Magic Seas confirmed sunk in Houthi video

Credit: Screenshot from Houthi video.

A video released by the Houthi shows the attack on the bulker Magic Seas in the Red Sea.

The Liberian-flagged bulker *Magic Seas* attacked by the Houthi on 6 July around 51 nm southwest of Al Hudayah, Yemen. The slickly produced video is reminiscent of one released by the Houthi in November 2023 of the hijacking of the car carrier *Galaxy Leader* which marked the start of the rebel group targeting commercial shipping in the southern Red Sea and beyond.

The video shows the attack on the vessel by unmanned surface vessels and missiles. Later, after the crew had abandoned ship and been rescued by another merchant vessel, it shows members of the Yemini Armed Forces, before ending with footage of the *Magic Seas* sinking.

The attack on the Magic Seas marked a restart of the Houthi targeting commercial shipping the southern Red Sea after a lull in attacks since 26 December 2024. A second Liberian-flagged bulker *Eternity C* was attacked on 7 July using sea drones, fast moving skiffs and RPGs. Three Filipino seafarers were killed in the attack and another injured..

Philippines Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Secretary Hans Cacdac described the attack as simultaneous, intense, and targeted at press briefing on Tuesday.

The Houthi have threatened to target any ships owned by companies that have vessels calling at ports in Israel. According to Windward 1,113 vessels called Israeli ports in the last six months. Posting on LinkedIn Windward ... Ami Daniel said that over 15,000 vessels were

commercially managed by the same companies – or one sixth of the global international shipping fleet were being threatened by the Houthi.