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DAY 221, THE 208TH EDITION. PRESIDENT PEZESHKIAN CALLS TALKS WITH THE US "MEANINGLESS"; PRESIDENT TRUMP REJECTS IRAN'S HORMUZ TERMS. UKMTO REPORTS THREE MORE TANKERS STRUCK IN THE STRAIT AND THE IRGC TURNS BACK A TANKER OFF KHASAB (AT SEA, CAUSE UNCONFIRMED, NOT A STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY). YEMENI FORCES CLAIM MOCHA AND BAB EL-MANDEB, DISPUTED BY THE HOUTHIS, WHO CLAIM STRIKES ON RIYADH AIRPORT AND THE RABIGH REFINERY. SAUDI ARABIA, TÜRKIYE AND PAKISTAN ACTIVATE THE MECCA PACT. THE US APPROVES A $1 BILLION GUIDANCE-KIT SALE TO THE UAE. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠️ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE DIPLOMATIC TRACK HAS NARROWED SHARPLY, THE TANKER WAR IN THE STRAIT HAS RESUMED, AND THE SAUDI-HOUTHI WAR IS NOW A COALITION WAR. THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. President Pezeshkian said on Monday that negotiations with the US are "meaningless" because "they have attacked us three times after talks", and President Trump has rejected Iran's conditions for reopening the Strait. UKMTO has reported three more tankers struck by unknown projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz (two on the evening of 4 October, reported late, and one with an engine-room fire on 5 October), and the IRGC ordered an inbound tanker about 11 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman, to turn back or be targeted. These were vessels at sea, causes unconfirmed, and not strikes on UAE territory. In Yemen, government forces claim Mocha, Dhubab and Bab el-Mandeb with the support of 100 coalition jets; the Houthis dispute this and claim missile and drone strikes on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh and Aramco's Rabigh refinery. Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan have activated their mutual defence pact. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended, holds readiness at a high level, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

⚖️ **MIXED SIGNALS:** THIN EASING THREADS AGAINST A CLEAR HARDENING. On the easing side, Iran's interior minister travelled to Doha for talks with his Qatari counterpart, keeping the Qatari channel active; Iraqi Airways will resume direct Iran flights on Thursday; Bloomberg and Reuters sources say the Saudi East-West pipeline is flowing normally despite a reported strike; and Kpler says Gulf exports excluding Iran are above pre-war levels, with about 40 per cent bypassing the Strait. On the harder side: Iran's president has dismissed talks; President Trump has rejected Iran's terms and, at a rally, said of Iran: "Let them take out Los Angeles. Let them take out San Diego"; tanker strikes in the Strait have resumed; the IRGC is turning ships back; the Houthis are striking toward Riyadh and warning airlines off Saudi airspace; and a three-nation pact has been activated. The hardening dominates.

⚠️ **ASSESSMENT:** THE MOST SERIOUS COMBINATION OF SIGNALS IN SOME DAYS. THE ALERT STAYS AT MAXIMUM. Three things have changed together. First, Tehran's political leadership has publicly dismissed negotiations at the same time as Washington has rejected its terms; the channel is not formally closed (Iran's interior minister was in Doha on Monday), but neither side is now speaking as if a deal is near. Second, the Strait has returned to an active strike zone after a brief lull in reporting, and the IRGC is enforcing its own control by turning ships back near Musandam, close to the UAE's northern approaches. Third, the Saudi-Houthi war has drawn in Türkiye and Pakistan, and the Houthis are claiming strikes on a Saudi capital airport and a Red Sea refinery. For the UAE, the risk picture is higher in degree: a breakdown of the diplomatic track raises the chance of a US decision to resume strikes and of Iran's warned retaliation against Gulf airports. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory. The posture remains MAXIMUM with high readiness.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 221, TALKS DISMISSED, TANKER STRIKES RESUME, AND A COALITION WAR IN THE RED SEA

