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DAY 273, THE 218TH EDITION: THE WEEK TO 27 NOVEMBER. TWO ITALIAN TECHNICIANS ARE KILLED AT A KUWAITI MILITARY SITE IN A DRONE ATTACK THAT KUWAIT AND ITALY ATTRIBUTE TO IRAN; IRAN DENIES IT. AN IRANIAN ATTACK STARTS A FIRE AT AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN BAHRAIN. A BULK CARRIER IS HIT 23 NAUTICAL MILES OFF KHOR FAKKAN (AT SEA, BEYOND TERRITORIAL WATERS, NOT A STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY). THE MISSING ADNOC CREW MEMBER IS FOUND DEAD. HOUTHI ATTACKS INJURE 11 IN RIYADH AND KILL A WORKER AT JAZAN REFINERY. BRENT NEAR $97. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠️ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** ATTACKS ON THE UAE'S NEIGHBOURS HAVE NOW CAUSED DEATHS AND INJURIES. THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. On 26 November two Italian technicians from Rheinmetall Italia were killed at an air defence detection station in Kuwait. Kuwait's defence ministry said its forces engaged "several hostile drones" attacking a "vital site" and blamed "Iranian aggression"; Italy's foreign minister said the drones were of Iranian origin (CNN). Iran's armed forces said "no military or offensive operations whatsoever" had been conducted, and Foreign Minister Araghchi called the incident "suspicious" and offered a joint investigation. Earlier, on 21 November, an Iranian attack started a fire at an industrial facility in Bahrain, and on 22 November Bahrain said two people had been injured in Iranian attacks. Off the UAE, a bulk carrier at anchor about 23 nautical miles north-east of Khor Fakkan was hit by a projectile on 23 November and caught fire, with no casualties reported (UKMTO). This was a vessel at sea, beyond UAE territorial waters, with the cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory. ADNOC L&S confirmed on 26 November that the crew member missing since the 17 November attack on one of its tankers has been found dead. 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:** A CHANNEL STILL OPEN, AGAINST DEATHS AND INJURIES IN NEIGHBOURING GULF STATES. On the easing side: President Trump said on 20 November that he wants "a real deal" and will not decide his next step until the new year (Axios); Foreign Minister Araghchi said Iran's two-day proposal remains on the table, that Iran is open to shortening it, and that a fair solution on nuclear material can be found (Axios); Qatar and Pakistan continue to mediate, and Secretary Rubio met Qatar's prime minister on 23 November; reports that Iran halted plans to send 14 tankers from Kharg Island to test the blockade could not be verified, and Iranian state media denied a convoy had sailed; and Iran has offered to cooperate in the Kuwait investigation. On the harder side: the deaths in Kuwait and injuries in Bahrain; President Trump's warning that tankers testing the

blockade would be “at the bottom of the sea”; Iranian officials calling the blockade an “act of war” and IRGC-linked media saying Gulf oil terminals could become targets if an Iranian tanker is hit; Israel’s defence minister saying Iran “is in the process of developing chemical weapons”, which Iran denies; and Houthi attacks that wounded 11 people in Riyadh and killed a worker at Jazan.

⚠️ **ASSESSMENT:** THE PATTERN NOW INCLUDES CASUALTIES ON GULF STATE SOIL. THE ALERT STAYS AT MAXIMUM. Three points bear on the UAE. First, attacks attributed to Iran have moved from intercepted drone fire at US bases to deaths at a Kuwaiti military site and injuries at a Bahraini industrial site; Iran denies the Kuwait attack, but the result on the ground is the same. The UAE has not been targeted, but it hosts US forces at Al Dhafra and was named in an IRGC warning earlier this month. Second, the risk around the blockade has sharpened: Iranian officials and IRGC-linked media have linked any US action against Iranian tankers to possible strikes on Gulf oil terminals, which would include facilities the UAE depends on. Third, a bulk carrier was hit 23 nautical miles off Khor Fakkan and the missing ADNOC crew member has been found dead, showing that the east coast approaches and UAE-linked crews remain in the risk area. The UAE’s condemnations of each attack and its diplomatic engagement remain stabilising factors. The posture remains MAXIMUM with high readiness. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 273, THE WEEK IN REVIEW, 20 TO 27 NOVEMBER

Over the seven days to 09:00 GMT on 27 November, attacks attributed to Iran caused casualties in two of the UAE’s neighbours. An Iranian attack started a fire at an industrial facility in Bahrain on 21 November, and on 22 November Bahrain said two people had been injured in Iranian attacks. On 26 November two Italian technicians were killed at a Kuwaiti air defence site in a drone attack that Kuwait and Italy attribute to Iran; Iran denies involvement and has offered a joint investigation. Around the blockade, Iranian officials called it an “act of war” and debated sending tankers from Kharg Island to test it, while President Trump warned that such tankers would be “at the bottom of the sea”. He also said on 20 November that he will not decide his next step until the new year, and on 26 November that the US has “victory at hand” and is giving Iran “every chance to make a deal”.

