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DAY 259, THE 216TH EDITION: THE WEEK TO 13 NOVEMBER. PRESIDENT TRUMP SAYS NEW STRIKES ARE "QUITE UNLIKELY" AND "WE DON'T NEED A DEAL WITH IRAN"; THE BLOCKADE AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE CONTINUE. IRAN'S IRGC CLAIMS A STRIKE ON A US RADAR IN BAHRAIN (UNVERIFIED) AFTER A REPORTED STRIKE ON SIRIK. AN ADNOC LOGISTICS VESSEL IS DAMAGED IN AN ATTACK IN UAE TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND A TANKER IS SET ON FIRE 14 NAUTICAL MILES OFF RAS AL KHAIMAH (VESSELS AT SEA, CAUSE UNCONFIRMED). BRENT NEAR $95. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠️ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE WAR AT SEA REACHED UAE WATERS THIS WEEK, AND IRAN CLAIMS A STRIKE ON A US ASSET IN A GULF STATE. THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. On 10 November ADNOC Logistics and Services confirmed that one of its vessels was damaged in an attack in UAE territorial waters in the Arabian Gulf; the vessel, the damage and the attacker have not been disclosed. At about 18:00 UTC on 11 November the tanker Dominica Prosperity was struck by an unidentified projectile about 14 nautical miles north-west of Ras Al Khaimah, near Mina Saqr; its engine room caught fire and the UAE Coast Guard evacuated all 22 crew (UKMTO). Both were vessels at sea, with the cause unconfirmed; neither was a strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure, but the ADNOC incident was inside UAE territorial waters. Early on 13 November Iran's IRGC said it had "targeted and destroyed" a US early-warning radar in Bahrain in response to a strike on a telecommunications tower in Sirik on 12 November; neither the US nor Bahrain has confirmed this, and CENTCOM has not confirmed a strike on Sirik. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE land, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended, holds readiness at a high level, and advises clients to complete any remaining departures, protect energy, water and communications resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

⚖️ **MIXED SIGNALS:** RENEWED US STRIKES DESCRIBED AS UNLIKELY, WHILE THE STANDOFF HARDENS. On the easing side: President Trump said on 9 November that new strikes on Iran are "quite unlikely" (Axios); in an interview reported on 13 November he said Saudi Arabia had asked him to "let it be the way it is now for a while", a view he said the UAE, Qatar and Kuwait share; Qatar's prime minister told G7 ministers there is more room for diplomacy; a CENTCOM official said there has been no change to US force posture; and oil is heading for a second weekly fall. On the harder side: the President's statement on 12 November that "We don't need a deal with Iran", and that "it's possible I would do it right now" if conditions changed; Secretary Rubio's description of a "third option" of sustained economic pressure with no end date; the IRGC's claimed strike in Bahrain; Iran's statement that it has lifted limits on its missile ranges; Israeli media reports that Israel's military has

been told to prepare for a possible attack on Iran; and attacks on shipping reaching UAE waters. The risk of a US-initiated resumption has eased; the risk of escalation from the standoff itself has not.

⚠️ **ASSESSMENT:** THE RISK HAS CHANGED SHAPE RATHER THAN FALLEN. THE ALERT STAYS AT MAXIMUM. Three points bear on the UAE. First, the maritime threat is now inside UAE waters as well as off its coasts: one vessel attacked in territorial waters and another set on fire 14 nautical miles off Ras Al Khaimah within two days. Second, the IRGC's claim of a strike on a US radar in Bahrain, if confirmed, would be the first Iranian attack on a US asset in a Gulf state since early September (Reuters), and follows last week's IRGC warning naming the UAE and Bahrain; the UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra. Third, Washington has set out a policy of continued blockade and economic pressure without a deal or new strikes, while Iranian officials say the present state of "neither war nor peace" cannot last. That combination lowers the likelihood of a planned US campaign but leaves room for incident-driven escalation. The posture remains MAXIMUM with high readiness. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 259, THE WEEK IN REVIEW, 6 TO 13 NOVEMBER

