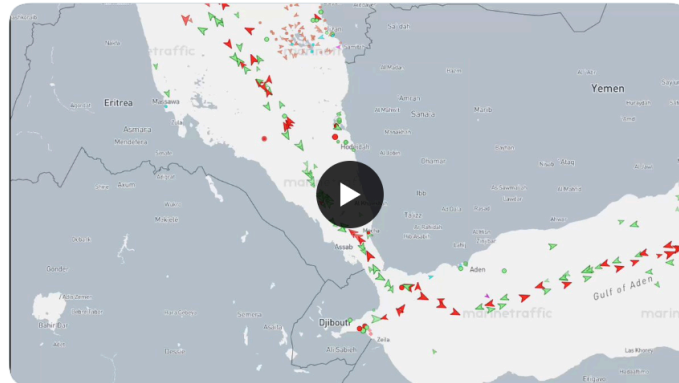
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Houthi forces are reportedly issuing warnings on open maritime frequencies near Yemen that the Bab al-Mandab Strait is closed to Saudi shipping.



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Impact of the Strait of Hormuz Closure on Other Waterways

The closure or threat of closure of the **Strait of Hormuz** has indeed created ripple effects on other major waterways, both directly and indirectly.

1. Disruption of global shipping and rerouting

When the Strait of Hormuz was effectively blocked during the 2026 Iran–US conflict, ships were forced into alternative routes such as the **Bab al-Mandeb Strait** and the **Suez Canal**. These routes are already heavily congested and strategically sensitive, so increased traffic from Hormuz-bound vessels raised congestion risks, accident probabilities, and security concerns  Chatham House . For example, the Bab al-Mandeb, which connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden, saw heightened Houthi missile and drone activity, leading to a ~90% drop in container traffic in 2024  Chatham House .

2. Increased risk of accidents and interference

The de facto blockade and heightened conflict in the Gulf pushed many vessels to “go dark” (disable AIS) and some countries began GPS jamming to counter missile threats  Chatham House . These measures, while intended to protect ships, also increased the risk of maritime accidents and made navigation more unpredictable for vessels in other chokepoints.

3. Economic and insurance impacts

The threat of Hormuz closure alone can raise maritime insurance premiums and prompt rerouting, which in turn affects other chokepoints. Shipping companies may shift traffic to less congested or more secure routes, altering the flow of goods through the **Strait of Malacca**, **Suez Canal**, and **Taiwan Strait**  Foreign Affairs . This can strain capacity and create new bottlenecks.

4. Strategic spillover in the Indo-Pacific

Analysts warn that the Hormuz crisis demonstrated how a weaker state can weaponize a chokepoint with relatively low-cost technologies (drones, missiles, mines). This could encourage similar tactics in other chokepoints, such as the **Strait of Malacca** or **Taiwan Strait**, potentially leading to coordinated disruptions across multiple waterways  Foreign Affairs .

5. Geopolitical escalation risks

The competition between the US and Iran over Hormuz access has turned the **Indian Ocean** into a theatre of major maritime confrontations, with US naval operations and Iranian missile attacks affecting not just Gulf trade but also Indian Ocean shipping  Chatham House . This has increased the likelihood of accidents or confrontations in other chokepoints.

In summary:

Closing the Strait of Hormuz does not physically block other straits, but it can cause **indirect disruptions** by forcing rerouting, increasing congestion, raising insurance costs, and encouraging asymmetric threats in other chokepoints. The 2026 crisis showed that the threat of Hormuz closure alone can destabilize global maritime traffic and create new security risks in secondary waterways



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Michael Stephens, a Senior Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, tells Al Jazeera that Yemen's Houthi maritime blockade could cut off Saudi oil exports through Bab al-Mandeb, driving up global prices. He says bombing cannot defeat the group or reliably reopen the strategic waterway.



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Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis have announced a naval blockade against Saudi Arabia that would impact ships in Bab al-Mandab Strait, a key export route for the kingdom's oil after the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz. CNN's Kristie Lu Stout explains how this could impact the already unstable global oil market amid the Iran War.



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A new geopolitical debate is unfolding over potential tolls in the Malacca Strait, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. Indonesia has hinted at the possibility of charging transit fees, while Singapore firmly opposes any move that could restrict free passage. This clash comes amid wider global discussions on maritime tolls, sparked by developments in the Strait of Hormuz. What could this mean for global trade, energy routes, and regional relations?

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Turkey has announced another increase in transit fees for vessels passing through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles without calling at Turkish ports.

- Effective July 1, 2026, the fee will rise from \$5.83 to \$6.70, remaining in force until June 30, 2027.
- After nearly 40 years of a fixed rate (\$0.80 until 2022), Turkey has been revising transit charges annually, linking them to gold prices.
- For a vessel of 10,000 NRT, total charges are expected to reach approximately \$25,000, compared to about \$3,240 before the 2022 reform.

As a result of the gradual fee increases, Turkey's annual revenue from strait transit has grown nearly tenfold, reaching around \$300 million per year.



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A vessel tracker shows marine traffic in the Bab el-Mandeb strait after Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said they were imposing a naval blockade on Saudi Arabia, a move that opens a new front against the United States in its war on Iran and widens the threat to global energy supplies and trade beyond the Gulf.

The full closure of the Bab el-Mandeb strait, the southern gateway to the Red Sea, would halt Saudi oil exports to Asia and could reduce global oil supply by 7%.

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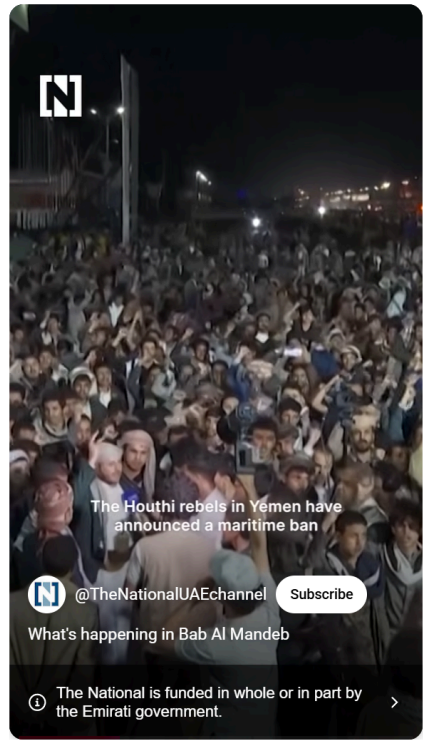
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The Middle East's two most critical maritime oil routes—the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait—are facing heightened security risks amid escalating regional tensions. Iran has previously disrupted shipping around Hormuz, while Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement has threatened maritime traffic through Bab el-Mandeb, prompting warnings from the Saudi-led coalition. Together, these waterways carry a significant share of global oil supplies. Any sustained disruption could force costly rerouting, tighten energy markets, and increase oil prices worldwide. The situation remains fluid, with future impacts depending on developments in regional security and international shipping conditions.




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currently embarked in a lifeboat.”

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard claimed the attack, as well as two other attacks on ships in the narrow waterway on Monday.

President Trump and the U.S. military have encouraged commercial ships to use a southern shipping lane through the strait that skirts Oman's coast, to avoid the more northerly passage under Iran's control. Iran has warned repeatedly that it will attack ships using the Oman route, however, and very few ships have attempted to openly use the passage.

On Monday, Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels announced a maritime embargo against Saudi Arabia, saying they would block shipping between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden by targeting the Bab el-Mandeb strait, a maritime chokepoint like the Strait of