At sea, tankers were struck north of Khasab, and a bulk carrier at anchor 23 nautical miles off Khor Fakkan was hit and caught fire on 23 November. ADNOC L&S confirmed on 26 November that its missing crew member, a Jordanian national, has been found dead. Houthi attacks wounded 11 people at a tower in Riyadh’s financial district on 24 November, produced a large smoke plume over Ras Tanura on 25 November, and killed a Nepali worker at the Jazan refinery on 26 November. Brent traded at $97.49 at about 07:30 GMT on 27 November, on course for its first weekly gain this month. 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 27 November; week from 20 November)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. Deaths in Kuwait and injuries in Bahrain from attacks attributed to Iran; a bulk carrier hit off Khor Fakkan. Complete remaining departures; suspend all Strait transits.
US decision-making	**NO DECISION BEFORE THE NEW YEAR (STATED).** Trump (20 Nov): “not rushing into any decision”; wants “a real deal”. Trump (26 Nov): “victory at hand”; “giving them every chance to make a deal”. Warns blockade-runners would be “at the bottom of the sea”.
US force posture	**BLOCKADE HOLDS.** CENTCOM: more than 108 million barrels shipped via the Strait under US protection in a week. CENTCOM calls Iran’s claim of an attack on a US F-16 false. Treasury sanctions Iranian “shadow banking” (23 Nov). Trump speaks to US troops at Al Dhafra (26 Nov).

Diplomacy	**CHANNEL OPEN, NO PROGRESS REPORTED.** Witkoff and Kushner met Qatari officials (19 Nov). Rubio met Qatar's PM (23 Nov). Araghchi: two-day proposal still on the table; Qatar and Pakistan the only channels. Mecca pact ministers meet in Islamabad (27 Nov).
Iran's posture	**BLOCKADE "AN ACT OF WAR".** Gharibabadi and Baqaei: Iran will use "all available means" against the blockade. Ghalibaf: "military ways to break the blockade". Iran denies the Kuwait attack. Iran denies chemical weapons claims.
Strait and Gulf incidents	**ATTACKS CONTINUE.** Tanker hit 11nm N of Khasab (21 Nov). Incident "with military forces" near Chabahar (22 Nov). Bulk carrier hit 23nm NE of Khor Fakkan, fire, no casualties (23 Nov). Iranian mine claims unverified. None on UAE territory.
UAE	**NO STRIKE; ADNOC CREW MEMBER DEAD.** Body of the Jordanian sailor recovered off Ras Al Khaimah by the UAE Coast Guard. UAE condemns attacks on Bahrain (22 Nov), Kuwait and Saudi Arabia (26 Nov). Etihad Saudi routes cancelled to 30 Nov. flydubai Tel Aviv from 3 Dec.
Saudi and Yemen front	**CASUALTIES IN RIYADH AND JAZAN.** Riyadh financial district tower hit, 11 injured (24 Nov). Houthis claim Ras Tanura; coalition says four drones intercepted (25 Nov). Jazan refinery hit, 1 killed (26 Nov). Coalition strikes 50 targets in Yemen. Truce not agreed.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE** since 17 May. DXB, DWC and AUH operating; UAE airspace open; Iranian airlines suspended. National Day on 2 December.

WS Assessment: The week moved the conflict on the UAE's borders from interceptions to casualties, while Washington signalled no decision before the new year. The UAE has not been targeted, but it now sits beside two states where people have been killed or injured. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness.