Over the seven days to 09:00 GMT on 13 November, Washington set out its course and the war at sea moved into UAE waters. After meeting Qatar's prime minister on 9 November, President Trump said new strikes on Iran were "quite unlikely"; on 10 November Secretary of State Rubio told G7 ministers the President had chosen a "third option" of continued economic pressure and blockade (Axios). On 12 November the President wrote: "We don't need a deal with Iran", and said he had directed Vice President Vance to other duties. CENTCOM disabled the cargo ship M/V Huda in the Gulf of Oman on 7 November and set up Task Force Iron Gate to disrupt Iran's overland supply routes.

Iranian media reported a strike on Sirik on 12 November, and early on 13 November the IRGC claimed to have destroyed a US early-warning radar in Bahrain; neither the US nor Bahrain has confirmed it. At sea, an ADNOC Logistics and Services vessel was damaged in an attack in UAE territorial waters on 10 November, and the tanker Dominica Prosperity was struck and set on fire about 14 nautical miles north-west of Ras Al Khaimah on 11 November. Houthi fire at Saudi Arabia continued, with shrapnel damage to an Aramco administrative building in Riyadh. Brent traded at $95.54 early on 13 November, about 2.9 per cent lower on the week. There is no confirmed strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT with readiness at a high level.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Friday 13 November; week from 6 November)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. Attacks on shipping in and near UAE waters; IRGC claims a strike in Bahrain. Complete remaining departures; suspend all Strait transits.
US decision-making	**ECONOMIC PRESSURE, NO NEW STRIKES (STATED).** Trump (9 Nov): new strikes "quite unlikely". Rubio (10 Nov): a "third option", no end date. Trump (12 Nov): "We don't need a deal with Iran"; strikes "possible" if conditions change.
US force posture	**BLOCKADE TIGHTENED.** CENTCOM disabled M/V Huda in the Gulf of Oman (7 Nov) and launched Task Force Iron Gate against Iran's land routes. CENTCOM official: no change to force posture. No CENTCOM confirmation of a strike on Sirik.
Diplomacy	**CHANNEL OPEN, NO US REPLY (IRAN).** Trump met Qatar's PM (9 Nov). Qatar seeks China and European guarantors. Ghalibaf: Iran awaits a US response to its seven conditions. Iran offers to cut implementation from seven days to two. Vance redirected.

Iran's posture	**CLAIMED STRIKE IN BAHRAIN.** IRGC: US radar in Bahrain "targeted and destroyed" (13 Nov, unverified). Missile range limits lifted. Rezaei: no enriched material will leave Iran; bases used in any attack are targets. IRGC deputy: no "geographical limitations".
Strait and Gulf incidents	**ATTACKS IN AND NEAR UAE WATERS.** ADNOC L&S vessel damaged in UAE territorial waters (10 Nov). Dominica Prosperity on fire 14nm NW of Ras Al Khaimah (11 Nov). Fujairah Energy hit, crew injured (10 Nov). JMIC: SEVERE. Iranian mine claims unverified.
UAE	**NO STRIKE ON LAND; WATERS AFFECTED.** UAE Coast Guard evacuated 22 crew off Ras Al Khaimah. National Guard rescued 22 from a cargo ship fire in the Gulf of Oman. Khor Fakkan beach closed after oil patches. Etihad Riyadh and Dammam cancelled to 19 Nov.
Saudi and Yemen front	**ATTACKS CONTINUE.** Shrapnel damaged an Aramco building in Riyadh (8 Nov). Cruise missiles intercepted near Riyadh (11 Nov); debris in Mecca region. Houthis claim pipeline, Yanbu and Aramco strikes (unconfirmed). UN renews Houthi sanctions. Truce not agreed.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE** since 17 May. One vessel attacked inside UAE territorial waters (10 Nov). DXB, DWC and AUH operating; UAE airspace open; Iranian airlines suspended.

