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Iranian negotiators leave Doha as a draft proposal circulates

- Iranian negotiators have left talks with Qatari mediators aimed at ending the war with the United States, and a draft proposal is being circulated with a follow-up meeting possible, an official briefed on the talks said on Monday, November 2, 2026, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The negotiators departed on Sunday, though not because of difficulties in the negotiations, the official said, without providing further details on the draft proposal, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said the basis of the talks is a seven-step plan Iran drew up in September to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the US naval blockade on Iran, with Tehran now suggesting that proposal could be implemented on a faster timeline under a deal, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Baghaei said Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi had been in Doha to facilitate the exchange of messages with Washington via Qatari intermediaries, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Baghaei said no final agreement can be initiated, nor can the Strait of Hormuz be reopened or secured, unless the US naval blockade is brought to an end, Iran's demands are respected, and Iran's legitimate requirements are addressed, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- On Saturday, Qatari broadcaster Al Jazeera quoted Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi as saying that under a deal the Strait of Hormuz could be opened within a two-day timeline rather than within the seven days originally envisaged, and Iran's initial proposal was rejected by US President Donald Trump, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The latest round of diplomacy comes amid concerns that the conflict could escalate again after Tuesday's midterm elections in the United States; President Trump has said the United States would not launch new attacks on Iran before the vote and that talks with Tehran have been productive, though he has not ruled out further military action, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Nearly a billion barrels drained from inventories since the Hormuz disruption, ADNOC chief says

- Since shipping through the Strait of Hormuz was disrupted by the US-Israeli war on Iran, nearly 1 billion oil barrels have been drained from global inventories, the chief executive of Abu Dhabi's state-owned oil company ADNOC said on Monday, November 2, 2026, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The world has eroded its supply buffers, ADNOC chief executive Sultan Al Jaber added, 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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