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TOP STORY • SAUDI ARABIA

Houthis Say They Hit Saudi Oil Pumping Stations

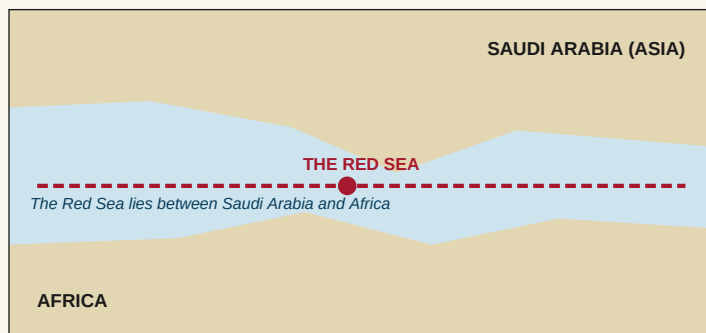
The group also says it attacked Riyadh's airport again, a day after two terminals reopened.

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The East-West pipeline is about 1,200 kilometres long and carries Saudi crude oil across the country. On Monday the Houthis, an armed group in Yemen, said they had attacked its pumping stations and the airport in Riyadh, the capital. Saudi Arabia did not confirm the attacks.

The pipeline matters because the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow sea lane that ships normally use to leave the Gulf, has been largely shut by the war. That makes the pipeline an important way for oil to leave.

What does this mean at home? In the United States, the average price of a gallon of petrol was \$4.28 on Sunday, according to the motoring group AAA. Oil prices eased on Monday after rising close to a six-month high last week.



The East-West pipeline carries oil across Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea coast.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil from the Gulf fuels cars, planes and ships everywhere, so a threat to one pipeline can change what families pay far away.

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WORLD • BRAZIL

Lula Wins Brazil's Presidential Election

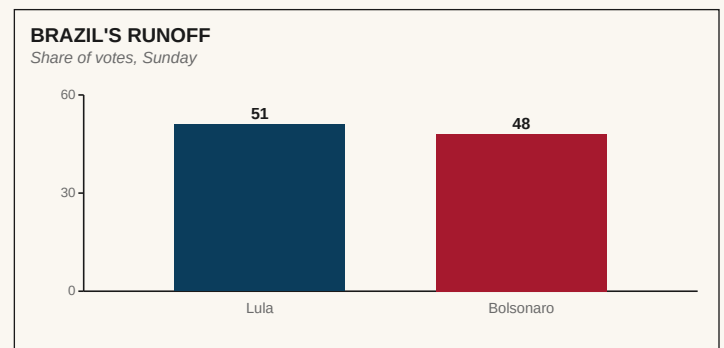
His rival says he will try to have the result cancelled.

Brazil, the biggest country in South America, voted for a president on Sunday. It was a second round, called a runoff, between the two candidates who did best in the first round. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won with just over 51% of the votes. Senator Flavio Bolsonaro got 48%.

The contest was close. In the first round on 4 October, Bolsonaro led 47% to 45%, but neither man reached the 50% needed to win. Brazilian shares fell sharply after the result, according to CNBC.

Lula won by more than 4 million votes, with counting still going. Bolsonaro has not accepted the result. He said it was impossible to acknowledge and that he will seek to annul it. He objects to a Supreme Court decision to keep voting open two hours longer, until 7pm. Lula's allies said voting was made harder in some areas, pointing to suspended public transport.

Lula will take office on 5 January 2027. At 80, he will be the oldest president to be sworn in since Brazil returned to democracy. He will face a Congress that leans to the right, which could slow down his plans.



Lula's share was just over 51%. Counting was still under way. Source: Al Jazeera.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Flavio Bolsonaro's father, Jair, lost to Lula in 2022 and is now serving 27 years in prison for plotting a coup after that defeat.

UNITED STATES • MONEY

The Federal Reserve Meets as Families Watch Loan Costs

Most coverage expects it to leave its rate unchanged on Wednesday.

The Federal Reserve is the United States' central bank. It sets a key interest rate, which is the price of borrowing money. When that rate moves, the cost of loans for homes, cars and credit cards can move with it. The Fed meets on 27 and 28 October.

In September it raised its rate by a quarter of a percentage point, to a range of 3.75% to 4.00%. On 20 October, the CME FedWatch tool put the chance of no change at about 83%, and of another rise at about 17%. The decision comes at 2pm Eastern Time on Wednesday.

The Fed's chair, Kevin Warsh, has not said what the Fed will do.

WHY IT MATTERS

Interest rates decide how much extra a family pays back on a loan, so the Fed's choice reaches many kitchen tables.

Also in United States

- Midterms: Early voting begins in Washington DC on Monday, in Oklahoma on Wednesday and in Kentucky on Thursday. Election Day is 3 November.
- Senate: Fox News lists Alaska, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Ohio and Texas as toss-up Senate races.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Serbia: A new Student List won Sunday's early election, and long-time leader Aleksandar Vucic said it had won; official results were still to come.
- Israel: Voters choose a new parliament on Tuesday, and the final polls show neither side clearly winning the 61 seats it needs.

TALK ABOUT IT

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Why might an attack on a pipeline in Saudi Arabia change what a family pays for petrol far away?

Why do you think schools close and boats return to shore before a cyclone arrives?

What should a leader do when they lose an election, and why does it matter that they accept it?

INDIA • WEATHER

Cyclone Arnab Is Due to Cross India's Coast on 28 October

Schools shut in five districts of Odisha as the storm grows over the sea.

A cyclone is a giant storm that spins over warm sea water. Arnab is moving across the Bay of Bengal towards the coast of Andhra Pradesh, a state on India's east side. India's weather office says it could become a very severe cyclonic storm before it crosses the coast on the morning of 28 October.

The storm is expected to come ashore between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam. Winds could blow at 115 to 125 kilometres an hour, with gusts of 140. Heavy rain is forecast in Odisha, the state to the north, from 27 October, with extremely heavy rain on 28 October.

Families are being asked to get ready. Schools, colleges and Anganwadi centres, which look after young children, will close on 28 and 29 October in Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput and Malkangiri. Fishing has stopped, and Odisha has 302 rescue teams on standby.

WHY IT MATTERS

A storm warning helps only if families hear it early, which is why schools close and boats return before the wind arrives.

SPORTS CORNER

BASEBALL: BREWERS LEAD THE WORLD SERIES 2-0

The Milwaukee Brewers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 in Game 2 after the Rays scored four runs in the first inning. **Sal Frelick** hit a home run in the sixth to tie it, and **Cooper Pratt**'s single in the seventh put Milwaukee ahead. Game 3 is on Monday night in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the Rays start **Freddy Peralta**, who pitched for the Brewers from 2018 to 2025.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- What the Federal Reserve decides on Wednesday.
- Whether Cyclone Arnab crosses the coast on the morning of 28 October as forecast.

*"A good plan made early is worth more than a hurry made late." —
The Editor*

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.