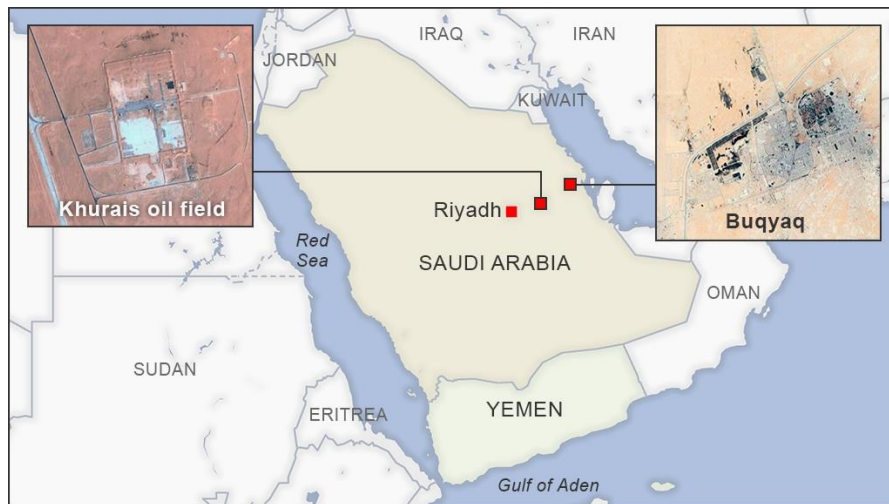


Road to War & Order of Battle

Situation & Timeline

In September 2010, a barrage of over 20 drones and cruise missiles struck the Abqaiq and Khurais oil processing facilities in Saudi Arabia. The attack managed to cut Saudi Arabia's oil production capabilities by half. Houthi rebels claimed responsibility. However, the United States, Saudi Arabia, and the United Nations declared that Iran was behind the attack. Iran has denied involvement in the attack.



In retaliation, an Iranian tanker, the Sabiti, was struck by two unknown weapons on October 2010. The Sabiti was roughly 60nm from the port city of Jeddah. Tensions were reduced until August 3rd of, 2011. The Asphalt Princess sailed approximately 70nm east of Fujairah when Iranian-backed forces hijacked it. Iran again denied involvement, but the tanker was towed to the port of Bandar Abbas. Iran then claimed the Strait of Hormuz was part of its territory. Kilo-class submarines were dispatched and sealed access to the straight by deploying EM-52 sea mines. The Asphalt Princess was towed just outside Bandar Abbas Port, where it remains.



The United Nations has condemned Iran's actions and placed further sanctions. The sanctions are not having the effect desired because of Chinese support. The last few years have seen China purchase Iranian oil, creating a mutually beneficial relationship. The oil has been typically transported to China via Afghanistan. Current intelligence indicates that Iran's aggressive move to claim the Strait of Hormuz will provide a cheaper route for Iranian oil while weakening Saudi Arabia's ability to export its oil. The relationship has also seen military technology and joint military exercises being performed.

While the Asphalt Princess was being hijacked, another Houthi rebel group attacked the port city of Khasab. Several explosions and automatic weapons firing have been reported in the city. Communication has been lost with the police and other government services.

Because of the attacks on Omani soil, the threat posed to UAE ports in lost revenue, and pressure from the Saudi government, the UAE and Oman have approved their airspace and military airbases for use. Aircraft may be based only on certain airbases, and the major civilian airports are not to be used except for emergencies.

Qatar, Bahrain, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq are abstaining from the conflict, citing security concerns. They have denied access to their airspace to any coalition aircraft.

Iranian Order of Battle

Iranian Army



The Iranian Army has been on a heightened alert state; however, no units have left Iranian territory.

Division	Unit Types	Location
1 st Marine Division, 81 st Armored Division	T-72B3, T-80	Bandar Abbas
28 th Mechanized Division	BTR-82, BMP-1, BMP-2	Kerman
84 th Mechanized Division	BTR-82, BMP-1, BMP-2	Shiraz
35 th Mechanized Division	BTR-82, BMP-1, BMP-2	Bandar E Jask
26 th Mechanized Division	BTR-82, BMP-1, BMP-2	Qeshm Island

The Iranian Army has units on Abu Musa, Siri, Greater Tunb, and Farur islands. The units consist of infantry, MANPADS, technical, and BMPs. All units have artillery and short-range air defenses embedded. Specific threats will be issued with tasking orders.

Revolutionary Guard



The revolutionary guard is intended to protect the country's Islamic Political system. The group has access to more modern and better-maintained equipment.

Division	Unit Types	Location
1 st Infantry Division	T-90	Bandar Abbas
12 th Infantry Division	BTR-82, BMP-3	Kerman
1 st Armored Division	T-90	Shiraz
2 nd Armored Division	T-90	Bandar E Jask
3 rd Mechanized Division	BTR-82, BMP-3	Qeshm Island

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Iranian IADS

The Iranian IADS is comprised of older soviet era SAM systems. The reported systems in use are:

- SA-2
- SA-3
- SA-5
- SA-6
- SA-8
- SA-10
- SA-11
- SA-13
- SA-15

There are also reports of MANPADs embedded with troops. Specific threats will be issued with tasking orders.

Iranian Airforce



The Iranian Airforce comprises F-14A, Mig-29A&S, F-4E, and Mirage F-1EQ. The air force order of battle is as follows:

Squadron	Number	Location
81 TFS (F-14A)	15	Kerman
22 TFS (Mig-29 A/S)	18	Kerman
91 TFS (F-4E)	15	Kerman
102 TFS (F-1EQ)	15	Kerman
54 AS (Su-24M)	20	Kerman
78 AS (Su-25T)	20	Kerman
82 TFS (F-14A)	15	Shiraz
23 TFS (Mig-29 A/S)	18	Shiraz
92 TFS (F-4E)	15	Shiraz
103 TFS (F-1EQ)	15	Shiraz
51 AS (Su-24M)	20	Shiraz
71 AS (Su-25T)	20	Shiraz
83 TFS (F-14A)	10	Jiroft

Forces in Bandar Abbas have been moved to northern airfields.

Iranian Navy



The Iranian navy is based at ports along the Persian Gulf. The navy is known to sail along the coast of Iran and does not venture past the Gulf of Oman.

Type	Number	Home Port
Kilo Class Attack Submarine	3	Bandar Abbas
La Combattante IIa-class fast attack craft	13	Bandar Abbas, Bandar E Jask, Lavan Island, Bandar Lengeh
Corvette Grisha	6	Bandar Abbas, Bandar E Jask
Rezky Frigate	2	Bandar Abbas, Bandar E Jask
High-Speed Attack Boat	40	Bandar Abbas, Bandar E Jask, Lavan Island, Bandar Lengeh