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MARINES SEIZE TANKER



● Royal Marines seized an oil tanker in Gibraltar yesterday accused of bringing oil to Syria in violation of EU sanctions, a dramatic step that could escalate confrontation between the West and

Iran. The *Grace 1* tanker was impounded in the British territory at the mouth of the Mediterranean Sea after sailing around Africa from Middle East. See Inside.



All change at the local ministry for tourism: Inside

Hint of a vote on fox-hunting revives sharp British debate

London.— The deeply divisive debate over fox-hunting in Britain was briefly revived yesterday when leadership candidate Jeremy Hunt said he would allow parliament a vote on scrapping the existing ban.

The ancient British field sport was outlawed in 2004 after a long and sometimes violent campaign that took up a large amount of parliamentary time and often led to clashes in the countryside between hunters and saboteurs.

Thousands joined marches for and against then Prime Minister Tony Blair's plan to introduce a ban.

Opponents said hunting animals with dogs was cruel while supporters maintained the centuries-old tradition kept down pests and was an important part of rural life.

Foreign Secretary Hunt, one of the two contenders to succeed Prime Minister Theresa May later this month, told the *Daily Telegraph* he would allow a vote to repeal the ban.

"... as soon as there was a majority of parliament that would be likely to repeal the fox-hunting ban, then I would support a vote in parliament," he added.