US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Turkey Completes Ratification of Mecca Defence Pact as Parties Meet in Islamabad

- President Tayyip Erdogan formally approved the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on Friday, November 27, 2026, completing Turkey's ratification of the pact after parliament ratified it on November 5, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Under the agreement, which the three countries signed in Mecca in August amid the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran, an attack on one party constitutes an attack on all, and the three countries are scheduled to meet in Islamabad on Friday and Saturday, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Ratification clears the way for Ankara to send military support to Riyadh amid attacks by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militants against the kingdom, and a ruling party lawmaker told Reuters last month Turkey would also submit a mandate allowing military personnel to be deployed to Saudi Arabia under the pact. — Reuters
- Turkey has NATO's second-largest military, Saudi Arabia is one of the world's top oil exporters, and Pakistan is the only nuclear-armed Muslim country, Reuters noted. — Reuters

Coalition Says Houthis Attacked Aramco's Jazan Refinery

- The Saudi-led military coalition said on Thursday, November 26, 2026 that Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis attacked Saudi Aramco's Jazan refinery, a day after hitting the largest oil refinery in the kingdom, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The Jazan refinery, in the southwestern city of Jazan near the Yemeni border, is designed to process up to 400,000 barrels of crude oil per day, and the coalition said it later destroyed a ballistic missile launch platform in the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah that it said the Houthis used in Thursday's attack, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- On Wednesday the Houthis claimed attacks on Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia's largest refinery and a major crude export hub, and the Red Sea ports of Jeddah and Jazan; the coalition said it intercepted four drones over Ras Tanura and air defences destroyed a drone near Jeddah Islamic Port, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- The coalition said earlier that targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure would be met with a firm military response, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Australia Sanctions Two People Over Antisemitic Attacks It Blames on Iran's IRGC

- Australia on Friday, November 27, 2026 placed counterterrorism financing sanctions on two people it said were responsible for antisemitic attacks in the country on behalf of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Reuters reported. — Reuters

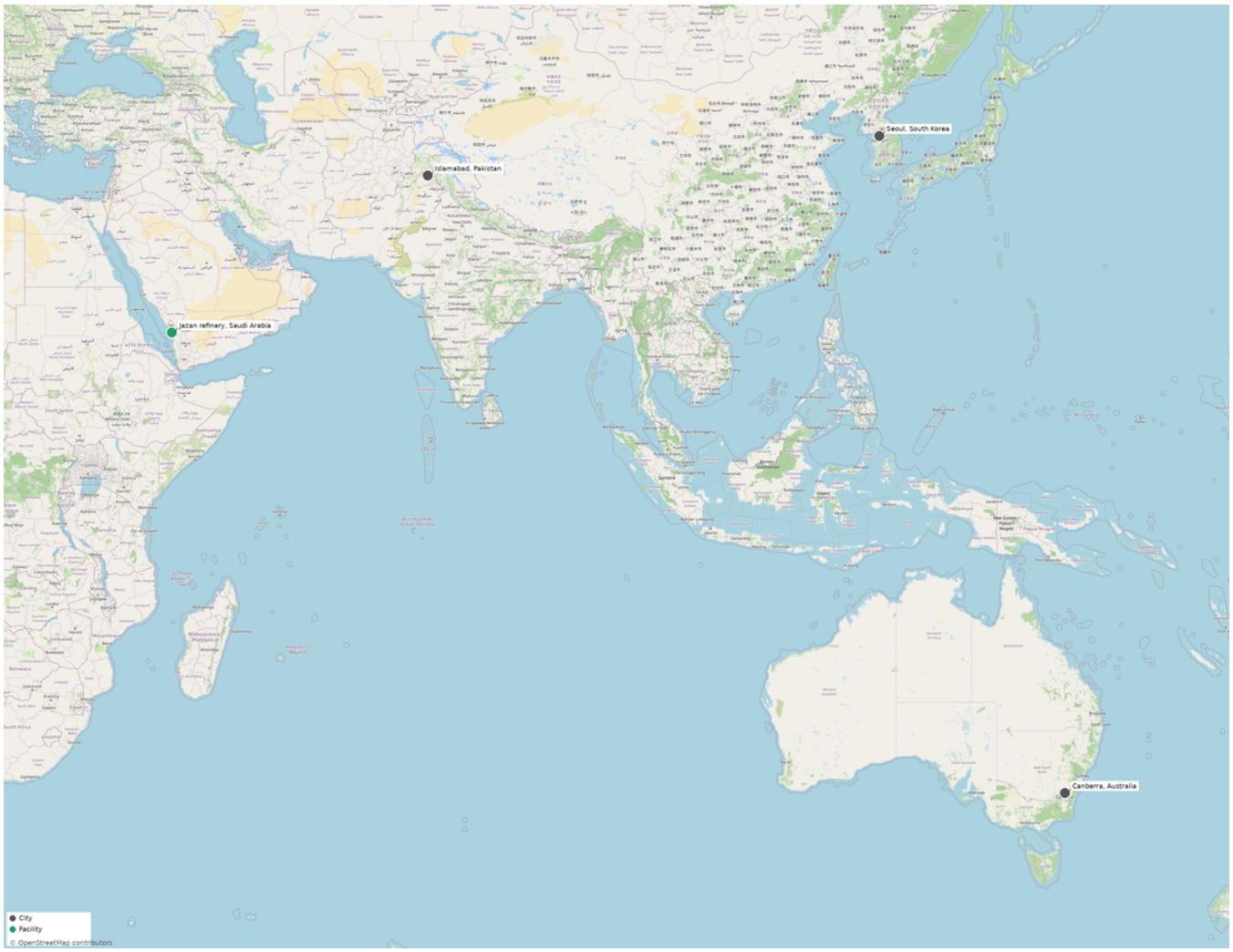
Araghchi Warns South Korea as Seoul Readies Expanded Naval Role Near the Gulf

- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told his South Korean counterpart Cho Hyun by telephone on Thursday, November 26, 2026 that a foreign military presence in the Gulf would heighten tensions and expand the scope of conflict, as South Korea's parliament reviews expanding its Cheonghae naval unit's operating area to waters south of the Gulf of Oman, Reuters reported. — Reuters
- Cho reaffirmed that Seoul did not intend to join any war or deploy troops to the Gulf and said the unit's mission is to ensure the safety of South Koreans and protect the country's economic interests; South Korea sourced 70 percent of its oil from the Middle East in 2025, most of it shipped through the Strait of Hormuz, Reuters reported. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude traded at $96.19 a barrel early on Friday, November 27, 2026, down 38 cents, holding near the month's high after settling at its highest since November 6 on Thursday. — Reuters
- U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude traded at $85.41 a barrel on Friday, November 27, 2026, up $1.73 from Wednesday's close; there was no Thursday settlement because of the Thanksgiving holiday. — Reuters
- The U.S. ten-year Treasury yield stood at 4.8918 percent on Friday, November 27, 2026, up four basis points on the day as the cash market reopened after Thanksgiving. — 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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