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Two ships sink near Hormuz after being hit by projectiles amid surge in attacks

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Surge in Hormuz attacks over the past 10 days

Three ships have been sunk since US-Iran war began, data shows

Tehran deploying new tactics against ships, Iranian officials say

LONDON, Oct 14 (Reuters) - A container ship and a dry bulk carrier have both sunk near the Strait of Hormuz in the past 24 hours after being hit by projectiles in separate incidents, maritime officials said on Wednesday.

Attacks around the waterway have surged over the past 10 days, with Iran saying it is stepping up strikes in response to the US blockade of its ports and tougher sanctions introduced last month.

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The Singapore-flagged GFS Pride, a small container vessel with a capacity of 2,824 20-foot equivalent units (TEU), sank while sailing through the strait, according to maritime security sources.

"GFS PRIDE sustained damage and a fire on board, and has since sunk. All 21 crew members were safely evacuated. No injuries have been reported," the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said in a statement on Wednesday, adding that the vessel had been sailing through the strait on Tuesday.

In a separate incident, the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged Cape Dao sank close to the strait, weeks after being struck by a projectile on September 23, data from UN shipping agency the International Maritime Organization showed on Wednesday.

One crew member was killed, the rest of the crew evacuated straight after the strike, maritime sources said.

Its UAE-based manager Peonies Shipmanagement FZE could not be immediately reached for comment.

The GFS Pride and Cape Dao are the second and third vessels to have sunk since the [US-Iran war](#) began on February 28, according to an analysis of IMO casualty data.

"MPA is deeply concerned about the continued attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz," the Singapore authority said.

"Such attacks are unprovoked, unjustifiable, and a breach of international law."



[1/6] A satellite image shows containers and items floating in the water after a vessel sank near the Strait of Hormuz, off the coast of Oman, October 14, 2026. European Union/Copernicus... [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)  [Read more](#)



GFS Pride's United Arab Emirates-based manager, GFS Ship Management FZE, could not be immediately reached for comment.

"The latest incidents reinforce the continuing threat to commercial shipping transiting the Strait of Hormuz," maritime risk management company MARISKs said on Wednesday.

"The threat is not confined to tankers, with container vessels and bulk carriers also sustaining serious damage."

IRAN TIGHTENS GRIP

A sharp escalation in threats to commercial shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz, through which about a fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas trade passed before the war, has heightened concerns about security in the waterway.

Tehran has sought to tighten its grip on the waterway since US and Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28, restricting transit in an effort to gain leverage over Washington.