

Middle East maritime tensions escalate

The United States and Britain have blamed Iran for carrying out a fatal drone attack on an Israeli-managed tanker off the coast of Oman

RECENT MIDDLE EAST SHIPPING INCIDENTS

1 Feb 26: Explosion damages Israeli-owned **Helios Ray** cargo ship in Gulf of Oman. Israel blames Iran for attack

2 Mar 10: Iranian container vessel **Shahr e Kord** slightly damaged after being hit by explosive object in Eastern Mediterranean

3 Mar 25: Israeli-owned **Lori** container ship damaged after being hit by suspected Iranian missile attack in Arabian Sea

4 Apr 7: Iran's **Saviz** cargo ship – believed to be used as floating military base – struck by explosion off coast of Yemen

5 Apr 13: Israeli-owned **Hyperion Ray** vehicle carrier sustains minor damage in reported missile attack off UAE's Fujairah port

6 Jun 2: Support ship **Kharg** – Iran's largest naval vessel by tonnage – catches fire and sinks near port of Jask in unclear circumstances

7 Jul 3: **CSAV Tyndall** cargo ship – previously owned by Israeli-led company – comes under attack on its way from Saudi Arabia to UAE

8 Jul 29: Drone strike on Israeli-managed **Mercer Street** tanker (left) off Oman kills two crewmen – British and Romanian nationals

