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DAY 183 – THE MOMENTUM CONTINUES BUT THE IMPASSE IS NOT YET BROKEN: TECHNICAL IRAN-OMAN TALKS DEEPEN TOWARD A PERMANENT NAVIGATIONAL CORRIDOR, AND STRAWS IN THE WIND EMERGE (THE US REPORTEDLY RETURNING DIPLOMATS TO THE GULF; AN UNVERIFIED REPORT OF A POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE "IN THE COMING DAYS") – BUT THE US HAS STILL NOT LIFTED THE BLOCKADE, NO DIRECT TALKS ARE CONFIRMED, AND THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – MAXIMUM HELD

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MIXED SIGNALS: THE MOMENTUM CONTINUES AND ENCOURAGING SIGNALS EMERGE – BUT NOTHING IS YET CONFIRMED, AND THE US HAS STILL NOT MOVED. The diplomatic momentum has continued, and some tentative positive signals have emerged, but the impasse is not yet confirmed broken and the United States has still not lifted its blockade. Technical negotiations between Iran and Oman are continuing, now toward a permanent navigational corridor and the future administration of the Strait – a maturing of the talks beyond the temporary route. There are straws in the wind of possible de-escalation: the US has reportedly begun returning diplomats to Gulf states, suggesting Washington does not expect military escalation, and an unverified Russian report earlier this week, citing Iranian and Pakistani sources, suggested a ceasefire including freedom of shipping through the Strait could be announced in the coming days. But this remains unverified – the White House has not commented – and, as of this cutoff, no ceasefire has been announced, the blockade has not been lifted, and direct US-Iran talks have not resumed, with Iran maintaining it is negotiating only with Oman. There is no agreement yet. The direct US-Iran strike pause holds, and there is NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. The momentum is real and the signals encouraging, but nothing is yet confirmed.

⚠ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. Despite the continuing momentum and the tentative positive signals, no breakthrough has been confirmed: the US has not lifted its naval blockade, no ceasefire has been announced, direct talks have not resumed, and there is no agreement yet. The US naval blockade remains in full force, the direct sanctions on Iran stand, the ballistic missile launches toward the UAE have not been repeated but the threat persists, and the regional fronts remain active, with the Houthis attacking Saudi shipping and the Lebanon front live. Iran's standing threat to retaliate against Gulf energy infrastructure if attacked continues to apply. There is NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended and readiness heightened, and continues to advise clients to complete departures, hold readiness, and suspend all Strait transits until a durable de-escalation is confirmed.

⚠ **ASSESSMENT:** ENCOURAGING SIGNALS, BUT TREAT THE CEASEFIRE REPORT WITH CAUTION. The direction of travel remains encouraging: the technical talks are maturing toward a permanent corridor, the reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf suggests Washington does not expect escalation, and the market continues to price in an easing. But two cautions are essential. First, the report of an imminent ceasefire is unverified – it originates with Russian state media citing unnamed sources, the White House has not commented, and, several days on, no such agreement has materialised; it should not be treated as fact, and past reports of imminent deals in this war have repeatedly failed to hold. Second, the fundamental obstacle is unchanged: the US has not lifted its blockade, Iran will not act until it does, and direct talks have not resumed. The gap between an encouraging trajectory and a confirmed settlement remains wide, and this war has seen several apparent breakthroughs collapse. For UAE clients, the posture is unchanged: MAXIMUM, heightened readiness, complete departures, suspend all Strait transits – the outlook is improving but nothing is confirmed, and clients should await a verified de-escalation, not act on reports. There is no strike on UAE territory.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 183 – ENCOURAGING SIGNALS, NOTHING CONFIRMED

