

US-Iran Conflict Briefing

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Two more ships hit in the Strait of Hormuz

- An Iranian commercial vessel was struck late Saturday / early Sunday local time near Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz; one member of its ten-person crew was killed and several others were wounded, Iranian state media said. — [CNN](#)
- The Qeshm governor blamed a "terrorist enemy" and said authorities had not yet identified the projectile; the U.S. military has not commented. — [AP](#)
- Separately, the UK Maritime Trade Operations centre said another vessel was hit by an unknown projectile in the strait late Saturday; a fire broke out and local authorities were evacuating the crew. The vessel's registration was not given. — [Reuters](#)

Houthi claim missile-and-drone strike on Saudi base

- Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree claimed a large-scale missile-and-drone operation against a Saudi military base in Sharurah in southern Saudi Arabia, targeting weapons depots and command-and-control centers; he warned of harsher retaliation if Saudi attacks continue. — [The Guardian](#)
- Saree said the strike answered a wave of Saudi airstrikes, which the Houthis put at 129 sorties over 48 hours — a Houthi count Saudi Arabia has not confirmed. — [The Guardian](#)
- Saudi Civil Defence said a Houthi projectile injured two people in the Jazan region and damaged several buildings, including a mosque. — [Reuters](#)
- Yemeni government forces said they struck Houthi positions in the Red Sea city of Mokha on Saturday and carried out three airstrikes in the Taiz region on Sunday. — [The Guardian](#)

Monday's Oman meeting: mixed signals ahead

- Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency said the Iran-Oman route agreement will be presented at Monday's Muscat meeting, which Iraq will also attend — but the strait will not reopen unless seven Iranian conditions conveyed to the U.S. are met. — [Reuters](#)
- Ebrahim Azizi, head of parliament's national security committee, wrote on X that "as long as the American side does not accept all of Iran's conditions, dialogue and negotiation are of no use." — [Reuters](#)
- Iran's president also met Egypt's president amid the rising regional tensions. — [AP](#)
- Pezeshkian wrote in a U.S.-aimed social media post: "Our people can't be bullied into submission. Iran won't surrender." — [AP](#)

Energy markets brace after a brutal week

- Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline remains shut as a precaution after Thursday's drone attack; the 1,200-km line was moving 4-5 million barrels per day (4-5% of global supply). Satellite images showed black smoke south of Medina, and some injuries were reported. — [Reuters](#)

- Iraq dismissed a military commander on Saturday after Baghdad and Riyadh both said the pipeline drone attack had originated in Iraq, where Iranian-backed militias operate. — [Reuters](#)
- Brent crude settled Friday at \$104.61 a barrel, up 8.7% on the week, after Thursday's spike to \$107.63; markets are closed Sunday and traders brace for Monday's open. — [WSJ](#)
- Asked about the pipeline closure and moving marine traffic through the strait, Trump said everything will "work out fine." — [CNN](#)

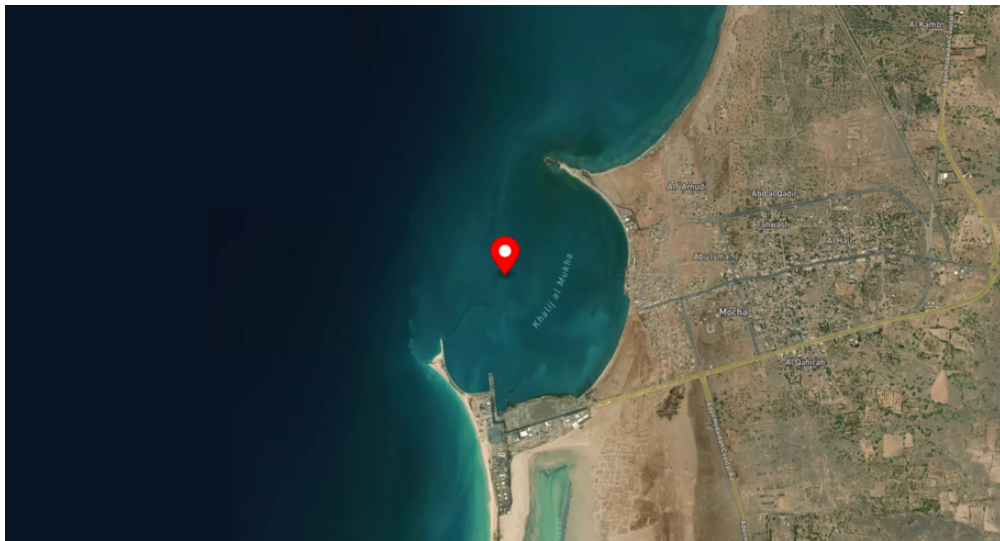
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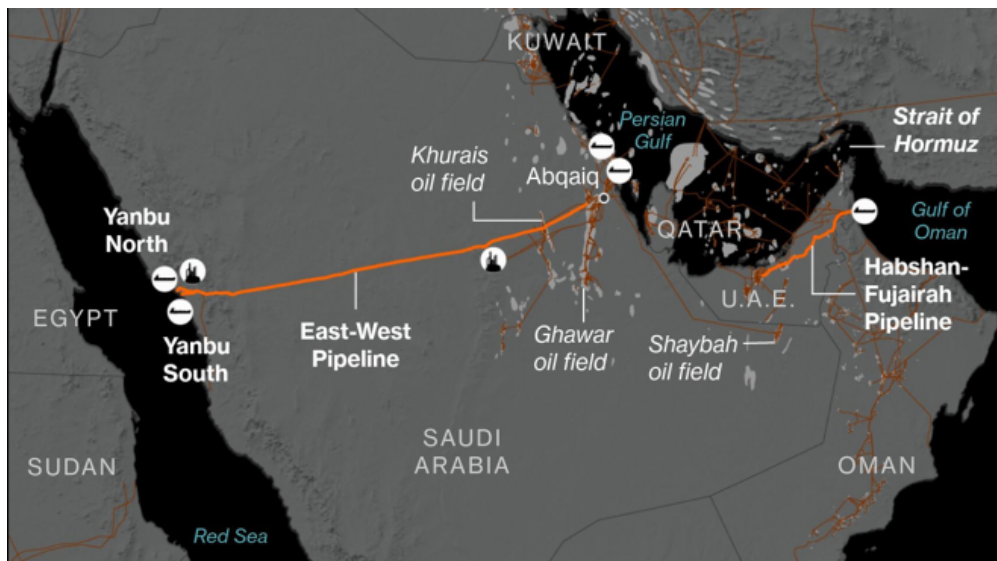
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The Yemeni port of Mokha, hit by government forces on Saturday as fighting with the Houthis flared (Maritime Optima) — [view original](#)



The Strait of Hormuz, the chokepoint at the center of Saturday night's attacks ahead of Monday's Oman meeting (Transport Topics) — [view original](#)

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