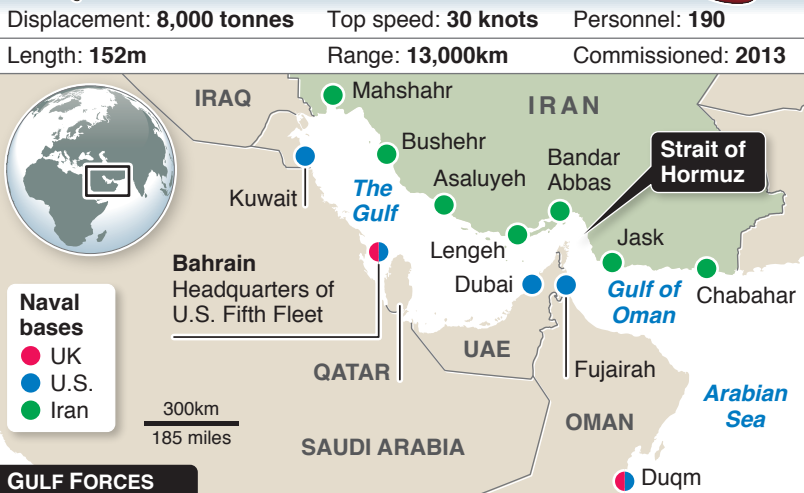
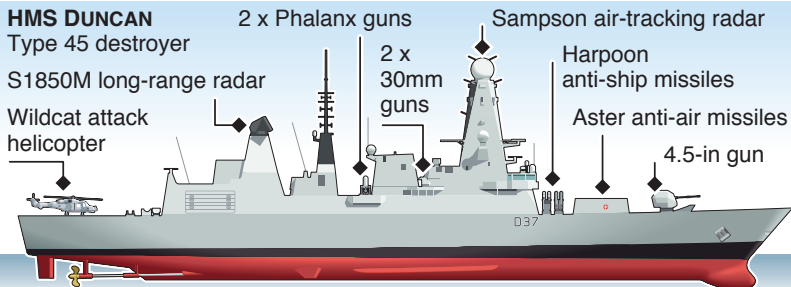


UK destroyer bolsters Gulf protection force

One of the Royal Navy's most advanced warships is being assigned to escort UK-flagged vessels travelling through the Strait of Hormuz following Iran's seizure of a British oil tanker in the busy waterway



GULF FORCES

UK

1 destroyer

1 frigate

1 auxiliary ship

4 minesweepers

U.S.

1 aircraft carrier

1 cruiser

3 amphibious ships

5 destroyers

At least 1 submarine

Iran

8 corvettes

1 coastal submarine

Hundreds of coastal patrol craft and small boats

3 attack submarines

15 midget submarines