

US INTERCEPTS, BOARDS IRAN-LINKED VESSEL IN INDO-PACIFIC

International waters no refuge for sanctioned vessels, says US; targets 'stateless' ship in push to disrupt Iran-linked illicit networks worldwide



Mourners attend a mass funeral procession for Hezbollah fighters, killed before a 10-day ceasefire was agreed between the Iran-backed militant group and Israel, in the southern village of Kfar Sir | AFP

WASHINGTON

The US Defense Department said on Tuesday that its forces intercepted and boarded a "stateless sanctioned" vessel as part of Washington's efforts against networks that provide support to Iran.

"Overnight, US forces conducted a right-of-visit, maritime interdiction and boarding of the stateless sanctioned M/T Tifani without incident in the INDO-PACOM area of responsibility," the department posted on its X page. The statement said the United States was determined "to disrupt illicit networks and interdict sanctioned vessels providing material support to Iran — anywhere they operate."

The exact location of the operation was not made clear. INDO-PACOM is the US Indo-Pacific Command, which oversees a broad region that includes the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The Tifani is a "Botswana-flagged tanker," according to the intelligence firm Vanguard Tech, which

said the vessel was intercepted in the Indian Ocean. Its last signal was detected on Tuesday halfway between Sri Lanka and the Strait of Malacca, according to the maritime tracking website Marine Traffic.

"International waters are not a refuge for sanctioned vessels," the Pentagon said in its post, which included video footage showing helicopters hovering just above a large, bright orange tanker. AFP has identified the vessel as one affiliated with Iranian activity.

According to energy intelligence firm Kpler, the vessel had loaded approximately two million barrels of crude on Iran's Kharg Island on April 5 and passed through the Strait of Hormuz on April 9. Its tracking signal indicated it was heading toward Singapore.

The Tifani has in recent years carried out numerous ship-to-ship oil transfers off Singapore and Malaysia and made multiple round trips between this area and destina-

tions including Iran and China. Trump has vowed to maintain a blockade on Iran "until there is a deal" to end the war. Doubts remained Tuesday regarding whether a second round of negotiations between Tehran and Washington would take place in Islamabad.

China denies links to seized ship

Meanwhile, China denied any links to the Iranian cargo ship seized by the US in the Gulf allegedly containing chemical materials to manufacture missiles. "As far as I know, the vessel seized by the US is a foreign container ship. China rejects any false association and speculation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a press briefing here reacting to allegations by former US envoy to the UN Nikki Haley.

In a post on X, Haley claimed that the ship seized by the US was headed from China to Iran and is linked to chemical shipments for missiles.

"It refused repeated orders to stop. Another reminder that China is helping prop up Iran's regime - a reality that can't be ignored," Haley said.

A US naval ship enforcing the blockade of ships going to Iranian ports fired at the cargo ship when it reportedly failed to heed calls to stop.

The US Marines later boarded the ship and seized it. The Iranian military warned that it would respond to the US' action against the container ship.

Last week, China denied aiding Iran's military with defence and satellite support

Trump weighs dollar swap with UAE as oil flow strain rattles economy

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has said that he's considering the possibility of a currency swap with the United Arab Emirates to help the Mideast ally secure US dollars, as its oil-rich economy has been rattled by the Iran conflict. During an interview with CNBC, the president expressed surprise that the nation needs assistance, but made clear he was open to the prospect of making the move to help meet his ally's concerns.

"I mean I'm surprised because they are really rich," Trump said. He added, "You know, they're very good for this country. So, yeah, if I could help them, I would." The United Arab Emirates, an autocratically ruled federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula that's home to Dubai, became wealthy from its oil deposits. It pegs its currency, the dirham, to the US dollar.

While it has been able to send some of its oil out via a pipeline to the Gulf of Oman, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has squeezed the country's oil exports. The UAE has an estimated USD 2.5 trillion in savings and sovereign wealth funds, but may be seeking the swap to "bolster investor confidence in the UAE's financial position if the war were to drag on," said Jason Tuvey, an analyst at Capital Economics.



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AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD. DEMAND NOTICE. Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

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EU DIPLOMATS MEET; ISRAEL POLICY DIVIDES BLOC. LUXEMBOURG: EU diplomats met in Luxembourg to tackle crises including Ukraine, Iran and energy shocks. Divisions persist over Israel, with some pushing to suspend trade ties. Hungary's leadership change may unblock decisions. The bloc also urged Iran diplomacy as a fragile ceasefire nears expiry and warned of energy risks amid global market strain.

UN FLAGS SEAFARER CRISIS IN HORMUZ, SEEKS HELP. SINGAPORE: The International Maritime Organization has appealed for urgent support for around 20,000 seafarers stranded after the Strait of Hormuz closure disrupted global shipping. IMO chief Arsenio Dominguez warned of stress and fatigue, urging companies to offer mental health support as tensions persist, with shipping still curtailed amid fragile ceasefire concerns.

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Table with columns: Sr. No., Loan No., Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor, 13(2) Notice Date/Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on, Date/Time & Type of Possession. Includes details for Mr. Mohammed Ishaq and Mrs. Mubeena.

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