WS Assessment: The stated US course makes a planned resumption of major combat less likely in the near term. But the week also produced an attack in UAE territorial waters, a burning tanker off Ras Al Khaimah and an Iranian claim of a strike in Bahrain. The risk has changed shape, not level. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness.

2. THE DIPLOMACY: A “THIRD OPTION” IN WASHINGTON, AND IRAN AWAITING A REPLY

- **The US position:** President Trump told CNN on 8 November that a new attack was “highly unlikely” while talks progress. After meeting Qatar’s prime minister on 9 November he said new strikes were “quite unlikely” and “doesn’t seem to be necessary” (Axios). On 10 November Secretary Rubio told G7 foreign ministers in Paris: “The third option we have is to continue to do what we do now,” adding that the President “is not under false time pressure” (Axios, citing three people present). On 12 November the President wrote: “We don’t need a deal with Iran. Those days have long since passed,” and said he had directed Vice President Vance to focus on domestic matters (CNN, Axios).
- **The military option, as stated:** In an interview on 12 November the President said: “if I saw things going the other way, I would, I would do that. And it’s possible I would do it right now” (CNN). In a separate interview, reported on 13 November, he said: “Saudi Arabia has asked me to please just let it be the way it is now for a while,” adding “I’m not sure I agree with it,” and that the UAE, Qatar and Kuwait prefer the same approach (Middle East Eye). A White House official said the blockade and the economic and overland interdiction operations will continue.
- **The Qatari channel:** Qatar’s prime minister told the G7 he believes there is more room for diplomacy, that the sticking points remain who takes the first step and which confidence-building measures are agreed, and that he wants China and European states as guarantors (Axios). Iran has offered to shorten the implementation period from seven days to two (CBS). The Wall Street Journal reported that Vice President Vance was considering direct talks with Mohsen Rezaei; no meeting was set.
- **Iran’s position:** Parliament Speaker Ghalibaf told Al Jazeera that Iran has received no US response to its conditions, that US actions on the ground are complicating matters, and that the Strait will not return to its pre-war state. Mohsen Rezaei said Iran “will not remove even a single particle of enriched nuclear material” (IRIB), and Iran rejected a proposal to move its 60 per cent enriched stockpile abroad. Al Jazeera’s Tehran correspondent reports Iranian officials saying the state of “neither war nor peace” cannot last.
- **Israel:** Israeli media, including KAN, report that Israel’s security cabinet has ordered the military to prepare for a possible attack on Iran. A CENTCOM official described a report that it had advised Israel to prepare as “pure speculation” and said there had been no changes to US force posture (Rudaw).

WS Assessment: Washington has stated a policy of pressure without a deal and without new strikes; Tehran says the present situation cannot continue. The Qatari channel remains open, but there is no agreed sequence. Hold posture until one is agreed and implemented.

