

US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Houthis claim attacks on Ras Tanura, Rabigh and Abqaiq; damage unconfirmed

- Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Thursday, October 29, 2026 that they had attacked several sites in Saudi Arabia, including its largest oil refinery Ras Tanura, the Rabigh refinery and an Aramco facility in Abqaiq, Reuters reported on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The Associated Press reported that the Houthis announced attacks on Aramco oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, corroborating that the claim was made; no vetted outlet has confirmed damage at Ras Tanura, Rabigh or Abqaiq. — [Associated Press](#)
- A Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted a cruise missile launched by the Houthis towards Saudi Arabia's western region, Reuters reported on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)

IRGC says three tankers hit mines south of Hormuz; no independent confirmation

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards said three tankers hit sea mines, exploded and caught fire while attempting to use an unauthorised route south of the Strait of Hormuz, Reuters reported on October 30, 2026; no independent vetted source has confirmed tanker damage. — [Reuters](#)
- ExxonMobil and Chevron have cancelled plans for their executives to travel to the United Arab Emirates' biggest oil show next week amid security concerns in the region, two sources familiar with the developments told Reuters on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)

Coalition says drone intercepted over Mecca region; Houthis deny any attack that day

- The Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted and destroyed a drone launched by Yemen's Houthis over the Mecca region on Friday, October 30, 2026, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)
- Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree denied on Friday, October 30, 2026 that the group had launched any attack towards Saudi Arabia that day, dismissing the Saudi-led coalition's Mecca-region drone account as false and saying Houthi operations target Saudi oil facilities and military bases, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Qatari mediators return to Tehran after Iran rejects draft plan

- Qatari mediators returned to Tehran on Friday, October 30, 2026 as part of efforts to reach a deal between the United States and Iran, in mediation talks coordinated with the United States, an official briefed on the talks told Reuters. — [Reuters](#)
- Qatar presented a draft peace plan to Iran on Sunday, but a senior Iranian official dismissed the proposals as unacceptable; Washington wants nuclear issues included from the start, while Tehran demands the United States first end its port blockade and lift oil export sanctions, Reuters reported on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)

- President Donald Trump said on Thursday, October 29, 2026 that Vice President JD Vance's outreach to Iran was about helping the country get medical supplies, and denied he had directed Vance to reach out to revive peace negotiations, Reuters reported. — [Reuters](#)

Markets

- Brent crude was at \$113.51 a barrel on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$104.11 a barrel on October 30, 2026. — [Reuters](#)
- The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield was 4.99% on October 29, 2026. — [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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