2. THE DIPLOMACY: “A REAL DEAL”, A PROPOSAL STILL ON THE TABLE, AND THE BLOCKADE AS THE FLASHPOINT

- **The US position:** President Trump told Axios on 19 November: “I am not rushing into any decision. We will see what happens after the beginning of the year.” At a press conference on 20 November he said: “Iran wants to make a deal, but they don’t want to make a deal that’s acceptable to me. We want to make a real deal.” On 22 November he said tankers testing the blockade would be “at the bottom of the sea like the rest of the navy” (Fox News, via Gulf News). Speaking to US troops on 26 November, including personnel at Al Dhafra, he said the US has “victory at hand” and is “giving them every chance to make a deal and save a lot of lives” (Gulf News).
- **The mediation channel:** Envoys Witkoff and Kushner met Qatar’s prime minister and envoy in Berlin on 19 November (Axios). Secretary Rubio met Qatar’s prime minister in Washington on 23 November. Foreign Minister Araghchi told the newspaper Iran that Qatar and Pakistan are the only channels, that Iran’s two-day proposal is still on the table and could be shortened, and that the US must first meet conditions including a ceasefire on all fronts, lifting the blockade, oil-sale waivers and releasing frozen funds. He said “a fair solution can be found regarding the nuclear material”, but that it will not leave Iran (Axios). Iran said on 26 November that Qatari and Pakistani mediators are continuing their efforts.
- **The blockade:** Deputy Foreign Minister Gharibabadi called the US blockade “an act of war”; spokesman Baqaei said Iran will use “all available means” against it; and Speaker Ghalibaf said: “There are military ways to break the blockade, and we will pursue them in the near future” (The National). The IRGC-linked Fars agency said that if “one bullet” hit an Iranian tanker, Gulf oil terminals could become targets. Reports that Iran halted plans to send 14 tankers from Kharg Island could not be verified, and Iranian state media denied that a convoy had sailed. The US Treasury imposed new sanctions on Iranian “shadow banking” on 23 November.
- **Chemical weapons claims:** Israel’s defence minister, Israel Katz, said on 24 November that Iran “is in the process of developing chemical weapons”; Iran denies this (CBS).
- **The Kuwait investigation:** Foreign Minister Araghchi called the Kuwait incident a possible “precooked recipe for war” and offered a joint investigation with Kuwait and Italy. Iran’s ambassador to Italy expressed “profound sorrow” at what he called an “accident”. Saudi Arabia, the UK and Oman condemned the attack; Oman called for dialogue to take precedence.

WS Assessment: Washington and Tehran both say a deal is possible, and the Qatari and Pakistani channels are active, but there is no agreed sequence and the blockade is now the most likely trigger for escalation. Hold posture until a sequence is agreed and implemented.

3. THE STRAIT, SHIPPING AND OIL: A SHIP HIT OFF KHOR FAKKAN, TANKERS STRUCK, BRENT NEAR $97

- **A bulk carrier off Khor Fakkan:** UKMTO reported that a bulk carrier at anchor about 23 nautical miles north-east of Khor Fakkan was hit by a projectile on 23 November, causing a fire on board; no casualties were reported (Anadolu, via A News). No party has claimed the attack. This was a vessel at sea, beyond UAE territorial waters, with the cause unconfirmed, and not a strike on UAE territory.
- **Other incidents:** On 21 November an outbound tanker was struck on its stern by an unidentified projectile about 11 nautical miles north of Khasab, Oman (Reuters, via gCaptain), and UKMTO reported two tankers hit in the Strait on 21 to 22 November. On 22 November UKMTO said a tanker had been “involved in an incident with military forces” in the Gulf of Oman near Chabahar; the parties were not identified (Euronews). The JMIC counted seven oil tankers hit from 16 November, including three near Oman’s coast on 20 and 21 November (Gulf News).
- **Disputed claims:** Iran’s navy and the IRGC claimed that tankers struck mines on 22, 23 and 26 November, including two “north of the Omani port of Khasab” on 26 November. These claims have not been independently verified. CENTCOM said Iran’s claim of an attack on a US F-16 was false: “Iran did not attack a US F-16 fighter aircraft yesterday, at all.” The IRGC claimed strikes on US Patriot radars in Bahrain on 21 November; we found no US confirmation.
- **The US position at sea:** CENTCOM spokesman Captain Tim Hawkins said more than 108 million barrels were shipped through the Strait under US protection in the past week (CBS). Kpler data show flows averaging 9.25 million barrels a day in the seven days to 24 November, about 54 per cent of the pre-war level (The National). We found no new CENTCOM press release in the period.
- **Oil:** Brent fell below $90 on 24 November, its lowest since late August, then rose after the attacks in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait: it settled at $96.57 on 26 November and traded at $97.49 at about 07:30 GMT on 27 November, with WTI at $86.17. Brent is on course for its first weekly gain this month (The National). OPEC+ meets on 29 November.

