

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 1997.08.11.b](#)

DATE: Monday August 12, 1997

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Red Sea off Safâga, Egypt.

NAME: Nagah Attallah El-Sayed

DESCRIPTION: He is a 17-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, August 11, 1997

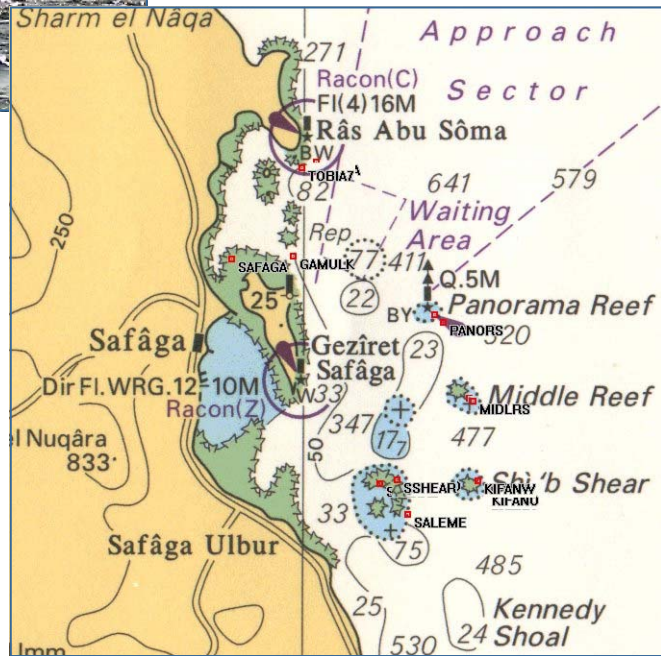
DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 150 metres

NARRATIVE: Nagah Attallah El-Sayed and 16-year-old Ayman Abul Hassan were fishing when a shark attacked and capsized their fishing boat.

INJURY: Nagah Attallah El-Sayed was severely injured, and Hassan was killed.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The attack was thought to involve an oceanic whitetip shark, *Carcharhinus longimanus*, or a white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*.

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Shark kills Red Sea fishermen

A shark attacked two fishermen working just offshore in the Red Sea on 11 August, killing one and seriously wounding the other, police said.

Ayman Abul Hassan, 16, was "swallowed up" by the shark, which attacked his fishing boat 150 meters off the coast of Safaga, 600 kilometers south of Cairo and not far from the Red Sea resort of Hurghada, they said.

Nagah Attalah Al Sayed was seriously wounded in the first attack of its kind in the region, police said.

SOURCE: Middle East Times, August 15, 1997, http://www.metimes.com//1997/08/15/shark_kills_red_sea_fishermen_/2888/