

# US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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## Iran's Guards say two tankers hit naval mines in the Strait of Hormuz — still unconfirmed

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards Navy said on Saturday, October 17 that two oil tankers that had been transporting Iranian oil struck naval mines while crossing the Strait of Hormuz and caught fire, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Guards said the fire aboard one tanker was extinguished, there were no casualties, and a second vessel was left immobilised after striking a mine, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Reuters reported there was no independent confirmation of the reports; state media said the two tankers were carrying about 2 million barrels of crude oil, and the vessels have not been identified. — [Reuters](#)
- Al Jazeera reported the same Iranian statements about the tanker mine strikes, with no independent confirmation. — [Al Jazeera](#)
- The claim follows a week in which the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations counted 12 reported attacks on vessels in or near the Strait of Hormuz, and two cargo ships sank earlier in the week after attacks by unknown projectiles, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)

## Saudi retaliation stays limited to the Saada launchers as Saturday closes

- The Saudi-led coalition's response to Friday's Aden airport strike remained, as of Saturday evening, the destruction of two ballistic missile launchers east of Saada in northwestern Yemen, announced early on Saturday, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi Civil Defense authorities issued an alert early on Saturday for Abha in southwestern Saudi Arabia near the Yemeni border before sending an all-clear, following earlier alerts in Jazan and Khamis Mushait, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- By Saturday evening, no further coalition strikes and no new Houthi attacks on Saudi airports had been reported by Reuters, which has covered the exchange since Friday. — [Reuters](#)
- Friday's exchange began with the Saudi-led coalition intercepting a ballistic missile headed for Yanbu, the Red Sea oil-export hub, and missiles landing at Aden airport, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Houthis claimed Friday's Aden airport strike, saying they were targeting a military headquarters and weapons depots inside Badr Camp, a military site next to Aden International Airport, Al Jazeera reported. — [Al Jazeera](#)

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