Operational Brief

USS Forrest Sherman/Normandy Dhow Interdiction

November 2019/February 2020
Stateless dhows intercepted in the Arabian Sea

USS Forrest Sherman interdiction: 25 November 2019

Al Raheeb

USS Normandy interdiction: 09 February 2020

Al Qanas 1
• 150 x “Dehlavieh” anti-tank guided missiles
• 3 x 358 surface-to-air missiles
• 4 x boxes unmanned surface vessel control systems
• 1 x box with optics
• 1 x box with optics & var. components
• 21 x Dehlavieh anti-tank guided missiles
• 5 x 358 surface-to-air missiles
• Approx. 13,000 blasting caps
• **351** land-attack cruise missile components
• Noor/C802 anti-ship cruise missile components
• 6 x boxes unmanned aerial vehicle components
• Misc. Electronics
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Historical photographs of similar Iranian systems observed in Iraq, Syria and Yemen.
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Iranian marking schema:
- Left justified
- 5 lines of data
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Seized Iranian thermal optics.

Imagery from thermal camera catalogue by Rayan Roshd Afzar, a uniquely Iranian-based weapons manufacturer.

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Components to include: engines, batteries, and stabilizers that match the Iranian-produced IRN-12 “Qasef” UAV, and the KAS-04 “Sammad” UAV.

Seized electrical components.

Iranian Qasef-3, recovered from attack on KSA 14DEC17.

Iranian Samad-3, on display at the Houthi exhibit, 7JUL19.
Seized unmanned surface vessel components.

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- 1 x box with electrical components & 3rd party optics

Fully assembled Noor/C802 anti-ship cruise missile on display during unveiling ceremony in Anzali on 13MAR15.

Fully assembled 351 on display at the Houthi drone/missile exhibit, 7JUL19 & recovered debris from Aramco facility attack 14 September 2019.
USS Forrest Sherman, 25 November 2019:

Seized blasting caps:
- Approx. 13,000 total
- Roughly equivalent to the annual use of similar blasting caps by U.S. military forces.