

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Iranian envoys meet Qatari mediators in Doha as talks with Washington continue

- Iranian negotiators held talks in Doha with Qatari mediators on Saturday, October 31, 2026 to discuss paths out of the war in the Gulf, following more than 12 hours of discussions in Tehran on Friday, in talks coordinated in regular contacts with Washington, a source briefed on the negotiations told Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- A senior Qatari official said Qatar was deeply engaged in efforts to find a diplomatic solution and a path to regional stability, the Associated Press reported on October 31, 2026. — [Associated Press](#)
- A U.S. official said the Trump administration was in constant contact with Iranian officials through channels facilitated by regional partners including Pakistan, Qatar, and Oman, CNN reported on October 31, 2026. — [CNN](#)

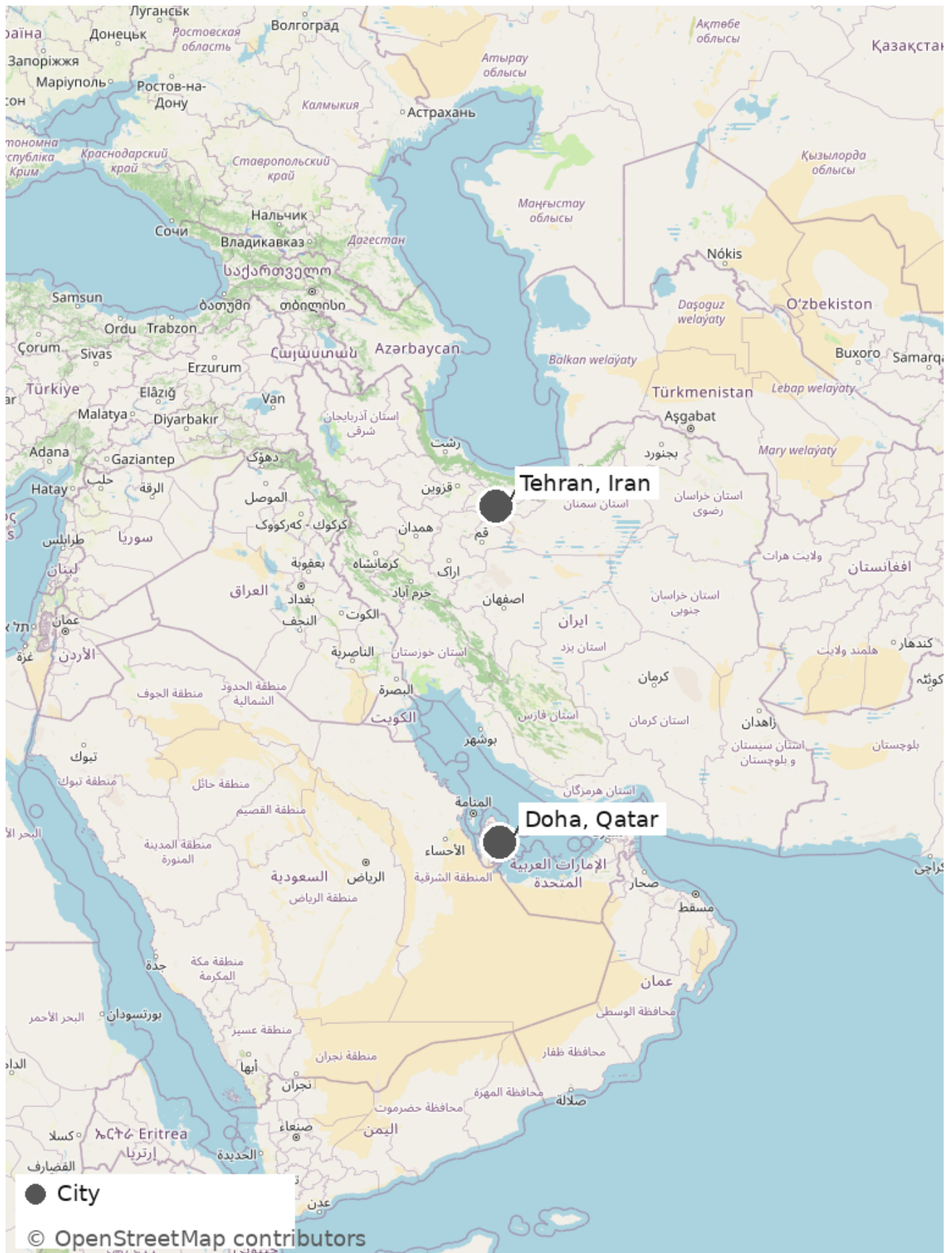
Tehran hardens its public line: Khamenei orders readiness to respond; Araqchi studies the U.S. plan

- Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei issued a statement on Saturday, October 31, 2026 ordering the armed forces to be prepared to respond to any attacks, saying any level or type of threat must be met with an immediate, impactful, and geographically unrestricted response, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said Iran was studying a United States plan presented by Vice President Vance and that Iran had put forward its own plan as the only way to resolve differences and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, Reuters reported on October 31, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The Associated Press also reported Araqchi's remarks, made to Al Jazeera, that Iran was studying the plan presented by Vice President Vance. — [Associated Press](#)

Rubio in Atlanta: talks have never stopped, no decision on resuming military action, no timeframe

- U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said at a press conference in Atlanta on Saturday, October 31, 2026 that talks with Iran have never stopped, with multiple active conversations under way both directly in some cases and often through intermediaries, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)
- U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in Atlanta on Saturday, October 31, 2026 that President Trump has not made a decision on resuming military action against Iran, that there is no timeframe for progress in the talks, and that the United States would be open to a diplomatic solution that does not endanger U.S. national security or fail its core concerns, particularly around Iran's nuclear program, CNN reported. — [CNN](#)
- Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States will know after next week's midterm elections whether there is a path forward with Iran, the Associated Press reported. — [Associated Press](#)

Conflict map



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

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