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Houthis target warships, cargo vessels in Red Sea and Indian Ocean

The military spokesman Yahya Saree said that five ships, including two US destroyers had been hit in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean. He further added, “The first (attack) targeted the American ship *Larego Desert* in the Indian Ocean, the second targeted the Israeli ship *MSC Mechela* in the Indian Ocean. The third targeted the ship *Minerva Lisa* in the Red Sea”, and the group also launched attacks against “two US warships in the Red Sea, and the hits were accurate”.

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Israelis banned from Maldives over Gaza War

The President said the Indian Ocean nation will ban Israelis from the luxury tourist hotspot announcing a national campaign in “solidarity with Palestine”. In response to the ban, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman requested citizens to avoid travel to the Maldives and “For Israeli citizens staying in the country, it is recommended to consider leaving, since if they fall into distress for any reason, it will be difficult for us to help”.

[URL:https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/6/2/maldives-bans-israeli-passport-holders-from-entering-the-country](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/6/2/maldives-bans-israeli-passport-holders-from-entering-the-country)

Royal Navy captures drugs in IOR

Millions of pounds worth of drugs have been captured by a Portsmouth based warship *HMS Diamond* after they hunted down smugglers in the IOR. Operating under the banner of the Canadian led Combined Task Force 150 dedicated to stopping criminal activity across the IOR. The Royal Canadian Navy officer in charge of the international force said “This interdiction conducted by HMS Diamond is a great example of the effective collaboration between CMF partners and the CTF 150 team”.

[URL:https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2024/may/31/240531-hms-diamond-drugs-bust-indian-ocean](https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2024/may/31/240531-hms-diamond-drugs-bust-indian-ocean)