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Houthi Projectile Strikes Riyadh's PIF Tower Again, Wounding 11

- A projectile launched by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels struck the Public Investment Fund Tower — the tallest tower in Riyadh, in the King Abdullah Financial District — on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, the second strike on the same building in less than a week, following a previous Houthi assault on Thursday, November 19. — WSJ
- The attack wounded 11 people, Saudi civil defense said — four Egyptians, three Nepalis, two Indians and two Saudis; the 80-story building had already been evacuated a few weeks ago over Houthi threats, and authorities sent no alerts to residents before the strike. — WSJ
- The Saudi-led coalition said a drone was used in the attack on the tower and that the Houthis' targeting of civilians 'will be met with a firm response'; coalition spokesman Major General Turki al-Maliki called it an 'act of terrorism' and said the Houthis 'deliberately' targeted civilians and civilian objects. — Al Jazeera
- The strike drew regional condemnation: GCC Secretary-General Jasem Albudaiwi condemned the 'treacherous attack' by the Iranian-backed Houthis, Qatar called it a 'flagrant violation of international law', and the UAE also condemned it. — Al Jazeera
- U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio condemned the Houthi attacks on Saudi civilian and energy infrastructure in a call Tuesday with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan; the two also underscored the necessity of freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, the State Department said. — Al Jazeera
- The Houthis, who have been launching near-daily attacks on Saudi Arabia for weeks, did not immediately claim Tuesday's attack; the Saudi government and the Public Investment Fund did not respond to questions. — WSJ

Yemen Front Widens: Houthis Near Aden, Coalition Orders Hodeidah Port Evacuated

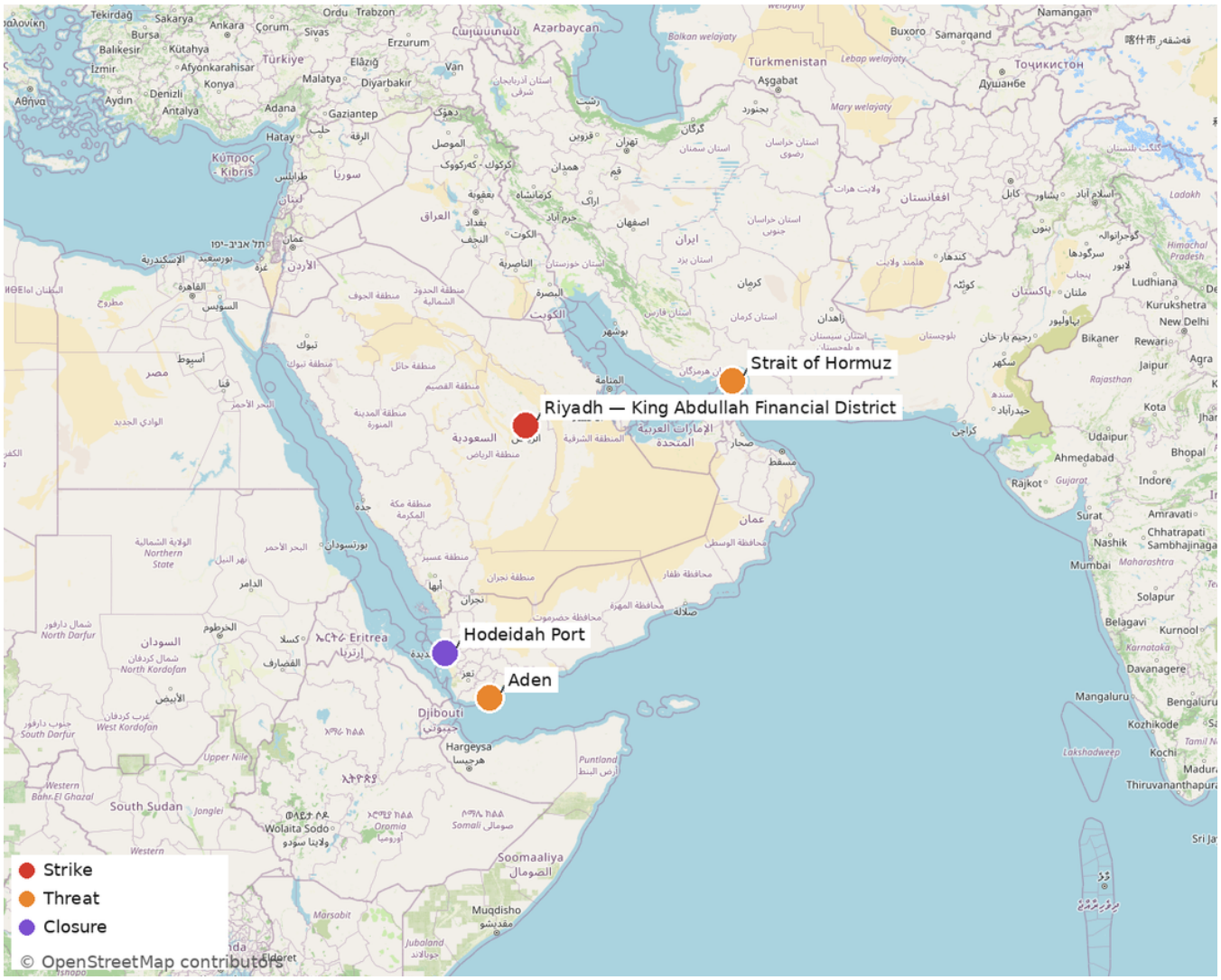
- Houthi forces are about 60 kilometers (40 miles) from Aden, the seat of Yemen's internationally recognized government, and 'ready to attack', Yemeni army spokesman Colonel Majed al-Nuzaili said Tuesday, while insisting government forces have prepared a defense and 'Aden is not at risk'; the government pulled forces back from areas near the Red Sea this month to reinforce Aden's security. — Al Jazeera
- The Saudi-led coalition on Tuesday ordered civilians to evacuate Yemen's port of Hodeidah 'for their safety', coalition spokesman Major General Turki al-Maliki said in a post on X delineating the evacuation zone; the coalition also said it would target Houthi military leaders, including Mohammed al-Ghamari and Abdul-Malik al-Houthi. — Al Jazeera
- The Houthis responded by threatening to target all of Saudi Arabia's Red Sea ports, including Jeddah, if the coalition attacks Hodeidah, warning port workers to evacuate immediately and shipping companies to evacuate their ships; the Houthi-run Saba news agency later reported a Saudi-led coalition attack on Hodeidah port. — Al Jazeera

- The Houthis now hold territory overlooking the Red Sea, the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the Gulf of Aden — all crucial waterways for maritime trade — after seizing territory along the Red Sea coast toward the Bab el-Mandeb when Yemen's war erupted again in September. — WSJ

Hormuz Mine Claim Still Unconfirmed a Day On

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards' claim that three oil tankers hit naval mines in the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, November 23, 2026 remained unconfirmed into Tuesday evening: no vessel has been named, and neither the U.S. military nor any shipping authority has confirmed a mine strike. — Reuters
- The official shipping record continues to point the other way: UKMTO has attributed the Hormuz incidents it logged in recent days — including a tanker struck by an unidentified projectile on November 21 — to projectiles, not mines. — Reuters
- The claim sits against a rising tempo: at least 12 vessels have been struck in and around the Strait of Hormuz so far in November, after 17 in October, according to the Joint Maritime Information Center, and Middle East crude exports have fallen for three straight weeks, to 13.96 million barrels per day in the week beginning November 16, according to Kpler. — Reuters

Conflict map



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

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