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Riyadh's Airport Partly Reopens as Houthi Attacks Go On

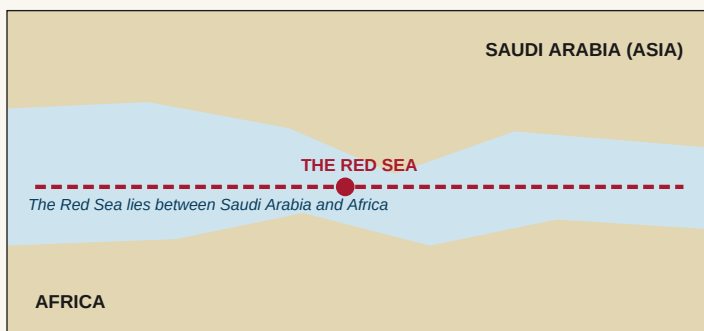
Saudi forces say they shot down a missile and a drone on the day the terminals reopened.

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Saudi Arabia reopened two terminals at the main airport in its capital, Riyadh, on Sunday. The airport is called King Khalid International. It had been out of service for more than two weeks after strikes by the Houthis, an armed group from Yemen, the country just south of Saudi Arabia.

The attacks did not stop on reopening day. A Saudi military spokesman said forces destroyed a missile and a drone fired by the Houthis. A Houthi spokesperson then warned airlines and passengers that the airport was a military target and unsafe to use. Flight-tracking data showed that few planes were flying.

The fighting is also being felt far away. Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia have pushed up the price of oil, which is used to make fuel for cars, planes and ships. Today's World story explains the latest price.



Riyadh is Saudi Arabia's capital.

WHY IT MATTERS

Airports link a country to the world. When one is attacked, flights, trade and prices can all be affected.

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WORLD • OIL

Oil Closes at \$116.72 a Barrel After New Attacks

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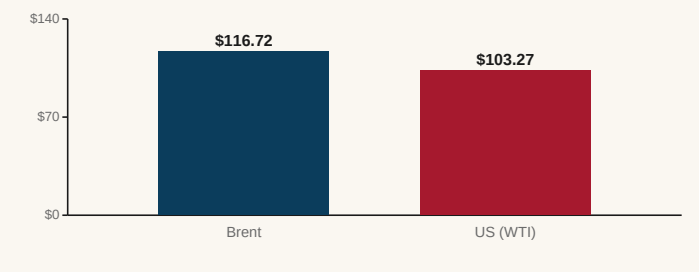
Oil is sold by the barrel, and Brent is one of the main oil prices. On Friday it settled at \$116.72 a barrel. Settled means the price it closed at when trading ended for the day. That was \$3.55 higher than the day before, and the highest closing price since 29 April.

A second oil price, called West Texas Intermediate, closed at \$103.27 a barrel. The Houthis said they had attacked Saudi Arabia's Defence Ministry, two airports and an oil company site over 48 hours. Two people died in attacks at Dammam airport, and several others were hurt. The price rose by 3.14% in a single day.

Traders are not sure oil is actually being lost. One analysis says no barrels were missing yet, and that the price shows traders' worry about future supply. That is why the price can jump even before any oil goes missing.

TWO OIL PRICES, FRIDAY

Dollars per barrel



Brent finished the week up about 6%. Source: The Star.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Oil is bought and sold around the world, so worry about supply in the Middle East can show up in the price of fuel in countries far away.

UNITED STATES • ELECTIONS

Early Voting Breaks Records Before the Midterms

Georgia passed one million early votes, and a big Texas county set a first-day record.

Midterm elections happen halfway through a president's four-year term. Americans use them to choose members of Congress, the group that writes the country's laws. This year's Election Day is 3 November, but many people are already voting early.

In Georgia, more than 1 million early votes have been cast. At the same point in 2022, the last midterm year, the number was almost 895,000. In Harris County, Texas, over 104,000 people voted in person on the first day. That beat the first-day record of 63,188 set in 2018.

Over four days, 384,304 people voted in person in Harris County, also a midterm record. Early voting in Texas and Georgia runs until 30 October.

WHY IT MATTERS

Congress decides on laws and budgets, so a high turnout means more people helped choose who makes them.

Also in United States

- Polls: One forecast gives Democrats an 88% chance of winning the House of Representatives.
- Approval: An average of polls puts President Trump's approval at 37%, according to NPR.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Serbia: Millions voted on Sunday in a snap election, a vote called earlier than planned, as students challenged the long-time leader Aleksandar Vucic. Turnout was reported to be the highest since 1992.
- Russia and Ukraine: Russia says it agrees in principle to restart three-way talks with Ukraine and the United States after 10 November.

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Why might attacks on an airport in one country change what families pay for fuel in another?

Why might high turnout in an election matter to the people who win and lose?

What could your town do to get ready for a big storm?

INDIA • WEATHER

Cyclone Arnab Is Due to Reach Andhra Pradesh on 28 October

Red alerts are out in several states, and fishing boats have been called back to shore.

A cyclone is a huge spinning storm that forms over warm sea and brings strong wind and heavy rain. India's weather office, the IMD, says Cyclone Arnab is expected to cross the coast of Andhra Pradesh around the forenoon of 28 October. The storm is likely to come ashore between the towns of Bapatla and Visakhapatnam.

The IMD expects steady winds of 115 to 125 kmph, with gusts up to 140 kmph. It has issued red alerts for heavy rain, its highest level, in several states. It also warns that the storm's track and strength may still change.

Officials are getting ready. Fishermen are barred from the sea, and by 24 October, 29,952 of Andhra Pradesh's 30,043 fishing boats were back in port. In Odisha, schools and colleges in five districts will stay shut on 28 and 29 October. The chief minister has asked officials to move people from risky areas, with special care for elderly people, patients and pregnant women.

WHY IT MATTERS

Warnings, shelters and staying ashore are how coastal communities keep people safe when a cyclone arrives.

SPORTS CORNER

BASEBALL: BREWERS LEAD THE WORLD SERIES 2-0

The Milwaukee Brewers lead the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 in the World Series. They won Game 1 by 3-2 and Game 2 by 5-4, after the Rays led 4-0 after the first inning. **Cooper Pratt's** hit in the seventh won Game 2. Game 3 is on Monday in St. Petersburg, Florida.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Serbia's official election result.
- Whether Cyclone Arnab crosses the coast on 28 October as forecast.

"A storm warning only helps if people listen to it in time." — The Editor

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.