

# US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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## Egypt's parliament authorises military support for Saudi Arabia against the Houthis

- Egypt's parliament authorised the country's military on Monday, October 26, 2026 to provide support to help defend Saudi Arabia if Riyadh requests help against Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis, parliamentarians said and local media reported, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Guardian independently reported that Egypt's parliament voted on Monday to allow the deployment of Egyptian forces to support Saudi Arabia against Yemen's Houthi rebels. — [The Guardian](#)
- Egypt has not joined the Mecca Pact, and Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said membership remains under serious consideration, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Egyptian pound hit a record low of 56 pounds per U.S. dollar on Monday, October 26, 2026, LSEG data showed, before the parliamentary vote to authorise the armed forces to provide defensive support to Saudi Arabia, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

## Netanyahu suggests the war on Iran could restart, on the eve of Israel's election

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu touted President Donald Trump's endorsement on the eve of Israel's election on Monday, October 26, 2026, suggesting the two leaders could restart their war against Iran if he wins, after Trump said they should "finish the job that we started", Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Netanyahu said he had already instructed the Mossad and the Israel Defense Forces to bring down the Iranian regime, and his leading opponent Gadi Eisenkot accused him of fear-mongering, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- In a Sunday interview with Fox News quoted in a Reuters column, President Trump asked whether he should finish Iran off, which he said would be very easy to do, or make a deal. — [Reuters](#)

## Fuel shortages push hospitals in Yemen's Taiz to the brink

- Taiz has been largely isolated since October 3, 2026, with fighting preventing humanitarian supplies from entering and civilians from leaving, following an escalation in clashes between the Saudi-backed government and the Iran-aligned Houthi movement, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Fuel shortages in Taiz have forced the Yemeni-Swedish Hospital for Maternity and Childhood to cut the number of incubators it can operate from 40 to 10, and 42 health facilities in Taiz city are reporting acute shortages of fuel, oxygen, medicines and medical supplies, WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier said, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Key supply routes into Taiz, including the Taiz-Aden corridor, have been blocked by Houthi forces, and the city hosts nearly half of the 250,000 people displaced by the latest fighting, according to the United Nations, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

## Iran and the Mecca Pact agree to continue dialogue after Tehran meeting

- Iran and the Mecca Pact members Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan agreed to continue dialogue and bolster cooperation to support security and peace in the region, according to a statement released by Iranian state media after their Tehran meeting on Monday, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)
- Saudi Arabia was represented at the Tehran meeting by Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman and Pakistan by army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, and Turkey's head of intelligence also joined, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

### **Study puts the war's fuel cost to U.S. consumers at \$471 each**

- A study by the Finland-based Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, reported by Reuters on October 26, 2026, found that US consumers have paid an average of \$471 more for fuel since the Iran war began on February 28, 2026 — more than anyone else in the world — with the world paying an additional \$468 billion in total, of which the US share was \$160 billion. — [Reuters](#)

### **Markets**

- Brent crude was at \$110.34 a barrel on October 26, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$101.46 a barrel on October 26, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield was at 4.99% on October 26, 2026. — [Reuters](#)

### **Conflict map**



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

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