US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Trump rules out a U.S. strike on Iran on Sunday

- U.S. President Donald Trump ruled out striking Iran on Sunday, October 25: asked whether U.S. strikes could resume as soon as today as he departed the White House for Michigan, he said, 'Would I tell you that?' and 'The answer is no, there will not be a strike today,' Al Jazeera reported in its live coverage. — Al Jazeera
- The Sunday ruling-out narrowed Trump's Saturday remarks, reported by Al Jazeera, that Washington was considering a possible military strike against Iran as early as Sunday, saying the United States may need to 'finish the job' or could potentially reach a deal with Tehran; no U.S. strike and no deal were reported on Sunday. — Al Jazeera

Qatari delegation in Tehran as Araghchi says Iran's policies will not change

- A senior Iranian official confirmed to Al Jazeera that a Qatari delegation travelled to Tehran on Sunday, October 25, saying the visit was part of routine exchanges between the two countries during heightened tensions and that the main obstacle to a diplomatic solution is not mediation but the U.S. refusal to accept Iran's legitimate demands, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera
- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, at a televised event in Tehran on Sunday, said that whether there is war or not, Iran's policies remain the same, and that the United States and Israel have already attacked twice and would achieve no different outcome if they tried again, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera
- Araghchi also said on Sunday that neither Iran nor Oman has ever obstructed passage through the Strait of Hormuz, but that the management of the Strait of Hormuz will not remain as it was in the past, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera

CENTCOM commander flies over Hormuz and cites 1.5 billion barrels exported

- U.S. Central Command commander Admiral Brad Cooper flew over the Strait of Hormuz in a helicopter on Sunday, October 25 and met U.S. service members, and CENTCOM said U.S. forces have assisted Gulf partners to export more than 1.5 billion barrels of crude oil since the summer, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera
- CENTCOM says more than 3,000 commercial vessels have crossed the Strait of Hormuz with the help of U.S. forces over the past six months, Al Jazeera reported, noting in its analysis that there has not been independent confirmation of the 3,000-vessel figure. — Al Jazeera

U.S. updates travel advisories across the Gulf after intelligence warning

- On Saturday, October 24, the U.S. State Department updated travel advisories for more than a dozen Gulf and Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Israel, citing an increased threat from Iran-aligned Houthis, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The advisory updates followed Director of National Intelligence Jay Clayton's October 23 memo warning that Iranian lethal plotting against U.S. citizens had reached advanced stages, and the

ordered departure of non-emergency staff from U.S. missions in Saudi Arabia, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude futures fell 93 cents, or 0.8 percent, to $115.79 a barrel in early trading at 23:15 GMT on Sunday, October 25, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures fell 99 cents, or 0.96 percent, to $102.28 a barrel in early trading at 23:15 GMT on Sunday, October 25, Reuters reported. — Reuters

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