Two Saudi Oil Tankers Attacked in the Strait of Hormuz

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Two supertankers carrying crude oil from Saudi Arabia were struck by unidentified projectiles while passing through the Strait of Hormuz. The vessels were attacked separately within a few minutes of each other on Monday (August 31) night, according to maritime intelligence and surveillance firms Marisks and Kepler.

According to a Reuters report, the two tankers were passing through the Omani-controlled section of the Strait of Hormuz when the attacks occurred. One of the vessels, 'Sidr', was sailing under the Saudi flag, while the other, 'Senegal Prosperity', was registered under the Liberian flag. No crew members were injured in the attacks.

Data from Kepler shows that both tankers loaded 2 million barrels of crude oil each from Saudi Arabia's Juaymah terminal last week.

Marisks said the attacks on two vessels within a short interval in the same corridor indicate that security risks in the Strait of Hormuz are worsening. No party has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Earlier in August, Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil company Saudi Aramco resumed oil production and sales from within the Strait of Hormuz. The latest attacks on the strategically important waterway have renewed concerns over global oil supplies.