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## **Iran Vessels Harassed U.S. Destroyer Near Persian Gulf, Navy Says**

Four ships from Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps harassed a U.S. destroyer near the Persian Gulf in what the U.S. Navy called an "unsafe and unprofessional" interaction. The USS Nitze, an Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer, blew its whistle in five short blasts on three occasions—signaling the Iranian vessels were on a dangerous course—and fired off 10 flares in the direction of the approaching ships before altering course to avoid a potential collision, according to Cdr. William Urban, a spokesman for the U.S. Fifth Fleet. According to Reuters, the incident was one of many interactions between Iranian and American ships in and around the Persian Gulf in recent months. But it was one of few the U.S. Navy has deemed unsafe or unprofessional.

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