The diplomatic track narrowed and both fronts intensified in this period. President Pezeshkian said on Monday that negotiations with the US are "meaningless" because "they have attacked us three times after talks", and President Trump has rejected Iran's conditions for reopening the Strait while, according to Iran International, describing the war as "essentially almost over". UKMTO has reported three further tankers struck by unknown projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz, two on the evening of 4 October and one on the afternoon of 5 October, and the IRGC turned back an inbound tanker about 11 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman. These were vessels at sea, causes unconfirmed, and not strikes on UAE territory. CENTCOM says US forces have destroyed 13 commercial vessels in 12 weeks of blockade enforcement and redirected 130. In Yemen, government forces claim to have taken Mocha, Dhubab and positions at Bab el-Mandeb, which the Houthis dispute, and the Houthis claim missile and drone strikes on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and Aramco's Rabigh refinery; Saudi Arabia has condemned the attacks but we have seen no confirmation of damage. Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan have activated the Mecca defence pact and agreed a rapid deployment of forces. For the UAE, the US has approved a $1 billion sale of precision guidance kits. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT with readiness at a high level, keeps both phases suspended, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Tuesday 6 October)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. Talks dismissed in Tehran; tanker strikes resumed; coalition war in Yemen. Complete departures; high readiness; suspend all Strait transits.
US decision-making	**TERMS REJECTED, DECISION PENDING.** Trump rejects Iran's Hormuz conditions; at a Nebraska rally: "Let them take out Los Angeles. Let them take out San Diego." No outcome announced from Camp David.
US force posture	**BLOCKADE ENFORCED.** CENTCOM (5 Oct): 13 commercial vessels destroyed and 130 redirected since 14 July; three disabled. Roosevelt and Makin Island groups en route. Iran has not responded to the figures.
Diplomacy	**NARROWING.** Pezeshkian: talks "meaningless"; "they have attacked us three times after talks." Iran's interior minister in Doha for talks. No formal Iranian reply to the counterproposal reported.
Iran's posture	**ENFORCING ITS OWN CONTROL.** IRGC orders a tanker off Khasab to turn back or be targeted. Qalibaf's seven conditions stand. Conditional threats against Gulf airports and US ships stand.
Strait incidents	**THREE TANKERS STRUCK.** UKMTO: LPG tanker (4 Oct, 1716

	UTC), crude tanker (4 Oct, 1907 UTC), tanker with engine-room fire (5 Oct, 1637 UTC); no casualties reported. At sea, causes unconfirmed, not strikes on UAE territory.
UAE	**$1BN US SALE APPROVED.** State Department approves APKWS II guidance sections for the UAE. Prisoner transfer of 5 October stands. Trump says he believes Iran was behind the flydubai attack; Vance has seen no conclusive evidence.
Saudi and Yemen front	**MECCA PACT ACTIVATED.** Government claims Mocha, Dhubab, Bab el-Mandeb (Houthis dispute). Houthis claim strikes on Riyadh airport and Rabigh refinery, warn airlines off Saudi airspace. Conflicting reports on the East-West pipeline.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE.** No confirmed strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure. DXB, DWC and AUH operating with regional disruption; UAE-Israel flights suspended; Iranian airlines suspended.

WS Assessment: The diplomatic floor has dropped. With Iran’s president dismissing talks and the US rejecting Iran’s terms, the main front is closer to a military decision, and the Strait and the Red Sea are both active. Nothing has touched UAE territory. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness.

2. THE DIPLOMACY: TALKS DISMISSED IN TEHRAN, TERMS REJECTED IN WASHINGTON

- **Pezeshkian dismisses talks:** President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Monday that negotiations with the US were “meaningless”, adding: “they have attacked us three times after talks” (CBS, Iran International). Iran International reports that he accused Washington of using diplomacy as cover for military pressure. This is the most categorical statement against talks from Iran’s president in this phase, although it does not formally close the Qatari or Omani channels.
- **Trump rejects Iran’s terms:** CBS reports that President Trump has rejected Tehran’s conditions for reopening the Strait while leaving the door open to further talks or military operations, and Iran International reports him describing the war as “essentially almost over” and saying Iran will not obtain nuclear weapons. We have not seen the full text of these remarks.
- **A rally remark:** At a campaign rally in Grand Island, Nebraska, on Monday evening, President Trump said of Iran: “They can take out a city. Let them take out Los Angeles. Let them take out San Diego” (ABC7). The context of the remark is to be verified; California’s governor and the mayor of Los Angeles condemned it. We treat it as a rhetorical signal, not as an indication of policy or timing.
- **The Qatari channel:** Iran’s interior minister, Eskandar Momeni, travelled to Doha on Monday for talks with his Qatari counterpart (CBS). Qatar carried the US counterproposal to Tehran on 1 October. No formal Iranian reply had been reported by the cutoff.

WS Assessment: Both capitals are now speaking past each other. The channel survives at working level, but the political leadership on both sides has hardened in public. Hold posture until a sequence is agreed and implemented.

