

Iranian boats try to seize British tanker

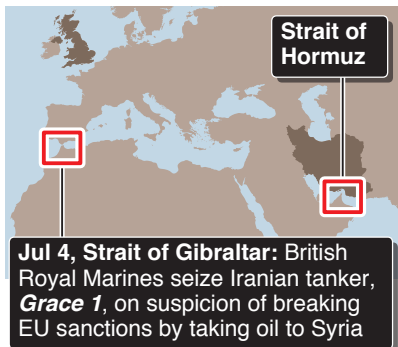
A Royal Navy ship fended off the attempted seizure of a British oil tanker by Iranian boats in the Strait of Hormuz, in an apparent tit-for-tat response to the arrest of one of Iran's own vessels

HOW INCIDENT UNFOLDED

1 Three boats believed to belong to Iran's **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** approach oil tanker **British Heritage** and try to bring it to halt near **Abu Musa** island

2 **HMS Montrose**, British frigate escorting **British Heritage**, moves between boats and tanker

3 Iranian vessels withdraw after warnings from warship. **Iran denies any attempted seizure**



→ Route of British Heritage on Jul 10-11

IRAN

PERSIAN GULF

IRAN
UAE

Abu Musa:
Occupied by Iran,
claimed by UAE

Abu Dhabi

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OMAN

OMAN

40km
25 miles

- IRGC naval bases
- Maritime boundary
- Deep water shipping lane

STRAIT OF HORMUZ

GULF OF OMAN

07:00GMT:
British Heritage
position