

DAILY MARITIME INCIDENT UPDATE

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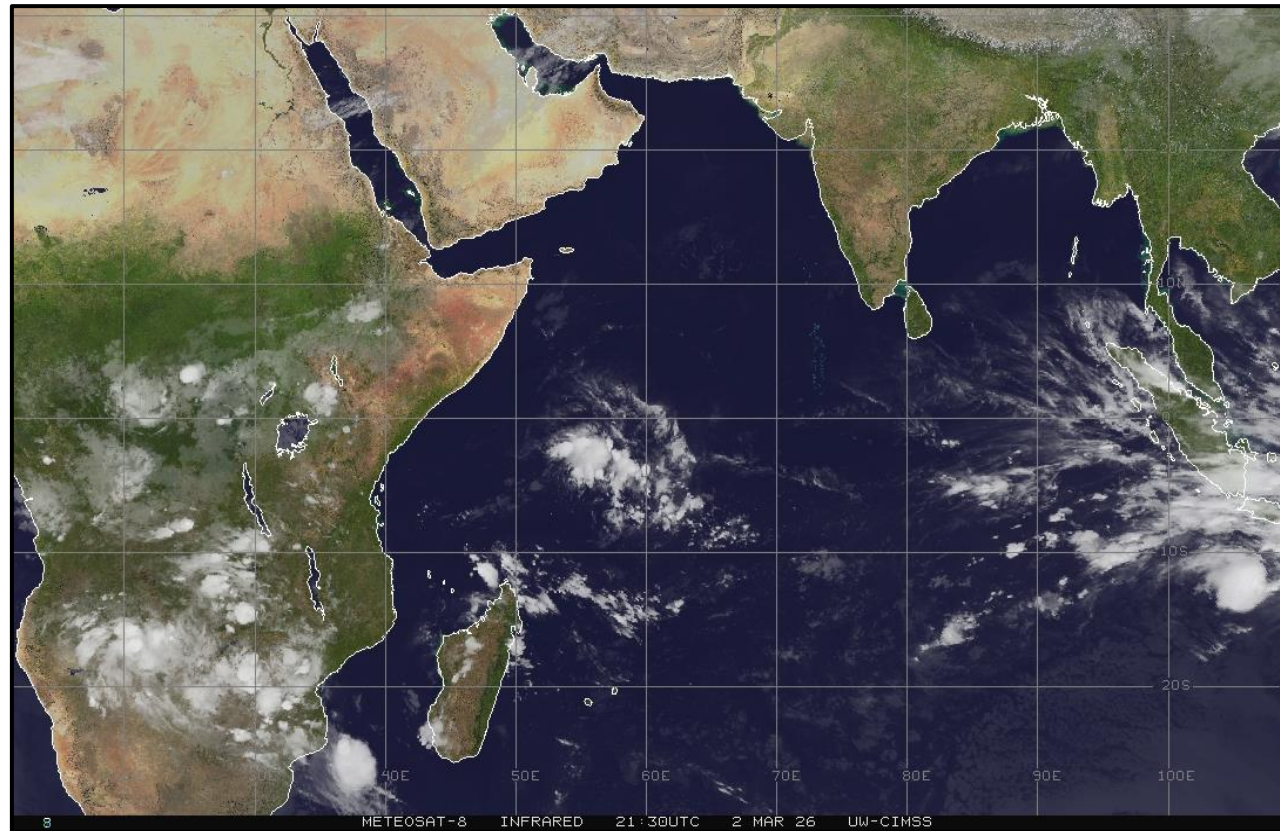
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Date 2026.03.03

