

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthi strike sets fuel depot ablaze at Riyadh airport — first direct hit on the capital in months

- Three officials say the strike apparently hit jet-fuel facilities at King Khalid International Airport — the first direct assault on Riyadh in months; photos and video show flames rising behind what appeared to be fuel tanks. — [Wall Street Journal](#)
- Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree claimed two operations Saturday — 'sensitive' sites in Riyadh and an Aramco facility in Yanbu — using ballistic and cruise missiles plus drones; said it was in response to a Saudi attack on Sanaa. — [AP](#)
- Saudi-led coalition spokesman Col. Turki al-Malki said air defenses intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile fired toward Riyadh early Saturday, and thwarted attacks targeting civilians and infrastructure in Bish/Baish, Taif, Farasan and Yanbu; gave no damage details. — [AP](#)
- Saudi civil defense sent overnight phone alerts warning of a 'hostile aerial threat' in Riyadh and Al-Kharj, then issued an all-clear Saturday morning; a Reuters journalist in Riyadh's Olaya district heard booms before the all-clear, and FlightRadar24 briefly showed major disruption at the airport. — [AP](#)

U.S. embassies issue same-day security alerts across the region — wider wave unverified

- 'Security Alert: U.S. Mission Iraq – September 19, 2026' warns Americans of potential flight cancellations, airspace closures and travel disruptions; states Iranian-supported Houthis have engaged in hostilities against Saudi Arabia including civilian airports; warns Iran and Iran-supportive groups may target U.S. interests worldwide. — [U.S. Embassy Iraq](#)
- Official 'Security Alert: U.S. Mission Saudi Arabia – September 19, 2026' with the same Houthi-escalation boilerplate; regular and emergency consular services remain available. — [U.S. Embassy Saudi Arabia](#)
- Official 'Security Alert: U.S. Embassy Manama – September 19, 2026' with the same boilerplate; embassy remains open for routine American citizens and visa services. — [U.S. Embassy Bahrain](#)
- Official 'Security Alert: U.S. Embassy Beirut – September 19, 2026' with the same boilerplate; embassy open for routine services. — [U.S. Embassy Lebanon](#)
- Claims of same-day alerts at U.S. missions in Jerusalem, Muscat, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt and the UAE — carried by Iranian outlets and social media accounts — were not found on those missions' official sites as of this evening's checks. Wider wave unverified. — [Briefing](#)
- None of the four confirmed alerts uses 'shelter in place' or 'depart immediately' language — they are vigilance and flight-disruption warnings, not evacuation orders. — [Briefing](#)

Iran's three conditions for ending the war, sent via Qatar — awaiting Trump's response

- SNSC chief Mohsen Rezaei told Al Jazeera that Tehran conveyed three conditions to Washington via Qatari mediators: end the war on all fronts — explicitly including the Yemen and Saudi-Houthi fighting

— release Iran's frozen and seized assets, and end the U.S. naval blockade of Iranian ports. 'We are awaiting President Trump's response.' — [AP](#)

- Rezaei warned Iran is ready for a 'decisive war' if the demands are rejected; said Iran has not decided to withdraw from the NPT but further pressure could change that; claimed Iran recently test-fired an anti-ship missile near a U.S. aircraft carrier (unverified); said Iran would strike U.S. bases and American interests in the region if attacked again. — [AP](#)

Turkey says it could provide military support to Saudi Arabia under new defense pact

- Turkish FM Hakan Fidan told NTV that Turkey would face 'no difficulty in meeting' any military needs from Saudi Arabia under the recently signed Turkey-Saudi Arabia-Pakistan defense pact: 'We observe very serious attacks on Saudi Arabia's territorial integrity and sovereignty... we stand by our word.' — [AP](#)
- Asked directly, Fidan did not rule out the alliance engaging in military action against the Houthis — a striking offer on the same day a Houthi strike set fire to the capital's airport fuel depot. — [AP](#)

Hormuz numbers dispute: CENTCOM claims a billion barrels moved; Iran calls it false

- CENTCOM commander Adm. Brad Cooper said the U.S. military supported the transit of 1 billion barrels of oil through the Strait of Hormuz over the past two months; claimed Iran has 'exported zero barrels' because of the U.S. blockade; said the strait's primary transit lanes have been cleared of mines and that two-week transit volume is the highest in six months. — [AP](#)
- Iran's armed forces spokesman Gen. Abolfazl Shekarchi called Cooper's figures 'false and ridiculous' and a 'failed psychological operation,' claiming the initiative in the strait remains in Iran's hands. No vetted outlet has verified either set of figures — confidence contested. — Iranian state media (not independently verified)

Iran executes man convicted of spying for Mossad

- Iran state TV reported Hossein Pedram was executed after being convicted of sharing classified information on 'sensitive military sites' in Isfahan province with Israel's Mossad; reportedly arrested after those sites — including missile bases — were targeted in the 12-day U.S.-Israel air war. Part of a recent surge of executions drawing international rights-group outcry. — [AP](#)

Diplomacy and the wider war: Pakistan-Iran shipping call, Israeli strikes in Gaza and Lebanon

