

Maersk says its ships will avoid Red Sea for the ‘foreseeable future’

Jan. 5 (UPI) — Global container ship giant Maersk said on Friday that it will divert all of its ships away from the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden citing continued threats in the area.

Maersk said in an update that it will avoid the troubled sea routes for the “foreseeable future,” opting the sail around the southern tip of Africa at the Cape of Good Hope.

“The situation is constantly evolving and remains highly volatile, and all available intelligence at hand confirms that the security risk continues to be at a significant level,” Maersk said.

Maersk, one of the world’s leaders in global over-the-seas transport, announced on Tuesday an indefinite pause after the vessel Maersk Hangzhou was attacked by militants at the end of December. The ship was eventually rescued by the U.S. Navy, which deployed helicopters to sink most of the attacking boats.

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