WEATHER FORECAST



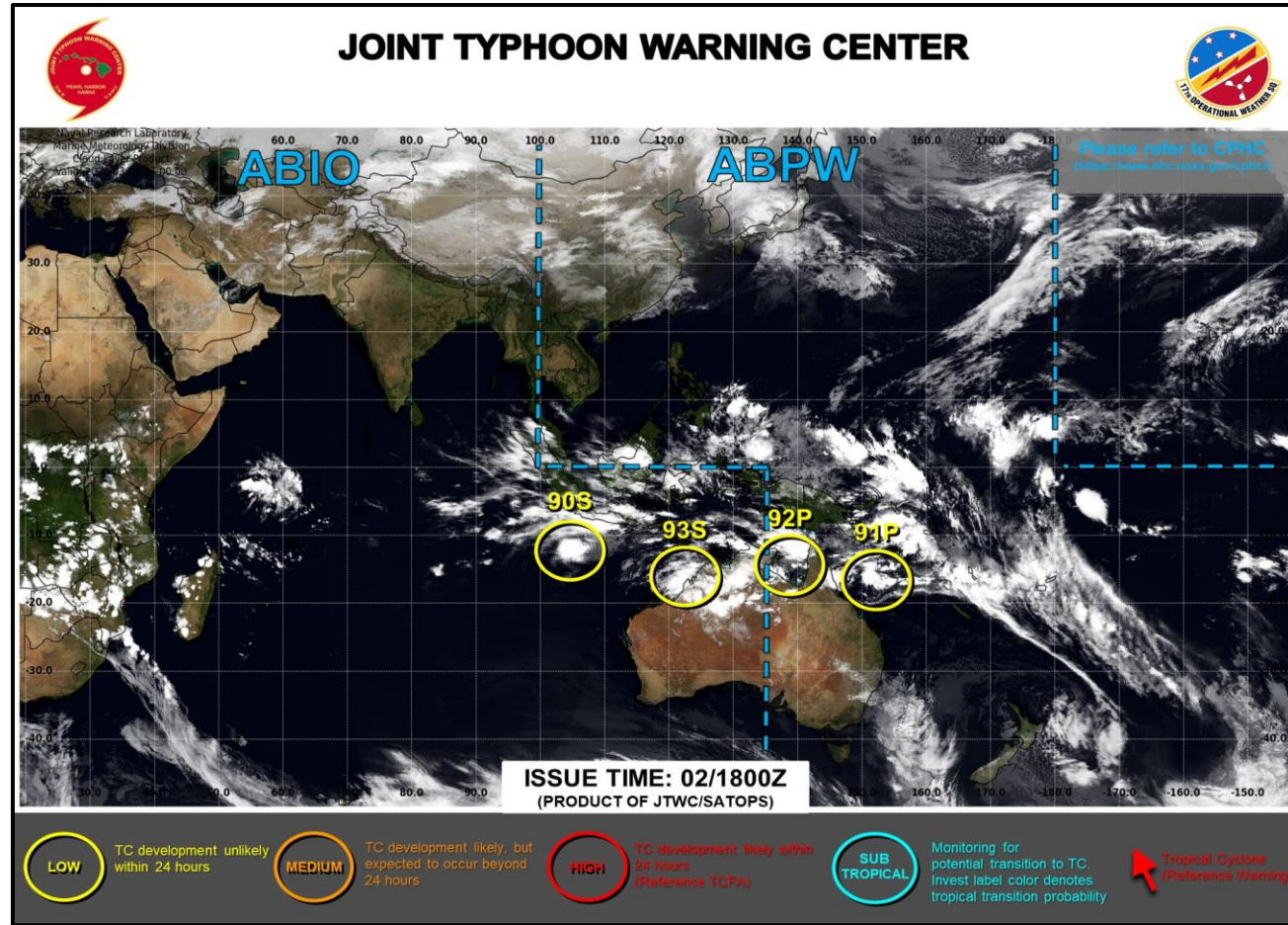
Weather Forecast for next 24 hrs



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FLEET FORECAST
 Fleet Forecast for Area - E
 Issued by the National Meteorological Center, Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka.
 Valid period: 2026.03.03/0600UTC to 2026.03.03/1400UTC
 Issued at 0000UTC on 2026.03.03
 To: CBO Radio/Fisheries/SL Navy/CBO Port/Coast Guard
 Shear line is approximately along : 06S 60E, 03S 70E, 03N 80E, 08N 90E, 10N 100E
 ITCZ is approximately along : 09S 60E, 08S 70E, 06S 80E, 06S 90E, 06S 100E
Weather:
 OCNL Showers / T>Showers in sections : 35, 40, 60, 70, 75, 85
 SCT Showers / T>Showers in sections : 15, 50, 55, 65, 80
 ISOL Showers / T>Showers elsewhere.
Winds:
 North of Shear line
 West of 75E: NE'ly / (10-15)kts
 East of 75E: Variable / (05-15)kts
 In-between Shear line and ITCZ:
 West of 72E: NW'ly to W'ly / (10-15)kts
 East of 72E: W'ly / (10-20)kts
 South of ITCZ:
 SE'ly / (15-20)kts; gusting up to 25 kts in sections 85
Seas:
 Moderate, fairly rough at times in sections : 85
 Moderate in sections : 50, 55, 65, 70, 75
 Slight to Moderate elsewhere.
 NOTE: Seas can be temporarily very rough during thundershowers.

