

Fourth Iranian tanker arrives in Venezuelan territorial waters



Caracas, May 28 (RHC)-- The Iranian ship the Faxon became the fourth Iranian-flagged tanker to reach Venezuela's Exclusive Economic Zone, as it entered the country jurisdictional waters, on Thursday.

This vessel is the fourth out of five to arrive after Forest, Fortune and Petunia entered over the past several days to bring gasoline and related products as part of the bilateral energy deals signed by both countries.

According to official reports, the Faxon is currently heading to the Amuay Refining Complex, located in Los Taques municipality of the Paraguana Peninsula, in the State of Falcon, to download its cargo. It is escorted by the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) Guaqueri PO11 frigate.

The measure of escorting the ships from the moment they enter Venezuelan territorial waters was taken to protect the fuel tankers, due to U.S. threats of attack. At the time they set sail, the Iranian government stated that they would respond to any attack. So far, the bilateral deal, considered an act of solidarity and sovereignty, has developed without any problems.

It is expected that the last tanker of the five will arrive on Monday, June 1st

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