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Iranian Attack Hits Bahraini Civilian Industrial Facility

- Bahrain said on Saturday night, November 21, 2026 that an Iranian attack hit a civilian industrial facility, causing a fire and material damage but no injuries, with Civil Defence teams working to contain the fire; the interior ministry gave no details on the location or nature of the facility. — Reuters
- Bahrain's Defence Force said its air defences intercepted a number of Iranian aerial attacks, and that shrapnel from the interceptions caused material damage but no casualties; the interior ministry had earlier warned residents of a potential threat and urged them to move to the nearest safe place, then issued an all-clear before sending a second alert. — Reuters
- Iran's Revolutionary Guards said their aerospace forces launched a combined missile-and-drone attack on United States positions at the Al-Riffa and Awali bases in Bahrain, in retaliation for ongoing aggression and repeated violations of Iranian airspace — an account incompatible with Bahrain's, which says a civilian facility was hit and the attacks were intercepted; the Guards' targeting claims are unverified, and this briefing leads with Bahrain's less escalatory account. — Reuters
- Bahrain hosts the United States Navy's Fifth Fleet and says it has intercepted several Iranian aerial attacks in the past week, as Arab Gulf states have come under fire repeatedly from Tehran since the United States-Israeli war on Iran began in February. — Reuters

Washington Denies Iranian Claim That a Missile Damaged a US F-16

- United States Central Command on Saturday, November 21, 2026 denied an Iranian account that Iranian air defences fired a missile at a United States F-16 fighter jet over the Gulf on Friday evening, damaging the aircraft and forcing it to make an emergency landing. — Reuters
- Central Command said, 'Iran did not attack a US F-16 fighter aircraft yesterday — at all,' adding that all United States military fighter jets in the Middle East were safe and accounted for. — Reuters
- Iranian state media had earlier reported that the country's air defence systems targeted the aircraft on Friday evening, causing it to abort its mission and land at a nearby airport; Reuters noted Iran has made similar accounts during the war of shooting down or damaging United States aircraft, which the United States military has denied. — Reuters

Qatari Delegation Holds Talks in Tehran as Diplomacy Push Continues

- A Qatari delegation held talks in Tehran on Friday night, November 20, 2026, an Iranian official said, as diplomatic efforts continued to end the war triggered by United States and Israeli attacks on Iran in February. — Reuters
- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said Tehran remained in contact with mediators, including Qatar, 'to see whether another opportunity can be given to diplomacy,' according to the semi-official Tasnim news agency. — Reuters
- Gharibabadi echoed remarks by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi that Tehran still hoped diplomacy could end its war with the United States; President Donald Trump has said Iran wanted a deal, but one that was not acceptable to him. — Reuters

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