- Source: 1. <https://meteo.gov.lk> 2. <https://www.srilankaview.com/weather.htm>

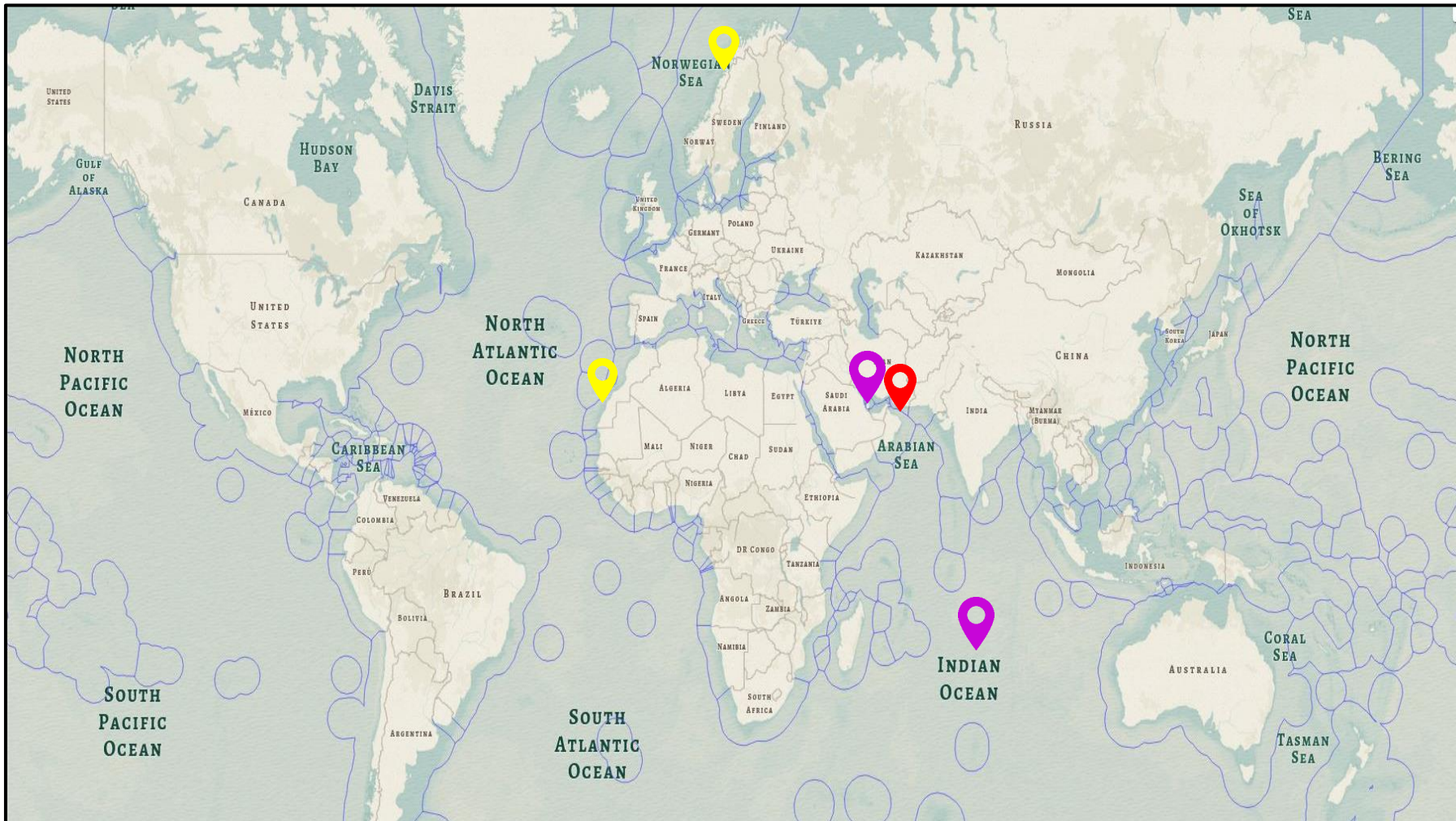
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• Source: <https://www.metoc.dc3n.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>



SUMMERY (MARITIME INCIDENT)



CATEGORY	NO
Maritime Incidents	02
Piracy & Armed Robbery	01
Smuggling	NIL
IUU Fishing	NIL
Narcotic	NIL
Irregular Human Migration	NIL
Marine Environment Pollution	NIL
Other	02
Total Incidents	05

