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## Saudi Arabia oil facilities attacked, U.S.-Iran tensions flare

RIYADH/DUBAI (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia said armed drones struck two oil pumping stations in the kingdom on Tuesday in what it called a "cowardly" act of terrorism two days after Saudi oil tankers were sabotaged off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

The attacks took place against a backdrop of U.S.-Iranian tension following Washington's decision this month to try to cut Iran's oil exports to zero and to beef up its military presence in the Gulf in response to what it said were Iranian threats.

However, U.S. President Donald Trump denied a New York Times report that U.S. officials were discussing a military plan to send up to 120,000 troops to the Middle East to counter any attack or nuclear weapons acceleration by Iran.

"It's fake news, OK? Now, would I do that? Absolutely. But we have not planned for that. Hopefully we're not going to have to plan for that. And if we did that, we'd send a hell of a lot more troops than that," Trump told reporters.

Iran's Supreme Leader says there will be no war with U.S. U.S. believes Iran proxies may be behind tanker attacks, official says

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said there would not be war with the United States despite mounting tensions over Iranian nuclear capabilities, its missile program and its support for proxies in Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

"There won't be any war. The Iranian nation has chosen the path of resistance," he said in comments carried by Iran's state TV. He repeated that Tehran would not negotiate with Washington over Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with major powers.

Trump withdrew the United States from the pact a year ago and has increased economic sanctions on Iran.

Under the accord negotiated by Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, Tehran agreed to curb its uranium enrichment capacity, a potential pathway to a nuclear bomb, in return for sanctions relief



UAE Navy boats next to Al Marzoqah Saudi Arabia tanker are seen off the Port of Fujairah, UAE May, 13, 2019. REUTERS/Satish Kumar

The Trump administration's sanctions are designed to choke off Iran's oil exports in an effort to force Iran to accept more stringent limits on its nuclear and missile programs.

U.S. national security agencies believe proxies sympathetic to or working for Iran may have sabotaged the tankers off the UAE coast rather than Iranian forces themselves, a U.S. official familiar with the latest U.S. assessments said on Tuesday.

The official said possible perpetrators might include Houthi rebels in Yemen and Iran-backed Shi'ite militias based in Iraq, but Washington had no hard evidence. On Monday, a U.S. official said Iran was a leading candidate for the tanker sabotage but the United States did not have conclusive proof.

Iran rejects the allegation of Iranian involvement and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that "extremist individuals" in the U.S. government were pursuing dangerous policies.

### HOUTHIS TV CLAIMS DRONE ATTACK

Houthi-run Masirah TV earlier said the group had carried out drone attacks on "vital" Saudi installations in response to "continued aggression and blockade" on Yemen.

A Saudi-led coalition has been battling the Houthis for four years in Yemen to try to restore the internationally recognized government in a conflict widely seen as a Saudi-Iran proxy war.

The Houthis have repeatedly hit Saudi cities with drones and missiles, but two Saudi sources told Reuters this was the first time a facility of the state-run Aramco had been attacked by drones.

Aramco said it had temporarily shut down the East-West pipeline, known as Petrolina, to evaluate its condition. The pipeline mainly transports crude from

Oil prices rose on news of the attack on the Saudi pumping stations, more than 200 miles (320 km) west of the capital Riyadh. Brent was trading at \$71.37 a barrel by 1715 GMT, up 1.62%.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih, in comments run by state media, said global oil supplies were threatened by the drone attack and Sunday's sabotage of four vessels, including two Saudi tankers, off Fujairah emirate, a major bunkering hub near the Strait of Hormuz.

A fifth of global oil consumption passes through the strait from Middle East crude producers to much of the world.

"These attacks prove again that it is important for us to face terrorist entities, including the Houthi militias in Yemen that are backed by Iran," Falih said in an English-language statement issued by his ministry.

A UAE official told Reuters the UAE was working with local and international partners from the United States, France, Norway, and Saudi Arabia to "fully

investigate the incident and to identify the people or entities responsible."

