

USN Submarine Collide in Strait of Hormuz

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MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) -- No U.S. Sailors or merchant crew were injured when a U.S. Navy submarine and a commercial cargo vessel collided in the Strait of Hormuz on Jan. 8.

The collision between USS Newport News (SSN 750) and the Japanese-flagged motor vessel Mogamigawa occurred at approximately 10:15 p.m. (local time) in the Strait of Hormuz while the submarine was transiting submerged.

Overall damage to Newport News is being evaluated. The propulsion plant was unaffected by this collision.

The incident is currently under investigation.

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