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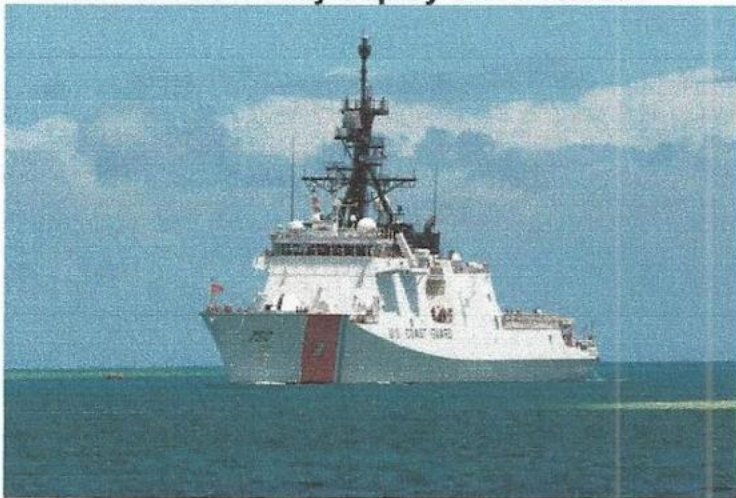
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Kuwaiti patrol boat deal approved by Dept of State



A \$100 million deal sending 15 fast patrol boats to Kuwait received U.S. Department of State approval, marking an important step toward upgrading Middle East partner nation's security, according to a Tuesday release. Kuwait intends to use the boats to patrol its shore area, during interdiction activities, and providing maritime protection. Kuwait requested the deal include outfitting each boat with a pair of .50 caliber machine guns, and six spare machine guns, according to a release from the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). Kvichak Marine Industries in Kent, Wash. will be the prime contractor. The sale is not final until it receives Congressional approval.

U S Coast Guard may deploy off N. Korea?



A UK newspaper *The Sun* reports the following:

Now it's been reported the U S Coast Guard could even be deployed as part of the co-ordinated effort to halt Pyongyang's use of seagoing trade to fund its nuclear missile programme. Washington has been talking to regional partners, including Japan, South

Korea, Australia and Singapore, about a stepped-up crackdown to further squeeze despot Kim Jong-un. However, North Korea has made it clear that it considers the move as an act of war. A senior Trump administration official said: "There is no doubt we all have to do more, short of direct military action, to show North Korean leader Kim Jong-un we mean business." The White House has declined to officially comment on this report - which is from the respected news agency Reuters.

Russia Navy prepares for "Deep Dive" tests, hopes to set record



Russia's military plans to test a specialized diving unit to an extreme depth of up to 450 meters in the next few months as the country seeks to revive one of the most complex – and dangerous – specializations of its navy. If successful, that would smash the existing Guinness World Record for a deep dive, set in 2014 by Egyptian Special Forces Dive Instructor Ahmad Gabr, who in September of that year plunged 332 meters off the coast of Dahab in the Red Sea. Platform for the tests will be the Russian Navy ocean rescue ship "Igor Belousov" (Игорь Белоусов). She houses a diving bell that has a working depth of 450 meters. She was commissioned three years ago.



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