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DAY 197 – A DECISIVE STRATEGIC SHIFT: THE HOUTHIS SEIZE YEMEN'S ENTIRE RED SEA COAST, PUTTING IRAN-ALIGNED FORCES ON BOTH MARITIME APPROACHES TO THE ARABIAN PENINSULA; IRAQI DRONES STRIKE SAUDI ARABIA'S EAST-WEST OIL PIPELINE, FORCING ITS SHUTDOWN. TRUMP DECLINES SAUDI REQUESTS TO STRIKE THE HOUTHIS (OFFERS INTEL ONLY); BUT IRAN WILL MEET GULF STATES IN OMAN MONDAY. OIL AND DIESEL AT RECORD HIGHS – NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE WAR HAS UNDERGONE A DECISIVE STRATEGIC SHIFT, WITH IRAN-ALIGNED FORCES NOW THREATENING BOTH MARITIME APPROACHES TO THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. The Houthis have seized Yemen's entire Red Sea coastline, completing a rapid advance that gives them control of the approaches to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait – a second chokepoint alongside Hormuz – and the ability to threaten Saudi oil exports and shipping through the Red Sea. President Trump has twice declined Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's requests for US strikes on the Houthis, offering only intelligence and targeting support. In a further escalation, Iran-aligned drones launched from Iraq struck Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline – the kingdom's key route to bypass Hormuz – forcing its shutdown, and a Houthi projectile struck Saudi Arabia's Jazan region on Saturday, injuring two. Amid this, a diplomatic thread has emerged: Iran has announced it will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday to discuss the Strait. Oil and diesel are at record highs. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period – but the comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports tightens the UAE's energy picture severely. 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 transits.

⚠ **ASSESSMENT:** A COMPREHENSIVE SQUEEZE ON GULF OIL – BUT US RESTRAINT AND AN OMAN TALKS THREAD. The strategic picture has shifted decisively: Iran-aligned forces now threaten all of the region's major oil-export routes – Hormuz through Iran, the Bab el-Mandeb and the Red Sea through the Houthis, and the East-West pipeline through Iraqi drones – achieving the comprehensive squeeze on Saudi and Gulf oil exports that Tehran has sought, and driving oil and diesel to record highs. This tightens the UAE's energy picture severely, though the UAE has not been struck. Two threads temper the picture. First, US restraint: President Trump's refusal to strike the Houthis, and the lower intensity of the US-Iran tanker exchange, suggest Washington is seeking to contain rather than widen its direct involvement – though this leaves Saudi Arabia exposed on the Red Sea front. Second, the Oman talks: Iran's announcement that it will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday is a diplomatic opening, however slender, amid the escalation. For UAE clients, the danger is high and the energy picture acute, and the posture must remain at its most cautious: MAXIMUM, high readiness,

complete departures, suspend all transits, protect energy and water resilience, and vigilance. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 197 – A DECISIVE STRATEGIC SHIFT; A COMPREHENSIVE SQUEEZE ON GULF OIL

The war has undergone a decisive strategic shift, with Iran-aligned forces now threatening both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula and all of the region's major oil-export routes. The Houthis have seized Yemen's entire Red Sea coastline, completing a rapid advance – including the capture of the port of Mocha – that gives them control of the approaches to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a second chokepoint alongside Hormuz, and the ability to threaten Saudi oil exports and shipping through the Red Sea; Yemeni government forces withdrew before launching air strikes along the coast, and Saudi aircraft struck Mocha airport. President Trump has twice declined Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's requests for US strikes on the Houthis, offering only intelligence and targeting support, with more than 200 US personnel already in Saudi Arabia providing non-kinetic support. In a further escalation, Iran-aligned drones launched from Iraq struck Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline – the kingdom's key route to move oil to the Red Sea and bypass Hormuz – forcing its shutdown, with a 60-mile smoke plume reported; Saudi Arabia said it would not retaliate for now at Iraq's request. A Houthi projectile struck Saudi Arabia's Jazan region on Saturday, injuring two. Amid this, a diplomatic thread has emerged: Iran has announced it will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday to discuss the Strait of Hormuz, and its foreign ministry has called for an end to Saudi Arabia's blockade of Yemen and a return to Saudi-Houthi talks. In the Gulf, the tanker war continues at a lower intensity, with vessels struck near Khasab in Oman and the Strait reduced to about seven transits a day. Oil and diesel are at record highs. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period. 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 transits.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 1100 GMT Saturday 12 September)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. A decisive strategic shift. Complete departures; high readiness; suspend all transits.
Red Sea coast	**HOUTHIS SEIZE IT ALL.** Houthis have taken Yemen's entire Red Sea coastline, including Mocha – Iran-aligned forces now on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula.
US posture	**TRUMP DECLINES SAUDI REQUESTS.** Trump twice refused MBS's requests for US strikes on the Houthis; offers intelligence and targeting only. US containing its involvement.
Saudi pipeline	**EAST-WEST PIPELINE SHUT.** Iran-aligned drones from Iraq struck Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline (its Hormuz bypass), forcing its shutdown; 60-mile smoke plume.
Comprehensive squeeze	All the region's major oil routes now threatened – Hormuz (Iran), Bab el-Mandeb/Red Sea (Houthis), East-West pipeline (Iraqi drones). Oil and diesel at record highs.
Diplomacy – Oman talks	**IRAN-GULF, MONDAY.** Iran to meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday to discuss the Strait – a diplomatic thread amid the escalation.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE.** No confirmed strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure; no new attack near the UAE in the latest period. Energy picture severely tight. Airports open.

