US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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U.S. Sanctions Target Iran's Shadow Banking Networks

- The Trump administration on Monday, November 23, 2026 issued new Iran-related sanctions targeting dozens of people and entities, including two dozen Iranian exchange houses and front companies based in Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Hong Kong, the Treasury Department said, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network released an analysis identifying nearly $15 billion of financial activity conducted from January 2025 to August 2026 that it said was potentially linked to Iranian shadow banking, Reuters reported. The Treasury figure is approximately $14.7 billion. — Reuters
- Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Iran's shadow banking system is the last financial lifeline of a bankrupt regime and that Treasury will continue dismantling these illicit networks, Reuters reported. — Reuters

U.S. Investigating Possible Iranian Involvement in Cyberattacks on Tankers

- The United States is investigating Iran's potential involvement in dozens of cyberattacks against energy tankers, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday, November 23, 2026; as many as 50 ships carrying oil, liquefied petroleum gas and chemicals are believed to have been attacked, some receiving warnings or bomb threats, and Iran is a primary suspect while Russia is also seen as a possible culprit, according to U.S. officials; Reuters could not immediately verify the report. — Reuters
- Reported attacks on shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz are at their highest levels since the war began: more than 30 attacks were reported to UKMTO in October and at least 22 had been reported in November as of Sunday, according to a CNN analysis of UKMTO data. — CNN

Markets

- Brent crude for January settled at $89.37/bbl on November 23, down 3.5%, its lowest close since August 28, as rising Middle East supply and the restart of Libya's Sharara field outweighed Gulf attacks. — Wall Street Journal
- WTI crude settled at $80.17/bbl on November 23, down 3.9%. — Wall Street Journal
- The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rose 0.010 percentage points to 4.919% on November 23. — Wall Street Journal

Conflict map



Markers show reported strike sites, bases, and shipping areas. Purple polygons mark approximate or announced closure / exclusion zones.

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