

Iranian Navy Off Our Coasts?

Iran is threatening to station its naval vessels off America's coasts.

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Iran raised the prospect on Tuesday of sending military ships close to the United States' Atlantic coast, in what would be a major escalation of tensions between the long-standing adversaries.

"Like the arrogant powers that are present near our marine borders, we will also have a powerful presence close to American marine borders," the head of the Navy, Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the 31st anniversary of the start of the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, Sayyari gave no details of when such a deployment could happen or the number or type of vessels to be used.

[\(http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/world/10356471/iran-says-could-deploy-navy-near-u-s-coast-report/\)](http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/world/10356471/iran-says-could-deploy-navy-near-u-s-coast-report/)

Politico is also reporting this.

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http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/jul/29/iranian-missiles-could-soon-reach-us-shores/#disqus_thread

Analysis. Idle threat? Boasting? They really intend to do this? No way to tell right now. There is probably some seriousness behind this. How much is unknown.

The Iranian Navy does have a few warships that would be capable of a trans Atlantic crossing. (<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/iran/alvand-specs.htm>). If Iran decided to place units off our coast, they would probably be supported from Columbia. What is equally dangerous is that solid fuel missiles could be hidden in whatever support ship accompanies one of the warships. Those missiles could be used for a direct attack on the US or an EMP attack.