

MIDDLE EAST

US STRIKES THREE IRANIAN OIL TANKERS



U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Fire and smoke rise in this screengrab taken from a handout video, released Saturday, during what U.S. Central Command says were strikes on Iranian oil carriers at an unknown location.

Attack comes after Tehran fires missiles at two US Navy ships

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — U.S. and Iranian forces fired at vessels in waters around Iran on Saturday, including three Iranian oil carriers struck by the Americans and three tankers that Iran said it targeted in the Strait of Hormuz.

U.S. Central Command said it struck the three Iranian vessels, including one off the coast of Kharg Island, near Iran’s oil export hub, after Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps launched ballistic missiles at two U.S. Navy ships.

“Let the message to the IRGC be clear: If you shoot at two of our ships, we will impose an even higher economic cost — taking out three of yours,” said Adm. Brad Cooper, head of U.S. Central Command, which oversees the U.S. military in the Middle East.

The IRGC responded by threatening intensified strikes against U.S. military vessels in the region, and later said it targeted the three tankers as well as three U.S.-linked vessels in other areas.



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Please see **IRAN**, Page A2 Vessels are seen Saturday in the Strait of Hormuz near the beach of Bandar Abbas, Iran.

Summer of food recalls exposes holes in safety net

Tally similar to recent years, but experts worry severity of outbreaks is growing

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Jalapenos. Frozen berries. Beef.

A summer of food recalls, including iceberg lettuce tied to the record-shattering cyclosporiasis outbreak that has sickened thousands, has raised many Americans’ fears of contracting a foodborne illness.

The recalls have focused attention on the Trump administration’s decision to cut funding and staff at several public health agencies, and prompted questions

about whether those changes have made consumers more vulnerable.

In fact, this year’s tally of food recalls is roughly in line with the numbers in recent years. About 48 million people each year get sick from a foodborne illness. But experts worry that the scope, severity and scale of outbreaks and their associated food recalls are growing.

While the United States sees some cyclosporiasis cases every year, this year’s outbreak has crushed records: Since May, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed more than 17,000 cases, with another nearly 12,000 reported cases still under investigation.

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Leafy greens are seen on display as people shop Aug. 7 at the Union Square Greenmarket in New York City.