

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Israel exit polls put Eisenkot bloc ahead, with no majority for either camp

- Exit polls in Israel's election on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 showed the opposition bloc headed by Gadi Eisenkot winning more seats than Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition, by 52 seats to 50, with neither bloc projected to reach the 61 seats needed to form a majority government, The Times reported. — [The Times](#)
- Israel's Central Elections Committee reported that 31.5% of eligible voters had cast their ballots within the first five hours of voting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, the fastest turnout since the 1977 election, and the shekel rallied nearly 1% to a three-week high of 3.05 per dollar, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Times of Israel reported television exit polls that pointed in conflicting directions, with Kan projecting Netanyahu's bloc at 54 to 58 seats and Eisenkot's bloc at 52 to 55 seats, while Channel 12 put Eisenkot's bloc narrowly ahead; the Associated Press reported both leaders claimed a path to a coalition, with early counting under way and actual results expected on Thursday, October 29, 2026. — [Times of Israel](#)

Houthis claim Ras Tanura refinery hit; fire near terminal contained

- Yemen's Houthis said on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 they had hit Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura oil refinery, the kingdom's largest at 550,000 barrels per day, with a ballistic missile, with spokesman Yahya Saree saying the strike caused a fire at the complex; Saudi authorities did not immediately confirm the strike, and Bloomberg News cited a person familiar with the matter as saying Saudi Arabia had contained a fire near Ras Tanura's terminal in the early hours, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Saudi-led coalition said on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 it had intercepted and destroyed three Houthi ballistic missiles launched towards Saudi Arabia's Eastern Region and four drones launched towards the Southern Region, and separately intercepted two ballistic missiles launched towards Riyadh, with Saudi Civil Defense issuing alerts for the Eastern Region, Kharj and later Riyadh before declaring the danger passed, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Times of Israel, citing Ynet, reported an Israeli intelligence assessment that the Ras Tanura fire was sparked by projectile debris from the Houthi barrage, was contained, and caused no major damage and no injuries. — [Times of Israel](#)

Mediation channels stay open, but Qatar and Iran restate preconditions

- Mediator Qatar said on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 that Iran needs to show good intentions for mediation efforts to succeed, with a Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson saying Iran should stop threats against Arab Gulf states and open the Strait of Hormuz, after a Qatari delegation visited Tehran earlier in the week in coordination with the United States; Qatar and Pakistan have been mediating between Washington and Tehran, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Iranian Security Council chief Mohsen Rezaei met Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, a day after holding talks with representatives of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan, and state media said Khamenei stressed the importance of pursuing Iran's interests and maintaining its conditions for ending the war, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

- An Iranian official told Reuters on Monday, October 26, 2026 that there would be no discussion of Iran's nuclear programme at the Tehran meeting with the Mecca Pact countries and that the issue would not be addressed until Tehran's demands for ending the war were met, which include an end to the US blockade of Iranian ports and US sanctions on Iranian oil exports, while US Vice President JD Vance has said Iran must reduce nuclear enrichment to end the war, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Egypt's parliament authorises military support to defend Saudi Arabia

- Egypt's parliament on Monday, October 26, 2026 authorised the Egyptian military to provide support to help defend Saudi Arabia if Riyadh requests help against the Houthis, with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi having said Egypt's support would be limited to defending Saudi territory and borders rather than attacking Yemen; Egypt has not joined the Mecca mutual defence pact, and Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said Egyptian membership remains under serious consideration, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

