

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Oman meeting postponed — diplomacy stumbles

- Oman's Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi posted late Sunday that Monday's regional meeting between Iran and Gulf Arab states on Strait of Hormuz navigation was postponed 'in the interests of consensus.' — [Reuters](#)
- The meeting had been set for Monday in Salalah; CNN reports it is now indefinitely postponed, with Saudi Arabia having submitted amendments over concerns the draft framework could lock in a new status quo unacceptable to the Gulf states. — [CNN](#)
- Iran's Fars news agency cited a foreign ministry official saying the postponement came at the request of some regional countries in a decision jointly made by Tehran and Muscat; Iran will coordinate with Oman on a new date. — [Reuters](#)
- A US official said 'Iran does not control the Strait of Hormuz and never will'; three sources say the Trump administration wants to refocus any future US-Iran negotiations on Tehran's nuclear program rather than reopening the strait. — [CNN](#)
- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told Al-Arabi Al-Jadeed that Iran will not reopen the strait until the United States satisfies Tehran's demands, regardless of any agreement with Oman. — [Reuters](#)

Another vessel attacked off the Omani coast

- India's Ministry of External Affairs said the Panamanian-flagged MT El Gaia, carrying 14 Indians, was attacked off the Omani coast on Sunday; 13 have been rescued and search operations continue for one missing crew member. — [CNN](#)
- US Central Command said in a post on X that US forces have redirected 100 commercial vessels in the strait over the past 60 days since the American naval blockade of Iranian ports began. — [Barron's](#)
- Traffic through the strait remains roughly 90% below pre-conflict levels, and it is unclear whether the El Gaia attack is the same vessel Iran reported struck near Qeshm Island late Saturday. — [CNN](#)

Trump: US could 'stay in Iran and keep the oil'

- President Trump told reporters in Doonbeg, Ireland, that the US could 'stay in Iran and keep the oil,' drawing a parallel with the US deal in Venezuela, and said revenue from Venezuela had 'paid for the war many times.' — [Reuters](#)
- Trump repeated that he expects the Iran war to end this year, possibly just after the November midterm elections, and that gasoline prices would 'drop like a rock' once it does. — [Reuters](#)
- Trump added that Iran was 'calling constantly' for peace talks — an assertion Tehran has dismissed in the past. — [Reuters](#)

Energy: Brent tops \$108 at the open; diesel at record

- Brent crude jumped \$3.62 (3.46%) at the market open to \$108.23 a barrel; WTI rose \$3.15 to \$103.20 as of 22:14 GMT Sunday. — [Reuters](#)

- The US retail diesel price rose Sunday to another all-time high above \$6.20 a gallon. — [Reuters](#)
- The East-West pipeline stayed closed all weekend; traders and Saudi buyers say Riyadh has enough oil stored at its Red Sea port of Yanbu for just five to seven days if it stays shut, after which as much as 4% of global supply could be jeopardized. Repair estimates range from days to weeks. — [Reuters](#)

Yemen: strikes traded Sunday as government regroups

- The Yemeni military said it launched airstrikes Sunday on Houthi positions in Mokha, the coastal town of Dhubab, and elsewhere in Taiz province. — [AP](#)
- The Houthis reported Saudi/Saudi-backed strikes Sunday afternoon on Saada and artillery shelling in the Monabbih border district, and accused Saudi Arabia of 129 airstrikes in areas they control over the past 48 hours. (Houthi claims via Almasirah; unverified.) — [The Times](#)
- A government-allied force (the National Resistance) claimed more than 500 government fighters have been killed on the west coast over the past four weeks and about 1,500 wounded since Aug. 9, while claiming 1,000+ Houthis killed in Hodeida and Taiz. (Casualty claims; unverified.) — [AP](#)
- Yemen presidential council member Sultan al-Arada called the collapse in Mokha 'painful and regrettable' and said forces are regrouping and will 'return to the battle in one form or another.' — [The Times](#)
- Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman called President Trump twice last week to request strikes on the Houthis; Trump declined to intervene, according to a source familiar with the calls. — [CNN](#)

Conflict map



Markers show reported strike sites, bases, and shipping areas. Purple polygons mark approximate or announced closure / exclusion zones.

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An oil tanker at sea (illustrative of the vessels being struck and rerouted in the Strait of Hormuz) — [view original](#)



A Saudi oil facility (illustrative of the East-West pipeline network closed since Friday's drone attack) — [view original](#)



Oman coastline (illustrative of the venue for the postponed regional Hormuz meeting) — [view original](#)

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