

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Pentagon watchdog issues first formal accounting of Iran-war losses

- The Defense Department Inspector General released a special report Monday, the first formal accounting of US equipment and facility losses in the Iran war, covering February 28 through June 30. — [CNN](#)
- Iranian strikes "damaged and destroyed hundreds of buildings and structures" at US bases in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman and Jordan, and depleted key US munition stockpiles. — [CNN](#)
- Army medevac helicopters were withdrawn from Iraq and Kuwait, so "most medical evacuations have been carried out by ground ... to local treatment facilities." — [CNN](#)
- The Navy's regional hub in Bahrain was destroyed — acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao said Iran "blew the hell out of" it — forcing Diego Garcia to become the sea logistics hub and stretching resupply cycles to 14–18 days. — [CNN](#)
- Damage to US diplomatic facilities totaled roughly \$184 million; early-March Iranian drones hit the US Embassy in Riyadh (including the CIA station) and the Dubai consulate; the Kuwait embassy suspended operations in March and resumed only emergency operations in late June; more than 600 attacks on US facilities in Iraq caused the costliest damage (~\$157 million). — [CNN](#)
- Up to 3,500 diplomatic personnel were out of the region between February 23 and June 30; most posts remain on "restricted operations," and officials have quietly discussed lasting post-war cuts to US personnel and facilities in the region. — [CNN](#)

Houthi strike Saudi airbase Monday; Riyadh deliberates response

- The Houthis said Monday they fired dozens of missiles and drones at a military airbase in Khamis Mushait in southern Saudi Arabia, targeting hangars, radar systems, runways and ammunition depots, in retaliation for Saudi airstrikes in Yemen. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi authorities issued new emergency alerts in Khamis Mushait and three other southern cities; 13 civilians were wounded, the Saudi-led coalition said — a reversal from Monday morning, when Civil Defense had lifted the alerts. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi and Yemeni air forces stepped up bombardment of Houthi targets including around Mocha, but the Houthis kept "effective control over almost the entire western coast" of Yemen along the Red Sea and are digging in. — [Reuters](#)
- Three sources told Reuters Washington has so far resisted Saudi requests for direct military intervention beyond intelligence support; Trump said over the weekend he had spoken with the Saudi crown prince and that the Houthis had also contacted Washington urging it to stay out. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi state media reported Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman met US regional commander Admiral Brad Cooper in Jeddah on Monday. — [Reuters](#)

Hormuz diplomacy stalls: Oman meeting postponed

- Oman was due to host a meeting Monday with Iran and Gulf states on reopening the Strait of Hormuz, but announced it had been postponed; Iran said the postponement was at Saudi Arabia's request. — [Reuters](#)
- Trump on Monday repeated his claim that Iran wants to make a deal quickly; Mohsen Rezaei, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, said on X: "No talks until Iran's conditions are met." — [Reuters](#)
- The IRGC Navy declared Monday: "The IRGC Navy firmly declares that the Strait of Hormuz is closed and still under our smart control." — [Reuters](#)
- Traders said a prolonged shutdown of Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline could "cut off as much as 4% of global oil supply" while the strait is largely blockaded; Riyadh has not said when operations resume. — [Reuters](#)

Conflicting claims over the damaged tanker El Gaia

- Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, via state-run Fars news agency on Monday, claimed the Panamanian-flagged tanker El Gaia hit sea mines while passing through a prohibited zone south of the Strait of Hormuz. US Central Command immediately called the claim false. — [Reuters](#)
- CENTCOM said the tanker was "struck by an Iranian missile last month and rendered inoperable" and was struck again by an Iranian drone over the weekend. — [Reuters](#)
- The UN's International Maritime Organization reported El Gaia was damaged Saturday and that two seafarers were missing. — [Reuters](#)
- India's Ministry of External Affairs says 13 of the 14 Indian crew were rescued off the Omani coast and one remains missing, and condemned the attack. Note the inconsistency: India reports one missing, the IMO reports two — treat casualty counts as unconfirmed and confidence as contested. — [CNN](#)

