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Tanker Identified as Tara Gas; One Crew Member Still Missing

- The crew of the Panama-flagged Tara Gas liquefied petroleum gas tanker abandoned ship on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 after the vessel was struck by a projectile while sailing through the Strait of Hormuz, and one crew member remains missing, maritime security sources told Reuters. — Reuters
- Reuters placed the abandonment about seven nautical miles off Khasab, Oman, matching the location of the tanker attacked for a second time north of Khasab whose crew was unaccounted for, identifying that vessel as Tara Gas; the tanker's owner is listed as Marshall Islands-based Global Gas, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Iran's Revolutionary Guards and navy said on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 that a ship carrying liquefied natural gas and two oil tankers had caught fire in the strait; Reuters could not independently verify the reports. — Reuters

United States Strikes Iranian Missile Launch Site on Qeshm Island

- US fighter jets carried out new self-defense strikes on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, using precision munitions against an Iranian missile launch site on Qeshm Island, in response to IRGC aggression targeting American personnel and assets, a US military official said, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Iran's Revolutionary Guards said earlier on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 that they had targeted a US military radar system at Bahrain's Sheikh Isa base; Bahrain said it intercepted the attack and there were no reports of casualties or damage, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- An Iranian provincial official, Hormozgan deputy governor Ahmad Nafisi, said the US attack on Qeshm caused no damage to residential, commercial or infrastructure areas, CNN reported. — CNN

Houthis Say They Launched Drones Towards Saudi East-West Pipeline Pumping Stations

- Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 that they had launched a total of five drones towards two pumping stations along Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline in the Riyadh area, and there was no immediate Saudi confirmation, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Houthis have claimed several times this month to have attacked the pipeline, as fighting continues between the group and the Saudi-led coalition backing Yemen's internationally recognised government, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Qatar and Oman Mediation Continues Amid the Exchange of Fire

- Qatari and Iranian officials met on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 for talks aimed at bridging perspectives and narrowing the gap between proposals presented on the ground, Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed Al Ansari said, Reuters reported. — Reuters

- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said he also met Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 and informed him about Iran's diplomatic initiative to end the war, in a Telegram post reported by Reuters. — Reuters
- Araqchi's Oman visit, reported this morning, covered safeguarding maritime corridors and reviving dialogue channels with Oman's foreign minister, and no agreement was announced, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude was at $93.20 a barrel on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, as oil prices slipped on supply-surplus expectations despite Gulf tensions, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- US West Texas Intermediate crude was at $85.60 a barrel on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, Reuters reported. — Reuters

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