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SAUDI ARABIA & REGION

DAILY UPDATE

October 15, 2026

On October 15, the Saudi-led coalition destroyed a drone over Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, amid early warnings for Najran and Jizan. On October 14, Saudi air defenses intercepted a Houthi ballistic missile over Riyadh. Falling debris injured one resident and caused limited damage to a house and vehicle. The Houthis claimed a ballistic missile strike on King Khalid International Airport and a missile strike on a Saudi fighter jet over Yemen; no independent source verified either claim. Concentric assesses the Houthis will almost certainly continue striking Saudi Arabia over the next 24 hours.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

HIGH

Aviation & travel

HIGH

Security situation

HIGH

Maritime

HIGH

Energy & supply chain

HIGH

Yemen & regional conflict

HIGH

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Aviation: King Khalid International Airport remains closed until at least October 17. On October 14, the Houthis told airport staff and passengers to evacuate Saudi airports.

Carriers: Etihad cancelled Abu Dhabi flights to Riyadh and Dammam through October 18. Flydubai cancelled flights to ten Saudi cities, and Air Arabia to five.

Maritime: U.K. Maritime Trade Operations reported two more vessels struck in the Strait of Hormuz on October 13.

Borders: No closures reported. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) advises those leaving by land to use a vehicle registered in their name and check crossings before travel.

U.S./U.K. Travel Alerts: The U.S. Mission's October 14 alert says staff need Chief of Mission approval to use any Saudi airport; the State Department keeps Saudi Arabia at Level 3. The U.K. FCDO has not changed its advice since October 13.

CARRIER STATUS

PASSENGER AIRLINES SERVING SAUDI ARABIA

Airline	Status	Scope	Until (as stated)
Air France-KLM	SUSPENDED	Air France: Riyadh. KLM: Riyadh and Dammam	Oct 31
Air India, AI Express	SUSPENDED	Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam suspended	Oct 17
Akasa Air	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Jeddah suspended	Oct 17
Cathay Pacific	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Dubai passenger flights cancelled	Jan 31, 2027
Etihad Airways	SUSPENDED	Abu Dhabi-Riyadh and Dammam cancelled;	Oct 18;
Gulf Air	SUSPENDED	Riyadh suspended; Bahrain network operating	Oct 17
IndiGo	SUSPENDED	Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Medina suspended	Oct 17
Lufthansa Group	SUSPENDED	Riyadh suspended	Oct 16
Qatar Airways	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Dammam suspended	No restart date
Air Arabia	RESTRICTED	Sharjah-Riyadh, Abha, Dammam, Taif and Tabuk cancelled Oct 14-15	Day to day
Emirates	RESTRICTED	Dubai-Riyadh cancelled; selected Jeddah and Dammam flights cancelled	Oct 19 (Riyadh)
flydubai	RESTRICTED	Ten Saudi routes cancelled, incl. Riyadh, Dammam, Abha; Jeddah operating	Oct 19 (Riyadh)
Saudia	RESTRICTED	Riyadh suspended; Jeddah and Dammam operating with some cancellations	Not stated
Oman Air	OPERATING	Dammam service operating; Kuwait and Baghdad remain suspended	Subject to change

Gray highlights denotes updates in the past 24 hours

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

U.K. AND U.S. GOVERNMENT STANDING ADVICE ON SAUDI ARABIA

U.K. FCDO

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

AGAINST ALL TRAVEL TO PARTS

AGAINST ALL BUT ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO PARTS

Latest update: October 13, 2026

Still current: October 15, 2026

- Against All travel:** within 10km of the border with Yemen.
- All but essential travel:** Aseer, Riyadh, Najran and Jizan provinces; Taif, Jeddah and Dammam; all airports except Medina.
- King Khalid International Airport:** stay away until the airport is secure.
- Leaving:** consider traveling by land to a neighboring country and flying from there.
- In country:** follow Civil Defense alerts, do not film incidents and avoid oil and military sites.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Travel Advisory and U.S. Mission Saudi Arabia alerts

LEVEL 3: RECONSIDER TRAVEL

LEVEL 4: DO NOT TRAVEL · YEMEN BORDER

Advisory issued: October 12, 2026

Latest U.S. Mission alert: October 14, 2026

- Risks:** missile and drone attacks, armed conflict, terrorism, exit bans and local social media laws.
- Airports:** U.S. government staff need Chief of Mission authorization to use any Saudi airport.
- Movement:** staff may not travel within 20 miles of the Yemen border; Jizan, Asir, Najran and Qatif need authorization.
- Local laws:** authorities have detained U.S. citizens for photographing airports, government buildings and impact sites.
- Alerts:** follow Saudi Civil Defense cellular broadcast alerts.

