

In early May, Iran modified two dhow-type commercial shipping vessels at a naval installation in Bandar Abbas. After the modifications were made, the dhows transited through the Strait of Hormuz and to the naval installation at Jask, in the Gulf of Oman, where the dhows were loaded with shipping containers. Upon conclusion of the loading, the dhows traveled eastward to Iran's naval installation at Chah Bahar. While the intent of this activity is unclear, the fact it that occurred at naval installations suggests that there is a level of military intent.