Iran Suspends Shipping in Strait of Hormuz



photo: Al jazeera

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated further following fresh U.S. strikes on targets inside Iran. In response, Tehran has announced a temporary suspension of maritime traffic through the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said the United States had repeatedly violated the terms of a ceasefire agreement. As a result, restrictions have been imposed on vessel movement through the waterway until further notice.

According to the IRGC, the decision is expected to disrupt the passage of oil tankers and other commercial vessels. The organization also rejected U.S. claims regarding the security of maritime navigation in the region.

The IRGC further claimed responsibility for attacks on two oil tankers that allegedly attempted to pass through the strait. However, these claims could not be independently verified at the time of reporting.

Meanwhile, Washington maintains that its latest military operations were carried out in response to Iran's recent actions. Reports have also emerged of explosions in several areas of southern Iran, where at least two people were reportedly injured.