The UAE has not blamed anyone for what it called sabotage on the vessels, which include a Norwegian-registered oil products tanker. France has a naval base in Abu Dhabi.

A senior European diplomat voiced skepticism that Trump's "maximum pressure" strategy would force Iran to capitulate.

"Iran is not falling to its knees," said the diplomat on condition of anonymity, saying Iran could resume its nuclear work and leave Washington with no option but military action.

"Does Trump want to go to war with Iran especially during an election campaign year?" he asked.

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Venezuela security forces block opposition lawmakers from entering parliament

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Venezuelan National Police members stand in line near the National Assembly building in Caracas, Venezuela, May 14, 2019. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado

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Last week, one opposition lawmaker was arrested and several took refuge in foreign embassies in Caracas or fled the country as President Nicolas Maduro cracked down on allies of opposition leader Juan Guaido...

Guaido, the leader of the opposition-controlled Assembly, in January invoked Venezuela's constitution to assume an interim presidency, arguing Maduro's 2018 re-election was illegitimate.

"This is all part of a show to prevent the National Assembly from functioning," lawmaker Juan Pablo Guanipa told Reuters.

Venezuela's information ministry, which handles media inquiries on behalf of the government, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



Pro government supporters shout slogans near the National Assembly building in Caracas, Venezuela, May 14, 2019. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado

calls Guaido a puppet of the United States seeking to oust him in a coup.

The government stripped the assembly of most of its powers after the opposition won a majority in 2015 elections. Lawmakers loyal to Maduro generally do not attend the sessions...

The "superbody" is an all-powerful legislature controlled by the ruling Socialist Party and whose powers supersede those of the National Assembly.

Tuesday's session was scheduled for 10 a.m. (1400 GMT), but never began. The lawmakers were set to discuss the Supreme Court's stripping of several of their colleagues' parliamentary immunity...

Opposition lawmaker Jorge Millan told reporters the report of "bombs" in the building was false.

"It is a trick to prevent the parliament from functioning today," he said. "If we do not have a session today, we will do it tomorrow."

