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Iran says confronted US destroyer in Gulf of Oman

July 24, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Iranian forces on Wednesday warned a US destroyer to stay out of waters claimed by Tehran, state television reported, an interaction a US defence official said was ‘safe and professional’ and did not affect the ship’s mission.

The exchange in the Gulf of Oman between the two rivals comes a month after the United States carried out strikes against three key Iranian nuclear sites during the 12-day war between Israel and the Islamic republic.

State TV said an Iranian army helicopter flew over the USS Fitzgerald on Wednesday morning after the vessel ‘attempted to approach the waters under the supervision’ of Iran. The destroyer issued threats of its own, the broadcaster said, but ‘the Iranian pilot… reiterated the warning to stay away from Iranian waters’, forcing the US vessel to ‘give in’ and alter its course.

In a video released by Iranian state TV, a destroyer is seen from what seems to be a helicopter window as the pilot calls on the vessel to ‘change course’ and avoid approaching Iranian territorial waters.

A US defence official said the American ship ‘had a safe and professional interaction with an Iranian SH-3 ‘Sea King’ helicopter while operating in international waters. ‘This interaction had no impact to USS Fitzgerald’s mission and any reports claiming otherwise are falsehoods’, the official added…’

Ambassador Huckabee: Hamas is the cause of the prolonged



Mike Huckabee
US Ambassador to Israel

July 24, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, on Wednesday evening commented on the deadlock in the talks on a Gaza ceasefire, writing in a post on X that the claim that Israel is uninterested in ending the fighting must stop.

‘Stop the nonsense saying ‘Israel doesn’t want war in Gaza to end…there is only ONE reason this has dragged on-Hamas! They are evil. And they are the cause of the prolonged suffering. Full stop,’ wrote the Ambassador.

Huckabee was basing his remarks on a report by journalist Amichai Stein on *i24NEWS*, which revealed that Hamas backtracked on several agreements already reached in ceasefire negotiations, including humanitarian issues…”

Hamas Terrorists Caught Feasting Underground on Lavish Meals While Exploiting Gaza Civilians Suffering Above

July 24, 2025 Breitbart.com reported: “Newly released Israeli Defense Forces footage exposes Hamas operatives living in luxury beneath Gaza’s devastated streets, feasting on elaborate meals in well-stocked underground tunnels while the terror group simultaneously spreads propaganda claiming Israel is starving the Palestinian population, with IDF Arabic spokesman Avichay Adraee declaring ‘this is how the terrorists behave underground—isolated from the suffering of the population and contrary to the false claims of starvation.’

The shocking footage, published Wednesday by Lieutenant Colonel Adraee, offers a rare glimpse into the comfortable lifestyle Hamas leadership maintains while ordinary Gazans reportedly face a humanitarian crisis above ground as a result of the terrorist group’s actions.

The video shows multiple Hamas terrorists preparing and consuming what appears to be substantial, well-prepared meals in spacious tunnel complexes, completely detached from the dire conditions their own actions have brought upon Gaza’s civilian population…”

Iranian President admits: ‘Israel dealt powerful blows to Iran’

July 23, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian admitted in an interview with Qatar’s *Al Jazeera* channel that ‘Israel has dealt powerful blows to Iran.’

However, he claimed that Iran responded forcefully and accused Israel of ‘concealing the results of the Iranian attacks.’ Regarding the future of Iran’s nuclear program, Pezeshkian said, ‘Trump says Iran must not possess nuclear weapons, and we accept that.’

At the same time, he stated that uranium enrichment in Iran will continue into the future in accordance with international law and that there is no intention to abandon it…”

Europe needs to boost military capabilities: EU defense chief

July 23, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Europe needs to boost its defense capabilities as the United States seeks to focus on countering China, the EU’s defense commissioner said on Monday.

President Donald Trump has pushed for increased military burden-sharing with Europe since returning to office earlier this year, with NATO allies agreeing last month to boost their defense spending.

‘Europe is preparing to take responsibility for its own defense. You asked us to do that, and finally we are moving ahead,’ Andrius Kubilius said in a speech in Washington.

‘We are recognizing that you, Americans, have really the right and the reason in the longer-term perspective to start to shift more and more towards the Indo-Pacific in order to mitigate Chinese rising military power,’ he said. ‘We Europeans need to ramp up our defense capabilities,’ the former Lithuanian prime minister said, adding: ‘That is what we are doing.’

The United States has for years identified China as its primary military rival and has sought to shift its focus and additional military assets to Asia...”

US promises Philippine president to ramp up deterrence on China

July 22, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Top US officials promised President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines on Monday that Washington will defend its longtime ally and ramp up military resources aimed at deterring an assertive China.

Marcos will meet Tuesday with President Donald Trump, who has rattled many European allies by demanding they pay more to be protected as part of NATO.

Both Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who have both identified China as a top threat, stated their commitment to the seven-decade treaty with the Philippines as they held separate meetings with Marcos on Monday.

‘Together we remain committed to the Mutual Defense Treaty. And this pact extends to armed attacks on our armed forces, aircraft or public vessels, including our Coast Guard anywhere in the Pacific, including the South China Sea,’ Hegseth told Marcos...”

Putin meets Khamenei’s top adviser Larijani for nuclear talks

July 21, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Russian President Vladimir Putin held a surprise meeting with Ali Larijani, top adviser to Iran’s supreme leader on nuclear issues, to discuss Tehran’s nuclear programme in the Kremlin on Sunday.

Moscow has a cordial relationship with Iran’s clerical leadership and provides crucial backing for Tehran but did not swing forcefully behind its partner even after the United States joined Israel’s massive bombing campaign on Iran in June.

Larijani ‘conveyed assessments of the escalating situation in the Middle East and around the Iranian nuclear programme’, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said of the unannounced meeting.

Putin had expressed Russia’s ‘well-known positions on how to stabilize the situation in the region and on the political settlement of the Iranian nuclear programme’, he added...”

NATO Warns of ‘Enduring Threat’ Russia Aligning With China on Taiwan Invasion

July 18, 2025 breitbart.com reported: “The newly appointed Supreme Allied Commander Europe says he is moving ‘as quickly as possible’ on sending new weapons to Ukraine as ordered by President Donald Trump, and warns preparations must be made for Russia supporting China in the feared future invasion of Taiwan.

General Alexus Grynkevich, now two months in post at the head of Allied Command Operations told the Landeuro defence conference in Wiesbaden, Germany on Thursday that President Trump’s announcement earlier this week that new weapons would be rushed to Ukraine was being fulfilled.

While he cited security concerns on putting out any specifics on numbers, General Grynkevich — a ‘proud American with a proud European heritage’ — said work is ‘under way’. He told the forum: ‘We’re working very closely with the Germans on the Patriot transfer, and the guidance that I’ve been given has been to move out as quickly as possible.’...”



Andrius Kubilius
EU Defense Chief