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Following our **Advisory 036**, the security situation in Yemen has escalated, with airstrikes from the Saudi Arabian airforce hitting key locations within Yemen, such as the main airport and the nearby Al-Dulaimi military base, which is occupied by the Houthis rebels, in an attempt to halt the progress that the Houthis rebels are making.

As a result of this action and the possible repercussions it may have, *All major Sea Ports within the country have been shut down.*

The ports include; Aden, Al Mukalla, Al Mokha and Al Hudaydah. It may include the LNG terminal at **Balhaf**, which mainly exports natural gas to Asia and Europe. This has not yet been confirmed, but is a distinct possibility. Confirmation of this will follow.

The security of the region, particularly the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, is a major concern, as this is an important trade route for both Asia and Europe and has prompted other Arab nations to act.

Military Action:

Egypt have sent four Naval vessels immediately, to the Gulf of Aden, via the Suez Canal and these are expected to reach the Red Sea by Thursday evening.

Allmode: recommend staying in close communication with your vessels, agents and service providers within the region so that situational awareness can be maintained.

Marsec Levels should be revised and the highest level of security should be maintained aboard.

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