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Houthis claim attacks on Saudi East-West oil pumping stations and Riyadh airport; coalition says it intercepted a missile bound for Riyadh

- Yemen's Houthi group said on Monday, October 26, 2026 that it had attacked Saudi Arabia's East-West crude oil pumping stations and Riyadh airport, but there was no immediate Saudi confirmation, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said it had destroyed two ballistic missile launchers in the capital Sanaa, including one used to fire a missile towards Riyadh that the coalition said it had intercepted, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Al Jazeera independently reported that Yemen's Houthis fired a missile towards Riyadh and carried the Saudi-led coalition's account that it destroyed two ballistic missile launchers in Sanaa. — [Al Jazeera](#)
- Saudi authorities partially reopened Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport on Sunday, October 25, 2026 after a halt that had started on October 10, with domestic flights resuming from Terminal 1 and national carriers allowed to operate international services from Terminal 2, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- About 86% of scheduled flights at Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport — 4,071 of 4,736 — were cancelled between October 8 and October 25, 2026, according to aviation analytics firm Cirium data reported by Reuters, and more than 7,800 flights, or 45% of all scheduled departures from Saudi airports, were cancelled over the same period. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi Arabia plans to store crude oil at Singapore's Jurong Rock Caverns from the second half of 2027 to bolster regional supply security, the two countries' energy ministers said on Monday, October 26, 2026, as the war disrupted Asia-bound shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Mecca Pact defence officials meet Iranian officials in Tehran

- Top officials from the Mecca Pact countries Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan are set to meet Iranian officials in Tehran on Monday, October 26, 2026 to discuss regional coordination, according to two people with knowledge of the matter, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Saudi Arabia will be represented at the Tehran meeting by Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman and Pakistan by army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, and Turkey's head of intelligence will also join, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Officials of a Saudi-led defence pact gathered in Tehran on Monday for talks with senior Iranian officials on the product of their talks, which will be announced, Al Jazeera reported. — [Al Jazeera](#)
- The Tehran meeting was initiated by Pakistan during army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir's visit to Tehran last week, when he met President Masoud Pezeshkian and other senior officials, and Iranian officials told him there would be no talks with Washington until Tehran's demands were met, according to Iranian media cited by Reuters. — [Reuters](#)

- Pakistan approved the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement last week and efforts by Turkey's parliament to ratify the agreement began last week and are still underway, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- The Egyptian pound hit a record low of 56 pounds per U.S. dollar on Monday, October 26, 2026, LSEG data showed, before a parliamentary vote expected that day to authorise the armed forces to provide defensive support to Saudi Arabia against Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis if requested, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Qatar's prime minister discusses de-escalation with Iran's foreign minister

- Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani held a phone call on Sunday, October 25, 2026 with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi to discuss the latest regional and international developments and joint efforts to promote stability and de-escalation, Al Jazeera reported. — [Al Jazeera](#)

Trump expects a deal with Xi at Thursday's summit in South Korea

- U.S. President Donald Trump said the United States and China were set to "come away with a deal" ahead of a meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2026 with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea, Reuters reported on October 25. — [Reuters](#)
- Trump departed for a trip to Asia that includes stops in Malaysia, Japan and South Korea, where he is set to meet President Xi Jinping, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

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