U.S. and Iran clash over Strait of Hormuz

The U.S. and Iran have launched new attacks in the Gulf as they wrestle for control over the Strait of Hormuz with competing maritime blockades, shaking a fragile ceasefire

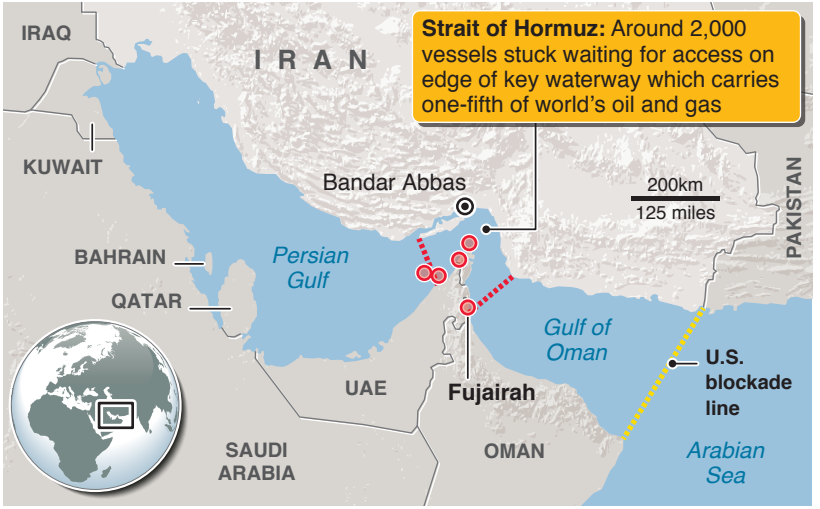
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- U.S. President ***Donald Trump*** launches ***"Project Freedom"***, says U.S. military will guide stranded cargo ships through Strait of Hormuz
- Iranian officials threaten to attack vessels that attempt to transit strait
- ***Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)*** fires missiles and drones at military and commercial ships, U.S. says
- ***South Korea*** and ***UAE*** report damage to commercial ships. UAE accuses Iran of striking its ***Fujairah*** oil industry zone
- Trump says U.S. "shot down" seven Iranian fast boats – claim denied by Tehran
- ***U.S. Central Command*** says two U.S.-flagged merchant vessels successfully transited strait, escorted by two Navy destroyers – statement called "outright lies" by Iran
- ***Maersk*** shipping company says one of its vessels is able to leave, accompanied by U.S. military

Reported Iranian attacks on civilian ships and infrastructure

Limit of Iranian control over Strait of Hormuz, according to IRGC map



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