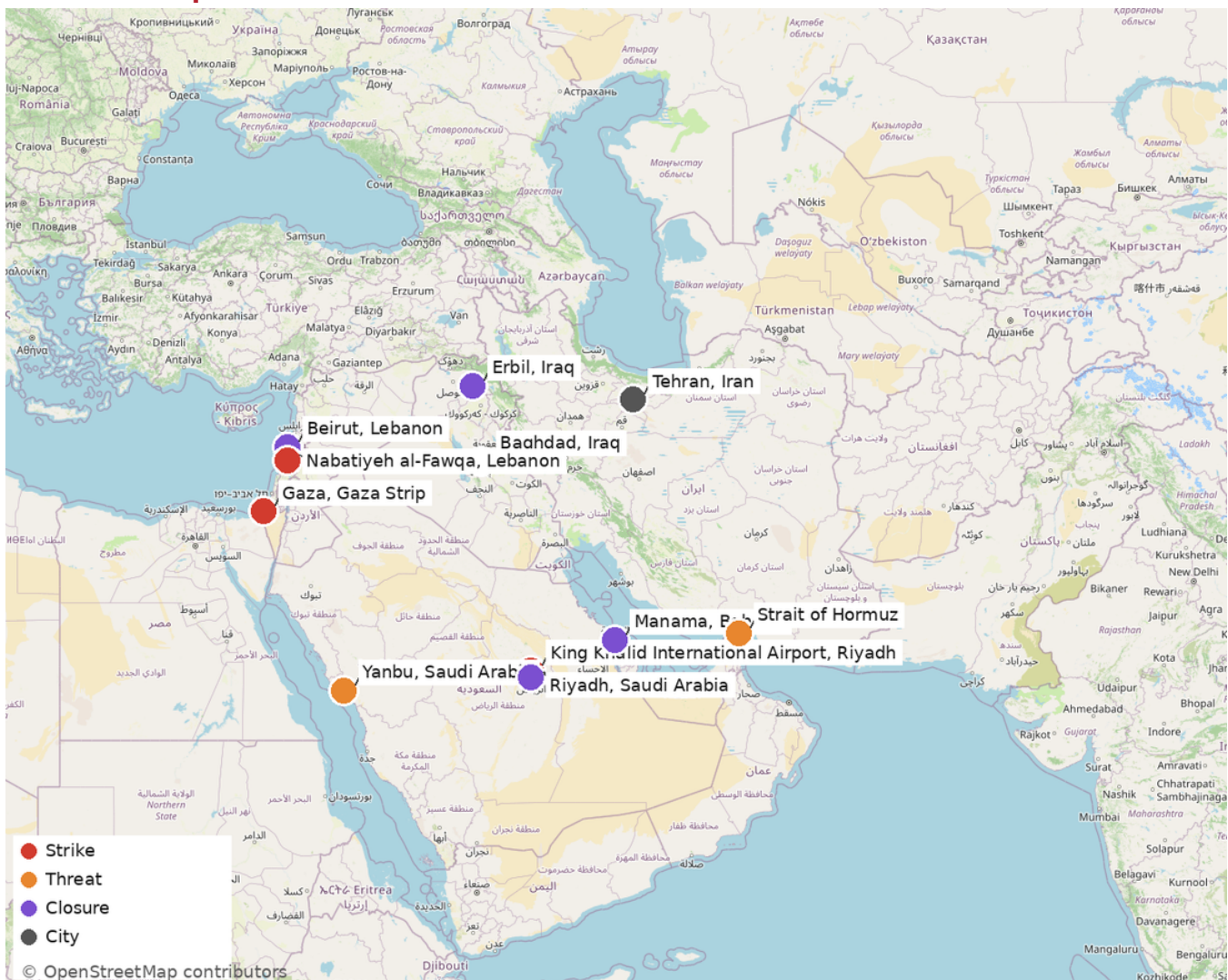
- Pakistan FM Ishaq Dar discussed uninterrupted energy supplies and safe passage for commercial ships in a phone call with Iranian FM Abbas Araghchi; Pakistan cited the effects of disruptions on developing countries. — [AP](#)
- Gaza: Health Ministry and Shifa Hospital report Israeli strikes Saturday killed one man in Shijaiyah, another in Jabaliya, and that a strike on a civilian vehicle in Gaza City killed one and wounded at least four; the IDF said it struck military operatives. — [AP](#)

- Southern Lebanon: the IDF said it struck Hezbollah targets across several areas after two soldiers were wounded when their vehicle drove over a Hezbollah explosive device in an area of southern Lebanon occupied by Israeli troops; Lebanon's NNA reported three Israeli airstrikes on Nabatiyeh al-Fawqa with no injuries. — AP

What to watch next

- Whether the confirmed airport fuel-depot hit triggers a Saudi retaliation or activates Turkey's offer of military support under the new pact. — Briefing
- Trump's response to Tehran's three conditions — Iran says it is waiting, with UN General Assembly week opening Monday. — Briefing
- Whether the four confirmed embassy alerts expand to more missions tomorrow, and whether the language escalates from vigilance to something harder. — Briefing
- Whether CENTCOM's Hormuz transit claims hold up to independent shipping data, and whether Iran's claimed control of the strait turns into new interceptions. — Briefing

Conflict map



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

Related media



King Khalid International Airport, Riyadh — the Wall Street Journal confirmed a Houthi strike hit jet-fuel facilities at the airport Saturday, the first direct assault on the capital in months — [view original](#)



Energy infrastructure in the Gulf — CENTCOM claims it supported 1 billion barrels of oil through Hormuz over two months while Iran's military calls the figures false (photo: AFP via Times of Israel) — [view original](#)

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