

# Adani Haifa port unscathed by Iran's strikes

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Billionaire Gautam Adani-led group's Haifa port in Israel was unharmed by the Iranian ballistic missile attack, with cargo operations progressing unhampered, sources said.

On Saturday night, Iran targeted Israel's Haifa port and a nearby oil refinery in response to Tel Aviv's attack on Iranian nuclear and other targets earlier this week.

Sharpnells fell in the chemical terminal at the port and some other projectiles fell at the oil refinery, two sources said. They claimed there were no injuries. Adani's port, however, was not impacted by the strike.

A piece of interceptor shrapnel was also found at the Kishan West (Haifa port) but there were no injuries. Cargo operations at the Adani-operated port were unhampered. "There are eight ships in the port now, cargo operations are normal," a source said.

The Iranian ballistic mis-

sile attack did not inflict any damage to the port or its operations, the sources claimed.

Haifa port is totally functioning normally, sources said, adding 8 ships were handling cargo as on Sunday. The port has around 700 employees. It handles different type of cargo, including containers, bulk, breakbulk, cement and general cargo.

Sources said the port is closely coordinating with the ministry of transport in Israel and continue to operate normally with full compliance of security and other requirements of the Israeli government. The Chinese port (which is next to Haifa) is also functioning, sources said.

Haifa port serves as a crucial maritime hub, handling over 30 per cent of Israel's imports. It is owned by Adani Ports, which controls a 70 per cent share.

The missiles may have caused damage to a major oil refinery close to the port but there was no official comment on the impact on it.