

Japanese destroyer rams fishing boat

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YOKOHAMA, Japan - A fishing boat apparently split in two and sank Tuesday when rammed by a Japanese destroyer in the Pacific Ocean off Japan's Chiba Prefecture. Japanese Coast Guard officials said it was not known whether there were any casualties, Kyodo news service reported. The 4 a.m. collision apparently involved a 7,700-ton, 540-foot, Atago Aegis system-equipped destroyer and a fishing boat belonging to a fishery cooperative in Katsuura, Kyodo reported. Such fishing boats usually have two people on board, the news service said. The coast guard had dispatched a patrol boat and aircraft to search the accident site.

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