

Trump claims U.S. shot down Iranian drone over Strait of Hormuz



Washington, July 19 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump says that a U.S. ship has shot down an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump said that the USS Boxer fired on the drone Thursday, four weeks after Iran shot down a U.S. surveillance drone flying over Iranian waters near the Strait of Hormuz.

"The Boxer took defensive action against an Iranian drone, which had closed into a near distance, approximately 1000 yards, ignoring multiple calls to stand down threatening safety of ship and ship's crew," he said at the White House.

The president added that Iran's drone "was immediately destroyed." The Pentagon claimed the Iranian drone was within a "threatening range" of the U.S. ship.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said he was not aware of any downing of an Iranian drone. "We have no information about losing a drone today," Zarif told reporters at the United Nations before a meeting with Secretary General Antonio Guterres.



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