France increases naval presence near Strait of Hormuz

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Amid rising tensions in the Middle East, France is deploying its aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle near the Strait of Hormuz. Alice Rufo, a representative of the French Ministry of Armed Forces, said the warship is moving toward the Arabian Sea and has already taken position in the region.

Speaking to French media, she said naval presence is being strengthened in response to the evolving regional situation.

Tensions in the Gulf escalated after military actions involving the United States and Israel around Iran on February 28. In response, Tehran took measures targeting Israel and its allies. The situation disrupted maritime traffic in the strategically important Strait of Hormuz.

A ceasefire was later implemented on April 8 through Pakistan's mediation, but it did not lead to a lasting resolution. Subsequently, U.S. President Donald Trump announced an indefinite extension of the ceasefire period.

Meanwhile, since April 13, the United States has been monitoring Iranian maritime activities in the Strait of Hormuz. The area continues to experience intermittent tensions.