

Houthis warn ships bound for Haifa are targets

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Yemen's Houthis said yesterday they will target the Israeli port of Haifa in response to Israel's escalation of the Gaza war.

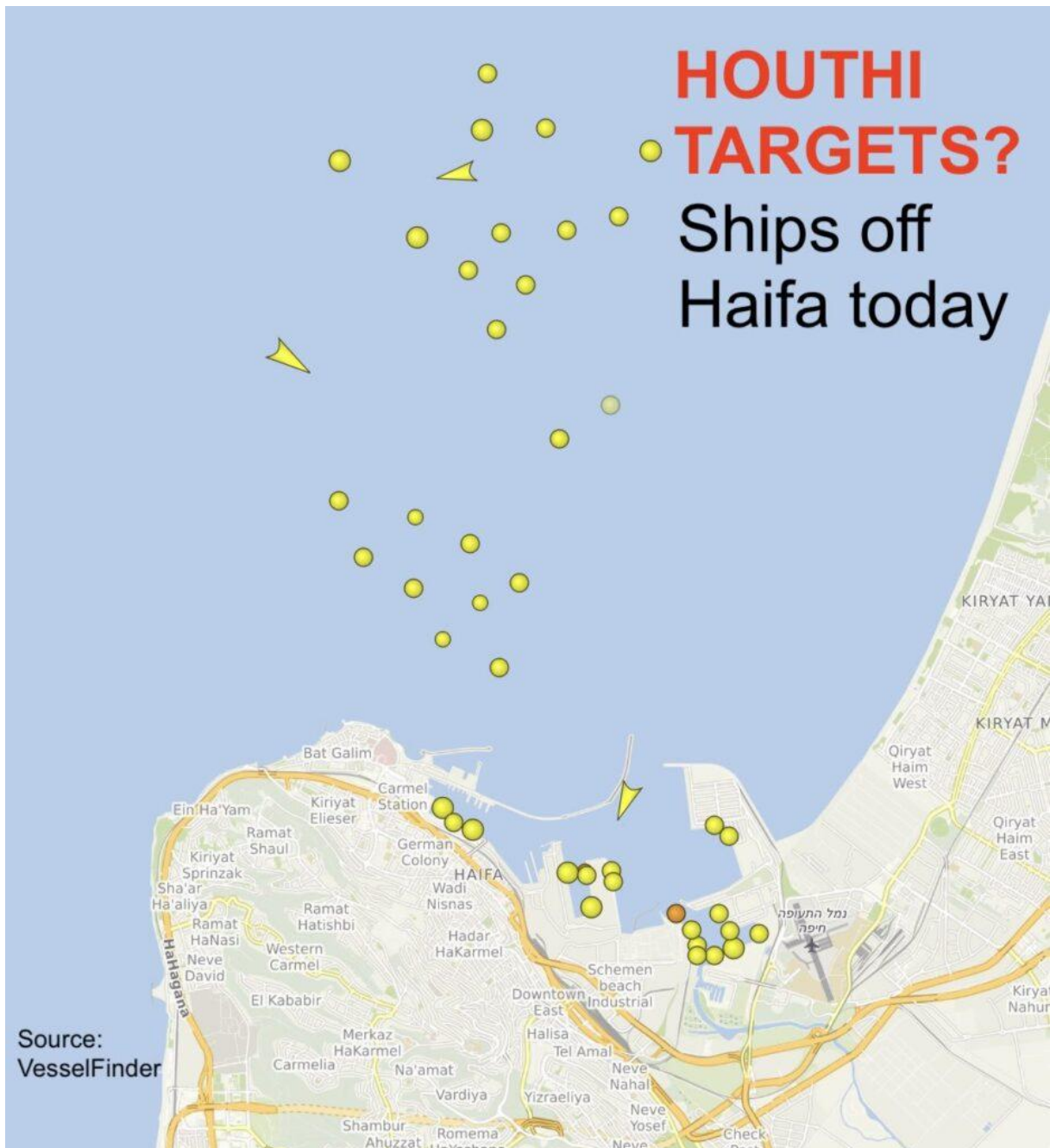
The Houthis would "begin working to enforce a naval blockade of the port of Haifa," said military spokesman Yehya Saree.

"All companies with ships present in or heading to this port are hereby notified that, as of the time of this announcement, the aforementioned port has been included in the target bank," the Houthi spokesman added.

Donald Trump, the American president, claimed earlier this month that after more than 17 months, the Red Sea shipping crisis is coming to a close.

Most liners questioned at recent quarterly results have insisted it is still too early for any resumption of Red Sea transits.

Maersk CEO Vincent Clerc said a fortnight ago it would be “irresponsible” to resume Red Sea transits based on an unclear ceasefire deal, warning the region remains too volatile for a safe return.



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