Oil prices spike, then settle back; Trump posts on energy deals

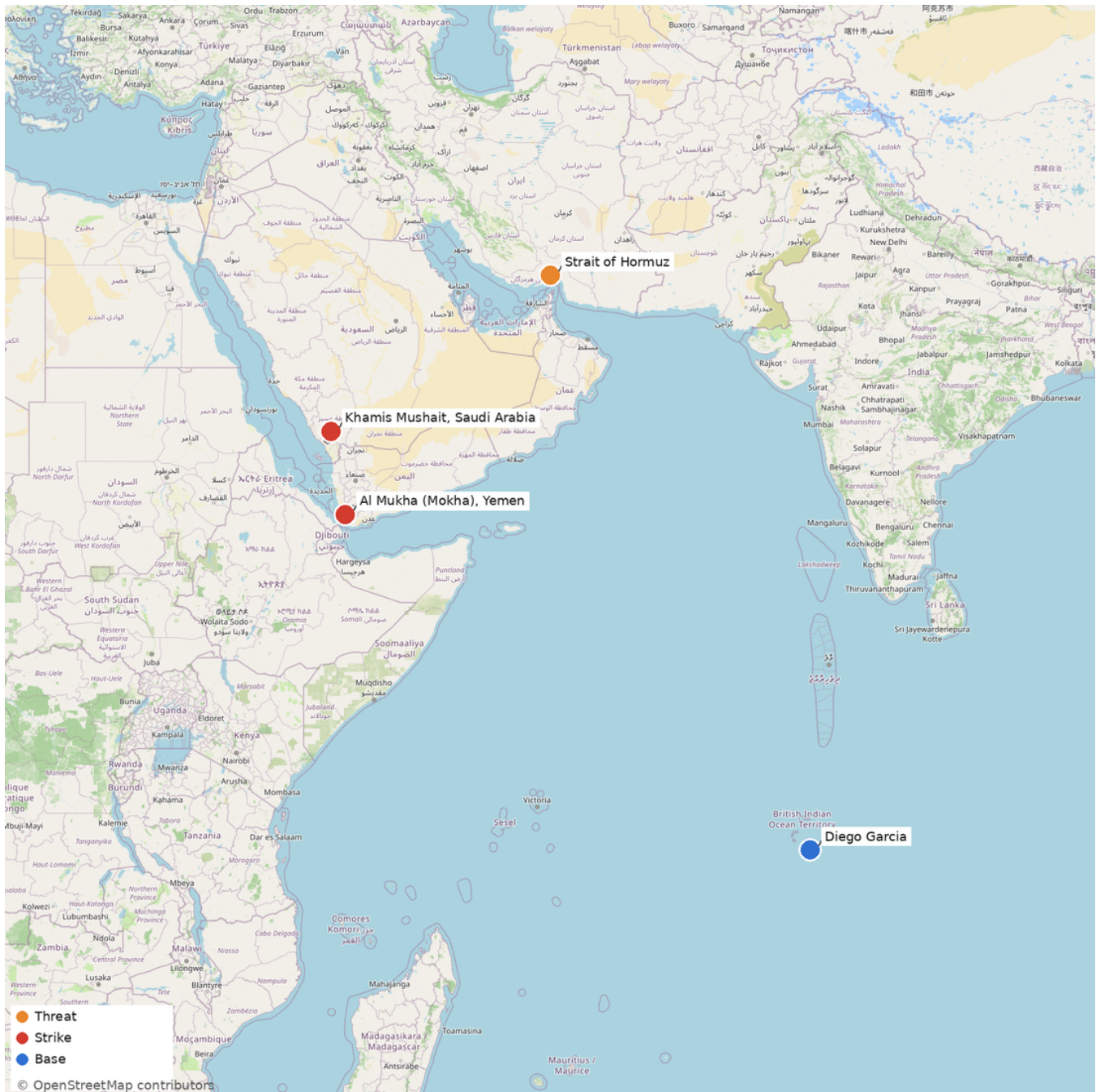
- Brent settled up 1% at \$105.68 a barrel and WTI up 1.3% at \$101.39, well off earlier intraday highs of \$109.80 and \$104.35; Reuters noted crude rose more than 4% Monday before settling about 1% higher. — [WSJ](#)
- Prices pulled back after Trump posted on Truth Social on Monday that Ukraine and Russia had agreed to stop attacking each other's energy infrastructure — though neither country independently confirmed any such deal, per Mizuho analyst Robert Yawger. — [WSJ](#)
- Trump also said Monday that oil is flowing through the Strait of Hormuz and that Iran "wants to make a deal, quickly and badly." — [WSJ](#)

Fed expected to hike Wednesday as war-driven oil fuels inflation fears

- The Fed announces its policy decision at 2 p.m. ET Wednesday; markets are betting heavily on a quarter-point hike to a 3.75%–4.00% range — the first under Chairman Kevin Warsh — driven by elevated inflation and \$100-a-barrel oil. — [Reuters](#)
- Economists now expect at least one more hike to follow, with crude futures well above \$100 and diesel at record highs "amid the unrelenting Middle East war" pushing inflation expectations sharply higher. — [Reuters](#)

- A hike would put Warsh, who started in May with Trump's expectation that he would cut rates, in a tight political spot weeks before the midterms; Trump has so far blamed "political" fellow central bankers rather than Warsh. — [Reuters](#)

Conflict map



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

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