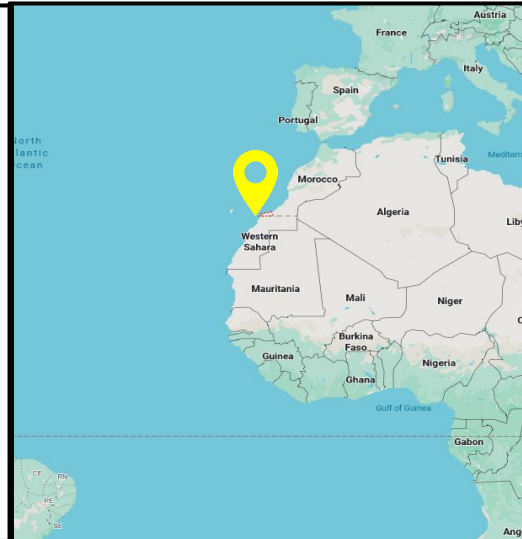
MARITIME INCIDENTS



28 Feb/Cargo Vessel Dura Bulk Sinks/ Morocco

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.28	Morocco	Near Laayoune Port	Capsizing /Sinking	Name- Dura bulk Flag- Panama Type- General Cargo	Dura Bulk is a vessel built in 1973, measuring 88.85 meters long, 13.28 meters wide, and has a carrying capacity of 3,007 tones.

On 28 Feb 26, the Panama-flagged cargo vessel Dura Bulk sank off Laayoune's coast. The vessel, carrying clinker for cement production, reported water ingress. All crew members were rescued without injuries and are receiving care in suitable conditions after a prompt search-and-rescue operation by local authorities.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12733/cargo-vessel-dura-bulk-goes-down-near-laayoune-port>

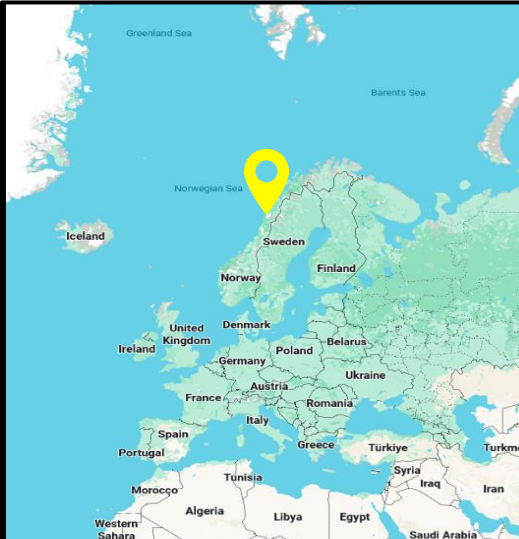
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28 Feb/Ferry Lote Runs Aground/Norway

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.02.28	Norway	Mossel Bay	Grounding/Stranding	Name - Lote Type - Ro-Ro/Passenger Ship Flag - Norway	Lote is a ferry built in 2006, measuring 108.67 meters in length and 18 meters in width, with a carrying capacity of 2,984 gross tonnage.

The Norway-flagged Ro-Ro passenger ferry Lote ran aground on 28 Feb 26 in Tysfjorden, Skarberget, Norway, with eight crew members and 11 passengers unharmed. The vessel, operating between Skarberget and Bognes, grounded while approaching the berth. Initial refloating attempts failed, prompting the crew to alert authorities, who sent the NSSR lifeboat Sundt Flyer and two tugboats from Narvik for assistance.



Source - : <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/14/accidents/2026/12731/norway-flagged-ferry-lote-runs-aground-in-norway-no-injuries>

PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY



01 Mar/An Indian crew member was killed after a drone boat hit the ship./Oman

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.01	Oman	Northwest of Port Sultan	Assault	Name – MKD VYOM Flag – Marshall Islands Type - Crude Oil Tanker	An unmanned drone boat struck oil tanker MKD VYOM off Oman's coast, killing one Indian crew member and triggering a fire before all 21 personnel were evacuated safely.

An Indian crew member was killed when an unmanned drone boat struck the oil tanker MKD VYOM off the coast of Oman, causing a fire and necessitating the evacuation of its crew. The attack occurred approximately 52 nautical miles northwest of Port Sultan Qaboos on 01 Mar 26, while the tanker was carrying around 59,463 metric tonnes of cargo. This incident coincides with escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran.



