US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Iranian Drone Attack on Kuwait Kills Two Italian Technicians

- Kuwait's Defence Ministry said its military detected and dealt with several Iranian drones in Kuwaiti airspace on Thursday, November 26, in an attack on a vital facility that also caused material damage. — Reuters
- Two Italian technicians working for Rheinmetall Italia at an air-defence surveillance station in Kuwait died of their injuries from the drone attack, Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani told the Senate, and Kuwait's Defence Ministry confirmed the two Italians had died; the other two injured were a Pakistani national and a captain in the Kuwaiti army. — Reuters
- Kuwait's Defence Ministry initially reported that four people — one Kuwaiti, two Italian nationals and one Pakistani national — were wounded by falling debris when the drones were intercepted. — Reuters
- CNN reported that Kuwait's Defence Ministry said it detected and engaged several hostile drones, blamed Iranian aggression, and reported material damage from the attack. — CNN
- The Wall Street Journal reported that the Italian technicians were maintaining Skyguard detection antennas and that Tajani described the targeting of multiple Kuwaiti military bases. — Wall Street Journal
- Iran denied carrying out the attack: armed forces spokesman Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi said no military or offensive operations whatsoever were conducted by Iran in the region and called the incident a false flag, and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi denied any Iranian involvement in a call with Tajani and offered cooperation to clarify the incident's origin. — CNN
- Tajani said investigations showed the drone used in the attack was manufactured in Iran and noted that pro-Iranian militias operate in the region. — CNN
- Kuwait's Foreign Ministry said the attack represents a dangerous escalation that threatens regional stability and undermines diplomatic efforts aimed at de-escalation, and Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said the incident shows Iran's unchecked aggression threatens stability and security in the Middle East and beyond. — Wall Street Journal

Guards Say Two Tankers Hit Mines Near Khasab; Maritime Agency Reports Projectile Incidents

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Thursday, November 26, that two tankers exploded and caught fire after hitting sea mines north of Oman's Khasab port while attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz through an unauthorised route, with one vessel a supertanker carrying more than 2 million barrels of crude oil, in a statement carried by the semi-official Tasnim news agency. The claim is unverified: the Guards named no vessels, and no owner, flag state, or maritime authority has confirmed a mine strike. — Reuters
- The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency reported an explosion caused by an unknown projectile near a tanker about 50 nautical miles west of Dubai on Thursday, November 26, with no damage and all crew safe; UKMTO has not reported any ship hitting a mine. — Reuters

- Revolutionary Guards spokesman Hossein Mohebbi said the force was using heavy firepower to keep the Strait of Hormuz closed to put pressure on the US economy and defend Iran, and Guards Navy commander Rear Admiral Ali Azmaei said Iran had full operational control of the strait and that safe passage depended on respect for Iran's legitimate sovereign rights, according to state media. — Reuters
- US Central Command has made no statement on Thursday's mine claims; its standing position, cited in coverage this week, is that all internationally recognised primary transit routes through the Strait of Hormuz have been cleared of sea mines by US forces and remain so. — Reuters
- Reuters reported that there will be no settlement for West Texas Intermediate crude on Thursday because of the US Thanksgiving holiday. — Reuters

Araghchi Says Qatari and Pakistani Mediation Remains Active

- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in comments aired by state television on Thursday, November 26, that Qatar and Pakistan continued to mediate talks between Iran and the United States, while stressing that the goal is for the enemies to know that encircling Iran is not possible. — Wall Street Journal
- Araghchi expressed condolences over the two Italian deaths in calls with his Italian and Kuwaiti counterparts, called the Kuwait incident suspicious, and said Tehran was ready to cooperate with Kuwait and Italy to determine the cause of the incident. — CNN

Conflict map



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

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