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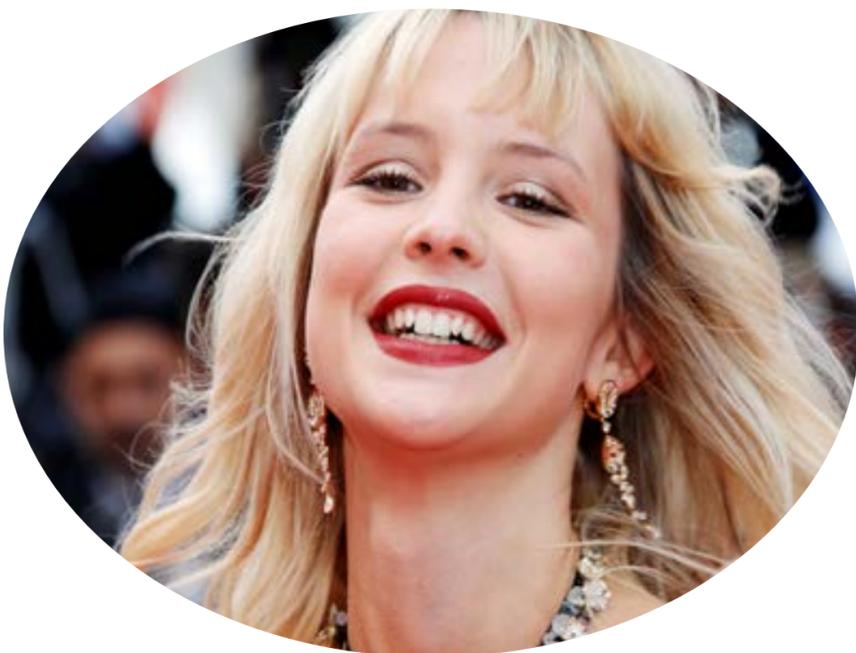
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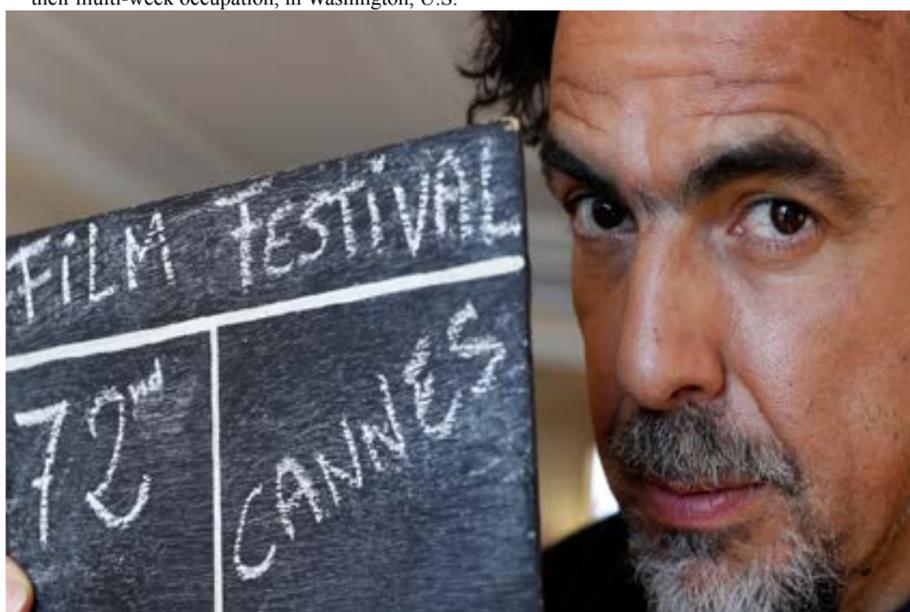
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Doris Day, the sunny blond actress and singer whose frothy comedic roles opposite the likes of Rock Hudson and Cary Grant made her one of Hollywood's biggest stars in the 1950s and '60s and a symbol of wholesome American womanhood, died Monday. She was 97.

In more recent years, Day had been an animal rights advocate. Her Doris Day Animal Foundation confirmed her death at her Carmel Valley, California, home. Day "had been in excellent physical health for her age" but had recently contracted pneumonia, the foundation said in a statement. She requested that no memorial services be held and no grave marker erected.

With her litting contralto, fresh-faced beauty and glowing smile, Day was a top box-office draw and recording artist known for comedies such as "Pillow Talk" and "That Touch of Mink," as well as songs like "Whatever Will Be, Will Be (Que Sera, Sera)" from the Alfred Hitchcock film "The Man Who Knew Too Much."



Over time, she became more than a name above the title. Right down to her cheerful, alliterative stage name, she stood for the era's ideal of innocence and G-rated love, a parallel world to her contemporary Marilyn Monroe. The running joke, attributed to both Groucho Marx and actor-composer Oscar Levant, was that they had known Day "before she was a virgin."

Day herself was no Doris Day, by choice and by hard luck. Her 1976 tell-all book, "Doris Day: Her Own Story," chronicled her money troubles and three failed marriages.

A.E. Hotchner, who collaborated with Day on her memoir, said she had a

## Doris Day, Actress Who Had Wholesome Image, Dies At 97



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"sweet and sour" existence and never let her personal difficulties "change her attitude toward people."

"She was such a positive, absolutely enchanting woman," he told The Associated Press on Monday. "And she was so loved."

### President Bush II awards Doris Day America's highest civilian honor



Day received a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004. Doris learned of the award from her son, Terry Melcher. She was one of 12 people that were honored at a ceremony which took place at the White House on the June 23, 2004. Although her fear of flying prevented her from accepting the award in person President George W. Bush phoned her to

congratulate her in person. The two were said to have talked about their mutual love of animals and the President's Scottish terrier Barney.