WS Assessment: The strategic picture has shifted decisively, with Iran-aligned forces achieving a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports across all major routes and driving oil and diesel to record highs; but US restraint and the Oman talks temper the picture. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness, and clients should treat the energy picture as acute and both straits as hostile, while watching the Oman talks and any further escalation.

2. THE HOUTHIS SEIZE YEMEN'S ENTIRE RED SEA COAST – BOTH APPROACHES NOW THREATENED

- **The seizure completed:** The Houthis have effectively completed a rapid push to take control of Yemen's entire Red Sea coastline, capturing the port of Mocha and advancing along the coast; Yemeni government forces withdrew rather than contest the advance before launching air strikes along the west coast, and Saudi aircraft struck Mocha airport.
- **Both approaches to the Peninsula:** The seizure places Iran-aligned forces on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula – the Strait of Hormuz, blockaded and interdicted by Iran, and now the Bab el-Mandeb and the Red Sea coast, controlled by the Houthis – achieving the strategic condition Tehran has sought since it reimposed its posture on Hormuz, and doing so without Iran firing on the second strait itself.
- **A grip on Bab el-Mandeb:** Control of Mocha and the Red Sea coast, which overlook the tanker routes out of the Red Sea, tightens the Houthis' grip on the approaches to the Bab el-Mandeb – the chokepoint connecting the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden – and makes it easier for them to target Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea, which they have been attacking for weeks.
- **Iran backs the Houthis:** Iran's foreign ministry, in its first statement since the Houthis entered Mocha, called for an end to Saudi Arabia's blockade of Yemen and for a return to negotiations between Saudi Arabia and the Houthis – backing its ally and framing the advance as a response to the Saudi blockade; the Houthis have warned against foreign intervention and threatened to close the strait.
- **Boosting Iran's strategy:** The Houthis' capture of the Red Sea coast boosts Iran's strategy of driving up world oil and gas prices to pressure the United States, and opens a decisive new front after more than six months of war – one in which Saudi Arabia, not the US, is forced to respond, given Washington's refusal to strike the Houthis.

WS Assessment: The Houthi seizure of Yemen's Red Sea coast is a decisive strategic development, placing Iran-aligned forces on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula and achieving a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports. For the UAE and the wider Gulf, it tightens the energy picture severely and raises the risk of a sustained disruption; clients should protect energy resilience and treat both straits as hostile.

