

Iran launches retaliatory attacks on US military bases, vessels

US submarine drone captured by IRGC

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Iran's Armed Forces on Wednesday launched new retaliatory operations in response to the United States' attacks on Iran's oil tankers in the Persian Gulf with an Iranian military official warning that the enemies should be prepared for "pride-inspiring and unique" surprises.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) in a statement said that two US vessels, eight oil tankers, and 10 other ships attempting to pass through the prohibited zone of the Strait of Hormuz have been targeted in the latest wave of Iran's operations.

The IRGC said the attacks were carried out in response to the US military's attack on five Iranian oil tankers in the Persian Gulf region.

The IRGC also said its Aerospace Force had struck the US's al-Azraq Airbase in Jordan with a missile barrage, inflicting "heavy damage on the hostile forces."

The attacks come as the US has intensified its aggression against Iran in recent

days, carrying out strikes on several locations across the country. The US strikes have claimed the lives of at least 15 Iranians.

The IRGC Navy also successfully intercepted and captured a highly advanced, unmanned American underwater vehicle at the entrance of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

The unmanned submersible incorporates some of the world's most advanced underwater technology and was delivered to the US terrorist military in 2025, the statement said.

The capture of the unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) marks the latest in a long history of Iran intercepting and seizing advanced Western military technology.

Over the past decade, Iranian forces have successfully downed or captured numerous high-value US assets, including the RQ-170 Sentinel stealth drone, MQ-9 Reaper drones, and various underwater gliders and surface vessels in the Persian Gulf.

The IRGC's spokesman Hossein Mo-

hebi said on Wednesday that the war with the US could end if Washington stopped threatening the Islamic republic and met Tehran's conditions, including regarding its nuclear program.

"If the enemy wants an end to this situation, it must, while completely stopping the war, refrain from renewed threats, withdraw the Israeli regime's army from Lebanon, end the blockade of Yemen, release \$24 billion in Iran's frozen assets and refrain from any interference in the country's nuclear and missile capabilities," Mohebi said.

A senior IRGC official also warned that if Iran's adversaries persist in their miscalculations and continued aggression, they should be prepared for further "pride-inspiring and unique" Iranian surprises.

Speaking at a meeting in Tehran on Wednesday, Brigadier General Ramezan Sharif, the IRGC's former spokesman and current adviser to its commander-in-chief, emphasized that "the entire region is under the precise, comprehensive and moment-to-moment



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intelligence surveillance of the powerful armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

He called Iran's sovereign control of the Hormuz Strait a "strategic and deterrent weapon" in the hands of the country, saying it had not only changed the balance on the ground but had also

become an inspiring model for the Resistance Front and a powerful warning to Iran's enemies.

The Strait of Hormuz has increasingly become a key arena in the US war on Iran, prompting Tehran to assert greater control over maritime activity in and around the strait.

Tehran urges UNSC 'immediate action' on US 'violations of int'l peace, security'



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Iran's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday strongly condemned an aggressive US military attack on several Iranian oil tankers, stressing that the UN Security Council and the UN secretary-general have a responsibility to take immediate action over "grave violations of international peace and security" by the US.

The ministry said in a statement that the US military attack on

several Iranian oil tankers on Tuesday night, and the assault on Iranian commercial vessels in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman are a continuation of Washington's military aggression, maritime blockade and economic war against Iran, and constituted an outright violation of the UN Charter and international law.

The ministry said the US actions against Iranian commercial vessels not only represented a dan-

gerous escalation of tensions in the region but also posed a clear threat to regional and international peace and security.

In response to the attacks on Iranian oil tankers, Iran's Armed Forces, exercising their inherent right to self-defense, struck US military bases and facilities in Jordan, which it said continued to support US military attacks against Iran, as well as several US vessels.

The statement said Iran reaffirms its firm determination to defend its sovereignty and national interests against US aggression, stressing that Iran's Armed Forces would not hesitate to exercise their inherent right to self-defense.

The ministry said Iran would respond decisively and appropriately to any military aggression by the enemy.

Iran's Armed Forces on Wednesday launched an attack on a US military base in Jordan and targeted two US vessels, eight oil tankers, and 10 other ships attempting to pass through the prohibited zone of the Strait of Hormuz in response to the US attacks on Iran's oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

Iran warns new UK sanctions will deepen mistrust

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Iran's Embassy in London on Tuesday expressed deep regret over the British government's decision to impose new sanctions on Iran, calling the measures illegal and contrary to the shared interests of the two countries.

The embassy in a statement warned that London's alignment with US economic pressure would deepen a wall of mistrust between Tehran and London, IRNA reported.

"Aligning with the unfair US policy of imposing economic terrorism against Iran will have no result other than raising the wall of mistrust between the two countries and weakening the foundations of bilateral cooperation," it said.

The Iranian Embassy stressed that Tehran has always adhered to international law and said Iran's nuclear program remains under the full supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The embassy also urged Britain to condemn as aggressive actions by the United States and Israel against Iran, rather than pursuing policies that were misguided and counterproductive.

It said the aggression constituted a clear violation of international law and the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The embassy's statement came after the



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British government announced an expansion of unilateral sanctions against Tehran, while repeating political allegations concerning Iran's nuclear program and regional activities.

The UK government said the measures would restrict Iran's access to the British financial system, broaden trade bans to include more goods, technology and services, and prohibit Iranian aircraft from landing in Britain unless exemptions apply.

British Deputy Foreign Secretary Stephen Doughty said in a statement that the measures had been drawn up as part of London's efforts to increase pressure on Iran. Iran has repeatedly said unilateral sanctions have no legal standing and that the use of economic pressure against the Iranian people violates principles of international law and stands in the way of engagement and cooperation between countries.

Saudi Arabia launches new attacks on Yemen

Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement reported dozens of Saudi airstrikes on Wednesday as daily attacks continued in a conflict that has reignited during the Middle East war, with hundreds of people killed in fighting near the Red Sea.

More than 40 attacks targeted several regions including the flashpoint areas of Taiz and Hodeida, the scene of fierce clashes between the Ansarullah and Saudi-backed government, the movement said.

"It's a catastrophe, and the attacks are ongoing," said Mohammed Khudairi, one of nearly 20,000 who fled the fighting, according to the International Organization for Migration,



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AFP reported.

"We managed to leave, but others remain trapped there," he said at a displacement camp of wood-and-straw huts near Khokha, on the Red Sea coast.

The latest salvos in Yemen's previously dormant conflict come a day after Yemen's Armed Forces set oil sites ablaze and wounded 73 in their

heaviest missile and drone attacks against Saudi Arabia in years.

The fighting in Yemen is taking place against the backdrop of the Middle East war, which erupted in late February with US-Israeli strikes on Iran. Saudi airstrikes targeted "various areas across the governorates of Marib, Al-Jawf, Taiz and Hodeida", the Almasirah TV said on Wednesday.

The Saudi civil defense later issued a warning for the southern governorate of Khamis Mushait, near Yemen, but quickly lifted it.

On Tuesday, Saudi authorities vowed to respond to the Yemen's attacks, saying they caused fires and temporary shutdowns at oil sites.



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