

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthis attack Aden airport after ordering its evacuation

- Yemen's Houthis on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 called on people to evacuate immediately from the international airport in Aden, with Houthi spokesperson Yahya Saree saying in a post on X that the evacuation was due to what he said was the presence there of a Saudi military cargo aircraft carrying weapons, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Explosions were heard in Aden before the Houthi evacuation warning for Aden airport on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, residents in the city told Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- Yemen's Houthis attacked Aden airport on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 after their evacuation warning, government officials said, residents heard an explosion near the airport, air traffic was halted after the strike according to two transport ministry officials, and an aid source said some UN staff left shortly before the attack and no one was hurt among the UN staff, while Yemeni government forces said the attack caused injuries among civilians and material damage, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi authorities had not confirmed the Houthis' claimed strike on Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura refinery as of October 28, 2026, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Iran dismisses the Qatari draft deal as unacceptable ideas, not an offer

- Qatari mediators presented Iran with a new draft deal on Sunday, October 25, 2026 to end the war with the US and Israel, and Tehran is expected to send a response to the draft by the end of the week, an official briefed on the negotiations said on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The new Qatari draft deal being considered by Iran sets a seven-day timeline addressing both Tehran's and Washington's concerns, laying out daily confidence-building steps that each side must take, the timeline could begin early next week, and several countries would act as guarantors of the deal, the official briefed on the negotiations said, Reuters reported on October 28, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- A senior Iranian official had by Wednesday, October 28, 2026 dismissed what Qatari mediators presented to Tehran in a new draft deal as unacceptable ideas and not an offer, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Officials from the Mecca pact countries Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan met Iran's leaders in Tehran on Monday, October 26, 2026 and agreed to keep talking, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Israel's count nears completion with both blocs still short of a majority

- With nearly 86 percent of votes tallied in Israel's election on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, Israeli broadcasters put Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's bloc on course to win 53 seats, the opposition bloc of Gadi Eisenkot on 48 seats, and Arab parties on 19 seats, with both main blocs short of the 61 seats needed for a majority, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

- Arab parties were projected to win a combined 19 seats in Israel's election, and Joint List leader Jabareen told Reuters he could prop up an Eisenkot minority government from outside without joining one, with demands on crime, funding, equality and Palestinian talks, Reuters reported on October 28, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raised the prospect of renewed joint action with U.S. President Donald Trump against Iran in his post-election address, saying Israel faces an opportunity together with Trump to remove the existential threat of Iran once and for all, Reuters reported on October 28, 2026. — [Reuters](#)

Markets

- Brent crude was at \$110.53 a barrel on October 28, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$101.85 a barrel on October 28, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield was 5.04% on October 28, 2026. — [Wall Street Journal](#)
- US diesel averaged \$6.352 a gallon on October 26, 2026 (EIA weekly). — [Wall Street Journal](#)

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