



THE BREAKFAST TABLE

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TOP STORY • SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN

Airports Become Targets in Yemen's Widening War

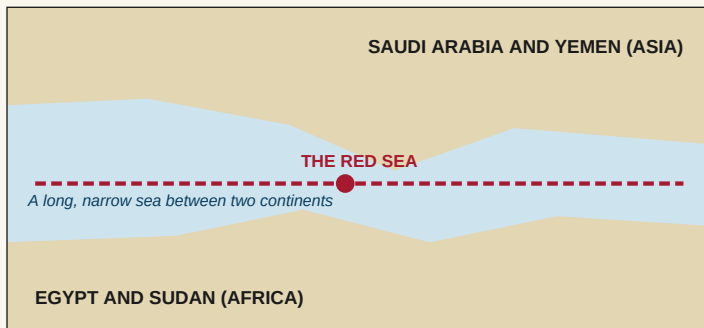
Saudi officials say attacks on airports from October 6 to 11 killed at least 20 people.

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Saudi Arabia is in a fight with the Houthis, a group that controls Sanaa and parts of north-west Yemen. Yemen is the country just south of Saudi Arabia. A truce set up by the United Nations in 2022 mostly held for years. It has now collapsed.

The Houthi leader calls the attacks tit-for-tat. He says the policy is "airports for airports, ports for ports." That came after Sanaa's airport was hit. The Saudi-backed Yemeni government says that strike aimed to stop an Iranian plane from landing there.

Saudi aviation officials counted at least 20 deaths and 356 injuries at airports between October 6 and 11. The worst strike hit Riyadh's main airport on October 10 and killed at least 12 people. On Wednesday, the Saudi-led coalition said it stopped a missile fired toward Riyadh.



Saudi Arabia and Yemen sit on the eastern shore of the Red Sea.

WHY IT MATTERS

When airports are hit, families, workers and aid flights far from the fighting are affected.

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WORLD • THE GULF

Attacks on Ships Keep Oil Above \$100

A barrel of Brent crude cost about \$108 on Friday, one report said.

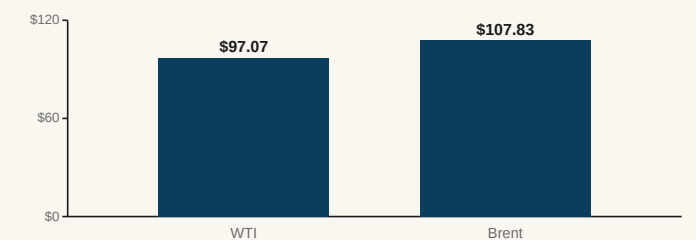
The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage next to Iran. Oil tankers from many countries sail through it. In late February the United States and Israel attacked Iran, and the strait was closed, according to one report.

Iran has since attacked tankers there. UK officials reported at least nine attacks in October alone. Brent crude, a standard measure of oil prices, hit \$110 a barrel at one point. When oil is harder to move, it costs more.

On Friday, one market report put Brent at about \$108 and US oil, called WTI, at about \$97. Yahoo Finance reported that global fuel prices began climbing in the spring after the US and Israel attacked Iran in late February.

OIL PRICES, OCTOBER 16

US dollars a barrel



One market report put Brent at \$107.83 and WTI at \$97.07.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Oil is sold around the world, so a problem on one sea lane can change fuel prices in a country that never sails there. That is why a fight in the Gulf shows up in the US inflation figures on page 2, where gasoline was the main driver.

UNITED STATES • PRICES

US Prices Rose 3.7% in a Year, Led by Petrol

The report came about three weeks before the November 3 elections.

Inflation is how fast prices rise. On October 14, the US Labor Department said consumer prices in September were 3.7% higher than a year earlier. In August the figure was 3.4%.

Gasoline, which Americans call gas, was the main driver. Prices also rose 0.6% from August to September, the biggest monthly gain in five months. Prices for things other than food and energy rose 2.6% over the year, up from 2.4%.

The central bank, called the Federal Reserve, meets on October 27 and 28. Higher inflation puts more pressure on it to raise its key interest rate.

WHY IT MATTERS

Prices touch every family's budget, and voters say the cost of living is their main worry as midterm elections near.

Also in United States

- Elections: Election Day is November 3, and all 435 House seats are up.
- Jobs: Weekly jobless claims fell to 197,000 in the week to October 3.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Ukraine: Russia attacked all three of Kyiv's heat and power plants, and at least 600,000 people had no electricity, President Zelenskyy said.
- Albania: Students protested for a third day in Tirana and demanded the prime minister resign.

TALK ABOUT IT

Questions for the table

Why might a fight over a sea lane change petrol prices where you live?

Who should decide where people may protest, and why?

What do families lose when power plants or airports are attacked?

INDIA • DELHI

Delhi Ends Jantar Mantar as a Protest Site

Police named three new places where protests may be held.

Jantar Mantar is a well-known spot in New Delhi where people have gathered to protest. A Delhi Police order dated October 11 says it is no longer a protest site. The order names Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in East Delhi instead.

The order says it follows advice from a committee set up by the Home Ministry. The Indian Youth Congress president, Uday Bhanu Chib, has asked the Delhi High Court to overturn the change. Police told the court the decision was based on a Supreme Court order of October 9.

The change came as protests over voter lists grew. The Supreme Court has linked a petition by opposition leaders about the voter-list revision to another case. Both are due to be heard on October 27.

Leaders of the Cockroach Janta Party, a protest group, were detained near Jantar Mantar after trying to enter the site.

WHY IT MATTERS

Where citizens may protest is part of how a democracy lets people disagree with those in power.

SPORTS CORNER

FOOTBALL

The Saudi Pro League moved three games. **Al Ahli v Al Nassr**, Cristiano Ronaldo's team, is now set for 6 March 2027. Two other games move to 19 December. The league said it was for rest time between matches.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Whether the Fed raises interest rates on October 28.
- What the Supreme Court hears on October 27.

"Good questions are the first step to good understanding."

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.