3. THE STRAIT, SHIPPING AND OIL: ATTACKS REACH UAE WATERS, A CLAIMED STRIKE IN BAHRAIN, BRENT NEAR $95

- **An attack in UAE territorial waters:** ADNOC Logistics and Services said on 10 November that one of its vessels was damaged in an attack that afternoon in UAE territorial waters in the Arabian Gulf, and that “response efforts by the relevant teams are ongoing” (WAM). The company has not named the vessel, described the damage or reported on the crew, and no party has claimed the attack. This was a vessel at sea, inside UAE territorial waters, with the cause unconfirmed; it was not a strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **A tanker on fire off Ras Al Khaimah:** At about 18:00 UTC on 11 November the Liberia-flagged tanker Dominica Prosperity was struck by an unidentified projectile about 14 nautical miles north-west of Ras Al Khaimah, near Mina Saqr (UKMTO). The engine room caught fire; all 22 crew, 19 of them Indian nationals, were evacuated by the UAE Coast Guard without injury. This was a vessel at sea, beyond the 12-nautical-mile territorial limit, with the cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory.
- **Other attacks:** On 7 November a tanker caught fire about eight nautical miles north-west of Khasab, Oman, and its crew evacuated. On 10 November a tanker was struck about 19 nautical miles north-east of Lima, Oman (13:38 UTC), and the tanker Fujairah Energy was hit in the Gulf, with four crew reported injured (India’s shipping minister). On 11 November the tanker NCC Fajr was hit north of Khasab. The JMIC keeps the Strait at SEVERE and counts 181 maritime security incidents since 1 March; about 211 vessels were at anchor east of the Strait.
- **Sirik and Bahrain, both unverified:** IRNA reported an “enemy” strike on Sirik, Hormozgan, late on 12 November without naming the attacker; the IRGC described an air attack on a telecommunications tower. CENTCOM has not confirmed any strike. Early on 13 November the IRGC said its Aerospace Force had “targeted and destroyed” a US early-warning radar in Bahrain. AP reports that CENTCOM and Bahrain’s Ministry of Information did not immediately respond, and the claim could not be independently verified. Iranian claims that several tankers struck mines between 8 and 13 November are also unverified.
- **The US position at sea:** CENTCOM said its forces disabled the cargo ship M/V Huda in the Gulf of Oman on 7 November after its crew ignored repeated warnings and tried to breach the blockade, and that it has established Task Force Iron Gate to disrupt Iran’s ground transit routes. The President said on 12 November that the US controls the Strait “totally”; Iran disputes this.
- **Oil:** Brent fell to two-month lows near $91 to $92 midweek, rose about 3 per cent on 12 November, and traded at $95.54 at 05:27 GMT on 13 November, with WTI at $88.18 (Al Jazeera). Both benchmarks are about 2.9 per cent lower on the week (Gulf News).

WS Assessment: Attacks on shipping have now occurred inside UAE territorial waters and close to the northern emirates. Keep all vessels clear of the Strait, the Musandam approaches, the central Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, and treat the waters off Ras Al Khaimah and the northern coast as part of the risk area.

4. THE UAE: ATTACKS IN AND NEAR ITS WATERS, A CLAIMED STRIKE NEXT DOOR, AND NO STRIKE ON LAND

- **No confirmed strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure, and none since the Barakah strike of 17 May 2026. We found no NCEMA public alert in the period, and UAE airspace remains open. We have changed our wording this week from “UAE territory” to “UAE land, ports or infrastructure”, because a vessel has been attacked inside UAE territorial waters.
- **The two incidents off the UAE:** The ADNOC Logistics and Services vessel was attacked in UAE territorial waters on 10 November; the Dominica Prosperity was struck about 14 nautical miles off Ras Al Khaimah on 11 November. ADNOC asked the public to rely on official sources. We found no UAE government statement attributing either attack.
- **Emergency response:** The UAE Coast Guard evacuated the 22 crew of the Dominica Prosperity. Separately, the UAE National Guard rescued 22 crew from a cargo ship on fire in the Gulf of Oman (reported 8 November); the cause of that fire was not stated.
- **The Bahrain claim and the UAE:** The IRGC’s claimed strike on a US radar in Bahrain is unverified. If confirmed, it would show that last week’s IRGC warning, which named the UAE and Bahrain, was not only rhetorical. The UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra. Official guidance is to follow Ministry of Defence announcements and local emergency instructions, and not to approach or photograph suspected debris (Gulf News).
- **The coast:** Khor Fakkan municipality temporarily closed Al Luluia beach after oil patches were detected; reporting links the contamination to a tanker leaking about 65km off Fujairah (Gulf News). The UAE’s travel ban on its nationals visiting Iran remains in force.
- **Aviation:** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating. Etihad’s Riyadh and Dammam flights are cancelled to 19 November, with Jeddah resumed from 6 November; flydubai’s Riyadh and Abha services are suspended to 16 November; Emirates has partially resumed Bahrain, while Kuwait remains suspended. EASA advisories covering the UAE and its neighbours are valid to 16 November and may be revised. Iranian airline flights remain suspended. Confirm schedules directly with carriers.

