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Iran seizes British flagged oil tanker

Company Statement Stena Impero

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USPA NEWS - The Foreign Office is "urgently" looking into the reports.

The government's emergency committee, Cobra, is meeting in Whitehall to discuss the incident.

This latest development comes amid heightened tensions between the UK and Iran.

A Foreign Office statement said: "We are urgently seeking further information and assessing the situation following reports of an incident in the Gulf."

UPDATE: There will be "serious consequences" if Iran does not release a British-flagged tanker seized in the Gulf, UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt has said.

COMPANY STATEMENT - STENA IMPERO

Stena Bulk and Northern Marine Management can confirm that at approximately 1600 BST on 19th July UK registered vessel Stena Impero (built 2018, 49,683 DWT) was approached by unidentified small crafts and a helicopter during transit of the Strait of Hormuz while the vessel was in international waters. We are presently unable to contact the vessel which is now heading north towards Iran.

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There are 23 seafarers aboard. There have been no reported injuries and their safety is of primary concern to both owners and managers. The priority of both vessel owner Stena Bulk and ship manager Northern Marine Management is the safety and welfare of the crew.

Northern Marine Management has not been able to establish contact directly with the vessel since it was notified of the incident at approximately 1600 Today, 19th July 2019.

We are in close contact with UK government authorities.

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