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Iran Says It Targeted a U.S. Early-Warning Radar in Bahrain

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Friday, November 13, 2026 that they targeted a U.S. early-warning radar in Bahrain, the first such claim of an attack on American military assets in a Gulf country since early September. — Reuters
- The Guards said the strike was in retaliation for what they described as an air attack on a telecommunications tower in Iran's southern Sirik county, in Hormozgan province, according to Iranian state media; there was no immediate comment from the United States or Bahrain. — Reuters
- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said its Aerospace Force struck and destroyed the radar; that stronger version was carried by Iranian state media, could not be independently verified, and the United States had yet to confirm the attack. — The Times

Iran Says a Gas Tanker Hit a Mine and Exploded in the Strait of Hormuz

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards navy said a tanker carrying liquefied natural gas struck a naval mine and suffered an explosion in the Strait of Hormuz on Friday, November 13, 2026, while using what they described as an unauthorised and dangerous route, state media reported. — Reuters
- No details on the tanker were immediately available. — Reuters

Diplomacy: No Restart After Trump Pulled Vance Off Iran Talks

- President Donald Trump said on Thursday, November 12, 2026 that he wanted Vice President JD Vance to focus his complete and total attention on crime and corruption, declaring: 'We don't need a deal with Iran.' — Reuters
- Vance had opened a communications channel with Iranian security chief Mohsen Rezaei and considered face-to-face talks, with U.S. officials at an early stage of discussing in-person meetings; Trump had in recent days told aides he was open to Vance restarting talks and had empowered him to negotiate. — Wall Street Journal
- Vance distanced himself from the war on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 after the Republicans' midterm election rout, questioning whether it was worth the cost, blaming the war for the election losses, and saying an earlier recommendation to end the war was sound advice. — Reuters

Houthis Claim Attack on Saudi East-West Pipeline and Yanbu Oil Facility

- Yemen's Houthis said on Thursday, November 12, 2026 that they had attacked a pumping station on Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline and an oil facility in Yanbu; Saudi Arabia did not immediately respond and the Houthis did not specify the day of the attack. — Reuters
- Saudi Arabia has rerouted about 4 million barrels per day of crude through the East-West pipeline to Yanbu while the Strait of Hormuz is disrupted. — Reuters
- A Houthi spokesman on Thursday, November 12, 2026 denied targeting Mecca with two ballistic missiles that Saudi civil defence said were intercepted on Wednesday, with debris falling in the Mecca region including Sabuhah village. — Reuters

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