

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Riyadh airport closure extended until Saturday as coalition destroys Houthi missile

- Saudi Arabia has extended the closure of Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport until Saturday, October 17, Reuters reported on Tuesday, October 13; a Reuters factbox said the closure runs until October 17 under a NOTAM issued Monday, and Qatar Airways said Monday it had temporarily suspended flights to and from Riyadh and Dammam. — [Reuters](#)
- The Saudi-led coalition said on Monday, October 12 it destroyed a Houthi ballistic missile fired toward Riyadh, after Saudi Arabia issued a warning alert for a potential hostile threat in the capital. — [Reuters](#)
- About 60% of scheduled flights at Riyadh were expected to be cancelled on Monday, October 12, after 99.7% were cancelled on Sunday; Lufthansa cancelled Riyadh flights until October 16, Air France-KLM extended its Riyadh suspension to end-October, and Delta delayed its planned Atlanta–Riyadh launch to March 2027. — [Reuters](#)

Trump says he does not believe China and Russia are helping Iran

- President Trump said late on Monday, October 12 he did not believe China and Russia were helping Iran at all, saying they had too much to lose and any help would be at a very low level and quickly detected by the United States. — [Reuters](#)

U.S. Embassy in Baghdad urges Americans not to travel to Iraq

- The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad issued a security alert on October 12, 2026, urging Americans not to travel to Iraq due to heightened risk of violence and kidnapping, and advising those in Iraq to keep a low profile, review personal security plans, and have updated travel documents. — [Reuters](#)

India engages Oman over crew of ship seized by Iran in Hormuz

- India is engaging Oman to help secure the release of the Indian crew of the MV Visha, a vessel seized by Iran in the Strait of Hormuz in May 2026 and still detained. — [Al Jazeera](#)

Markets

- Brent crude traded at \$104.22 a barrel on October 13, easing after settling at \$106.65 a barrel on Monday, as Russian diesel supply prospects countered Gulf supply risks. — [Reuters](#)
- WTI crude traded at \$91.67 a barrel on October 13, in the same easing session. — [Reuters](#)

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