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Tanker Attacked a Second Time North of Khasab, Crew Unaccounted For

- The crew of a tanker passing through the Strait of Hormuz is unaccounted for after the vessel was attacked for a second time on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 7 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman, causing a fire on board, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency said via Reuters. — Reuters
- The tanker had first been struck on Monday and disabled after an engine-room fire, with the crew initially reported safe, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- No further information was immediately available; the report named no vessel, flag or operator, and no attacker was identified, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Iran's Navy Says a Fourth Tanker Hit a Mine East of Hormuz

- Iran's navy said on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 that a fourth oil tanker had caught fire within 24 hours after hitting a naval mine in a restricted zone east of the Strait of Hormuz, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Reuters report carried no independent confirmation of Iran's fourth-tanker mine claim, which follows a similar claim on Monday, November 16, 2026 that no maritime authority, the United States, or Bahrain had publicly verified. — Reuters

Iran and Oman Foreign Ministers Discuss Safeguarding Maritime Corridors

- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi visited Oman on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 and discussed with Oman's Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi safeguarding maritime corridors, ensuring the smooth flow of global shipping and trade, and revitalising channels for dialogue and negotiation to prevent escalation, the Omani foreign ministry said via Reuters. — Reuters
- No agreement was announced and Hormuz remains a sticking point in negotiations that have not yielded a breakthrough, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude was at $92.66 a barrel on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, as oil prices slipped on supply-surplus expectations despite Gulf tensions, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- US West Texas Intermediate crude was at $85.99 a barrel on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, Reuters reported. — Reuters

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