

# US aircraft carrier, merchant ship collide in Mediterranean

No injuries reported as USS Harry S. Truman, bulk carrier collide

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Aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman. (Photo: USCentcom)

The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and a merchant vessel collided late Wednesday in the Mediterranean Sea.

The incident involving the Panamanian-flagged bulk carrier Besiktas-M occurred around 11:45 p.m. local time near Port Said, Egypt.

The U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet in a statement said there was no flooding or injuries aboard the Truman, which for several months has been leading a strike group in the Red Sea. No damage was reported to the vessel's nuclear power plant.

"The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) was involved in a collision with the merchant vessel Besiktas-M at approximately 11:46 p.m. local time, Feb. 12, while operating in the vicinity of Port Said, Egypt, in the Mediterranean Sea," the Sixth Fleet statement said.

"The collision did not endanger the Harry S. Truman as there are no reports of flooding or injuries. The propulsion plants are unaffected and in a safe and stable condition. The incident is under investigation. More information will be released as it becomes available."

The 620-foot Besiktas-M, built in 2003, was headed to the Black Sea port of Constantas in Romania, according to website Vessel Finder.

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