

Iranian warships enter Mediterranean

For the first time since Iran's 1979 revolution, two Iranian Navy ships have passed through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean. In a move regarded by Israel as a provocative act, the ships will travel parallel to the coast to the port of Latakia for joint exercises with the Syrian Navy

Alvand: 1,540-tonne, 94.5m, British-built frigate, launched 1968. Armed with C-802 anti-ship missiles, torpedo tubes, 20mm and 35mm cannons. Crew 135

Alvand accompanied by **Kharg**, 33,000-tonne support and refuelling vessel with 250 crew and up to three helicopters

