US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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U.S. Says It Shot Down Two Iranian Drones Launched Toward Bahrain

- U.S. Central Command said on Friday, November 13, 2026 that U.S. forces shot down two Iranian one-way attack drones launched toward Bahrain, reporting no injuries or damage, and said the IRGC claim that it attacked a U.S. early-warning radar system in Bahrain was false, CNN reported. — CNN
- The Associated Press reported that a U.S. official said the Iranian drones were shot down before reaching any populated areas and were likely in retaliation for a strike in Iran that Tehran blames on the United States, and that a Bahraini official said Bahrain had nothing to add beyond the CENTCOM statement. — Associated Press
- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said early on Friday, November 13, 2026 that its Aerospace Force struck and destroyed a U.S. early-warning radar in Bahrain in retaliation for an air attack on a telecommunications tower in Sirik in southern Iran; that claim is now disputed by CENTCOM's denial. — Reuters
- The Associated Press also reported that the IRGC said an enemy strike on Thursday, November 12, 2026 in Sirik, Iran damaged a telecommunications tower and disrupted mobile phone communications for several hours. — Associated Press

Iran Says Two Oil Tankers Hit Sea Mines and Caught Fire in Hormuz

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards Navy said on Friday, November 13, 2026 that two oil tankers had exploded and caught fire after striking sea mines while attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz without coordination with Iranian authorities, state TV said, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Reuters reported that the Guards gave no further details on the two tankers, and no tanker identification or independent confirmation accompanied the claim. — Reuters
- Earlier on Friday, November 13, 2026, Iran's Revolutionary Guards navy said a tanker carrying liquefied natural gas struck a naval mine and suffered an explosion in the Strait of Hormuz while using what they described as an unauthorised and dangerous route; no details on that tanker were immediately available. — Reuters

Qatar Rejects Hormuz Transit Fee and Linkage to Sanctions and Nuclear Issues

- Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani on Friday, November 13, 2026 rejected an Iranian-proposed transit fee for the Strait of Hormuz and rejected linking the reopening of the strait to other issues including sanctions and the nuclear file, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera
- Sheikh Mohammed said the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz is a global concern and that Iran has no right to control the strait because it is an international waterway; the United States and Iran held indirect talks in Doha in late September 2026, Al Jazeera reported. — Al Jazeera

UN Security Council Renews Yemen Sanctions for Another Year

- The UN Security Council voted on Friday, November 13, 2026 to renew sanctions against Yemen and the work of a panel of experts assisting the sanctions committee for another year, the Associated Press reported. — Associated Press
- Acting U.S. Ambassador Dorothy Shea said the sanctions are an important tool to deter Houthi threats to the safety and security of civilians, commercial shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and regional stability, 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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