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European Nations & Japan Agree to Ensure Security of Strait of Hormuz

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Six countries — United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, and Japan — agreed to join efforts to ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz.

The decision comes amid rising tensions in the Gulf region affecting global trade and energy supply.

These countries condemned attacks on commercial vessels and energy infrastructure in the region.

Objective of the Initiative

To ensure freedom of navigation in international waters.

To stabilize global energy markets and prevent supply disruptions.

To support safe maritime trade routes, especially oil shipments.

Key Features

Countries expressed readiness to:

Contribute to joint security efforts

Participate in international coordination mechanisms

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Emphasis on:

Diplomatic and cooperative approach

Avoiding escalation while ensuring security

Support for:

Increasing oil production

Releasing strategic petroleum reserves to stabilize markets

Related Concepts

Freedom of Navigation ? Principle under international law (UNCLOS)

Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) ? Emergency stockpiles of crude oil

Previous Efforts

European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH)

Initiative to monitor and secure maritime routes

Ongoing global cooperation due to West Asia conflict (2026)