3. THE STRAIT: THREE MORE TANKERS STRUCK, AN IRGC TURN-BACK, AND CENTCOM'S BLOCKADE FIGURES

- **Three more tankers struck:** UKMTO has reported an inbound LPG tanker struck by an unknown projectile at 1716 UTC on 4 October, a crude oil tanker struck at 1907 UTC on 4 October, and a tanker struck at 1637 UTC on 5 October, causing a fire in the engine room; no casualties were reported (gCaptain, Seatrade Maritime). Vessel names were not given. All three were in the Strait of Hormuz, at sea, with causes unconfirmed, and none was a strike on UAE territory. No party has claimed responsibility.
- **A correction on timing:** Our last edition reported no new Strait strike in the 24 hours to 09:00 GMT on 5 October. That reflected UKMTO reporting at the time; the two strikes of 4 October evening were reported late. By our count at least seven tankers have now been reported struck in or near the Strait since 1 October; given late reporting, the true figure may be higher (to be verified).
- **The IRGC turns a tanker back:** On 5 October the IRGC hailed an inbound tanker about 11 nautical miles north of Khasab, on Oman's Musandam peninsula, and ordered it to turn around or be targeted; the master complied (UKMTO via gCaptain; Seatrade names the vessel as Singapore Energy, to be verified). This was at sea, outside UAE territorial waters, and not a strike on UAE territory, but it shows Iran enforcing its own control close to the UAE's northern approaches.
- **CENTCOM's blockade figures:** CENTCOM said on 5 October that US forces have "destroyed 13 commercial vessels that were violating the blockade or part of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' multibillion-dollar shadow network" over the past 12 weeks, redirected 130 vessels and disabled three since enforcement resumed on 14 July. These are CENTCOM's figures; we have seen no Iranian response and have not verified them independently.

WS Assessment: The Strait is again an active strike zone, and Iran is now openly turning ships back near Musandam. Clients should treat the Strait and its approaches as closed to their vessels and hold readiness.

4. THE UAE: A US ARMS APPROVAL, THE FLYDUBAI ATTRIBUTION DEBATE, AND NO STRIKE

- **No confirmed strike on UAE territory:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and none since the Barakah strike of 17 May 2026. We found no NCEMA alert in the period. The IRGC turn-back off Khasab was in waters off Oman, not in UAE territory.
- **A $1 billion US arms approval:** The State Department has approved a possible sale to the UAE of Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II guidance sections, reported at about $1 billion for 10,000 units, alongside a $400 million Patriot repair package for Kuwait (State Department notice; Malay Mail and Express Tribune reporting). The approval signals continued US support for Gulf air defence and strike capacity; Tehran may cite it in its rhetoric toward the UAE.
- **The flydubai attribution debate:** The Times of Israel reports that President Trump said he personally believes Iran was responsible for the FZ1073 attack, while Vice President Vance said he had not seen conclusive evidence tying Tehran to it and Prime Minister Netanyahu has said it is premature to judge. Israeli officials reportedly do not believe other crew members were involved. Abu Dhabi leads the investigation, and no Iranian link has been established.
- **The Iran-UAE channel:** The transfer of 17 Iranian prisoners from the UAE, confirmed on 5 October, stands. We found no new Iranian statement directed at the UAE in the period. Iran's conditional threat against Gulf airports remains in place.
- **Aviation:** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating. The Houthi warning to airlines over Saudi airspace may affect routings between the UAE and Europe and Africa; operators should confirm routings with carriers. Foreign carrier suspensions to Dubai, flydubai's Israel suspension and the UAE's suspension of Iranian airlines remain in place.

WS Assessment: The UAE has not been struck. The US arms approval and the President's attribution of the flydubai attack to Iran both raise the UAE's profile in the wider confrontation, even as the Iran-UAE working channel holds. Hold high readiness.

