

KENYON

EMERGENCY SERVICES

CASE STUDY

Maritime recovery

BACKGROUND

In early 2024, a vessel transporting cargo across the Red Sea was struck by a missile off the coast of Yemen. Two crew members were reported missing, presumed killed onboard. Following the ship's arrival in Dubai, Kenyon were activated to search the vessel and recover the bodies.

CHALLENGES

After the missile attack, the vessel was forced to remain at sea while awaiting permission to dock, as multiple ports denied entry due to the nature of the incident. Many ports were ill-equipped and unprepared to handle such a situation, adding further complexity to the response.

This is where Kenyon's expertise proved critical. Once the vessel was finally permitted to dock in Dubai, the client required Kenyon to deploy a team swiftly to conduct the search and recovery operation.



SOLUTIONS

Within 24 hours of activation, Kenyon had a team on the ground at the port.

Following briefings from the ship's superintendent, the team conducted an initial familiarisation search and additional risk assessments. This allowed them to refine their approach, pinpointing key areas of interest within the damaged vessel.

The search for remains was a meticulous and delicate process.

The team carefully cleared rooms to ensure the Dubai police could safely access identified areas. Given the extensive damage onboard, the operation required caution and precision. While conducting the search, Kenyon personnel also located and preserved personal effects, ensuring they could be returned to loved ones alongside the remains.



RESULTS

Through a careful and systematic search, Kenyon successfully located and recovered the remains of the two missing sailors—allowing them to be returned to their loved ones and laid to rest with dignity.

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