US and Iran Exchange Fresh Attacks in Strait of Hormuz

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Military tensions between the United States and Iran have escalated once again in the Strait of Hormuz, with both sides reporting fresh attacks on Saturday, September 5.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) claimed that it fired ballistic missiles targeting a US aircraft carrier and a destroyer in the strategic waterway.

According to Iranian authorities, the two American warships were obstructing the movement of Iranian vessels and were involved in maritime blockade operations. However, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) said the Iranian missiles failed to hit any American vessels. It also stated that no US personnel were injured in the incident.

In response, the United States reportedly launched attacks on three Iranian oil tankers. CENTCOM said two tankers near the coastal area of Kharg Island and another near Jask were disabled. A third empty tanker positioned in the Gulf of Oman was reportedly destroyed.

Meanwhile, Iranian state media claimed that four US missiles struck a tanker anchored near Kharg Island. Iranian sources said there were no reports of casualties from the attack.

The continuing exchange of attacks around the Strait of Hormuz has raised fresh concerns about further instability in the Middle East. Commercial shipping through the strategically important waterway, one of the world's key maritime trade routes, has already declined significantly amid the escalating tensions.