WS Assessment: Attacks at sea continue on both sides of Musandam and now off the UAE’s east coast, and the blockade has become the most likely flashpoint. Keep all 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.

4. THE UAE: A CREW MEMBER LOST, A SHIP HIT OFF THE EAST COAST, 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 and no reported interception over the UAE in the period. UAE airspace is open.
- **The ADNOC crew member:** ADNOC L&S confirmed on 26 November that the crew member missing since the 17 November attack on one of its vessels in the Strait "has been found dead"; of the 11 injured, nine have been discharged and two remain under medical care (Gulf News). The UAE Coast Guard recovered the body of the Jordanian sailor, Mohammad Hussam Al Din Al Otaibi, off Ras Al Khaimah; Jordan thanked the UAE and Omani authorities for their search (The National). No party has claimed the attack.
- **The UAE's statements:** The UAE condemned Iran's renewed attacks on Bahrain on 22 November, and on 26 November "strongly condemned" the "hostile Iranian attack" on Kuwait (MoFA). It also condemned Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia, saying they "violated Saudi Arabia's sovereignty and threatened the kingdom's security and stability", and reaffirmed its "full solidarity with Saudi Arabia".
- **US forces in the UAE:** President Trump spoke with US personnel at Al Dhafra Air Base on 26 November as part of Thanksgiving calls to troops in the region (Gulf News).
- **National Day:** UAE National Day (Eid Al Etihad) falls on 2 December, with large public celebrations and events expected across the emirates around it.
- **Aviation:** DXB, DWC and AUH are operating. Etihad's Abu Dhabi to Riyadh and Dammam flights are cancelled to 30 November. flydubai has reopened bookings for Dubai to Tel Aviv flights from 3 December. Several carriers have extended cancellations on Saudi routes. Iranian airline flights remain suspended. Confirm schedules directly with carriers.

WS Assessment: UAE land, ports and infrastructure have not been struck. But a ship has been hit off Khor Fakkan, a UAE-linked crew member has died, and neighbouring states have suffered casualties from attacks attributed to Iran. Hold high readiness through the National Day period.

5. SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN, KUWAIT, YEMEN AND THE WIDER REGION

- **Kuwait:** On 26 November Kuwait's defence ministry said its forces engaged several hostile drones attacking a "vital site", blamed "Iranian aggression", and said falling shrapnel wounded a Kuwaiti and a Pakistani national. Italy's foreign minister said two Rheinmetall Italia technicians maintaining air defence "detection antennas" were killed, and that the drone was made in Iran. Iran's armed forces spokesman denied any operation and called it a "false flag"; Foreign Minister Araghchi offered a joint investigation (CNN, ABC).
- **Bahrain:** On 21 November an Iranian attack caused material damage and a fire at an industrial facility; no injuries were reported (Al Jazeera). Bahrain's defence force said it intercepted several Iranian aerial attacks on 21 to 22 November, with shrapnel causing minor damage, and on 22 November the Interior Ministry said a Bahraini citizen and a Pakistani resident had been injured (Gulf News). The IRGC said it targeted US positions and Patriot radars. Bahrain asked the UN Security Council to act, and the GCC expressed "full solidarity".
- **Saudi Arabia:** Saudi Civil Defence said 11 people were injured in a Houthi attack on a tower in Riyadh's financial district on 24 November, the second strike on the building in under a week; the coalition called it a "cowardly terrorist attack". On 25 November the Houthis claimed an attack on Ras Tanura; the coalition said it intercepted four drones there, and satellite images showed a large smoke plume (Reuters, via Al-Monitor). On 26 November a Houthi attack on the Jazan refinery killed a Nepali worker, started a fire that was brought under control and temporarily suspended some operations; the coalition said it destroyed the launcher and struck 50 targets in Sanaa, Hodeidah and Saada.
- **Yemen:** Houthi media say coalition strikes on Hodeidah killed 17 people (23 November). The Houthis have threatened Jeddah's port. The Saudi-Houthi truce has not been agreed.
- **The Mecca pact:** Defence and foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Turkey meet in Islamabad on 27 November; Pakistan's defence minister said the "continuous turmoil south of Saudi Arabia" is on the agenda.

