

Statement explaining additional imagery:

The Motor Tanker (M/T) Kokuka Courageous sustained damage from a limpet mine attack while operating in the Gulf of Oman, on June 13th. Limpet mines are attached to a vessel via magnets and/or nails and detonated by a timer. Following the attack, sailors from the Kokuka Courageous discovered a second, unexploded, limpet mine on their vessel and abandoned ship. The Dutch tug Coastal Ace rescued the crew of 21 sailors. The USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) then transferred and transported the Sailors to safety. Later that day, an Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Gashti Class patrol boat approached Kokuka Courageous and was observed and recorded by a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter removing the unexploded limpet mine from Kokuka Courageous. Iran is responsible for the attack based on video evidence and the resources and proficiency needed to quickly remove the unexploded limpet mine. The hull penetration measures 1.1m at the widest point by 1.5m 4'2" x 3'8" (H x W) at the tallest point. The penetration begins approximately 1m above the water line.

Photos from an MH-60R on Jun 13, 2019

Imagery taken from a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy removing an unexploded limpet mine from the M/T Kokuka Courageous.



Imagery taken from a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy after removing an unexploded limpet mine from the M/T Kokuka Courageous.



Imagery taken from a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter of blast damage to M/T Kokuka Courageous. M/V Kokuka Courageous received damage consistent with a limpet mine attack in the Gulf of Oman, June 13.



Imagery taken from a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy of the remnants of the magnetic attachment device of unexploded limpet mine from the M/T Kokuka Courageous.

Photo taken by a crewman on an MH-60R with a handheld camera on Jun 13, 2019



Imagery taken from a U.S. Navy MH-60R helicopter of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy after removing an unexploded limpet mine from the M/T Kokuka Courageous.

Photos of Damage and Mine Remnants taken June 14.



7710 – This is a view of hull penetration/blast damage on the starboard side of motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, which was sustained from a limpet mine attack while operating in the Gulf of Oman, on June 13th.



7725 - This photo is a view of hull penetration/blast damage sustained from a limpet mine attack on the starboard side of motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, while operating in the Gulf of Oman, June 13.



7729 - This photo is a view of internal hull penetration/blast damage sustained from a limpet mine attack on the starboard side of motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, while operating in the Gulf of Oman, June 13.



7714 – This is the view of the remnants of a removed limpet mine's placement, location, and damage sustained from a limpet mine attack, on the starboard side of motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, while operating in the Gulf of Oman, June 13. A limpet mine is attached to a vessel via magnet and/or nails. The holes seen were created by nails used to hold the mine in place.



7761 –This photo depicts the aluminum and green composite material left behind following removal of an unexploded limpet mine used in an attack on the starboard side of motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, while operating in the Gulf of Oman, June 13th.



7760 – This photo depicts a handprint from the individual who removed the limpet mine used to attack the motor vessel M/T Kokuka Courageous, attacked while operating in the Gulf of Oman, June 13.