US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Iran Defends Two-Day Talks Proposal as Trump Meets Qatar's Prime Minister

- Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei defended Tehran's two-day proposal to restart peace talks on Monday, calling it the most reasonable offer on the table and asking whether it is unreasonable to demand the US lift sanctions and its naval blockade and end the war on all fronts before negotiations start, in response to Secretary of State Marco Rubio calling Iran's conditions 'outrageous and ridiculous' on Sunday. — Reuters
- Iran's proposal to end the war involves an end to the US blockade of its ports, the lifting of some sanctions and a halt to bombing in return for Tehran stopping its own blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, with talks on its nuclear programme and other sanctions to follow; the US has repeatedly rejected that plan, which Iran has said could be condensed to a two-day timeframe. — Reuters
- Senior UAE official Anwar Gargash warned on Monday at a conference in Abu Dhabi that a comprehensive US-Iran political settlement appeared difficult and the region should prepare for a long period of uncertainty, as senior US and Gulf officials cast doubt on an imminent deal. — Reuters
- President Trump will meet Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, who is both prime minister and foreign minister and visited Tehran last week, in Washington later on Monday, along with Vice President JD Vance; Qatar has been a prime mediator since early in the war. — Reuters
- Baghaei also said US pressure on Iraq to close most of its borders with Iran should not affect bilateral ties with Baghdad. — Reuters

US Struck Iran's Qeshm Island Overnight, Iranian Media Say

- The US struck Iran's Qeshm Island on Sunday night, according to Iranian state media; a provincial official told Iran's semi-official Fars news agency on Monday the strikes did not impact vital infrastructure or services, and the US has not commented on the Iranian media reports. — Reuters

Iran Says Navigation Aids Destroyed in Southern Hormuz, No Unauthorised Transits Overnight

- Navigational aid systems in the south of the Strait of Hormuz were destroyed and no unauthorised vessels transited the maritime route overnight, an unnamed Revolutionary Guards Navy official told Iranian state media on Monday. — Reuters
- Attacks on tankers in the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz ramped up sharply in October and have continued at the highest rate since the start of the war, figures from international maritime agencies showed last week; on Sunday Iran said a tanker had hit a mine east of the Strait of Hormuz. — Reuters

Saudi Arabia Says Danger Passed in Riyadh a Day After Houthi Attack

- Saudi Arabia's civil defence authorities said danger had passed in Riyadh on Monday, minutes after raising an alert, a day after an attack by Yemen's Houthis damaged an office building of oil giant Aramco in the city. — Reuters

- On Sunday, debris from an attempted attack blew out windows across several floors of Aramco Tower in Riyadh's financial district; the Saudi energy ministry said the damage was limited and there were no casualties, while the Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted Houthi missiles over the capital, and the Houthis claimed responsibility and have stepped up missile and drone strikes on Saudi airports, ports and oil facilities. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude fell 1.5% to $96.91 a barrel by 0629 GMT on Monday, November 9, after President Trump downplayed the likelihood of new strikes on Iran. — Reuters
- US West Texas Intermediate crude fell 1% to $89.85 a barrel by 0629 GMT on Monday, November 9. — Reuters

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