# US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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## Coalition Strikes Hodeidah as Houthis Threaten Saudi Red Sea Ports

- Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis threatened on Friday, November 20, 2026 to attack Saudi Arabia's Red Sea ports if Saudi-led coalition forces struck the strategic Red Sea port of Hodeidah, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Saudi-led coalition had urged civilians to evacuate areas of the Hodeidah port for their safety, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Saudi-led coalition struck the Red Sea port of Hodeidah on Friday, November 20, 2026, saying it destroyed operational capabilities at the port used in smuggling operations and the transport of weapons and ballistic missiles, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The port of Hodeidah remains fully operational and the flow of goods will continue, according to Yemen's Information Minister, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Saudi-led coalition also carried out an operation in Sanaa targeting ballistic missile and drone capabilities, with operations in Saada and Taiz ongoing, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree warned all employees, workers and those in the vicinity of Saudi Red Sea ports to evacuate them immediately and stay away, urged shipping companies to immediately evacuate their ships from these ports, and warned airlines to avoid Saudi airspace because it will be the scene of their operations in the coming hours, with an exception for airspace near Mecca and Medina, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Houthi spokesperson Yahya Saree additionally said the group would target a power station at Shuqaiq in southern Saudi Arabia, Reuters reported. — Reuters

## Tanker Struck by Projectile in the Strait of Hormuz off Oman

- A tanker sailing outbound through the Strait of Hormuz was struck by an unknown projectile 8 nautical miles north of Oman's Khasab on Friday, November 20, 2026; the vessel's company security officer reported a fire on board, with no casualties or environmental impact reported, UKMTO said via Reuters. — Reuters

## U.S. Treasury Presses Singapore and Malaysia on Iran Sanctions Compliance

- U.S. Treasury Department officials met with government authorities in Singapore and Malaysia this week, including regulators and national security bodies, to warn of potential risks they could face if they do not comply with U.S. sanctions on Iran, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Washington is urging Singapore and Malaysia, as well as law firms and banks operating there, to stay alert for Iranian front companies and to apply additional scrutiny to high-risk sectors such as maritime transport, aviation services and procurement networks, a Treasury Department official told Reuters. — Reuters
- Using public flight records, Reuters identified a regularly scheduled flight between Tehran and Kuala Lumpur operated by Iran Airtour, which flew as recently as November 14, 2026, while a scheduled flight on November 17 did not depart. — Reuters

## Araqchi Seeks a Deal Ensuring No Further War as Trump Calls Iran's Terms Unacceptable

- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said Tehran was seeking an agreement that would ensure there was no further war, wanted guarantees Washington was serious about negotiations, had discussed confidence-building measures with mediators, and said keeping enriched uranium in Iran was a red line while a fair solution could be reached, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- President Donald Trump said at a White House press conference on Friday, November 20, 2026 that Iran wanted to make a deal but did not want to make a deal that was acceptable to him, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Qatari and Iranian officials met on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 in talks aimed at bridging perspectives and narrowing the gap between proposals presented on the ground, a spokesperson for Qatar's foreign ministry said, Reuters reported. — Reuters

## Senate to Vote on Disapproval of Trump's Saudi Nuclear Pact

- The U.S. Senate will vote as soon as the week of November 30, 2026 on a resolution of disapproval of President Trump's proposed 123 Agreement nuclear pact with Saudi Arabia, which would allow Saudi Arabia to enrich uranium and build reactors with U.S. technology without the IAEA Additional Protocol; Houthi attacks on Saudi infrastructure have added to concerns about securing future plants, Reuters reported. — Reuters

## Markets

- Brent crude settled at $92.57 a barrel on Friday, November 20, 2026, up 59 cents or 0.64 percent, the Wall Street Journal reported. — Wall Street Journal
- United States West Texas Intermediate crude for December delivery settled at $83.98 a barrel on Friday, November 20, 2026, up 0.93 percent, the Wall Street Journal reported. — Wall Street Journal
- The United States 10-year Treasury yield slipped below 5 percent to 4.972 percent intraday on Friday, November 20, 2026, the Wall Street Journal reported. — Wall Street Journal

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