

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Saudi coalition says Houthis tried to hit dozens of airports, ports and oil sites

- Reuters reported on October 15 that the Saudi-led coalition said the Houthis had attempted to attack dozens of Saudi airports, ports and oil facilities, as fighting between the Iran-aligned group and Saudi Arabia intensified. — [Reuters](#)
- Coalition spokesperson Turki al-Maliki said at an October 15 press conference reported by Reuters that the Houthis had launched 20 attacks on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh this month, killing 17 people and wounding 333 others, and that Houthi attacks on Abha airport had killed three people and wounded 28; these are coalition figures that have not been independently verified. — [Reuters](#)
- Reuters reported on October 15 that the Saudi-led coalition said it had destroyed 127 Houthi weapons storage facilities and launch platforms in Yemen's mountainous areas. — [Reuters](#)
- Shortly after the coalition's October 15 statement, the Houthi military spokesperson renewed a warning that Saudi airspace and airports were unsafe for airlines, excluding airspace over Mecca and Medina, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Reuters reported, citing Saudi and regional sources, that Houthi demands include an end to Saudi military operations and restrictions on Yemeni ports and airports, regular flights to Iran, restored salary payments, war compensation, and an end to Riyadh's support for Yemen's recognised government. — [Reuters](#)
- A senior Iranian official told Reuters that Houthi attacks would continue unless Saudi restrictions were lifted, and that Riyadh could not rely on US protection and must instead pursue negotiations. — [Reuters](#)

Houthi missiles strike Aden's presidential palace; prime minister safe

- Houthi forces carried out a missile and drone attack on the Al-Maashiq presidential palace in Aden, the headquarters of Yemen's internationally recognized government, on October 15, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)
- Reuters reported on October 15 that Houthi missiles struck the Aden presidential palace complex and that Yemeni officials said two guards were killed; the prime minister and cabinet were reported safe by both Reuters and CNN. — [Reuters](#)
- Yemen's Health Ministry reported that the Aden palace attack killed five people, including two members of Prime Minister Shaya Al-Zindani's security detail, and injured 16 people, according to CNN; the toll is contested, with Reuters' officials reporting two guards killed. — [CNN](#)
- The Houthis said the Aden palace strike targeted an alleged Saudi military operations center inside the compound, as part of a declared strategy of targeting Saudi military deployments wherever they are located, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)

EU and Gulf states postpone their Riyadh summit

- Reuters reported on October 15 that the European Union and Gulf states postponed their summit that had been scheduled for October 24 in Saudi Arabia, with a new date to be announced later. — [Reuters](#)
- The EU gave no reason for the postponement, saying only that a new date would be announced in due course, while the Gulf Cooperation Council cited continued Houthi threats and the extended closure of King Khalid International Airport, according to Reuters. — [Reuters](#)

Senators move to block the Saudi nuclear deal as Lavrov and Wang discuss Iran

- Democratic Senators Ed Markey and Jeff Merkley moved on October 15 to block the U.S.-Saudi civil nuclear cooperation agreement with a joint resolution of disapproval, arguing it lacks a gold-standard bar on Saudi enrichment and reprocessing and full IAEA safeguards, the New York Times reported; the resolution faces steep odds in the Republican-controlled Congress, with a Senate vote expected after November 29. — [New York Times](#)
- Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi discussed bilateral cooperation and the crises in Ukraine and Iran at an Asia security meeting in Azerbaijan, the Russian Foreign Ministry said, reported by Reuters on October 14; both countries have called for an end to the Iran conflict. — [Reuters](#)

Trump promises gasoline prices will fall once the Iran war ends

- Reuters reported on October 15 that at recent rallies, including in Montana, President Trump has promised gasoline prices will fall once the Iran war ends, while offering no specific timetable or affordability plan, less than three weeks before the November 3 midterms. — [Reuters](#)

Markets

- Brent crude was at \$105.71 a barrel on October 15. — [Reuters](#)
- WTI crude was at \$96.16 a barrel on October 15. — [Reuters](#)
- The U.S. average diesel price was \$6.179 a gallon in the EIA weekly figure for the week reported on October 12. — [Reuters](#)
- The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield was at 5.09 percent on October 15, with the Wall Street Journal reporting it fell to 5.086 percent that day. — [WSJ](#)

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