

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthi missiles kill at least 18 at Yemeni government camp in Shabwa

- At least 18 people were killed in an attack on Monday, October 19, 2026 by the Iran-aligned Houthi movement on a Yemeni government military training camp in Yemen's Shabwa province, four government and medical sources told Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- The Shabwa camp attack targeted soldiers during a morning training session and was carried out using three ballistic missiles, Yemeni government sources told Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- Al Jazeera independently reported the attack, saying Houthi ballistic missiles killed 18 people at the military camp in Shabwa. — [Al Jazeera](#)
- Some syndicated reports citing Yemeni military sources put the Shabwa death toll as high as 53; Reuters' direct reporting stands at at least 18 killed, and the higher figure could not be verified against a direct vetted-outlet report. — [Reuters](#)

Saudi Arabia cancels flagship investment conference after Houthi attacks

- Saudi Arabia's flagship Future Investment Initiative conference, scheduled for October 26-29, 2026 in Riyadh, was cancelled on Monday, October 19, 2026 and will instead take place on an undisclosed date in 2027, in the wake of a series of Houthi attacks on the Saudi capital including a deadly missile strike earlier in October on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)
- Bloomberg also reported the conference postponed, citing people familiar with the matter, with organisers yet to announce a new date. — [Bloomberg](#)

Iran's foreign minister blames U.S. for Hormuz tensions as Pakistan's army chief heads to Tehran

- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, speaking at a joint news conference with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Monday, October 19, 2026, blamed the United States for insecurity and tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, said regional issues should be resolved through diplomacy, and called for regional countries to work toward a joint security arrangement, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Pakistan's army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir is due to visit Tehran on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, according to a Pakistani official and Iranian media, Reuters reported on Monday, October 19, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- Context from this morning's edition: President Trump warned on October 18 that if Iran does not 'change their ways, rapidly, we will soon finish the job,' and Israeli sources told CNN that Trump and Netanyahu have discussed renewed strikes on Iran, with preparations underway pending Trump's decision. — [CNN](#)

Egypt delays vote on military support for Saudi Arabia until October 26

- Egypt's parliament adjourned a second closed-door session on Monday, October 19, 2026 and delayed until October 26, 2026 its vote on authorising the armed forces to support Saudi Arabia if requested, extending deliberations over a potentially deeper Egyptian role in the conflict with Yemen's Houthis, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Germany and Iran trade ambassador summons over assassination plot

- Germany summoned the Iranian ambassador on Monday, October 19, 2026, after a German court sentenced two men for planning to kill the leader of a Jewish organisation in Germany, with the court saying one of the men had been steered by Iran's intelligence service, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Later on Monday, October 19, 2026, Germany's ambassador to Iran was summoned to Iran's foreign ministry over what Tehran called baseless accusations, Iranian media reported via Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad denied Iranian media reports that Iraq had decided to expel the U.S. ambassador, saying its chargé d'affaires Elizabeth Kennedy-Trudeau continues her work and that no such decision was made, the Times of Israel reported. — [Times of Israel](#)

Markets

- Brent crude futures settled at \$108.43 a barrel on October 19, with oil prices settling higher on renewed risk of Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury yield rose to 5.14% on October 19, Reuters' global markets coverage reported. — [Reuters](#)

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