5. OIL, YEMEN AND THE WIDER REGION

- **Oil:** Fortune puts Brent at $105.81 on Monday, up from $103.37, while Bloomberg reports that prices swung lower as a deep Saudi price cut offset concern over Yemen; the closing level is to be verified. Kpler says Gulf exports excluding Iran have surpassed pre-war levels, with about 40 per cent bypassing the Strait through Saudi and UAE pipelines. Aramco chief executive Amin Nasser said global stockpiles are “scarily thin”.
- **The Yemen offensive:** Yemen’s government says its forces have taken Mocha, Dhubab and positions at Bab el-Mandeb in “Operation Yemen Dawn”, and has announced an offensive toward Sanaa. Coalition spokesman Maj Gen Turki al-Maliki says 100 fighter jets are providing “round-the-clock air support” and have hit 324 “high-value” targets, and the coalition claims to have destroyed Houthi weapons depots and naval mines in Hodeidah. The Houthis dispute the Mocha claim, and Al Jazeera could not confirm it independently. These are partisan claims.
- **Houthi strikes on Saudi Arabia:** Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree claimed strikes with “a large number of ballistic and cruise missiles and drones” on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Aramco’s Rabigh refinery and targets in the south, including Abha airport and Khamis Mushait, and warned airlines that “the skies of Saudi Arabia will be a theater for operations”. Saudi Arabia’s foreign ministry condemned the attacks and reaffirmed “its inherent right to defend its territory”. We have seen no Saudi confirmation of damage at the airport or the refinery.
- **The East-West pipeline:** An AFP source said pumping on the East-West pipeline was halted after a new attack; sources cited by Bloomberg and Reuters said oil was flowing normally. The reports are disputed and the pipeline’s status is to be verified.
- **The Mecca pact activated:** Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan agreed in Riyadh on Monday to “activate collective deterrence measures” under their August mutual defence pact, and Pakistan’s foreign ministry said they would “ensure the rapid deployment” of agreed forces to Saudi Arabia; numbers and timing were not given. The UN Secretary-General expressed deep concern at the “sharp escalation”. The WHO reports more than 5,000 casualties since 6 August and nearly 200,000 displaced. A Houthi adviser has said the movement would close Bab el-Mandeb if that served Iran’s interests (Iran International).

WS Assessment: The Red Sea war is now a coalition war, with Houthi claims reaching the Saudi capital’s airport and a Red Sea refinery. This widens the risk to Saudi bypass routes and to aviation over Saudi Arabia. UAE-linked operators should continue to suspend all Strait transits and review Red Sea and Saudi airspace exposure.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **Talks dismissed, tanker strikes resumed, and no confirmed strike on UAE territory.** Iran's president has called talks with the US meaningless, the US has rejected Iran's terms, three more tankers have been struck in the Strait, the IRGC is turning ships back off Musandam, and the Saudi-Houthi war has drawn in Türkiye and Pakistan. There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure. The airports threat and the risk of a US escalation keep the danger elevated.
- **COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW: THE WINDOW MAY BE NARROWING.** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating, with disruption on regional routes and several foreign carriers suspended to late October or longer. Complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights without delay, confirm bookings directly with the carrier, and check routings in light of the Houthi warning on Saudi airspace.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL: THE AIRPORTS THREAT.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level. With the diplomatic track narrowing, a US decision to resume strikes would test Iran's threats against Gulf airports and US ships. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, keep go-bags current, plan for disruption at UAE airports, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert. The UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra.
- **PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE.** Brent is above $100, stockpiles are described as thin, and the East-West pipeline's status is disputed. Keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; the Fujairah route continues to provide a degree of insulation.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** Three more tankers have been struck in the Strait and the IRGC is ordering ships to turn back near Khasab. UAE-linked tankers remain on Iran's non-compliance list. Suspend all transits through the Strait, hold vessels clear of the Strait, the Musandam approaches and the waters off Oman and the UAE, review Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb routing, and treat UAE-linked tonnage as at elevated risk until a confirmed reopening with verified safe passage is in place.
- **Compliance and aviation security.** Continue to screen counterparties against the 1 October Treasury designations, which include three UAE-based entities, and consult qualified counsel; this is not legal advice. Note the debate over attribution of the flydubai attack, and review travel arrangements for staff on affected routes.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness, the Diplomatic Track Narrowing

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness at a high level. Iran's president has dismissed talks, the US has rejected Iran's terms, three more tankers have been struck in the Strait, and the Saudi-Houthi war has drawn in Türkiye and Pakistan. Clients should complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, note the airports threat, and plan for protracted disruption.

- **All returns, SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place; the diplomatic track has narrowed, not advanced.
- **Non-essential personnel, COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW:** Use the open airports to finish any deferred departures without delay, on scheduled commercial flights, allowing for carrier suspensions and Saudi airspace routings; do not wait for the outcome of US deliberations.
- **Essential personnel, high readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level, review shelter locations, keep documentation and go-bags current, and monitor any US decision on renewed strikes, Iran's warned retaliation, Iranian action against UAE-linked shipping, the Saudi-Houthi war, and any strike toward UAE territory or airports.

