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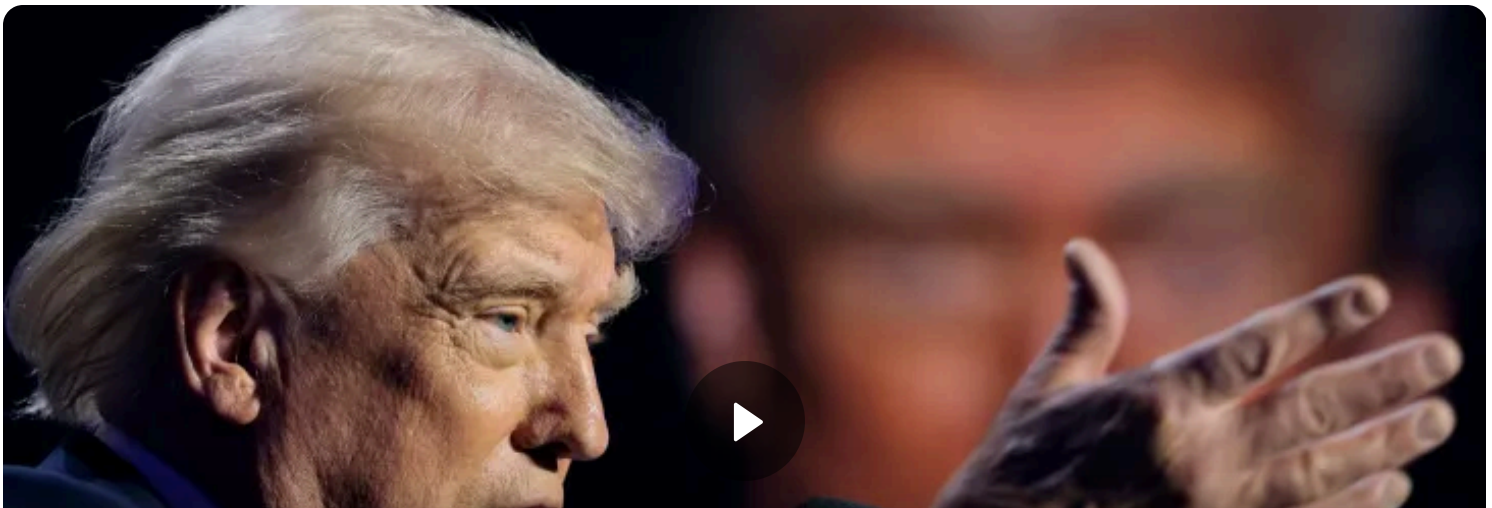
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Trump says US seized Iranian ship trying to get past blockade near Hormuz

Iran vows retaliation, accuses US of violating ceasefire after attack on cargo ship Touska.

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US President Donald Trump has said United States forces have seized an Iranian-flagged cargo ship that tried to get past his country's naval blockade near the Strait of Hormuz.

In a social media post on Sunday, Trump said the ship, named Touska, was warned by a US Navy guided missile destroyer in the Gulf of Oman to stop, but its "crew refused to listen".

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He added that the US Navy "stopped them right in their tracks by blowing a hole in the engine room" and that US Marines had custody of the vessel, and were "seeing what's on board".

The US Central Command said Touska was headed to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas and ignored multiple US warnings over six hours to evacuate the engine room.

Early on Monday, Iran's top joint military command said the US had violated a ceasefire reached earlier this month by firing at an Iranian commercial ship that was heading from China to Iran.

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After a short-lived rise in transit attempts on Saturday, ships in the Gulf once again stayed put, after reports of vessels coming under fire mid-passage and being forced to withdraw.

Trump's statement came hours after he said US negotiators [would travel](#) to the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, on Monday for possible talks with Iran aimed at ending the US-Israel war on Iran.

That had raised hopes of extending the fragile ceasefire that is set to expire by Wednesday. But Iranian state media reported that Tehran had not agreed to a second round of talks.

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