3. SAUDI ARABIA'S PIPELINE HIT; TRUMP DECLINES TO STRIKE THE HOUTHIS; IRAN-GULF TALKS IN OMAN

- **The East-West pipeline struck:** Iran-aligned drones launched from Iraq struck Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline – the kingdom's key route to move oil across the country to the Red Sea and bypass the Strait of Hormuz – forcing its shutdown; a 60-mile smoke plume was reported along the route, and satellite images appeared to show fire damage at a pumping station. The strike on the pipeline removes, for now, Saudi Arabia's principal means of circumventing the Hormuz blockade.
- **Saudi Arabia holds fire:** Saudi Arabia said the drones were launched from Iraq and that it would not retaliate for now, following a request from Iraq's prime minister, while reserving the right to take all necessary measures to protect its sovereignty and critical facilities; an Iraqi military commander was dismissed after investigations confirmed the attacks originated from Iraq, pointing to Iran-aligned militias there.
- **Trump declines to strike the Houthis:** President Trump has twice declined Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's requests for US military strikes on the Houthis, discussing the escalation with him at least twice; Washington has agreed instead to provide the Saudis with intelligence and targeting data, and more than 200 US personnel are already in Saudi Arabia providing non-kinetic support – signalling that the US is seeking to contain its direct involvement on the Red Sea front.
- **The US containing its involvement:** The refusal to strike the Houthis, together with the lower intensity of the US-Iran tanker exchange in recent days, suggests Washington is seeking to contain rather than widen its direct involvement; this leaves Saudi Arabia exposed on the Red Sea front and may reflect US caution about a wider war, but it does not lift the danger to the region's energy exports.
- **The Oman talks thread:** Amid the escalation, Iran has announced it will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday to discuss the Strait of Hormuz – a diplomatic opening, however slender, and a thread the UAE, as a Gulf state, would be part of; it comes alongside Iran's call for Saudi-Houthi talks, suggesting Tehran may be seeking to convert its strategic gains into diplomatic leverage.

WS Assessment: The strike on Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline completes the comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports, removing Saudi Arabia's Hormuz bypass; the US refusal to strike the Houthis leaves Saudi Arabia exposed but reflects US restraint. The Oman talks are a genuine, if slender, diplomatic thread, and clients should watch whether Iran seeks to convert its gains into a negotiated outcome; but the immediate picture is one of severe escalation.

4. THE GULF TANKER WAR; THE UAE; THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **The Gulf tanker war at lower intensity:** In the Gulf, the tanker war continues but at a lower intensity than its peak: the IRGC said it struck an unmanned surface vessel at the entrance to the Strait, and four projectiles struck two vessels west of Khasab in Oman, one afire; but US Central Command has announced no new strike on an Iranian tanker in recent days, and the Strait is reduced to about seven transits a day.
- **No confirmed strike on UAE territory:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack in the waters near the UAE in the latest period; the vessel incidents of recent days – the seafarer killed off Dubai, the vessel listing off Port Rashid – have not been repeated, though the maritime danger near the UAE persists.
- **The UAE's energy picture severely tight:** The comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports – across Hormuz, the Red Sea and the East-West pipeline – tightens the UAE's energy picture severely, with all major routes now threatened and oil and diesel at record highs; the UAE, as a major oil exporter, is directly affected by the pressure on the region's export routes.
- **The UAE's pragmatic engagement:** The UAE continues its pragmatic, de-escalatory posture, maintaining communication with Iran, and would be a party to the Iran-Gulf talks in Oman on Monday; its stance may help insulate it, though the strategic squeeze on the region's energy exports affects it directly.
- **US security posture:** US security alerts for the region remain in force, and the threat environment across the Gulf is heightened; with more than 200 US personnel in Saudi Arabia and US forces at Al Dhafra in the UAE, the Gulf states hosting US forces remain exposed to Iranian retaliation. Clients should hold high readiness and protect energy resilience.

WS Assessment: The UAE has not been struck, and the Gulf tanker war is at a lower intensity, but the comprehensive squeeze on the region's oil exports tightens the UAE's energy picture severely, and the danger to the UAE remains high. Clients should hold high readiness, protect energy and water resilience, watch the Oman talks, and remain vigilant for any escalation toward UAE territory.

5. SHIPPING, OIL AND THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **All major oil routes under threat:** All of the region's major oil-export routes are now under threat: the Strait of Hormuz, blockaded and interdicted by Iran and reduced to about seven transits a day; the Bab el-Mandeb and the Red Sea, with the Houthis now controlling Yemen's Red Sea coast; and the East-West pipeline, struck by Iraqi drones and shut down – a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports.
- **Oil and diesel at record highs:** Oil prices remain elevated and diesel has reached record highs, driven by the comprehensive squeeze on the region's oil exports, the seizure of the Red Sea coast, and the shutdown of Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline; the fear of a sustained, multi-route disruption keeps the risk premium high, and a further escalation would drive prices higher still.
- **The Gulf tanker war continues:** The Gulf tanker war continues at a lower intensity, with vessels struck near Khasab in Oman and Iran enforcing its exclusion zone; the waters of the Strait and the Gulf of Oman remain an active, hostile zone, and transit is acutely dangerous, though the US-Iran tanker exchange has quietened in recent days.
- **The Red Sea front:** The Red Sea front has escalated sharply, with the Houthis controlling Yemen's Red Sea coast and threatening Saudi oil tankers and the Bab el-Mandeb; Saudi Arabia is responding with air strikes, but the US has declined to strike the Houthis, leaving the kingdom exposed on this front.
- **UAE approaches:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory or ports; vessels remain anchored off the UAE's east coast at Khor Fakkan. UAE-linked operators should treat the Strait of Hormuz, the Bab el-Mandeb, the Red Sea, and the waters near the UAE as active, hostile zones and suspend all transits.