Although mostly retired from show business since the 1980s, she still had enough of a following that a 2011 collection of previously unreleased songs, "My Heart," hit the top 10 in the United Kingdom. The same year, she received a lifetime achievement honor from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

The Humane Society of the United States, of which The Doris Day Animal League is an affiliate, praised Day as a pioneer in animal protection.



### THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

In 1987, Day "founded one of the first

national animal protection organizations dedicated to legislative remedies for the worst animal abuse," said the league's executive director, Sara Amundson. Her foresight "led to dozens of bills, final rules and policies on the federal level," which helped end abusive videos, protect chimpanzees from invasive research and regulate the online sale of puppies.

"She is an icon in the animal protection world and will be sorely missed for her singular advocacy," Amundson said.

Paul McCartney, a friend, called Day "a true star in more ways than one." "Visiting her in her Californian home was like going to an animal sanctuary where her many dogs were taken care of in splendid style," he said in a statement. "She had a heart of gold and was a very funny lady who I shared many laughs with."

He cited films like "Calamity Jane," "Move Over, Darling" and others and said he would "always remember her twinkling smile and infectious laugh."



### Musician Paul McCartney was a friend of Doris Day.

Day "was kind and decent, onscreen and off; she maintained her friendship with Rock Hudson after his AIDS diagnosis, in a climate of fear and abandonment — one of his last appearances was on a TV show with her," playwright Paul Rucknick tweeted.

Born to a music teacher and a housewife in Cincinnati, Day dreamed of a dance career but at age 12 broke her leg badly when a car in which she was traveling

was hit by a train. Listening to the radio while recuperating, she began singing along with Ella Fitzgerald, studying the singer and the subtleties of her voice.

Day began singing at a Cincinnati radio station, then a nightclub, then in New York. A bandleader changed her name to Day after the song "Day after Day" to fit it on a marquee.

A marriage at 17 to trombonist Al Jordan ended when, she said, he beat her when she was eight months' pregnant. She gave birth to her son, Terry, in early 1942. Her second marriage also was short-lived. She returned to Les Brown's band after the first marriage broke up.



Her Hollywood career began after she sang at a Hollywood party in 1947. After early stardom as a band singer and a stint at Warner Bros., Day won the best notices of her career with 1955's "Love Me or Leave Me," the story of songstress Ruth Etting and her gangster husband-manager. She followed with "The Man Who Knew Too Much," starring with James Stewart as an innocent couple ensnared in an international assassination plot. She sang "Que Sera, Sera" just as the story reached its climax.

Day married a fourth time at age 52, to businessman Barry Comden in 1976. The nation's theater owners voted her the top moneymaking star in 1960, 1962, 1963 and 1964.

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More than 10,000 illegal immigrants from countries that the United States has designated as state sponsors of terrorism have been ordered removed or have pending final orders of removal, but are still currently living in the U.S., Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records show.

Included are illegals from Iran, Syria, Sudan and North Korea, according to the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI), which obtained the records via the Freedom of Information Act. All four of those countries have been designated as state sponsors of terrorism by the U.S. State Department. More than 6,000 of the illegals on ICE's National Docket are from Iran, which adds up to 61 percent of the removal orders of illegals from terror states. Iran is followed by Syria with 20 percent, Sudan with 18 percent, and North Korea with less than one percent.

The United States has classified Iran as the foremost state sponsor of terrorism, alleging that Iran provides "a range of support, including financial, training, weapons, and equipment to [terrorist] groups around the world - particularly Hizbullah." The Trump administration has focused on Iran's activities, including recently officially designating that nation's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.



U.S. Intelligence officials and security experts recently testified in Congress about the existence of Iranian terrorist " sleeper cells" operating within the United States. According to Congressman Peter King, New York Republican and member of the House Homeland Security Committee, there is mounting evidence that Iran poses a "direct threat to the homeland."

Growing Number Of Illegals From Terror Nations Now Reside In U.S.



Illegals from Iran, Syria, Sudan and North Korea are on ICE's National Docket for removal.

