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Bahrain Intercepts Iranian Aerial Attacks; Tehran Claims Drone Strike on US Radar

- Bahrain said on Sunday, November 15, 2026 that it intercepted and destroyed several Iranian aerial attacks, the first such interceptions by its air defences since September, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Al Jazeera reported that the Revolutionary Guards said six drones targeted the United States air-defence radar at the Al-Riffa helicopter base in Bahrain, in retaliation for hostile US actions. — Al Jazeera
- Bahrain said the attacks were intercepted before they reached their targets, and neither the United States nor Bahrain confirmed any hit, damage, or casualties on Sunday, Reuters reported. — Reuters

IRGC Says Two Tankers Caught Fire After Mine Strikes in Hormuz; Claim Unverified

- The Revolutionary Guards said two tankers were on fire on Sunday, November 15, 2026 after striking naval mines in the Strait of Hormuz; Reuters said it could not independently verify the report, and no vessel was named. — Reuters
- The claim is the latest in a series of Iranian mine claims this week that Reuters has not been able to verify and that no maritime authority has confirmed. — Reuters

Houthis Release 600 Prisoners in Sanaa in a Unilateral Release

- The Houthis released 600 prisoners in Sanaa on Sunday, November 15, 2026, the International Committee of the Red Cross said, in a unilateral release, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The release came on the same day government forces withdrew from Dhubab Airport and the Bab el-Mandeb overlook, leaving the Houthis in control of the strait area, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Diplomacy: Araqchi Heads to Oman as the Restraint Condition Is Tested

- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi will on Tuesday visit Oman, which holds the southern coast of the Strait of Hormuz and has played a role as mediator in the crisis, for talks with his counterpart, Iranian state media reported via Reuters. — Reuters
- Major warfare between the US and Iran has calmed since the early phase, but with diplomacy stalled there is little immediate prospect of a resolution either to the wider conflict or the war in Yemen, Reuters reported on November 15, 2026. — Reuters
- President Trump, China's President Xi and Russia's President Putin will hold their first three-way summit in Shenzhen on the sidelines of APEC on November 18-19, 2026, with the Iran war expected to be discussed, Al Jazeera reported on November 14, 2026. — Al Jazeera

Markets

- Brent crude settled at $95.84 a barrel on Friday, November 13, 2026, the last trading day before the weekend, The Wall Street Journal reported. — WSJ

- West Texas Intermediate settled at $88.56 a barrel on Friday, November 13, 2026, down 18 cents, or 0.2 percent, The Wall Street Journal reported. — WSJ

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