

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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UN diplomacy week: Tehran sends its top two to New York

- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi left Tehran on Sunday evening for the UN General Assembly in New York with a brief stopover in Qatar, Iranian state media reported; Tehran says it is awaiting a US response to conditions it conveyed through Qatari mediators. — [AP](#)
- The State Department approved visas for Iran's 'core delegation' — including President Masoud Pezeshkian and Foreign Minister Araghchi — to attend UNGA high-level week, citing host-country obligations; the scaled-down delegation faces travel restrictions and prohibitions on luxury-goods purchases. — [AP](#)

Geneva today: UN rights panel presents the Iran war-crimes report

- The UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran presents its findings to the Human Rights Council in Geneva today (Monday, Sept 21). — [CNN](#)
- The mission found 'reasonable grounds' to believe the US committed war crimes in two Feb 28 strikes: a Tomahawk strike on the Shajareh Tayyebah primary school in Minab (150+ killed, ~120 children) and a tungsten-pellet strike on a sports complex in Lamerd (22 civilians killed). — [CNN](#)
- The same report concluded Iran's government committed crimes against humanity in its protest crackdown: at least 221 children killed, tens of thousands detained and tortured, at least 29 men executed after summary trials. — [CNN](#)
- Washington says it does 'not give credibility' to the findings; the White House called the council's work unserious and insisted Iran is the only party guilty of war crimes. Tehran denied investigators access and left ~3 dozen information requests unanswered. — [CNN](#)

Oil slides as markets price in a New York diplomatic window

- Oil prices fell for a fourth consecutive session on Monday as improving flows through the Strait of Hormuz and prospects for renewed diplomacy eased supply concerns. Brent crude was down 1.9% at \$101.94 a barrel; WTI fell 2% to \$98.27. — [Wall Street Journal](#)
- A dozen commodity vessels transited the Strait of Hormuz over the weekend, down from 35 the prior weekend, provisional Kpler data showed; Middle Eastern producers continue exporting on tankers travelling with their transponders off. — [Reuters](#)

Weekend recap: threat exchange, alert wave, Riyadh intercept

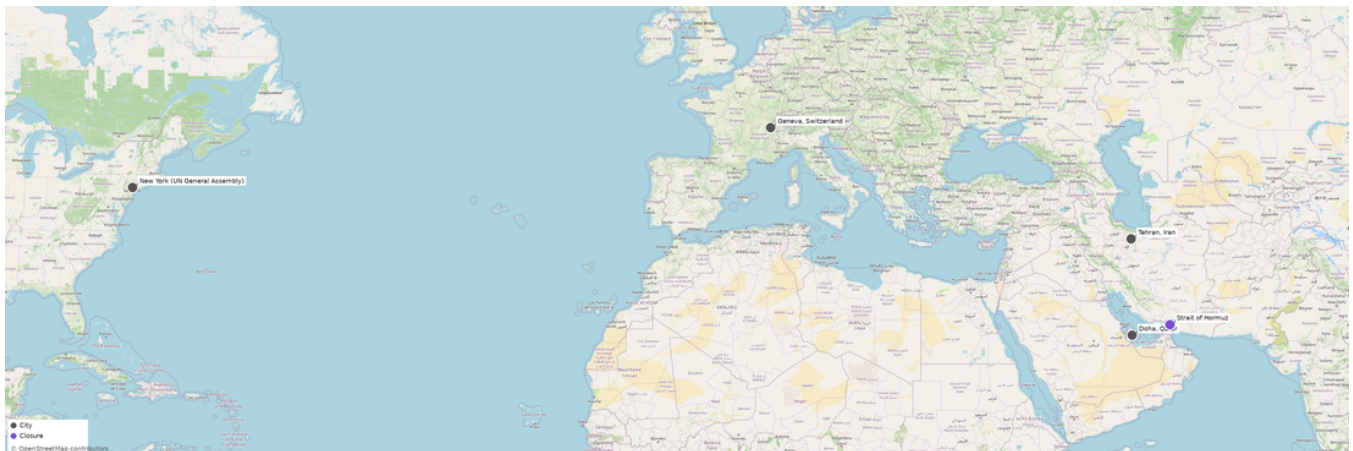
- Trump told Fox News on Sept 20 he is in 'deciding mode' on Iran — 'very big things' coming — outlining deal, economic pressure, or military action, and said he is open to meeting Pezeshkian at UNGA. — [CNN](#)
- Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya central command said it has information the US is preparing a new attack and warned of sustained retaliation against US bases and interests, with assisting regional allies treated as parties to the conflict. — [Reuters](#)

- A US security-alert wave rolled across Middle East missions on Saturday (Israel embassy alert, virtual embassy Iran, State Dept vigilance warning, Saudi personnel travel restrictions near the Yemen border); Saudi Arabia confirmed a dawn intercept of Houthi strikes on Riyadh and Yanbu. — [Times of Israel](#)

What to watch next

- Whether the rumored Trump–Pezeshkian meeting materializes at UNGA, and what comes out of Araghchi's Qatar stop.
- Pezeshkian's Wednesday address to the General Assembly — his first on US soil since the war began.
- Today's Human Rights Council session in Geneva, and whether any state moves from debate to action on the war-crimes findings.
- Whether oil's diplomatic discount holds or another Houthi strike on Saudi infrastructure erases it.
- Whether the US embassy alert wave expands to more missions or hardens in language.

Conflict map



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

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