



IRGC strikes 2 vessels defying warnings in Strait of Hormuz



The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy has conducted strikes on two commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz after they repeatedly ignored warnings. The vessels, identified as the Express Room, owned by the Zionist regime and sailing under a Liberian flag, and the container ship, Mayuree Naree, were both targeted by Iranian forces following their "illegal insistence" on transiting the

strategic waterway without authorization on Wednesday. Iran has declared that every vessel intending to pass must obtain permission. Separately, the spokesman for the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters delivered a clear message to Washington and its allies regarding energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. "We will not allow even a single

liter of oil to pass through the Strait of Hormuz for the benefit of America and its friends," the spokesman said. The spokesman further clarified the expanded scope of Iranian military operations. "Any vessel, itself or its oil cargo belonging to the United States, the Zionist regime, or their hostile partners, is a legitimate target for Iran's Armed Forces." The Wednesday strikes follow the unprovoked The United

States and Israel committed acts of aggression against Iran on February 28. They assassinated Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. Since the war began, traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, responsible for approximately 20 percent of global oil supplies transit, has plummeted from an average of 76 tankers daily to just a handful, with some days seeing zero crossings.

GOVT ORDERS MASS TAKEDOWN OF SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS CRITICISING, MOCKING PM Modi

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The Union Government has directed a mass takedown of posts satirising, mocking and criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and accounts condemning the Centre's response to the University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations on X and Instagram.

Several posts were taken down over the course of February 2026, including a post by Hotmail co-founder Sabeer Bhatia referencing a viral "mistranscription" of a Sanskrit subhashita previously cited by Modi, posts criticising the treatment and targeting of minorities in India and two animated satirical cartoons featuring the Prime Minister, according to a report by The Hindu. Although statistical data on the number of posts taken down was not available, The Hindu's analysis of posts that received takedown orders showed that these orders are classified. Social media platforms accept the takedown orders by making the posts unavailable in India, but they can be seen in other countries.

Meta's most updated takedown record shows that the number of content removed due to government orders from January to June 2025 was three times higher than during the same period in 2023. This does not include the content in India



also taken down globally due to violations of community standards. The Wire's two animation videos satirising Modi were targeted with notices on both X and Instagram, and when the website's founder Siddharth Varadarajan reshared the second video, it was also taken down. Congress also claimed that their satirical posts, which were generated by artificial intelligence (AI), were taken down. Party spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said that in total, nine posts were taken down.

US troops killed; at least 17 sites damaged in Iran's reprisal attacks:

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A recent analysis has revealed that Iran's retaliatory missile and drone strikes on American military installations and other assets across West Asia have damaged a number of sites and

killed US troops. According to data compiled by The New York Times, at least 17 US sites and installations across the region have been damaged since the US and Israel launched a large-scale military aggression against Iran on February 28.



The assessment relies on high-resolution commercial satellite images, verified social media videos and statements from American officials and Iranian news media. The intensity and scale of the Iranian strikes suggest that Tehran had prepared for the military aggression more than officials in President Donald Trump's administration had believed. The Times report noted that Iran targeted several major US military facilities on the first day of the war. These included Prince Sultan airbase, Ali al-Salem airbase, Camp Buehring and al-Udeid airbase, which serves as the largest American base in West Asia. According to satellite images reviewed by the Times, damage to buildings and communications infrastructure could be seen at several of these locations. A video taken on March 1 showed an Iranian drone exploding near facilities at Camp Buehring in Kuwait. Though there were no reports of casualties, other reprisal attacks did lead to casualties. A drone strike on March 1 hit a structure accommodating military personnel at the Shuaiba port in Kuwait, killing six American soldiers, the report added. Satellite images showed the roof of the building partially collapsed.

ONLY WORDS BIRLA JI HAS FOR US, 'No, No, No': OPPOSITION MPs

New Delhi: "No, No, No" — Opposition MPs have claimed that this is the oft-repeated refrain that they get from Speaker Om Birla when they want to raise important issues in the Lok Sabha. "When opposition MPs speak, they are disrupted, and that has become a tradition. Another tradition is that while MPs speak, the camera moves in another direction," Handsak said.

MEDHA PATKAR URGES TELANGANA CM TO HALT MUSI PROJECT'S DPR UNVEILING

Medha Patkar drew the attention to GO 921, which exempted the entire Musi Riverfront Development Project from the "mandatory" Social Impact Assessment.



Hyderabad: With two days to go before the Telangana government formally unveils the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Phase 1 of the Musi Riverfront Development Project, social activist Medha Patkar has fired off a sharp letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, demanding the March 13 event at Hotel Taj Krishna be called off.

Patkar, in her letter dated Wednesday, March 11, called for a structured dialogue, led by the Chief Minister himself, bringing together representatives of displaced families, people's organisations and concerned officials. She also demanded public hearings to be held in the Musi eviction-affected areas. The social activist

pushed for an independent committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the project, one that looks at it through a river-basin lens, examines alleged violations of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (LARR) Act of 2013 and addresses the "serious gaps" in the Environmental Impact Assessment process. "such omissions render the proceedings antithetical to true partnership, prioritising elite consultations over the lived realities of the impacted."

IRGC launches 40th wave of Operation True Promise 4 in cooperation with Hezbollah

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says it has carried out the 40th wave of its ongoing retaliatory Operation True Promise 4, launching decisive strikes against hostile targets throughout the region. According to the Corps, the latest phase of the operation involved the firing of Qadr, Emad, Kheibar Shekan, and Fattah missiles against targets in the occupied territories. "5 hours of sustained retaliation" "The operation was designed to maintain continuous and sustained fire over a five-hour period," it said. The strikes were conducted jointly with the fighters of Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement, the Corps noted. The movement cooperated by firing "large numbers of attack drones and missiles," the IRGC stated, adding that the combined strikes targeted "more than 50 objectives across the occupied territories." "This powerful and unified front inflicted painful blows on military bases of the child-killing regime, from [the occupied port of] Haifa in the north, Tel Aviv in the center, and Be'er Sheva in the south of the occupied territories." The deadly strikes are continuing, rendering existence for the Israeli regime's illegal settlers into "life from siren to siren" and prolonged confinement in shelters, the Corps said.



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