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TOP STORY • IRAN AND QATAR

Iran and Qatar Keep Talking as Oil Prices Dip

Officials met for a third day in a row to look for a deal to end the war. Oil stayed expensive, but the price slipped.

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Officials from Iran and Qatar sat down together on Sunday 1 November for a third day in a row. They were looking for a deal to end the war between Iran on one side and the United States and Israel on the other. Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araqchi, said the talks were "ongoing and progressing".

Iran's rulers celebrated the American midterm results as a rebuke of President Trump. Even so, Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei dismissed the idea of a major change in America's policy toward Iran.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow stretch of water. Oil ships sail through it, and attacks on tankers there are raising energy and shipping costs worldwide. Brent crude, a widely quoted oil price, fell $1.59, or 1.40%, to $111.84 a barrel on Monday 2 November.



The map marks Iran, Qatar and the Strait of Hormuz.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil ships pass the Strait of Hormuz, so the war and the talks affect fuel prices around the world.

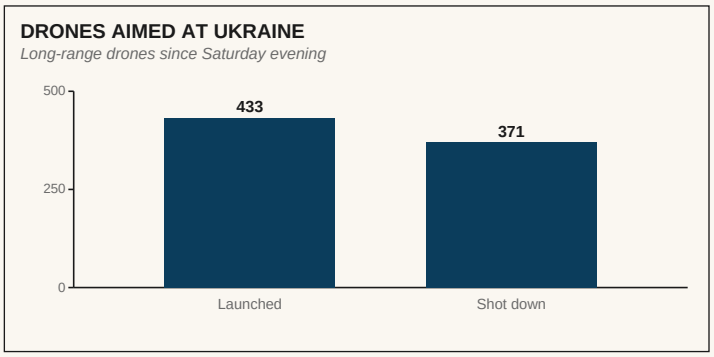
WORLD • UKRAINE

Russian Strikes Hit Ukraine's Power Stations

Kyiv lost running water for more than 16 hours.

Zelensky said Russia hit power sites in four Ukrainian regions overnight, cutting electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes. Ukraine's air force said it shot down 371 of 433 long-range drones launched since Saturday evening.

On Tuesday, Ukraine's energy ministry said, Russia launched one of its largest attacks of the year on energy sites in 10 regions. In Kyiv, people lost running water for more than 16 hours; pumping stations restarted Wednesday afternoon.



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WHY IT MATTERS

Power and water stations keep homes warm and clean as winter nears.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• United States: Democrats were projected to win control of the Senate after the 3 November midterm elections, with 51 seats needed for control.

• Australia: Government lawyers told the High Court the under-16 social media ban is needed to protect "developing brains".

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Whether Iran and its negotiating partners announce a deal to end the war.

• Whether Russia hits Ukraine's power system again.

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.