

Rouhani: If US blocks Iran's oil exports, will close trade route

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Tehran: Iran President Hassan Rouhani has threatened again to close the Strait of Hormuz, the passageway for nearly a third of all oil traded by sea.

“If someday, the United States decides to block Iran's oil (exports), no oil will be exported from the Persian Gulf,” the state TV quoted Rouhani as saying.

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Rouhani has made similar threats previously, especially after President Donald Trump threatened to decrease Iran's oil export to nil. His threat was welcomed by many Iranian officials, including hard-liners such as General Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Revolutionary Guard's powerful Quds Force.

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