US–Iran Conflict Briefing

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Iran Flogs Singer Parastoo Ahmadi in Hardliner Warning, Insiders Say

- Parastoo Ahmadi, 29, and four members of her production team each received 74 lashes on Monday for a livestreamed performance near Qom in which she had bare shoulders, no headscarf and male musicians. — Reuters
- Three officials and two other Iranian establishment insiders told Reuters the flogging was a warning to potential dissidents and a sop to hardline supporters whose loyalty is critical to upholding the ruling system's rule. — Reuters

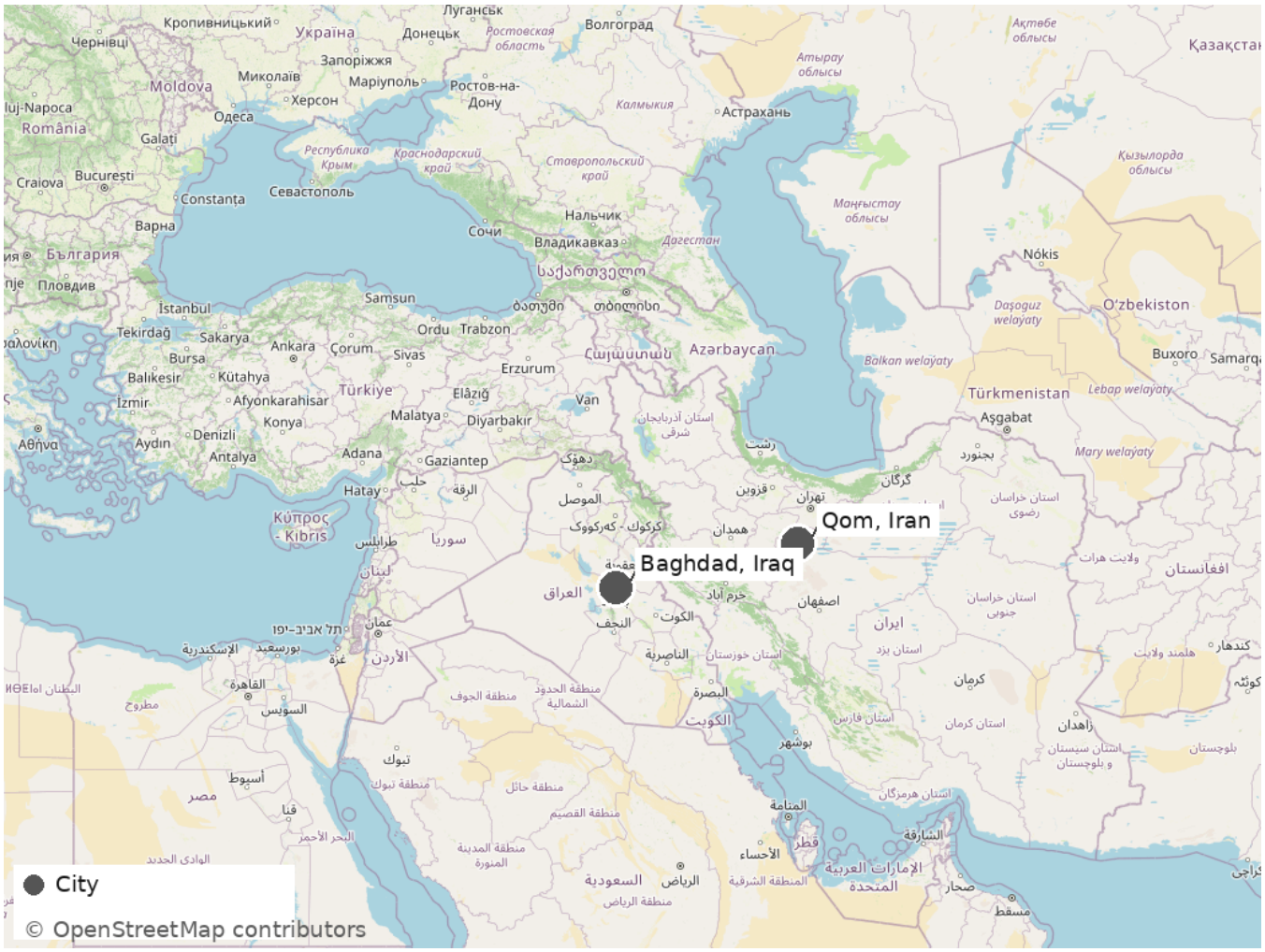
Trump Backs Iraqi Leader's Drive Against Iran-Aligned Militias

- President Trump on Friday, November 27, 2026 publicly backed Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi's drive to assert state authority, stop Iraqi oil smuggling and bring all weapons under exclusive state control — moves Reuters reported put Baghdad in direct confrontation with Iran's militia allies and Kurdish authorities. — Reuters
- Iraq on Thursday closed two Kurdistan-region border crossings, one with Iran and one with Syria, after Zaidi ordered federal control of crossings run by the semi-autonomous regional government, a week after ordering a showdown with the Iran-aligned Kataib Hezbollah over an alleged smuggling operation at Jurf al-Sakhar. — Reuters

Markets

- Brent crude settled at $95.44 a barrel on Friday, November 27, 2026, down 1.2 percent on the day and snapping a three-week losing streak. — Wall Street Journal
- West Texas Intermediate crude for January delivery settled at $83.08 a barrel on Friday, November 27, 2026, down 0.7 percent. — Wall Street Journal

Conflict map



Markers show reported strike sites, bases, and shipping areas. Purple polygons mark approximate or announced closure / exclusion zones.

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