SITUATION MAP

STRIKES, INTERCEPTIONS AND VESSEL ATTACKS · OCTOBER 11-15



KEY

- Missile or drone strike
- ◆ Vessel struck
- Claimed, not verified
- Missile or drone intercepted
- ◆ Land border crossing
- Reported in the last 24 hours

LAST 24 HOURS OCT 14-15

- 1 **Oct 15:** Eastern Province: drone intercepted
- 2 **Oct 14:** Riyadh: ballistic missile intercepted; debris injured one
- 3 **Oct 14:** Hormuz: IRGC claims ship sank after mine hit; unverified

EARLIER OCT 11-13

- 4 **Oct 13:** Dhahran: Aramco HQ hit; fire spread across floors
- 5 **Oct 12-13:** Riyadh: missiles, drones downed; debris injured four
- 6 **Oct 12-13:** Khamis Mushait: four ballistic missiles intercepted
- 7 **Oct 11:** Riyadh KKIA: Terminal 4 struck, one killed; shut to Oct 17
- 8 **Oct 11:** Dammam King Fahd Intl attacked; drone intercepted
- 9 **Oct 11:** Shedgum, Tanajib: Houthi-claimed strikes, unverified
- 10 **Oct 11-13:** Hormuz: at least ten vessels struck; one reported sunk
- 11 **Oct 11:** Sohar anchorage: tanker hit by UAV; two crew missing

Sources: Saudi-led coalition, GACA, UKMTQ, Vanguard, Reuters, AP, AFP, Al Jazeera. Positions approximate.

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TIMELINE

Date	Domain	Development
Oct 15	Security	Drone intercepted over Eastern Province
Oct 15	Security	Civil Defense early warnings issued for Najran and Jizan
Oct 14	Security	Ballistic missile intercepted over Riyadh; debris injures one resident
Oct 14	Aviation	Houthis claim ballistic missile strike on KKIA; unverified
Oct 14	Aviation	Houthis tell staff and passengers to evacuate Saudi airports and oil sites
Oct 14	Energy	Reuters: Aramco HQ fire spread across several floors; staff work from home
Oct 14	Maritime	IRGC claims container ship sank after hitting mine in Hormuz; unverified
Oct 14	Yemen & regional	Houthis claim hit on Saudi jet over Saada; airstrikes hit Harib, Marib
Oct 13	Energy	Aramco HQ in Dhahran hit; fire on upper floors, no injuries
Oct 13	Security	Four cruise missiles, five drones downed; four injured; two missiles over Khamis Mushait
Oct 13	Maritime	Four vessels struck in Hormuz; container ship GFS Pride reportedly sank
Oct 13	Yemen & regional	Coalition strikes Houthi fuel sites in Sanaa, Ras Isa and Hodeidah
Oct 12	Aviation	KKIA closure extended to Oct 17
Oct 12	Security	Missile intercepted over Riyadh; two over Khamis Mushait
Oct 12	Maritime	Product tanker struck in Hormuz; IRGC claims supertanker strike
Oct 11	Aviation	KKIA Terminal 4 struck; one killed, 11 injured; cruise missile downed
Oct 11	Aviation	Dammam King Fahd Intl attacked; damage being assessed
Oct 11	Energy	Houthis claim strikes on Shedgum gas plant, Tanajib; unverified
Oct 11	Maritime	Five vessels hit in Hormuz; UAV hits tanker off Sohar, Oman

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RISK METHODOLOGY

Concentric uses a five-point risk rating system to evaluate potential threats to travelers. Below is our risk rating and methodology and five risk categories:

RISK RATING	DEFINITION & RECOMMENDATION
EXTREME	DEFINITION: Hostile or unfavorable operating environment. There are credible persistent threats. The likelihood of an event is high, and the potential impact to the principal is high.
HIGH	DEFINITION: The operational environment is volatile or rapidly changing. The environment is unfavorable; there are credible indicators and warnings and a high likelihood of an event with significant potential impact to the principal, personnel, or organization.
MODERATE	DEFINITION: Operational risks exist and are either likely or would have significant impact. These risks are largely known and can be anticipated.
LOW	DEFINITION: Permissive operating environment. There are some known risks and uncertainty, but the likelihood or impact is low.
MINIMAL	DEFINITION: Safe operational environment where risks are clearly defined and can be easily anticipated. No likely impact to the principal, personnel, or organization.