

U.S. warns against helping Iranian tanker

The United States has issued a warning to Greece and all ports in the Mediterranean about providing assistance to an Iranian-flagged supertanker that Washington suspects of transporting oil to Syria

Iranian-flagged
Adrian Darya 1,
previously named
Grace 1

Deadweight
300,000 tonnes
Crew: 25
Built: 1997

TANKER TIMELINE

■ **Apr 17:** Grace 1 departs Iran's Kharg Island export terminal loaded with Iranian light crude oil

■ **Jul 4:** Tanker seized by British Royal Marines off coast of Gibraltar. Vessel suspected of transporting 2.1 million barrels of oil to Syria in defiance of European Union sanctions

■ **Jul 19:** Iran responds to Grace 1 seizure by impounding UK-flagged tanker *Stena Impero* in Strait of Hormuz

■ **Aug 15:** Gibraltar releases Grace 1 after receiving assurances from Iran that tanker would not unload its cargo in Syria

■ **Aug 19:** Grace 1, now renamed by Iran as *Adrian Darya 1*, sets sail – believed to be heading for Kalamata in Greece – despite U.S. attempts to have tanker re-impounded

Gibraltar (UK)

Syria: Alleged destination

GREECE

Suez Canal

IRAN

Grace 1 took long route around Africa as it was too big for Suez Canal

Strait of Hormuz

--- Prospective route