The diplomatic momentum has continued and some tentative positive signals have emerged, but the impasse is not yet confirmed broken, and the United States has still not lifted its naval blockade. Technical negotiations between Iran and Oman are continuing, now directed toward a permanent navigational corridor and the future administration of the Strait, together with mechanisms for traffic management and navigational and security services – a maturing of the talks beyond the temporary route agreed earlier in the week. Straws in the wind of a possible de-escalation have appeared: the United States has reportedly begun returning its diplomats to Gulf states, suggesting Washington does not currently expect military escalation, and an unverified report from Russian state media earlier this week, citing Iranian and Pakistani sources, suggested that a new ceasefire including freedom of shipping through the Strait could be announced in the coming days. But that report remains unverified, the White House has not commented, and, as of this cutoff, no ceasefire has been announced, the blockade has not been lifted, and direct US-Iran talks have not resumed – Iran continues to maintain that it is negotiating only with Oman. There is no agreement yet. Oil prices remain low as the market prices in the momentum. There has been no strike on UAE territory, and the direct US-Iran strike pause holds. Westminster Security holds the alert at MAXIMUM with readiness heightened, while standing ready to lower it to HIGH promptly once the blockade is lifted, a de-escalation confirmed, and safe passage verified.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Saturday 29 August)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), readiness heightened.** Both phases suspended. Signals encouraging but nothing confirmed. Suspend all Strait transits.
The blockade	**NOT LIFTED – THE OBSTACLE.** The US has not lifted its blockade, the decisive step; the impasse persists. Iran will not act until it does.
Technical talks	**MATURING.** Iran-Oman talks now toward a permanent corridor and future administration of the Strait – a deepening beyond the temporary route.
Straws in the wind	**ENCOURAGING.** US reportedly returning diplomats to the Gulf (no escalation expected); oil low on the momentum.
Ceasefire report	**UNVERIFIED.** Russian state media suggested a ceasefire “in the coming days”; unverified, White House silent, not yet materialised. Treat with caution.
Direct talks	**NOT RESUMED.** Iran maintains it is negotiating only with Oman, not the US directly. No agreement yet.

UAE territory	**NO STRIKE; NO ACTION.** No repeat of the missiles; no strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure; no Iranian action against Gulf interests. Airports open.
Direct strikes	**PAUSE HOLDS.** No new US strikes inside Iran, no Iranian strikes on US bases.

WS Assessment: The trajectory remains encouraging – maturing technical talks, diplomats returning, an easing market – but nothing has been confirmed: the blockade stands, direct talks have not resumed, and the reported imminent ceasefire is unverified and has not materialised. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with readiness heightened, and Westminster Security stands ready to lower it to HIGH promptly once the blockade is lifted, a de-escalation confirmed, and safe passage verified – while cautioning clients not to act on unverified reports.

2. THE IMPASSE PERSISTS – NO BLOCKADE LIFT, NO CONFIRMED DIRECT TALKS

- **The blockade not lifted:** The decisive step for implementing the Iran-Oman framework – the United States lifting its naval blockade of Iranian ports – has not been taken as of this cutoff; the blockade remains in full force, and with it the central obstacle to reopening the Strait remains in place.
- **Direct talks not resumed:** Iran continues to maintain that its only current negotiations are with Oman, on the future of the Strait, and that it is not in direct negotiations with the United States; the mediators' goal of drawing the two sides back into direct talks has not yet been achieved.
- **No agreement yet:** Despite the intensive mediation of recent days, there is no agreement yet; the sequencing impasse – Iran insisting the US lift the blockade and meet its other commitments first, visibly and verifiably, before it acts – remains unresolved, and no ceasefire has been announced.
- **A pattern of false dawns:** This war has seen several apparent breakthroughs – the April ceasefire, the June memorandum – that ultimately collapsed; the current momentum, while genuine, must be read against that pattern, and against the fact that the fundamental positions have not yet visibly shifted.
- **The onus on Washington:** The onus for the next move remains on Washington: the agreed Iran-Oman terms cannot be implemented until the US lifts its blockade, and until it does – most likely as part of a reciprocal, mediated set of steps – the Strait stays closed and the impasse holds.

WS Assessment: The persistence of the impasse remains the central fact: the encouraging signals have not yet translated into the one step that matters – the US lifting its blockade – and direct talks have not resumed. Until they do, the momentum, however real, has not become a settlement, and clients should hold their posture and await confirmation.

