US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthi attack on Dammam airport kills two, Saudi authorities say

- Saudi authorities said two people were killed and eight injured in the Wednesday evening, October 21 attack on King Fahd International Airport in Dammam, revising the one person killed and eight injured reported earlier, Reuters reported on Thursday, October 22. — Reuters
- Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis struck several targets in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, October 21, with at least one person killed and eight more wounded at a civilian airport in Dammam, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Riyadh has answered the Houthi attacks with a wave of strikes on missile launcher sites, has vowed to protect the kingdom, and said it has intercepted many of the group's ballistic missiles, Reuters reported on October 22. — Reuters

Houthi drone attack on Saudi oil field kills two

- Two people were killed in a Houthi drone attack on a Saudi oil field on Wednesday, October 21, Reuters reported on October 22. — Reuters

U.S. orders diplomats and families out of Saudi missions after Houthi attacks

- The United States ordered some diplomats and family members to leave its missions in Saudi Arabia after the Houthi attacks, and the U.S. State Department plans to withdraw family members from a number of other U.S. missions in the region, U.S. officials told Reuters on October 22. — Reuters

IRGC Navy says seven vessels hit in Gulf and near Hormuz; Sirik explosions unexplained

- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy said on Thursday, October 22 that four vessels involved in illegal oil transfers in the northern Persian Gulf were simultaneously hit and caught fire after being tracked by its forces on Wednesday, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The IRGC Navy added that three more vessels collided with mines west of the Strait of Hormuz, and warned the U.S. military that continued provocations could lead to a wider response against its regional bases, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Explosions were heard in Sirik in southern Iran on Wednesday, October 21, Iranian media reported, saying the nature and origin of the explosions were unknown, Reuters reported on October 22. — Reuters

Greece says it is implementing Iran-linked sanctions after Karnakis designation

- Greece's finance ministry said on Thursday, October 22 that it was implementing sanctions in place linked to Iran, had taken note of the U.S. Treasury statement sanctioning Karnakis and Karnakis, and was evaluating all available information and taking appropriate measures under national, EU and international law, Reuters reported. — Reuters

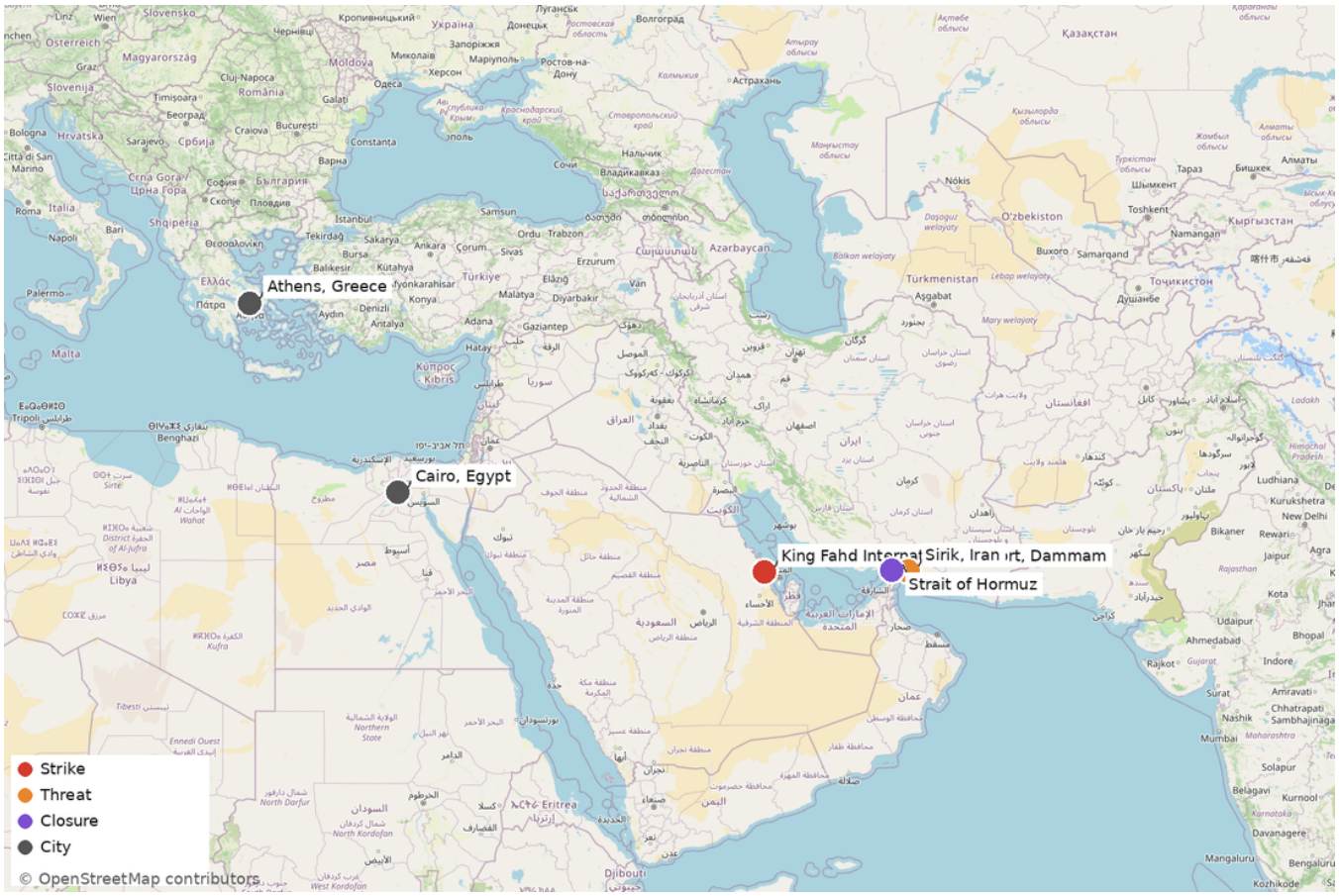
Saudi crown prince in Cairo for talks with Sisi on regional developments

- Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman arrived in Cairo on Thursday, October 22 for a state visit, in his first public trip abroad since the U.S.-Iran war began in late February, Haaretz reported, citing Reuters. — Haaretz
- Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi received the crown prince at Cairo International Airport, and the two were set to discuss bilateral relations and regional developments, Haaretz reported. — Haaretz
- Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said on Wednesday, October 21 that Egypt's military effort to defend Saudi Arabia would not include an attack on Yemen and would be limited to defending the kingdom's territory and borders, and that Egypt would also defend any other Arab country if asked, according to an Egyptian presidency spokesperson statement reported by Reuters. — Reuters

Markets

- Oil prices rallied more than two dollars a barrel on Thursday, October 22 after more Houthi attacks in Saudi Arabia stoked concerns over a broader escalation and further disruptions to crude supplies, with Brent crude futures climbing $2.82, or 2.59 percent, to $111.64 a barrel at 0626 GMT, close to a five-month high, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude gained $2.24, or 2.31 percent, to $99.39 a barrel on Thursday, October 22, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- U.S. crude stocks fell by 3.06 million barrels to 412.5 million barrels last week, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday, compared with analysts' expectations in a Reuters poll for an 820,000-barrel draw, Reuters reported. — 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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