WS Assessment: Casualties have now occurred in three Gulf states in one week: Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. UAE-linked operators should continue to avoid routings through Saudi airports and keep Red Sea routings under review.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **Casualties next door; a ship hit off Khor Fakkan; no confirmed strike on UAE land.** Attacks attributed to Iran have killed two people in Kuwait and injured two in Bahrain; Iran denies the Kuwait attack. A bulk carrier has been hit off Khor Fakkan, and the missing ADNOC crew member has been found dead. 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.
- **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.
- **NATIONAL DAY PERIOD.** Large public events are expected around National Day on 2 December. Review attendance at crowded gatherings, agree a contact and rendezvous plan, and follow official guidance on any alert.
- **PROTECT ENERGY, WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS RESILIENCE.** Iranian-linked media have named Gulf oil terminals as possible targets if the blockade is enforced against Iranian tankers. Keep stored drinking water, fuel and generator contingencies ready, and review backup communications.
- **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 including anchorages. Review Red Sea routings. Report any incident to UKMTO.
- **Compliance and travel security.** Note the new US Treasury sanctions on Iranian “shadow banking”. Screen counterparties against current US designations and consult qualified counsel; this is not legal advice.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness, Casualties in Neighbouring States

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 attacks attributed to Iran caused deaths in Kuwait and injuries in Bahrain, a bulk carrier was hit off Khor Fakkan, and the missing ADNOC crew member was found dead, while Washington signalled no decision before the new year. 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 any attack towards the UAE or Al Dhafra, any enforcement action against Iranian tankers, and attacks on shipping off the east coast.
- **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:** An attack on the UAE or on US forces in the UAE, a clash over Iranian tankers and the blockade, attacks on Gulf oil terminals, ports, airports or communications, a resumption of major US or US-Israeli combat, 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 attributed to Iran have caused deaths in Kuwait and injuries in Bahrain. There is no confirmed strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **WATCH THE BLOCKADE.** Any US action against Iranian tankers, or an Iranian attempt to run the blockade, is now the most likely trigger for strikes on Gulf energy facilities.
- **PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL DAY PERIOD.** Review attendance at large gatherings around 2 December and make sure staff know official alert channels and shelter locations.
- **PROTECT CREWS AND EAST COAST OPERATIONS.** A ship at anchor off Khor Fakkan has been hit and a UAE-linked crew member has died. Operators should review anchorage positions, crew welfare and reporting arrangements.
- **AVOID SAUDI AIRPORTS AND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** Houthi attacks are now causing casualties in Riyadh and at Saudi refineries.
- **Monitor for:** (1) any attack towards the UAE or Al Dhafra; (2) any clash over Iranian tankers and the blockade; (3) the outcome of the Kuwait investigation; (4) further attacks off the UAE's coasts and on UAE-linked shipping; (5) any agreed sequence through Qatar and Pakistan; (6) attacks on Gulf energy facilities; (7) any strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure.
- **Emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any attack towards the UAE, any clash over the blockade, any further attack on UAE-linked shipping, any US or Israeli decision to resume combat, or any agreement.
- **This is the two hundred and eighteenth edition, a weekly edition.** Day 273 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **DEATHS IN KUWAIT.** Two Rheinmetall Italia technicians killed at a Kuwaiti air defence site (26 November). Kuwait and Italy attribute the drones to Iran; Iran denies it and offers a joint investigation.
- **INJURIES IN BAHRAIN.** An Iranian attack caused a fire at an industrial facility (21 November); Bahrain said on 22 November that two people had been injured.
- **A SHIP HIT OFF KHOR FAKKAN.** UKMTO: a bulk carrier at anchor 23 nautical miles north-east of Khor Fakkan hit by a projectile and set on fire (23 November), no casualties. Beyond territorial waters, cause unconfirmed; not a strike on UAE territory.
- **ADNOC CREW MEMBER FOUND DEAD.** The Jordanian sailor missing since the 17 November attack was recovered off Ras Al Khaimah by the UAE Coast Guard.
- **SAUDI FRONT AND OIL.** 11 injured in Riyadh; a worker killed at Jazan; smoke over Ras Tanura. Brent $97.49 on 27 November, heading for its first weekly gain this month.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS. NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE LAND, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH EDITION. DAY 273.** 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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THE WEEK TO 27 NOVEMBER SAW ATTACKS ON THE UAE'S NEIGHBOURS CAUSE CASUALTIES: TWO PEOPLE KILLED IN KUWAIT IN AN ATTACK ATTRIBUTED TO IRAN, WHICH IRAN DENIES, AND TWO REPORTED INJURED IN BAHRAIN. WASHINGTON SIGNALLED NO DECISION BEFORE THE NEW YEAR.

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