

India condemns
attack on
commercial
vessel, seeks
de-escalation
New Delhi

India yesterday condemned the attack on the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy off the coast of Oman, confirming that 10 of the 11 Indian nationals on board had been rescued while one Indian remained missing.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the Indian Embassy in Oman was closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with Omani authorities involved in the ongoing search and rescue operation.

“We condemn the attack on the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy off the coast of Oman, earlier today,” the ministry said.

It added that efforts were continuing to locate the missing Indian national and thanked the Omani authorities for their support in the rescue operation.

The MEA also expressed concern over the escalating attacks on commercial shipping in the region, describing the incidents as “deeply worrisome”.

India reiterated its call for the immediate de-escalation of tensions and urged all parties to conclude ongoing negotiations through diplomacy.

“We reiterate our call for immediate de-escalation of tensions, and the conclusion of ongoing negotiations for a diplomatic solution so that peace and stability can return to the region,” the statement said.

The ministry stressed that attacks on commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure must cease and called for the restoration of free and unhindered navigation through international waterways in accordance with international law.

“The targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in the region must end, and free and unimpeded navigation and commerce through the international waterways in the region, in keeping with international law, must be restored at the earliest,” the MEA said.



We hit them **very hard**, says Trump

US strikes Iran after attack on shipping as Trump warns Tehran

● The latest escalation followed an Iranian attack on a commercial vessel in the Strait of Hormuz

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The United States launched a fresh wave of strikes against Iranian targets after Tehran attacked commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, with President Donald Trump declaring that US forces had hit Iran “very hard”.

Speaking to CNN, Trump said: “We hit them very hard last night.”

The president said the latest Iranian attack came despite what he described as significant progress towards a possible agreement on Saturday.

“They were giving up everything, and then all of a sudden two hours after that they hit a ship with a drone,” Trump said.

The latest escalation followed an Iranian attack on a commercial vessel in the Strait of Hormuz, forcing its crew to abandon ship after it caught fire.

Iran later announced it had closed the strategic waterway, saying the measure would remain in place “until the end of American interventions in this region”, according to state news agency IRNA.

The US military’s Central Command rejected the claim, saying on X that the Strait of Hormuz remained “open to all vessels seeking to lawfully transit the international waterway”.

US forces were “positioned and prepared to ensure” freedom of navigation, it said, adding: “Iran does not control the strait. Traffic is flowing.”

Iran claimed it had targeted two ships in the strait, accusing them of ignoring approved transit instructions and violating maritime regulations.

In response, the United States carried out another round of military strikes, with the US military saying it had hit around 140 Iranian targets in its third wave of operations this week.

Iranian media reported explosions in Bandar Abbas, Sirik, Jask, Qeshm Island and Khuzestan province. One Iranian soldier was reported killed in Jask.

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards claimed they had destroyed logistical support centres for naval vessels and refuelling facilities serving US aircraft carriers at the port of Duqm.

The attack on a Cyprus-flagged container ship left one Indian

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Vessels are seen anchored in the Strait of Hormuz, off the port city of Khasab on Oman's northern Musandam Peninsula

sailor missing, Indian authorities said, while Oman said it had rescued 23 crew members from another commercial vessel.

Iran said it had fired “warning shots”, but the US military

accused Tehran of carrying out a direct attack on the ship. Britain’s maritime agency UKMTO said the crew abandoned the vessel and took to a lifeboat about 17 kilometres (10 miles) east of

Oman.

Trump warned that any attempt to

Iran newspaper lists Trump, European leaders as revenge targets Tehran, Iran

A conservative newspaper in Iran known for its provocative tone has published a list of people to be targeted as revenge for the killing of supreme leader Ali Khamenei, including the leaders of the US, Israel and European countries.

The Hamshahri newspaper, which is published by authorities in the Iranian capital, released an infographic online late Saturday featuring photos of 13 foreign leaders alongside Mojtaba’s statement.

The infographic includes US President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, among others.

It does not appear in the paper’s Sunday print edition.

Also on the list are US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz.

assassinate him would result in the United States “completely decimating” Iran.

While declaring the ceasefire effectively over, Trump has kept the door open for diplomacy. International mediators continue efforts to revive negotiations.

Pakistan, which has been involved in mediation efforts, called for de-escalation during a phone conversation between Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and his Iranian counterpart.

“Dialogue and diplomacy remain the only viable path to resolving disputes and achieving lasting peace,” Dar said.