3. STRAWS IN THE WIND – DIPLOMATS RETURNING, AN UNVERIFIED CEASEFIRE REPORT, DEEPENING TALKS

- **Technical talks mature:** The Iran-Oman joint statement indicated that technical negotiations would continue toward agreeing a permanent navigational corridor and the future administration of the Strait, as well as a mechanism for information-sharing, traffic management, and navigational and security services – a maturing of the talks toward a durable, rather than merely temporary, arrangement.
- **US diplomats returning:** The United States has reportedly begun returning its diplomats to Gulf states, a development that suggests Washington does not currently expect military escalation, and that has contributed to the easing of oil prices – a modest but tangible signal of reduced near-term risk.
- **An unverified ceasefire report – caution required:** Russian state media reported earlier this week, citing Iranian and Pakistani sources, that the US and Iran would announce a new ceasefire agreement in the coming days, including freedom of shipping through the Strait. This report could not be independently verified, the White House did not comment, and, several days on, no such agreement has been announced; it should be treated with caution and not as fact.
- **Past reports have not held:** Reports of imminent deals have recurred through this war without materialising, and unverified claims from state media citing unnamed sources warrant particular caution; the report is noted as a straw in the wind, not as a reliable indicator, and its non-materialisation to date underlines the need for scepticism.
- **The market's reading:** The falling oil price and the return of diplomats reflect a market and diplomatic reading that the near-term risk of escalation has eased and that a settlement is more likely than before; but the market has been wrong before in this war, and its optimism is not a confirmation.

WS Assessment: The genuine signals – maturing technical talks and the reported return of diplomats – are encouraging and consistent with an easing trajectory. But the unverified ceasefire report should be treated with real caution: it is unconfirmed, uncorroborated by the White House, and has not materialised, and this war's history of collapsed breakthroughs counsels against reading it as imminent. Clients should watch for confirmation from credible, primary sources, not act on unverified reports.

4. THE MEDIATION CONTINUES; OIL; THE REGIONAL FRONTS

- **The mediation continues:** The mediation by Qatar, Pakistan and Oman continues following Qatar's extensive Tehran meetings; the mediators are working to bridge the sequencing impasse and to draw the US and Iran back into direct talks, and their sustained engagement is the vehicle most likely to produce a breakthrough if one comes.
- **Oil remains low:** Oil prices have fallen sharply this week and remain low, with the market pricing in the diplomatic momentum and the reduced near-term risk of escalation; a sustained easing would depend on the Strait genuinely reopening with verified safe passage, which has not yet occurred.
- **The Strait still closed:** The Strait of Hormuz – through which about a fifth of the world's oil passes in peacetime – remains closed to most shipping, with the blockade in force and traffic minimal; the negotiations continue to centre on who controls the Strait and whether Iran may charge fees for passage.
- **The Red Sea and Lebanon fronts:** The Houthis have continued their campaign against Saudi shipping in the Red Sea, and the Lebanon front remains active following Hezbollah's drone attack on Israeli troops; these fronts, which Iran now insists must be resolved for a settlement, remain live and could complicate the diplomacy.
- **UAE approaches:** There is no strike on UAE territory or on shipping in UAE waters; vessels remain anchored off the UAE's east coast at Khor Fakkan. UAE-linked operators should continue to treat the Strait as closed and hostile until a de-escalation is confirmed, the blockade lifted, and safe passage verified.

WS Assessment: The mediation and the easing market reflect the improved outlook, but the Strait remains closed, the blockade in force, and the regional fronts active. For UAE-linked operators, all Strait transits should remain suspended until a confirmed de-escalation and verified safe passage.

5. SHIPPING, THE BLOCKADE AND THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **The Strait still closed, talks maturing:** The Strait remains closed to most shipping, with the blockade in force and traffic minimal; but the technical talks are maturing toward a permanent corridor and future administration of the Strait, a prospective route to a durable reopening that is not yet implemented.
- **The blockade the decisive obstacle:** The US naval blockade remains the decisive obstacle; its lifting is a core Iranian condition and a necessary element of any durable de-escalation, and it has not been eased, though the reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf suggests a reduced expectation of escalation.
- **Oil low, easing:** Oil prices remain low after falling sharply this week, as the market prices in the momentum; the easing reflects reduced near-term risk rather than a reopened Strait, and could reverse if the impasse hardens or a reported breakthrough fails to materialise.
- **Regional fronts active:** The Houthi campaign against Saudi shipping continues, and the Lebanon front remains active; Israel remains active in Lebanon and Syria – the fronts Iran now insists must all be resolved for a settlement, a reminder the war continues despite the diplomacy.
- **UAE approaches:** There is no strike on UAE territory or on shipping in UAE waters; vessels remain anchored off Khor Fakkan. UAE-linked operators should continue to treat the Strait as closed and hostile until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.