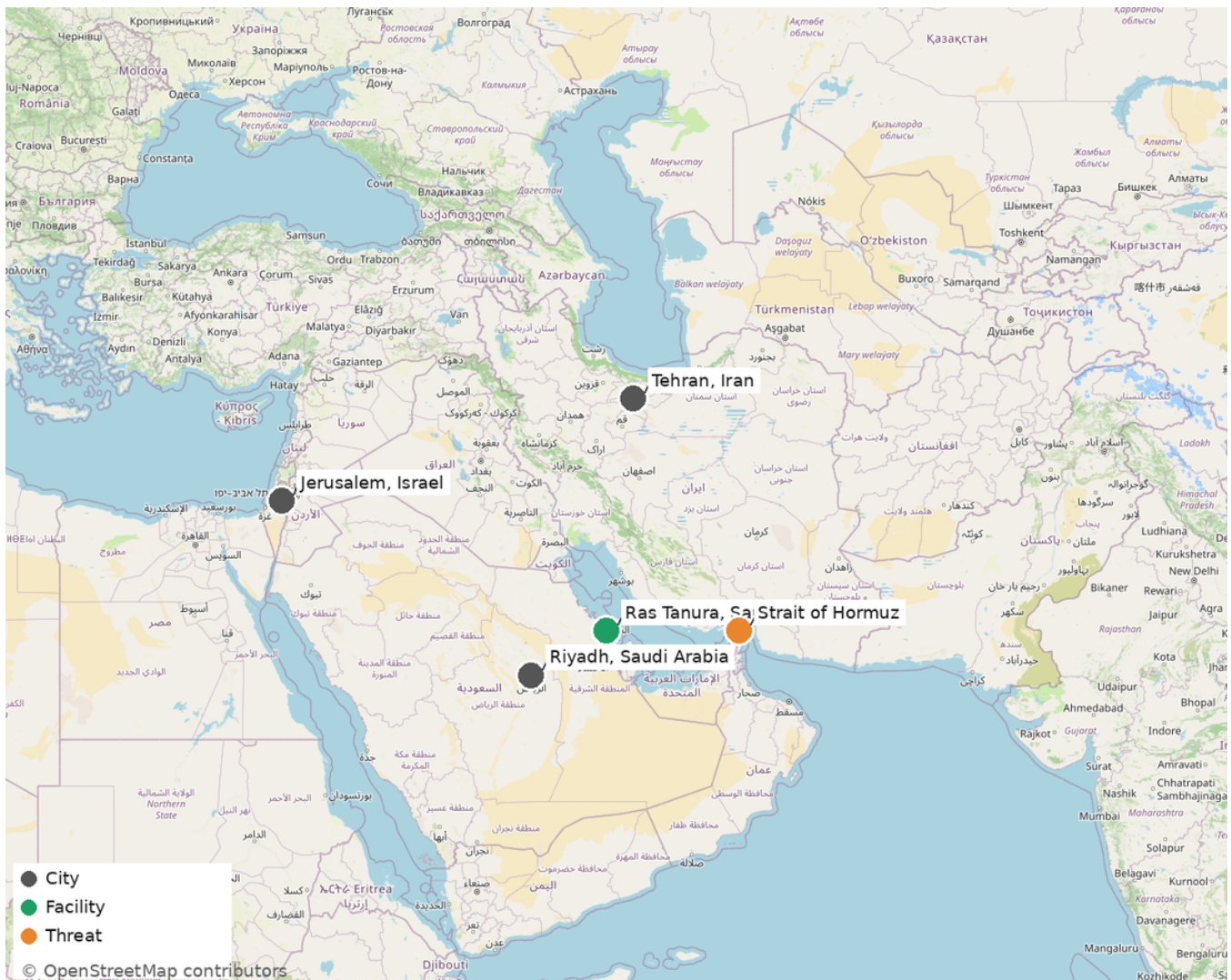
Iran's Strait authority threatens legal action against Sinokor vessels

- Iran's Persian Gulf Strait Authority said on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 that all vessels belonging to South Korean shipping company Sinokor would face legal action starting on November 1, saying Sinokor vessels had committed the highest number of crossing violations in the Strait of Hormuz over the past three months, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Associated Press reported that Iran's Persian Gulf Strait Authority warned all vessels of South Korea's Sinokor Merchant Marine, one of the world's biggest tanker operators, would face legal action from November 1, 2026 over alleged violations of Iran's rules for transiting the Strait of Hormuz. — [Associated Press](#)

Markets

- Brent settled at \$109.70/bbl on October 27, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- WTI settled at \$100.17/bbl on October 27, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The US 10-year Treasury yield was 4.99% on October 27, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- US diesel averaged \$6.352/gal on October 26, 2026 (EIA weekly). — [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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