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Thomas Homan, former acting director of ICE, recently commented on the issue, stating, "My biggest concern isn't how many terrorists have been arrested entering the country illegally, but how many got through? How many did Border Patrol not catch? That's what Americans should be thinking about."

IRLI noted that "State and local law enforcement agencies used to be a force multiplier for ICE when they ran a person's name through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and learned that the person was wanted on an administrative warrant for removal from the United States, but sanctuary laws prevent law enforcement agencies from detaining and even contacting ICE."

Although sanctuary laws have prevented the apprehension of illegal aliens with removal orders, ICE was still able to remove on average about 44 per year who were known or suspected terrorists in fiscal years

2017 and 2018.



Recent reports House Homeland Security Committee indicate that there is mounting evidence that Iran poses a "direct threat to the homeland."

"It's simply unacceptable that we have more than 10,000 illegals here from terrorist states that are sworn enemies of America. We saw on 9/11 the damage that only 19 sleeper cell terrorists could cause. This is just the latest example of the disaster of sanctuary laws, which force ICE agents to operate with one hand tied behind their backs while making our communities inherently more danger-

ous," said Dale L. Wilcox, executive director and general counsel of IRLI.

During the Obama administration, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) admitted that dozens of Syrian nationals suspected of having terrorist ties slipped into the U.S.

DHS claimed that federal agents missed "possible derogatory information" about the immigrants due to "a lapse in vetting." Judicial Watch noted that "Among those who slipped through the cracks is a man who failed a polygraph test after applying to work at a U.S. military installation and another who communicated with an Islamic State leader. Regardless, President Obama let thousands of Syrians settle in the U.S. even as his own intelligence and immigration officials warned that individuals with ties to terrorist groups used the program to infiltrate the country and that there was no way to properly screen refugees."

Along the U.S.-Mexico border, federal agents routinely encounter individuals from terrorist nations and DHS considers them one of the top threats to the United States. The government classifies them as Special Interest Aliens (SIA) and they are flowing north via Latin America in huge numbers thanks to established Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) that facilitate travel along drug and migrant smuggling routes.

A congressional investigation earlier this year found that tens of thousands of SIAs - from the Middle East, Asia and Africa - entered Panama and Colombia in the past few years. Nearly all the SIA migrants were headed to the United States and most came from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bangladesh and India. Encounters with the special interest individuals resulted in the seizure of tens of thousands of fraudulent documents - including passports and visas - that facilitated travel from their countries of origin through the Americas, according to a January report by the House Homeland Security Committee.

The famously porous Mexican border is an easy pathway into the U.S. for many SIAs. In Laredo, Texas alone authorities report a 300 percent increase in immigrants from Bangladesh, a south Asian Islamic country well known as a recruiting ground for ter-

rorist groups such as ISIS and Al Qaida Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

According to Mexican media reports, hundreds of illegal immigrants from Africa, India, Bangladesh and other non-Central American nations are currently in Mexico awaiting asylum in the U.S.

Most are holed up in Tapachula, which is in the southeast Mexican state of Chiapas bordering Guatemala. One group featured recently in a Mexican newspaper article took nine months to reach Chiapas. They went from Angola to Brazil where they spent four months before traveling to Peru,



Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica then Nicaragua. Once they reached Honduras, the African illegal aliens took three days to purchase a photo identification and bus ticket to Guatemala, where they say it was easy passage to Mexico.

Another group featured in the same story came from Cameroon, home of the extremist groups Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa (ISWA). The illegal aliens say they flew from Cameroon to Ecuador before traveling through Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala and finally Mexico.

All of the Africans plan to continue into the United States where they expect to "achieve refuge," according to the news report.

According to the Mexican media reports, tens of thousands of Central Americans and Cubans, around 800 migrants from Congo, Cameroon, Guinea, Pakistan, Syria, Nepal and Pakistan, among others, await U.S. asylum in Mexico. (Courtesy www.worldtribune.com.)

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