WS Assessment: UAE land, ports and infrastructure have not been struck. But the threshold we track was approached closely this week: an attack inside territorial waters, and a claimed strike on a US asset in a neighbouring state. Hold high readiness.

5. SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN AND THE WIDER REGION

- **Attacks on Saudi Arabia:** On 8 November the coalition intercepted ballistic missiles aimed at the Eastern Region and Riyadh; the Saudi Press Agency said shrapnel caused minor damage to an Aramco administrative building in Riyadh, with no injuries. On 11 November Saudi air defences intercepted three cruise missiles aimed at Riyadh; on the night of 11 to 12 November Civil Defence said debris from two intercepted ballistic missiles fell in Sabuhah village in the Mecca region. On 12 November the coalition intercepted drones over the Riyadh region and the Eastern Province.
- **Houthi claims, unconfirmed:** Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree claims strikes on Pumping Station No. 7 of the East-West Pipeline, oil facilities at Yanbu, Sharurah airport, Khamis Mushait air base and the Aramco headquarters in Riyadh (12 November), and denies targeting the Mecca region. Saudi Arabia has not confirmed the claims. Saudi Arabia says it is moving about four million barrels a day through the East-West Pipeline.
- **Yemen:** The UN Security Council unanimously renewed sanctions on the Houthis to 14 November 2027. OCHA reports more than 333,000 people displaced in Yemen since early August. Houthi sources say shelling killed five civilians in Saada, and say they fired six ballistic missiles at government camps in Taiz. The Saudi-Houthi truce has not been agreed.
- **Wider region:** A drone attack on the Khor Mor gas field in Iraqi Kurdistan on 9 November cut about 2.8 gigawatts of power generation; no one claimed it. Saudi Arabia's cabinet called on 10 November for an immediate end to acts threatening navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, the Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb. Pakistan's prime minister urged "dialogue and restraint" in a meeting with President Pezeshkian.

WS Assessment: The Saudi front continues, and it now includes minor damage in central Riyadh and claimed attacks on the pipeline that carries Saudi exports around the Strait. UAE-linked operators should continue to avoid routings through Saudi airports.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **Attacks in and near UAE waters; a claimed strike in Bahrain; no confirmed strike on UAE land.** A vessel has been attacked in UAE territorial waters, a tanker set on fire off Ras Al Khaimah, and the IRGC claims a strike on a US radar in Bahrain. There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **COMPLETE ANY REMAINING DEPARTURES.** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating and UAE airspace is open. Complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights, avoiding Saudi routings. Stated US intentions lower the near-term likelihood of a planned campaign; they do not remove the risk of incident-driven escalation.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL.** Essential personnel should hold shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness, review shelter locations and official guidance, keep go-bags and documents current, and be ready to shelter promptly on any alert. The UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra.
- **PROTECT ENERGY, WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS RESILIENCE.** Keep stored drinking water, fuel and generator contingencies ready, and review backup communications for critical operations.
- **COASTAL AND MARINE ACTIVITY.** Review leisure boating, offshore work and crew transfers off the northern emirates and the east coast. Respect beach closures, and do not approach debris or vessels in distress; report them.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** Hold vessels clear of the Strait, the Musandam approaches, the central Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, including the Fujairah, Khor Fakkan and Ras Al Khaimah approaches, and report any incident to UKMTO.
- **Compliance and travel security.** Note the tightened US blockade and Task Force Iron Gate, and the US pressure on third countries' trade with Iran. Screen counterparties against current US designations and consult qualified counsel; this is not legal advice.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness, Attacks in UAE Waters

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness at a high level. This week the US set out a course of continued blockade and economic pressure and described new strikes as unlikely, while a vessel was attacked in UAE territorial waters, a tanker was set on fire off Ras Al Khaimah, and the IRGC claimed a strike on a US radar in Bahrain. Clients should complete any remaining departures, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and protect energy, water and communications resilience.

