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SAUDI ARABIA & REGION
UPDATE
November 20, 2026

Over the past 48 hours, a Houthi attack damaged the Public Investment Fund tower in Riyadh, causing no injuries. The Saudi-led coalition downed a cruise missile, two ballistic missiles, and at least seven drones. The Houthis claimed unverified hits on Riyadh's airport, Jubail, and Khamis Mushait. A projectile struck a tanker off Khasab, Oman. Concentric assesses the Houthis will almost certainly continue missile and drone attacks on Riyadh and the south within 48 hours, and further Iranian attacks on vessels in the Strait of Hormuz are likely.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

HIGH

Aviation & travel	HIGH
Security situation	HIGH
Maritime	HIGH
Energy & supply chain	HIGH
Yemen & regional conflict	HIGH

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Aviation: No new civil aviation authority notice found. Expeditors said November 18 most carriers have not resumed Riyadh flights; most Dammam services remain suspended.

Carriers: IndiGo cut four Saudi routes to November 30; Air France reportedly pushed Riyadh to January 4; Oman Air and Air Arabia resumed Riyadh.

Maritime: A projectile hit a tanker off Khasab November 18; crew safe. A sailor from the November 17 attack remains missing. Iran's new mine claims are unverified.

Borders: Concentric found no new closures. The U.S. Mission's November 13 alert said all land crossings, including the King Fahd Causeway, remained open.

U.S./U.K. Travel Alerts: U.K. updated regional tensions advice November 18; warnings unchanged. New U.S. Mission alert November 17; no change.

CARRIER STATUS

PASSENGER AIRLINES SERVING SAUDI ARABIA

	Airline	Status	Scope	Until (as stated)
NEW	Air France-KLM	SUSPENDED	Air France: Riyadh until Jan 4, 2027. KLM: Riyadh and Dammam until Dec 27	Jan 4, 2027
	Air India, AI Express	SUSPENDED	Riyadh, Dammam suspended until Nov 30; Jeddah until Nov 21	Nov 30 (Riyadh)
	Akasa Air	SUSPENDED	Jeddah and Riyadh suspended until Nov 30	Nov 30
	British Airways	SUSPENDED	London–Riyadh restart postponed; London–Jeddah route discontinued	Jan 11, 2027
	Cathay Pacific	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Dubai passenger flights canceled	Jan 31, 2027
	Etihad Airways	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Dammam canceled until Nov 30; Jeddah services resumed Nov 6	Nov 30
NEW	IndiGo	SUSPENDED	Jeddah, Medina, Riyadh, and Dammam canceled until Nov 30	Nov 30
	Lufthansa Group	SUSPENDED	Riyadh and Dammam until Jan 7, 2027; Eurowings Jeddah restart Dec 17	Jan 7, 2027
	SriLankan Airlines	SUSPENDED	Riyadh remains suspended, per Gulf News; no restart date found	Not stated
NEW	Air Arabia	RESTRICTED	Riyadh, Dammam, Taif resumed; Abha suspended, no restart date	No date given
	Emirates	RESTRICTED	Riyadh, Dammam suspended, per The National; Jeddah, Medina operating	Not stated
	flydubai	RESTRICTED	Riyadh, Abha suspended to Nov 27; Dammam reduced; Jeddah operating	Nov 27 (Riyadh)
NEW	Oman Air	RESTRICTED	Riyadh, Dammam, Jeddah resumed at reduced frequency, per Gulf News	Not stated
	Qatar Airways	RESTRICTED	Riyadh, Dammam resumed Nov 13–14; Jeddah reduced; Abha, Taif suspended	Not stated
	Saudia	RESTRICTED	KKIA reopened to national carriers Oct 25; Jeddah and Dammam operating	Not stated
	Gulf Air	OPERATING	Riyadh service resumed, per Gulf News; no airline statement found	Not stated

NEW Updated in the past 48 hours

Sources: Gulf News (Nov 18–20); The National (Nov 19); IndiGo (Nov 18); CAPA; Expeditors (Nov 18); Lufthansa (Nov 12); Air India (Nov 13); Akasa (Nov 12).

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 ELSEWHERE

Latest update: November 18, 2026
Still current: November 19, 2026

- **Against All travel:** within 10km of the border with Yemen.
- **All but essential travel:** all of Saudi Arabia beyond the border zone, including all airports; previously listed areas only.
- **Airports:** King Khalid International Airport (KKIA) remains at risk; further airport attacks very likely.
- **Leaving:** consider traveling by land to a neighboring country and flying from there.
- **In country:** follow Civil Defense alerts, do not film incidents, avoid oil and military sites, and shelter indoors.