WS Assessment: The maritime and energy picture has deteriorated to a comprehensive squeeze on the region's oil exports across all major routes, with oil and diesel at record highs; the danger to shipping and to global energy supply is acute. For UAE-linked operators, all transits should remain suspended pending a durable de-escalation.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **A comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil – but no confirmed strike on UAE territory.** Iran-aligned forces now threaten all the region's major oil routes, tightening the UAE's energy picture severely; but there is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period. The UAE would be a party to the Iran-Gulf talks in Oman on Monday.
- **COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW – THE DANGER IS HIGH.** With airports operating, complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights without delay. The strategic squeeze on the region's energy exports has tightened and Iran's disproportionate threat looms; completing departures now is a priority, and the window should not be assumed to remain open.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL – WATCH FOR ANY ESCALATION TOWARD UAE TERRITORY.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level; the strategic picture has shifted decisively and the UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, keep go-bags current, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert.
- **PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE – THE COMPREHENSIVE SQUEEZE.** With all major Gulf oil routes now threatened – Hormuz, the Red Sea, and the East-West pipeline – and oil and diesel at record highs, protect energy resilience. Keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; UAE strategic water reserves are reported at roughly two days at current consumption.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL TRANSITS – BOTH STRAITS AND THE WATERS NEAR THE UAE ARE HOSTILE.** The Strait of Hormuz, the Bab el-Mandeb, the Red Sea, and the waters near the UAE are active, hostile zones. Suspend all transits, hold vessels clear of both straits, the Gulf of Oman, the Red Sea and the waters near the UAE, and treat the region's waters as hostile until a durable de-escalation is confirmed.
- **Review Iran-related sanctions exposure.** Review exposure to Iran-related sanctions risk through exchange houses, trade finance, shipping and re-export, and watch for new designations under the US "Operation Economic Outcast" campaign; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness – a Decisive Strategic Shift, a Comprehensive Squeeze

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness at a high level. The war has undergone a decisive strategic shift, with Iran-aligned forces achieving a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil exports; but the US is declining to strike the Houthis, and Iran-Gulf talks are set for Oman on Monday. Clients should complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all transits, protect energy and water resilience, and watch the Oman talks and any escalation toward UAE territory.

- **All returns – SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE; the strategic picture has shifted decisively and the energy picture is severely tight – this is not a setting for returns.
- **Non-essential personnel – COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW:** Use the open airports to finish any deferred departures without delay, on scheduled commercial flights; do not assume the window remains open.
- **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 for any escalation toward UAE territory, a disproportionate Iranian strike, further vessel attacks near the UAE, and the Houthi advance on the Red Sea.
- **Business/compliance clients:** Review exposure given the US sanctions campaign, the standing threat, and the escalation; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.

- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM → HIGH):** A confirmed de-escalation across the fronts, the lifting of the US blockade, a confirmed ceasefire, and a genuine reopening of the straits with verified safe passage would allow the alert to come down. The Oman talks are a possible start, but the strategic picture has escalated sharply; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a durable de-escalation is confirmed.
- **Further escalation – the central risk:** A strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, a disproportionate Iranian strike, a further move against Gulf oil infrastructure, a US decision to strike the Houthis, or an Iranian attack on Israel would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, high readiness – a decisive strategic shift and a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil, tempered by US restraint and the Oman talks; protect people first, complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all transits, and protect energy and water resilience.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS – a decisive strategic shift.** The Houthis have seized Yemen's entire Red Sea coast, placing Iran-aligned forces on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula; Iraqi drones struck Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline, forcing its shutdown; and all the region's major oil routes are now threatened, with oil and diesel at record highs. Trump declined Saudi requests to strike the Houthis. Iran will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory.
- **PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE – THE COMPREHENSIVE SQUEEZE.** All major Gulf oil routes – Hormuz, the Red Sea, the East-West pipeline – are now threatened. Protect energy resilience; keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready.
- **NOTE THE OMAN TALKS – A SLENDER DIPLOMATIC THREAD.** Iran will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday, a diplomatic opening the UAE would be part of. Watch whether Iran seeks to convert its strategic gains into a negotiated outcome; but do not yet read it as de-escalation.
- **NOTE US RESTRAINT – BUT SAUDI ARABIA IS EXPOSED.** Trump's refusal to strike the Houthis and the lower intensity of the tanker exchange suggest US caution about a wider war; but this leaves Saudi Arabia exposed on the Red Sea front, and does not lift the danger to the region's energy exports.
- **COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW; SUSPEND ALL TRANSITS.** Complete deferred non-essential departures on scheduled flights without delay, keep shelter readiness current, and suspend all transits across both straits and the waters near the UAE. Consult qualified counsel on sanctions exposure; this is not legal advice.
- **Monitor for:** (1) any strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure; (2) the Oman talks and any diplomatic movement; (3) a disproportionate Iranian strike; (4) the Houthi advance on Bab el-Mandeb and further strikes on Saudi Arabia; (5) whether the US strikes the Houthis; (6) an Iranian attack on Israel.
- **A decisive strategic shift – emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any strike on UAE territory, any disproportionate Iranian strike, any major escalation on any front, or any major diplomatic development, and will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation is confirmed.
- **This is the one hundred and eighty-fourth edition.** Day 197 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **A DECISIVE STRATEGIC SHIFT – THE HOUTHIS SEIZE YEMEN'S ENTIRE RED SEA COAST.** The Houthis have taken control of Yemen's entire Red Sea coastline, including the port of Mocha, placing Iran-aligned forces on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula – Hormuz through Iran and the Bab el-Mandeb and Red Sea through the Houthis. This achieves the strategic condition Tehran has sought, opening a decisive new front and threatening Saudi oil exports through the Red Sea.
- **A COMPREHENSIVE SQUEEZE ON GULF OIL – THE EAST-WEST PIPELINE HIT.** Iran-aligned drones from Iraq struck Saudi Arabia's East-West oil pipeline – its key route to bypass Hormuz – forcing its shutdown. With Hormuz interdicted, the Red Sea coast seized, and the pipeline shut, all the region's major oil-export routes are now under threat – a comprehensive squeeze that has driven oil and diesel to record highs. The UAE's energy picture is severely tight.
- **TRUMP DECLINES TO STRIKE THE HOUTHIS – US RESTRAINT.** President Trump has twice declined Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's requests for US strikes on the Houthis, offering only intelligence and targeting support. The refusal, and the lower intensity of the US-Iran tanker exchange, suggest Washington is seeking to contain its direct involvement – but this leaves Saudi Arabia exposed on the Red Sea front, and does not lift the danger to the region's energy exports.
- **A DIPLOMATIC THREAD – IRAN TO MEET GULF STATES IN OMAN MONDAY.** Iran has announced it will meet Gulf states in Oman on Monday to discuss the Strait of Hormuz, and has called for an end to Saudi Arabia's blockade of Yemen and Saudi-Houthi talks. The Oman talks are a slender diplomatic opening amid the escalation, and the UAE would be a party; Iran may be seeking to convert its strategic gains into diplomatic leverage. Do not yet read it as de-escalation.
- **NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – THE GULF TANKER WAR AT LOWER INTENSITY.** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period; the Gulf tanker war continues at a lower intensity, with vessels struck near Khasab in Oman and no new US tanker strike in recent days. But the comprehensive squeeze tightens the UAE's energy picture severely. Hold high readiness and protect energy resilience.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS – NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH EDITION. DAY 197.** A decisive strategic shift has placed Iran-aligned forces on both maritime approaches to the Arabian Peninsula and achieved a comprehensive squeeze on Gulf oil – tempered by US restraint and the Oman talks – but no UAE territory has been struck. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all transits, protect energy and water resilience, and watch the Oman talks and any escalation toward UAE territory. Westminster Security will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation is confirmed.

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SQUEEZE TIGHTENS THE UAE'S ENERGY PICTURE SEVERELY. MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS – COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW, HOLD HIGH READINESS, SUSPEND ALL TRANSITS, PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE.

WATCH THE OMAN TALKS, THE HOUTHI ADVANCE ON BAB EL-MANDEB, AND ANY ESCALATION TOWARD UAE TERRITORY. PROTECT PEOPLE FIRST; EMERGENCY UPDATES TO FOLLOW. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOURTH EDITION. DAY 197.