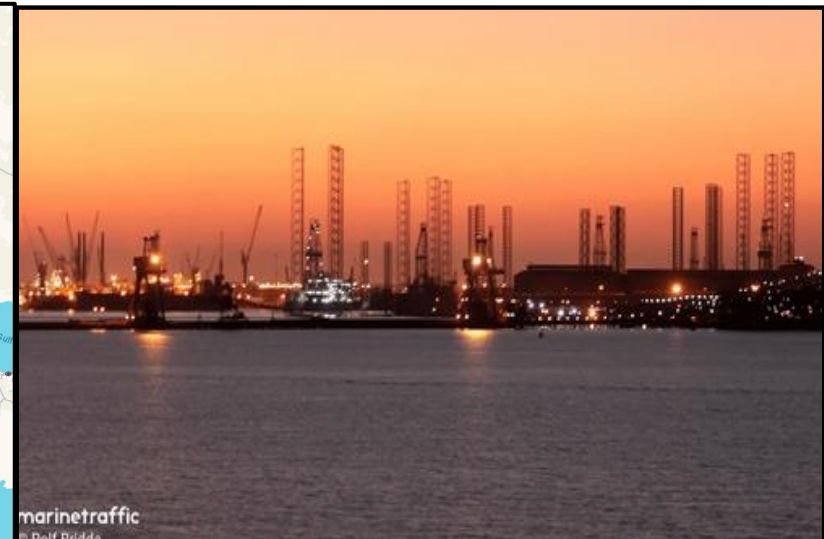
Source -: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/indian-crew-member-killed-after-drone-boat-hits-oil-tanker-off-oman-coast-2876550-2026-03-02>



02 Mar/Missile Debris Hits Vessel/Bahrain

INCIDENT DATE	COUNTRY/REGION	LOCATION	SUB CATEGORIES	VESSEL DETAILS	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
2026.03.02	Bahrain	Salman Industrial City port	Other Military /Coastguard Activities	-	The Bahrain Defence Force General Command reported that its air and missile defence systems successfully intercepted an Iranian attack, downing 61 missiles and 34 drones.

On 02 Mar 26, Bahrain's Interior Ministry reported that one expatriate worker was killed and two others injured when debris from intercepted Iranian missiles struck a foreign-flagged vessel at Salman Industrial City port, causing a fire onboard. The identity and flag of the vessel remain undisclosed.



Source -: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/maritime-news/15/maritime-security/2026/12732/missile-debris-hits-vessel-at-bahrain-port-one-dead>

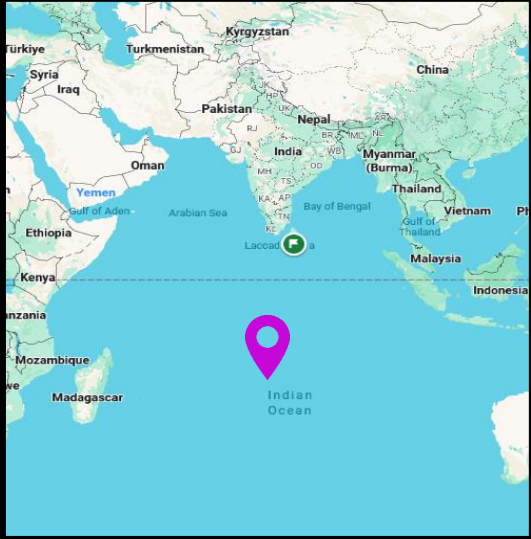
OTHER



02 Mar/Iran Destroys U.S Navy Ship Carrying Ammunition/The Indian Ocean Region

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2026.03.02	Indian Ocean Region	Indian Ocean	Other Military /Coastguard Activities	U.S Navy Ship-	Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) reported its recent attack on an American ship that was transporting ammunition intended for U.S. Naval vessels.

This report details the fifth phase of Iran's Operation True Promise 4, which involved attacks on American vessels. The IRGC announced that four ballistic missiles and twelve drones targeted a U.S. naval base in Kuwait, resulting in significant damage to an American vessel at Jebel Ali. Moreover, an MST-Class Combatant Support Ship, tasked with refueling U.S. naval vessels in the Indian Ocean, was struck by Iranian Qadr 380 missiles. Following the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, U.S. President Donald Trump warned Iran of unprecedented consequences if they retaliated against the U.S.



Source -: https://www.marineinsight.com/shipping-news/iran-destroys-u-s-navy-ship-carrying-ammunition-in-the-indian-ocean-region/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=iran-destroys-u-s-navy-ship-carrying-ammunition-in-the-indian-ocean-region



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