WS Assessment: The maritime picture is improving in prospect – maturing talks, an easing market, diplomats returning – but unchanged in practice: the Strait is closed and the blockade in force. For UAE-linked operators, all Strait transits should remain suspended until a confirmed de-escalation and verified safe passage.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **The outlook keeps improving, the pressure eased – but nothing confirmed, and no strike on UAE territory.** The maturing talks, the reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf, and the US holding back on secondary sanctions continue to ease the pressure on the UAE. But nothing is confirmed, the blockade stands, and the reported ceasefire is unverified. There has been no repeat of the missiles, no Iranian action against Gulf interests, and no strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure.
- **USE THE PAUSE – COMPLETE OUTSTANDING DEPARTURES.** With the direct US-Iran strike pause holding and airports open, complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights. The outlook has improved but nothing is confirmed; completing departures while the pause holds remains prudent.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HEIGHTENED LEVEL – AWAIT CONFIRMATION, NOT REPORTS.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a heightened level; no de-escalation is yet confirmed, and clients should await verified confirmation rather than acting on unverified reports. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert.
- **Review Iran-related sanctions exposure – the third-party risk remains receded.** The US continues to hold back on secondary sanctions, keeping the immediate third-party risk to UAE businesses receded; but the direct sanctions on Iran and the standing threat remain. Review exposure through exchange houses, trade finance, shipping and re-export; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS – UNTIL A DE-ESCALATION IS CONFIRMED.** The Strait remains closed, the blockade in force, and the framework not implemented. Suspend all transits, hold vessels clear of the Strait and the Bab al-Mandeb, and treat the Strait as hostile until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified – not on the basis of unverified reports.
- **Utility and shelter measures should remain in place, with attention to water and energy.** Keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; UAE strategic water reserves are reported at roughly two days at current consumption, and Iran's standing threats make resilience a priority until de-escalation is confirmed. Follow official UAE and NCEMA guidance.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held – Heightened Readiness, the Outlook Improving but Nothing Confirmed

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness heightened. The outlook keeps improving – maturing talks, diplomats returning, an easing market – but nothing is confirmed, the blockade stands, direct talks have not resumed, and the reported ceasefire is unverified; clients should complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and await a verified de-escalation rather than acting on reports.

- **All returns – SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation is confirmed; an improving outlook and unverified reports are not a settlement.
- **Non-essential personnel – COMPLETE DEPARTURES:** Use the pause and open airports to finish any deferred departures now, on scheduled commercial flights.
- **Essential personnel – heightened readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a heightened level, review shelter locations, keep documentation and go-bags current, and monitor whether the blockade is lifted, direct talks resume, a ceasefire is confirmed, and any strike on UAE territory.
- **Business/compliance clients:** The immediate third-party sanctions risk remains receded with the US holding back on secondary sanctions, but review exposure given the direct sanctions and the standing threat; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.

- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM → HIGH):** The lifting of the US blockade, a confirmed de-escalation or ceasefire, the implementation of the Iran-Oman framework, a genuine reopening of the Strait with verified safe passage, and a de-escalation of the missile and economic threats would allow the alert to come down. The trajectory is encouraging and there is a June precedent for the blockade being lifted within minutes of a completed deal; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once these conditions are confirmed.
- **Further escalation – still possible:** The momentum could still reverse: a collapse of the mediation, a failure of the reported breakthrough to materialise, an Iranian action against Gulf interests, a strike on UAE territory, or a resumption of direct US strikes would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, heightened readiness – the outlook improving but nothing confirmed, the blockade still in force; protect people first, complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and await a verified de-escalation.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD – the outlook keeps improving, but nothing is confirmed.** Technical Iran-Oman talks are maturing toward a permanent corridor, the US has reportedly begun returning diplomats to the Gulf, and oil remains low. But the US has not lifted the blockade, direct talks have not resumed, there is no agreement yet, and a reported imminent ceasefire is unverified. There is no strike on UAE territory.
- **TREAT THE CEASEFIRE REPORT WITH CAUTION – AWAIT CONFIRMATION.** The report of an imminent ceasefire is unverified, uncorroborated by the White House, and has not materialised. Do not act on it; watch for confirmation from credible, primary sources, and note this war's history of collapsed breakthroughs.
- **THE DECISIVE STEP REMAINS THE US LIFTING THE BLOCKADE – WATCH FOR IT.** The framework cannot be implemented until the US lifts its blockade, and direct talks have not resumed. Watch for whether Washington moves; there is a June precedent for the blockade being lifted fast once a deal is struck.
- **HOLD READINESS; COMPLETE DEPARTURES; SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** No de-escalation is yet confirmed. Complete deferred non-essential departures on scheduled flights, keep shelter readiness current, and suspend all Strait transits until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.
- **THE THIRD-PARTY SANCTIONS RISK REMAINS RECEDED – BUT REVIEW EXPOSURE.** The US continues to hold back on secondary sanctions, but the direct sanctions and the standing threat remain. Review exposure; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **Monitor for:** (1) whether the US lifts the blockade and direct talks resume; (2) whether a ceasefire is confirmed by credible sources; (3) any strike on UAE territory or Iranian action against Gulf interests; (4) the Red Sea and Lebanon fronts; (5) whether the direct pause holds.
- **An improving outlook, but nothing confirmed – updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any lifting of the blockade, confirmed ceasefire, resumption of direct talks, strike on UAE territory, or major escalation, and will lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.
- **This is the one hundred and seventieth edition.** Day 183 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **THE MOMENTUM CONTINUES – BUT NOTHING IS CONFIRMED.** The diplomatic momentum continues and encouraging signals have emerged – maturing technical talks, the US reportedly returning diplomats to the Gulf, an easing oil market. But the US has not lifted its blockade, direct talks have not resumed, and there is no agreement yet. The impasse is not yet confirmed broken; the outlook is improving, but the one step that matters – the US lifting the blockade – has not been taken.
- **TECHNICAL TALKS MATURE TOWARD A PERMANENT CORRIDOR.** The Iran-Oman technical negotiations are now directed toward a permanent navigational corridor and the future administration of the Strait, with mechanisms for traffic management and navigational and security services – a deepening beyond the temporary route. It signals the talks are maturing toward a durable arrangement, though it is not yet implemented and hinges on the US lifting the blockade.
- **AN UNVERIFIED CEASEFIRE REPORT – TREAT WITH CAUTION.** Russian state media reported, citing Iranian and Pakistani sources, that a ceasefire including freedom of shipping through the Strait could be announced "in the coming days." But the report is unverified, the White House has not commented, and – several days on – no such agreement has materialised. Given this war's history of collapsed breakthroughs, it should be treated with caution, not as fact; await confirmation from credible sources.
- **THE PRESSURE ON THE UAE REMAINS EASED – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY.** The reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf, the US holding back on secondary sanctions, and the maturing talks continue to ease the pressure on the UAE. There has been no repeat of the missiles, no Iranian action against Gulf interests, and no strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure. The direct US-Iran strike pause holds. But nothing is confirmed, and the blockade stands.
- **THE REGIONAL FRONTS REMAIN ACTIVE.** The Houthi campaign against Saudi shipping in the Red Sea continues, and the Lebanon front remains active following Hezbollah's drone attack on Israeli troops; Israel remains active in Lebanon and Syria. Iran now insists these fronts be resolved for a settlement, tying them to the Strait and potentially complicating the diplomacy. Oil remains low on the momentum, though the Strait stays closed.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, OUTLOOK IMPROVING – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTIETH EDITION. DAY 183.** The trajectory is encouraging but nothing is confirmed: the blockade stands, direct talks have not resumed, and the reported ceasefire is unverified. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, review sanctions exposure, and await a verified de-escalation rather than acting on reports. Westminster Security stands ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.

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