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ITALIAN FRIGATE LUIGI RIZZO PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION AGENOR

The Italian frigate Luigi Rizzo has been deployed to participate in the European-led Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH) mission and the ongoing operation AGENOR, aimed at enhancing maritime security and reassuring merchant shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf region.

The Luigi Rizzo is a state-of-the-art multirole frigate. Previously this year the ship has served in Operation ATALANTA, and will continue its service in the North West Indian Ocean and Gulf region in the months to come.



Figure 1: the ITS Luigi Rizzo

During the EMASoH mission, the Luigi Rizzo will operate as a staff ship, providing a command and control platform for the AGENOR Task Force. As a staff ship, the frigate will coordinate the various assets deployed in and around the Strait of Hormuz, including aerial assets, and will conduct surveillance and reconnaissance operations.

"The participation of the Luigi Rizzo in the AGENOR operation underscores the commitment of Italy to contribute to maritime security in the Gulf region" said Belgian Rear Admiral Renaud Flamant, the actual Force Commander of operation AGENOR. "The Luigi Rizzo is one of the newest FREMM frigates of Italy, and we are confident it will make a significant contribution to the success of the mission by its presence in

and around the Strait of Hormuz with the EMASoH transparent approach and a de-escalatory posture which facilitates an inclusive regional dialogue”.

By promoting maritime security and freedom of navigation in the Gulf region, the EMASoH mission aims to support the safe passage of maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical waterways, which connects the Gulf region to the rest of the world.

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