- **Business and compliance clients:** Review exposure given the widened US sanctions, including the three UAE-based designations, and the US restrictions on Iranian airlines, and consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM to HIGH):** An agreed sequence, the lifting of the US blockade, the Strait reopened with verified safe passage, a confirmed ceasefire, and a durable de-escalation across all fronts would allow the alert to come down. None of these is in place; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once they are.
- **Further escalation, the central risk:** A US decision to resume strikes on Iran, Iran's warned retaliation against US ships and Gulf airports, Iranian action against UAE-linked vessels, IRGC interdiction near the UAE's approaches, a wider Houthi campaign against Saudi airports, energy sites or Red Sea shipping, a formal collapse of the mediation, or a strike on UAE territory or airports would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, high readiness. The diplomatic track narrowing, the Strait an active strike zone again, the IRGC turning ships back near Musandam, a coalition war in the Red Sea, and the Iran-UAE channel holding at working level. Protect people first, complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, and note the airports threat.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS. The diplomatic track narrowing.** Iran's president calls talks "meaningless" and the US has rejected Iran's terms. Three more tankers were struck in the Strait on 4 and 5 October and the IRGC turned a tanker back off Khasab (at sea, causes unconfirmed). There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory.
- **WATCH FOR THE DECISION, NOT THE RHETORIC.** The outcome of the US deliberations and any formal Iranian reply remain the indicators that matter. Rally remarks and categorical statements are signals; a formal end to the mediation or a US strike order would be facts.
- **WATCH THE MUSANDAM APPROACHES.** An IRGC turn-back 11 nautical miles north of Khasab brings Iranian enforcement close to the UAE's northern waters. Keep UAE-linked vessels well clear and report any hailing to UKMTO.
- **TREAT THE RED SEA AND SAUDI AIRSPACE AS ACTIVE RISK AREAS.** The Houthis claim strikes on Riyadh's airport and the Rabigh refinery and have warned airlines over Saudi airspace; the Mecca pact has been activated. Review Red Sea routing and flight routings, and continue to use the Fujairah route.
- **KEEP UAE-LINKED VESSELS OUT OF THE STRAIT.** Tanker strikes have resumed and reporting is often delayed. Keep UAE-linked vessels clear and review routing through the Gulf of Oman.
- **Monitor for:** (1) any announced US decision on renewed strikes on Iran; (2) a formal Iranian reply or a formal end to the mediation; (3) Iran's warned retaliation against US ships and Gulf airports; (4) Iranian action against UAE-linked shipping or near the UAE's approaches; (5) the Saudi-Houthi war, including strikes on Saudi airports and energy sites and the Mecca pact deployments; (6) any change in the Iran-UAE channel; (7) any strike on UAE territory.
- **A narrowing track. Emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any US decision to resume strikes, any agreement or collapse of the talks, any reopening of the Strait, any threat to or strike on UAE territory, airports or UAE-linked shipping, any confirmed strike on Gulf energy infrastructure, or any major development, and will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.
- **This is the two hundred and eighth edition.** Day 221 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **TALKS DISMISSED, TERMS REJECTED.** Pezeshkian: negotiations are “meaningless”; “they have attacked us three times after talks.” President Trump has rejected Iran’s Hormuz conditions. Iran’s interior minister was in Doha on Monday; no formal reply to the US counterproposal reported.
- **THREE MORE TANKERS STRUCK; AN IRGC TURN-BACK.** UKMTO: tankers struck on 4 October (two) and 5 October (engine-room fire); the IRGC turned a tanker back 11 nm north of Khasab. At sea, causes unconfirmed, not strikes on UAE territory. CENTCOM: 13 vessels destroyed, 130 redirected since 14 July.
- **A COALITION WAR IN THE RED SEA.** Yemeni forces claim Mocha, Dhubab and Bab el-Mandeb (disputed). The Houthis claim strikes on Riyadh airport and the Rabigh refinery and warn airlines off Saudi airspace. Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan activate the Mecca pact.
- **THE UAE: ARMS APPROVAL, NO STRIKE.** The US approves about $1 billion of APKWS II guidance sections for the UAE. President Trump attributes the flydubai attack to Iran; Vance has seen no conclusive evidence. No Iranian link has been established.
- **OIL AND PIPELINES.** Brent above $100 with conflicting reports on the day’s move; Kpler: Gulf exports ex-Iran above pre-war levels. Disputed reports on the East-West pipeline. Aramco’s chief calls stockpiles “scarily thin”.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTH EDITION. DAY 221.** The diplomatic track narrowing, tanker strikes resumed, IRGC enforcement near Musandam and a coalition war in the Red Sea; no UAE territory has been struck. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, note the airports threat, and plan for protracted disruption. Westminster Security will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.

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