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HMS ANTELOPE HAS SUNK

As the Secretary of State for Defence announced in the House of Commons earlier today, HMS ANTELOPE sustained severe damage after an attack yesterday.

Despite strenuous efforts by the ship's company, fires caused by the attack became uncontrollable. The ship's company were forced to abandon her and were safely transferred to other ships.

There are no further reports of casualties.

It has now been reported that HMS ANTELOPE has sunk.