- **All returns, SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.
- **Non-essential personnel, COMPLETE DEPARTURES:** Use the open airports to finish deferred departures on scheduled commercial flights, avoiding Saudi routings.
- **Essential personnel, high readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness, keep documentation and go-bags current, prepare for communications and utility disruption, and monitor attacks in UAE waters, any confirmation of the Bahrain claim, and any strike toward UAE land or airports.
- **Business and compliance clients:** Review continuity plans for loss of power, water or communications, and consult qualified counsel on sanctions exposure. This is not legal advice.
- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM to HIGH):** An agreed and implemented 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. 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:** Confirmed Iranian strikes on US assets in Gulf states, further attacks in UAE waters, a resumption of major US or US-Israeli combat, attacks on Gulf

energy sites, ports, airports or communications, or a strike on UAE land would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS.** Attacks on shipping have reached UAE waters, and Iran claims a strike on a US asset in Bahrain. There is no confirmed strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **DO NOT READ "UNLIKELY" AS "OVER".** Stated US intentions lower the likelihood of a planned campaign, not of incident-driven escalation. Plan on capabilities and verified facts.
- **TREAT UAE WATERS AS PART OF THE RISK AREA.** Review marine operations, crew transfers and leisure activity off the northern emirates and the east coast.
- **WATCH BAHRAIN.** Confirmation of an Iranian strike on a US asset there would bear directly on the UAE, which also hosts US forces.
- **AVOID SAUDI AIRPORTS AND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** Houthi fire at Saudi cities and energy sites continues, and attacks on shipping continue on both sides of Musandam.
- **Monitor for:** (1) confirmation or denial of the Bahrain radar claim and of any strike on Sirik; (2) further attacks in or near UAE waters, and any attribution; (3) any US decision to resume strikes; (4) a US reply to Iran's conditions, or an agreed sequence; (5) any Israeli action against Iran; (6) attacks on Saudi airports and energy sites; (7) any strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **Emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any confirmed strike on a Gulf state, any further attack in UAE waters, any US or Israeli decision to resume combat, any agreement, or any threat to or strike on UAE land, airports or UAE-linked shipping.
- **This is the two hundred and sixteenth edition, a weekly edition.** Day 259 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **AN ATTACK IN UAE TERRITORIAL WATERS.** ADNOC L&S: one of its vessels damaged in an attack in UAE territorial waters on 10 November. A vessel at sea, cause unconfirmed; not a strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **A TANKER ON FIRE OFF RAS AL KHAIMAH.** UKMTO: Dominica Prosperity struck about 14 nautical miles north-west of Ras Al Khaimah on 11 November; 22 crew evacuated by the UAE Coast Guard. Beyond territorial waters, cause unconfirmed.
- **A CLAIMED STRIKE IN BAHRAIN.** IRGC: a US early-warning radar in Bahrain "targeted and destroyed" (13 November) in response to a reported strike on Sirik. Unverified; no confirmation from the US or Bahrain.
- **WASHINGTON'S "THIRD OPTION".** Trump: new strikes "quite unlikely"; "We don't need a deal with Iran". Rubio: continued economic pressure with no end date. Iran: awaiting a US reply to its conditions.
- **SAUDI FRONT AND OIL.** Shrapnel damage to an Aramco building in Riyadh; unconfirmed Houthi claims against the East-West Pipeline and Yanbu. Brent at $95.54 on 13 November, about 2.9 per cent lower on the week.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH EDITION. DAY 259.** Both phases remain suspended. Complete any remaining departures, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and protect energy, water and communications resilience. The alert comes down to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.

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