US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthi Attacks on Saudi Arabia Draw Coalition Retaliation

- Saudi air defences intercepted several projectiles fired towards the kingdom on Saturday, November 28, 2026, including a cruise missile aimed at Riyadh overnight, the Saudi-led coalition said, as the Houthis claimed attacks on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and, in the Eastern Province, the Hawiyah gas plant. — Reuters
- The Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile fired towards Al-Shuqaiq, a coastal town in Jazan province hosting major desalination and power-generation facilities, and that debris from the interception caused no civilian injuries. — Reuters
- The Houthis said they had attacked Saudi Aramco's Jazan refinery, which has a capacity of 400,000 barrels per day, as well as two power stations in southwestern Saudi Arabia over the previous 48 hours; the hit claims were not confirmed and could not be independently verified. — Reuters
- On Saturday evening, November 28, 2026, the Saudi-led coalition said its joint forces had carried out a military operation to destroy what it described as vital resources supporting Houthi operations, including missile and drone attacks, without identifying the targets or where the operation took place. — Reuters

Armed Group Boards Cargo Ship off Balhaf, Then Vacates It

- Armed individuals boarded a cargo ship 64 nautical miles southwest of Yemen's Balhaf at 0630 GMT on Saturday, November 28, 2026 and took control of the vessel, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency said, citing the ship's master. — Reuters
- UKMTO said authorities had been informed of the hijacking off Balhaf and advised vessels in the area to proceed with caution. — Reuters
- The armed individuals later vacated the vessel on Saturday, the crew was safe, and the vessel was proceeding to its next port of call; no official attribution of the boarding has been made. — Reuters

Iran's Rial Plunges to a Record Low Near Three Million to the Dollar

- Iran's currency plunged to a record low on Saturday, November 28, 2026, approaching 3 million rials to the US dollar, with the dollar sold at around 2.990 million rials according to free-market tracking website bon-bast.com, while alanchand.com reported 2.997 million rials per dollar, up 1.77%. — Reuters
- Iranian Central Bank Governor Abdolnaser Hemmati said on Saturday, November 28, 2026 that Iran had sufficient hard currency to pay for basic goods and medicine for months to come, but added that the foreign exchange market was affected not only by economic fundamentals but also by psychological factors. — Reuters

Iran Urges Iraq to Reject US Interference on Cross-Border Trade

- Iranian security chief Mohsen Rezaei told Iraq's visiting national security adviser Qasim al-Aboudi on Saturday, November 28, 2026 that foreigners should not be allowed to negatively impact Iran-Iraq

economic cooperation, after media reported Iraq closed several border posts following a US request, Reuters reported citing Iranian media. — Reuters

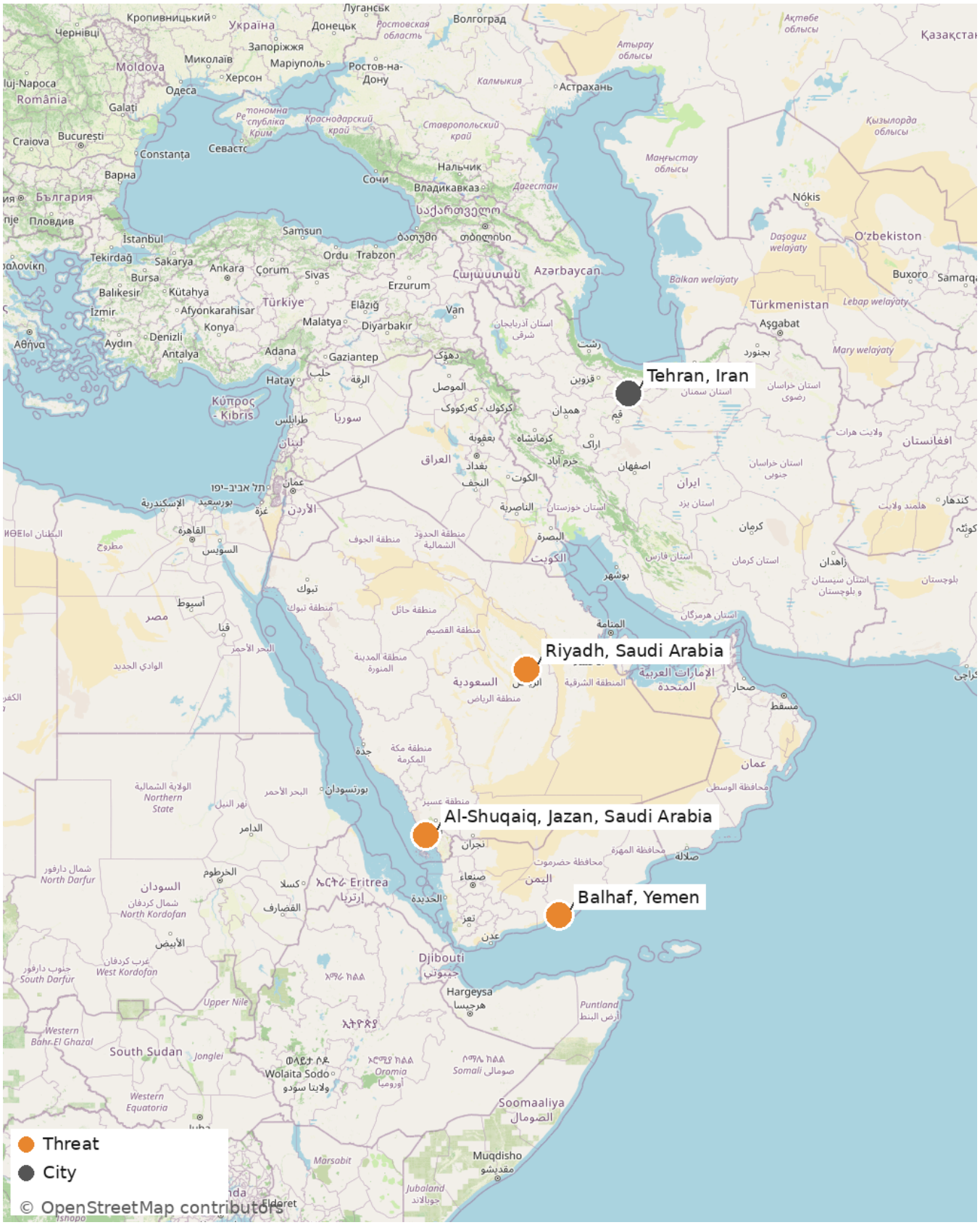
Iran Reportedly Used Starlink in Attacks on US Forces

- The Washington Post reported on November 28, 2026, citing sources, that Iran used SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet services in attacks on US forces after the United States and Israel launched strikes against Iran, with SpaceX's team concluding there were two unauthorized uses of Starlink related to Iran's efforts against US forces; a Pentagon spokesperson said they were not aware of the existence of a report on this topic. — Reuters

Shipping

- A cargo ship boarded by armed individuals 64 nautical miles southwest of Balhaf, Yemen on Saturday, November 28, 2026 was later vacated by the group, with the crew safe and the vessel proceeding to its next port of call, UKMTO said; no fresh Hormuz or Bab el-Mandeb transit counts were reported by vetted outlets today. — 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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