

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Hormuz traffic stays below average — Tehran says it is reviewing Washington's reply

- Ten commodity vessels transited the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday, up from seven a day earlier but below the ten-day moving average of about 17, preliminary shipping data showed Thursday. — [Reuters](#)
- Nine vessels entered the strait, including Supramax bulkers carrying metals, grain and other dry cargo plus one empty very large gas carrier; one Supramax carrying fertilizer exited. The figures exclude any vessels that crossed with transponders off. — [Reuters](#)
- A senior Iranian official, speaking anonymously, told Reuters on Wednesday that Tehran is reviewing Washington's response to its peace proposals, which prioritize lifting the U.S. naval blockade on Iranian ports and reopening the Strait of Hormuz. — [Reuters](#)
- In the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, 27 commodity vessels transited Wednesday, up from 24 a day earlier and near the 10-day average of 26 — the southern route running close to normal while Hormuz stays choked. — [Reuters](#)

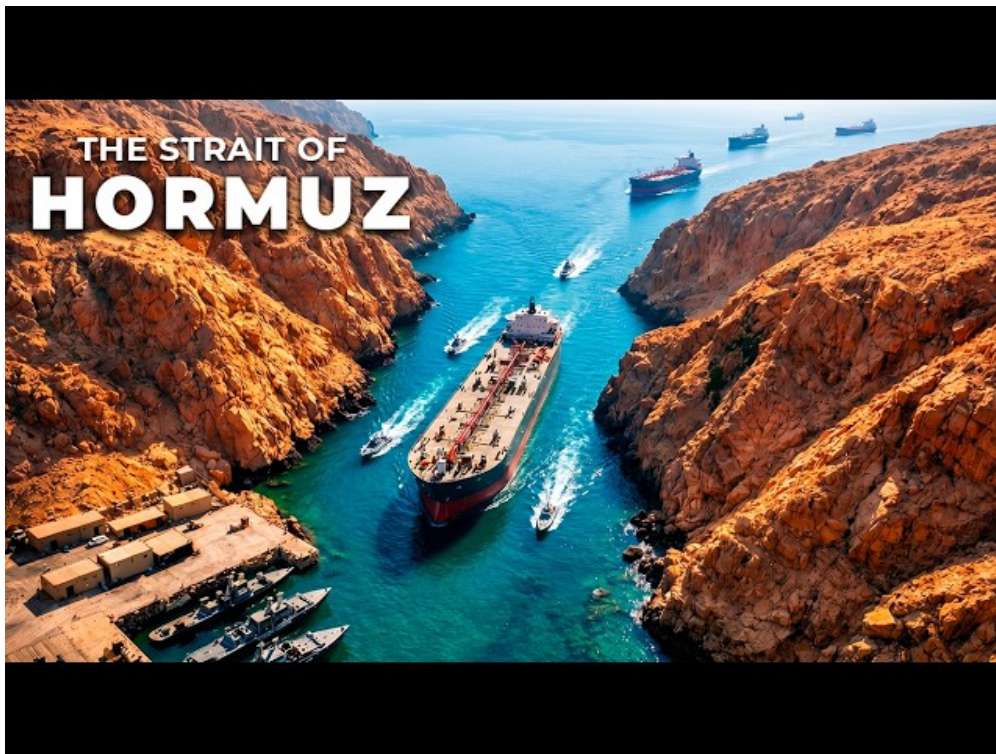
IRGC claims tanker attack off Oman; UKMTO logged a real incident nearby

- IRGC Navy Rear Adm. Ali Ozmaei claims a Togo-flagged small product tanker, the Trend, was attacked for 'illegal passage' through the Strait of Hormuz, claims it was set ablaze and stopped, and warns vessels transiting 'without explicit authorization' face destruction. Iranian claim, not independently confirmed. — [Infomarine](#)
- UKMTO independently received a report on Sept 23 of a tanker hit by a projectile causing a fire about 16 nautical miles northwest of the Omani coast near Khasab; the fire was reported out, with no crew injuries. — [Infomarine](#)
- The Trend is a 7,119-deadweight-ton product tanker built in 2008, last AIS-positioned anchored off the UAE on Sept 15. Caution: the IRGC made a similar Togo-flagged tanker claim on Sept 17 — this may be a new incident or a re-announced claim. — [Infomarine](#)

What to watch next

- Whether UK or U.S. maritime authorities release more detail on the Khasab incident — the vessel's identity and whether it matches the IRGC's Trend claim is the biggest unanswered question.
- Whether Iran follows through on an 'authorization regime' for the strait — effectively a tollbooth on a fifth of the world's oil supply.
- Any sign from Washington that its reply contains a counter-offer; if the talks drift back into silence, the strait's transit numbers will stay stuck where they are.

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The Strait of Hormuz, the critical oil chokepoint at the center of the conflict, where UKMTO logged a projectile-strike report near Khasab on September 23. — [view original](#)



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian at the UN General Assembly, where he vowed Iran would never surrender to U.S. pressure — the same diplomacy a senior Iranian official says Tehran is now weighing against Washington's reply. — [view original](#)

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