

Attorney and Author Majid Foroozandeh, Esq. Traces One Hundred Years of the Strait of Hormuz

The Strait of Hormuz: One Hundred Years of Oil, War, Economic Power, and the Future of Globalization releases September 21, 2026, in hardcover, paperback, and ebook; now available for pre-order



September 21, 2026 release of *The Strait of Hormuz: One Hundred Years of Oil, War, Economic Power, and the Future of Globalization* by attorney and author Majid Foroozandeh, Esq. The book is available now for pre-order on Amazon and through major online retailers.

In March 2026, Iran declared the Strait of Hormuz closed and began attacking shipping and laying mines in the lanes. Within days the marine war-risk underwriters withdrew their cover for the Persian Gulf, and the tankers that carry roughly a fifth of the world's oil stopped at the approaches to the strait—not because a fleet barred the way, but because no cargo could be insured. A ceasefire and a short-lived agreement followed in the spring and early summer; by July the fighting had resumed. *The Strait of Hormuz* is a book-length account that carries the history of the world's most consequential chokepoint through that crisis and its aftermath, written as the events unfolded and documented from primary sources.

The story begins long before oil. From the Portuguese fortress on Hormuz Island and the Anglo-Persian alliance that took it in 1622, the book follows the strait into the petroleum age—the first tanker cargoes out of Abadan in 1912, the oil that carried the Allies to victory in two world wars, the rise and fall of the Shah, the revolution of 1979, the Tanker War of the 1980s, four decades of sanctions and financial warfare, the shadow war between Iran and Israel, and the chain of escalation that ran from October 7, 2023 to the open war and closure of 2026. Along the way it explains why, in 2024, some twenty million barrels of oil a day—about a fifth of the world's petroleum-liquids consumption and more than a quarter of all seaborne oil—together with roughly a fifth of the world's liquefied natural gas, passed through a channel only twenty-one miles wide, and why almost none of it could go anywhere else.

The book's central argument is that Hormuz is far more than a maritime passage. It is the single point where the five pillars of the modern economic order—energy, the dollar, the sea lanes, the insurance market, and naval power—converge, and therefore the lens through which the evolution of energy, economics, military power, sanctions, and globalization itself can be understood. Its most striking conclusion is that the decisive weapon at Hormuz in 2026 was not a mine or a missile but a contract: whoever can make a waterway uninsurable can close it, and in a globalized economy the insurer's desk has become as strategic as the admiral's bridge.

“For a hundred years we have measured the importance of Hormuz in barrels per day,” said Foroozandeh. “What 2026 showed is that the strait can be shut without sinking a single ship, simply by making the passage impossible to insure. That is a lesson about the whole architecture of globalization, not just about one waterway, and it is the reason I wrote this book.”

Written for policymakers, attorneys, military and maritime professionals, investors, journalists, and general readers, the book is organized in eight parts and supported by 469 footnotes drawn from government, academic, and industry sources, including the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the International Energy Agency, the Congressional Research Service, the UK House of Commons Library, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and declassified U.S. and British records. It includes maps and figures, a chronology, a glossary, and a select bibliography.

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