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Football and Tennis Moved as Missiles Keep Flying

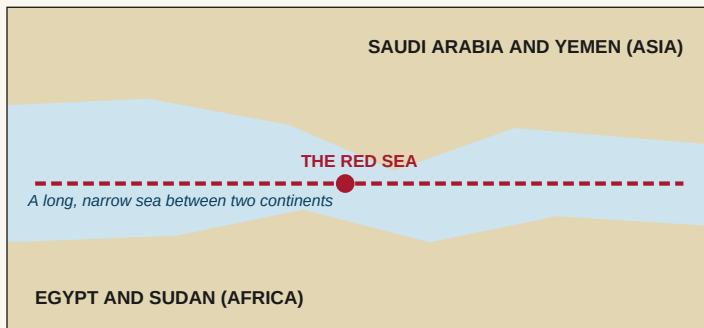
Saudi Arabia says it stopped a missile aimed at its capital on Thursday.

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Saudi Arabia is fighting a war with the Houthis, a group in Yemen. Yemen is the country just south of Saudi Arabia. On Wednesday, the Houthis said they hit an Aramco site in Dhahran. Aramco is Saudi Arabia's giant oil company. A Saudi official said a building was hit and nobody was hurt.

On Thursday, Saudi-backed forces said they stopped a drone heading for the city of Medina and a missile fired toward Riyadh, the capital. Last weekend, attacks on Riyadh's airport reportedly killed 14 people. It is expected to stay shut until Saturday.

The war is changing daily life. The Saudi football league moved three games. Cristiano Ronaldo's team, Al Nassr, now plays its match in March 2027. A big tennis event in Riyadh moved to December.



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

WHY IT MATTERS

When airports and oil sites are hit, people far from Yemen can feel it, and families in the war zone can run short of food.

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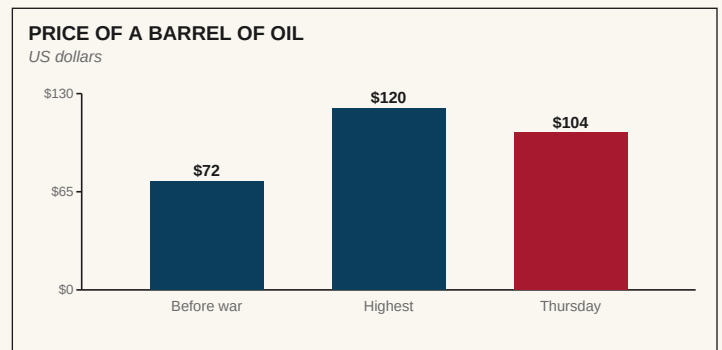
Ships Keep Getting Hit Near a Key Oil Waterway

Oil costs about \$104 a barrel, much more than before the war began.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage. In February, the United States and Israel attacked Iran, and Iran closed the strait. Before the war, at least one fifth of the world's oil and gas passed through it.

A June ceasefire fell apart over who controls the strait. The US now blocks Iran's southern ports. A UK centre counted 15 attacks on ships between October 6 and 14.

When less oil gets out, prices rise. Oil was about \$72 a barrel before the war, nearly \$120 at its highest, and about \$104 on Thursday.



The \$72 is "about" and the \$120 is "nearly".

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil makes fuel for cars, trucks and ships. When it costs more, many things cost more too.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Ukraine: Russian attacks killed at least nine people and left over half a million without power.
- Albania: Students have protested for three days, calling on the prime minister to resign.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Whether Riyadh's airport reopens on Saturday.
- Whether Ukraine and Russia keep hitting each other's energy sites.

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