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Hormuz Shipping Attacks Hit Highest Level of the War

- Reported attacks on shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz are at their highest levels since the war began: more than 30 attacks were reported to UKMTO in October, the first month above 30, and at least 22 had been reported in November as of Sunday, up from an average of about 10 a month before October, according to a CNN analysis of UKMTO data. — CNN
- Three tankers exiting the strait were struck on Friday and Saturday, according to maritime risk firm Marisks via CNN: the Marshall Islands-flagged chemical and oil tanker Captain Leon was hit at the bow at 15:00 UTC on Friday and caught fire, with all crew reported safe; the Hong Kong-flagged crude tanker Torkel was hit in the stern at 05:00 UTC on Saturday and caught fire; and the Hong Kong-flagged Arina was struck in the engine room less than an hour later. Marisks did not confirm who was behind the attacks but assessed Iranian involvement as likely. — CNN
- Commercial traffic through the strait, through which a fifth of the world's oil passed before the war, remains at a reduced level compared with the 2025 baseline, CNN reported. — CNN
- Iran's domestic oil revenues are falling sharply under the US blockade of Iranian ports: maritime tracking service Kpler reported that Iranian oil on water outside the blockade zone hit zero after the last cargoes discharged in China earlier this month, and that Iran's oil revenues could drop to zero by mid-December, CNN reported. — CNN
- President Donald Trump said this month that the United States does not "need a deal" with Tehran, and indicated he would not hesitate to resume military strikes on Iran if necessary, CNN reported. — CNN

Houthis Claim Strike on Saudi Rabigh Oil Refinery

- Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Sunday they had carried out an operation targeting Saudi Arabia's Rabigh oil refinery on the western Red Sea coast and claimed a direct hit, but there was no indication of damage, Saudi authorities did not immediately comment, and Riyadh has not confirmed any attack on its refineries, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Conflict map



Markers show reported strike sites, bases, and shipping areas. Purple polygons mark approximate or announced closure / exclusion zones.

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