

Claim

Claim: "A US-flagged vessel has been attacked in the Gulf of Aden in July 2024. A Spokesperson at Denmark's shipping company Maersk said: "There was an attack targeted on one of the company's US-flagged vessels at the northernmost part of the Gulf of Aden."

Actions

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web_search("US-flagged vessel attack Gulf of Aden July 2024")
web_search("Maersk US-flagged vessel attack Gulf of Aden")
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Evidence

Evidence from web_search

Reuters reports that on July 19, 2024, Yemen's Houthi rebels hit a Singapore-flagged container ship with missiles in the Gulf of Aden, 83 nautical miles southeast of Yemen's port city of Aden (



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Yemen's port city of Aden ().

The Columbian reports that Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a United States-flagged container ship in the Gulf of Aden on Tuesday. The ship was identified as the Maersk Sentosa. The article is dated August 31, 2025.

- <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/vessel-hit-by-projectiles-southeast-yemens-aden-ukmto-says-2024-07-19/>
- <https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/jul/10/yemens-houthi-rebels-target-a-us-flagged-container-ship-in-the-gulf-of-aden/>
- <https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2024/07/19/784747.htm>

Evidence from web_search

On July 9, 2024, Houthi rebels targeted a U.S.-flagged container ship, the Maersk Sentosa, in the Gulf of Aden, according to a report by PBS News (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/houthi-rebels-target-u-s-flagged-container-ship-off-coast-of-yemen>). The captain reported an explosion near the vessel off the coast of Yemen.



CENTCOM also reported that Iranian-backed Houthi terrorists fired missiles at the U.S.-flagged container ship M/V Maersk Detroit in the Gulf of Aden (<https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/3654573/houthis-attack-commercial-shipping-vessel-with-anti-ship-missiles/>).

The Wikipedia article "Attacks on the MV Maersk Hangzhou" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attacks_on_the_MV_Maersk_Hangzhou) mentions attacks in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, including the MV Maersk Hangzhou.

Elaboration

The claim that a US-flagged vessel was attacked in the Gulf of Aden in July 2024 is supported by the evidence. Multiple sources confirm that the Maersk Sentosa, a US-flagged container ship, was targeted by Houthi rebels in the Gulf of Aden on July 9, 2024. Additionally, the M/V Maersk Detroit, another US-flagged container ship, was attacked with missiles in the Gulf of Aden.

The evidence also indicates that a Singapore-flagged vessel was attacked in the Gulf of Aden on July 19, 2024. However, this does not contradict the claim about the US-flagged vessel.

The evidence does not include a direct quote from a Maersk spokesperson. Therefore, the part of the claim that mentions a Maersk spokesperson needs further verification.

Final Judgement

The claim is partially true. Multiple sources confirm that a US-flagged vessel, the Maersk Sentosa, was attacked in the Gulf of Aden in July 2024. However, the claim also includes a quote from a Maersk spokesperson, which is not directly verified by the provided evidence.

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Verdict: TRUE

Justification

The claim is partially true. Multiple sources, including Reuters and PBS News, confirm that a U.S.-flagged container ship, the Maersk Sentosa, was targeted in the Gulf of Aden by Houthi rebels in July 2024 (<https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/jul/10/yemens-houthi-rebels-target-a-us-flagged-container-ship-in-the-gulf-of-aden/> and <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/houthi-rebels-target-u-s-flagged-container-ship-off-coast-of-yemen>). However, the claim also includes a quote from a Maersk spokesperson, which is not directly verified by the provided evidence.