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Thread: [Iran Charges BTC for Hormuz](#)

Omniscient - April 10, 2026, 8:33 pm

This could be big.

We'll see Bitcoin continue to be the real currency of the world going forward. Only a matter of time.

RangoWorld - April 11, 2026, 12:38 am

Wow wow wow. What a news to start the day. This could be massive! BTC pump to 100K again soon? Negotiations are also expected soon between Iran and US in Pakistan.

DramaKing - April 11, 2026, 3:27 am

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Edmond Dantes - April 11, 2026, 8:16 am

This could be huge, because it's next level of adoption for crypto.

Omniscient - April 11, 2026, 8:37 am

If I was Iran I think I'd have asked for 25% Monero.

Rahul007rhp - April 11, 2026, 12:11 pm

That's great hoping to see some price action

Mewtwo - April 11, 2026, 1:13 pm

They also charge in Chinese Yuan. It's not 100% fully crypto, but I'm sure it'll have a good big impact on it.

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SUI-3183372 - April 11, 2026, 3:17 pm

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A lot easier to trust a financial instrument with \$1.5 trillion backing it than it is a network worth only \$6b. The desire is stability in the funds that they receive, they'd probably prefer some sort of stable asset over anything, but those come with centralization risks. Don't think they care all that much about privacy, if those ships are moving through the canal, and they're loaded, then everyone knows a payment was made.

Omniscient - April 11, 2026, 3:23 pm

Sadly this is the most positive news for BTC I've read all year. Crazy world.

Yin Yang - April 11, 2026, 7:41 pm

NoodleBot™ - April 11, 2026, 8:42 pm

This is crazy. Could be good could be bad. Let's see how rational our world leader reacts. /s

Undead - April 11, 2026, 9:54 pm

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Omniscient - April 11, 2026, 9:56 pm

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Undead - April 11, 2026, 10:10 pm

(Apr 11, 2026 09:56 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't everything though? At least by your standards.

Maybe not everything but I know this Iran situation is fake AF.

OG-Pablo - April 13, 2026, 6:23 pm

This is one of the best news for the year we can see our bitcoin surge to around 100k in coming months.

Noble - April 14, 2026, 2:02 am

Best news investors have heard all year so far. BTC or markets just don't react to positive news only, have to see the bigger picture.

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I hate the term PsyOp, feel like conspiracy theorists are too quick to use it, but the definition fits. I'd also describe this as 'theater'.

This announcement was set up with the intention of it being a flex. Iran's announcement costs them nothing. They get a sovereignty flex during a shaky ceasefire and a poke at the US that's minuscule enough to avoid real escalation (still a risky play with Trump), but still catches headlines.

So why not actually use Bitcoin here? Because better rails (for Iran) already exist, Bitcoin would be a step backwards. It's already known that stablecoin (USDT) payments take place, generally on Tron / through OTC desks, using rotating addresses to prevent/minimize freezes/seizures. The Chinese Yuan is already used prominently as well. Iran have been settling in this manner for years already, and nothing needs to change for this to continue. To give up the systems they already have in place, the systems that have already proven to fly under the radar and allow these ships to avoid the backlash for paying a sanctioned entity, in favor of a slower, more transparent, and more traceable solution, is just a step in the wrong direction.

TL;DR: Iran probably is collecting tolls, probably not as large as \$2m per ship, and they're probably doing so in yuan and stablecoins through their pre-existing infra that has proven to work for them. The BTC announcement is the theatrical layer sitting on top of a real but different operation. Iran

gets the narrative win, the BTCers get their "nation-state adoption" headlines, and the actual money moves the way it always has, without anyone witnessing it.

Omniscient - April 14, 2026, 12:38 pm

PsyOps might be overused but only because pattern recognition has come to the point that it's obviously nearly everywhere.

And even if it's not BTC being used, it is very likely crypto as you say. Tron or USDT on TRC-20 makes sense.

SUI-3183372 - April 24, 2026, 9:48 am

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Hackers - April 30, 2026, 10:48 am

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Weird. You seem to imply there is a need for governments to love Monero. I think the more governments hate it the better it is.

CL1B - April 30, 2026, 2:56 pm

(Apr 11, 2026 03:27 AM)DramaKing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) All it shows is that Bitcoin is the currency of pirates. Accepting USD is a bad look, and the Iranian Rial is worthless.

Really well said