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 23, 2026
Latest U.S. Mission alert: November 17, 2026

- **Risks:** missile and drone attacks, Iranian targeting of U.S. officials, terrorism, exit bans, and social media laws.
- **Airports:** staff need Chief of Mission authorization to use any Saudi airport; KKIA partially reopened October 25.
- **Movement:** no staff travel within 20 miles of Yemen; Jizan, Asir, Najran, Qatif, Yanbu, and Taif need authorization.
- **Local laws:** authorities have detained U.S. citizens for photographing airports, government buildings, and impact sites.
- **Ordered departure:** non-emergency U.S. staff and families told to leave; announced October 21, formalized October 23.

Sources: GOV.UK FCDO, November 18 (still current November 19); travel.state.gov, October 23; U.S. Mission alert, November 17.

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SITUATION MAP

STRIKES, INTERCEPTIONS, AND VESSEL ATTACKS · NOVEMBER 16–20



KEY

- Missile or drone strike
- Missile or drone intercepted
- Vessel struck
- Land border crossing
- Claimed, not verified
- Reported in the last 48 hours

LAST 48 HOURS NOV 18–20

1. **Nov 18–20:** South: two ballistic missiles, five drones downed; alerts lifted
2. **Nov 18–20:** Riyadh region: second cruise missile, two drones downed
3. **Nov 19:** Riyadh: Houthi strike damaged wealth fund tower; no injuries
4. **Nov 19:** Hormuz: Iran claims two tankers hit mines; unverified
5. **Nov 18–19:** Jubail, Riyadh, south: Houthis claim hits; unverified
6. **Nov 18:** North of Khasab: tanker struck in engine room; crew safe

EARLIER NOV 16–18

7. **Nov 17–18:** Kuwait: drones intercepted; Iran claims air base strike
8. **Nov 17–18:** Bahrain: Iranian drones downed; U.S. denies radar hit
9. **Nov 16–18:** Riyadh region: two drones, one cruise missile downed
10. **Nov 17:** Hormuz: UAE oil firm vessel struck; one missing, 11 injured
11. **Nov 17:** Qeshm Island, Iran: U.S. strike on missile site
12. **Nov 17:** Pipeline, Sharurah: Houthis claim drone hits; unverified
13. **Nov 16–17:** North of Khasab: tanker struck twice; one crew missing
14. **Nov 16–17:** East of Hormuz: Iran claims tankers hit mines; unverified
15. **Nov 16:** Mecca region: one drone downed

Sources: Saudi-led coalition, Saudi Civil Defense, CENTCOM, Gulf militaries, Houthi and Iranian officials, UKMTO, Reuters, AFP. Positions approximate.

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TIMELINE

Date	Domain	Development
Nov 20	Security	Coalition downed ballistic missile, five drones; alerts in Jizan, Abha, Khamis Mushait
Nov 18–20	Aviation	IndiGo canceled four Saudi routes to Nov 30; Oman Air, Air Arabia resumed Riyadh
Nov 19	Security	Houthi attack damaged wealth fund tower in Riyadh financial district; no injuries
Nov 19	Yemen & regional	Houthis claimed Saudi strike in Al-Mukha killed or wounded 19; unverified
Nov 18–19	Security	Houthis claimed hits on Riyadh airport, Jubail plant, Khamis Mushait; unverified
Nov 18–19	Yemen & regional	Crown prince met U.S. Central Command chief Adm. Brad Cooper in Riyadh
Nov 16–19	Maritime	Iran claimed several more tankers hit mines near Hormuz; unverified
Nov 18	Maritime	Projectile hit tanker engine room north of Khasab, Oman; crew safe
Nov 18	Security	Coalition downed second cruise missile, ballistic missile, two drones; Riyadh blast
Nov 17–18	Aviation	Etihad extended Riyadh, Dammam cancellations to Nov 30; flydubai to Nov 27
Nov 17–18	Yemen & regional	Kuwait, Bahrain intercepted drones; Iran claimed Kuwait base strike; unverified
Nov 17–18	Yemen & regional	Coalition said strikes hit 60 Houthi targets; Houthis said 17 killed
Nov 17	Maritime	UAE oil firm vessel attacked in Hormuz; one crew member missing, 11 injured
Nov 17	Yemen & regional	U.S. forces struck Qeshm Island missile site after Iran targeted Bahrain radar
Nov 17	Security	Houthis claimed drone hits on two pipeline stations, Sharurah radar; unverified
Nov 17	Yemen & regional	Houthis claimed Bab el-Mandeb coast; vowed attacks deep inside Saudi Arabia
Nov 16–17	Security	Coalition downed three drones over Mecca and Riyadh regions
Nov 16–17	Maritime	Tanker struck twice north of Khasab, Oman; one crew member missing
Nov 16	Yemen & regional	King Salman named Gen. Fayyad al-Ruwaili coalition Joint Forces commander

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.