

Middle East Tensions Flare: Gaza Ceasefire, Iran Nuclear Deal Standoff, and R

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1. According to recent reports, what was the status of the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA) as of October 2025?

- A) The deal was successfully extended for another five years.
- B) Iran announced it would no longer be bound by its terms after its expiration.**
- C) The deal was renegotiated with stricter sanctions on Iran.
- D) International inspectors confirmed full Iranian compliance.

2. Which of the following developments has recently occurred concerning the Gaza conflict?

- A) A permanent peace treaty was signed between Israel and Hamas.
- B) Hamas has been completely dismantled and disarmed.
- C) A ceasefire agreement was reached in October 2025 as part of a broader peace framework.**
- D) All Israeli hostages were released within three days of the ceasefire agreement.

3. What significant economic progress has Saudi Arabia reported in its Vision 2030 initiative as of 2025?

- A) Non-oil economy contributing 45% of GDP, with the private sector at 40%.
- B) Non-oil economy reaching approximately 55% of GDP, with the private sector contributing 51%.**
- C) Non-oil economy at 60% of GDP, with the private sector at 55%.
- D) Non-oil economy accounting for 50% of GDP, with the private sector at 50%.

4. What is the current status of the Syrian Civil War as of early 2026?

- A) The civil war ended in late 2024 with the fall of the Assad regime, but clashes continue in some areas.**
- B) Bashar al-Assad's regime has successfully regained full control of the country.
- C) The civil war concluded with a definitive peace treaty and widespread reconstruction.
- D) The conflict remains at a stalemate with no significant changes in control.

5. Which of these countries recently announced its withdrawal from OPEC, impacting the oil cartel's dynamics?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Iran
- C) United Arab Emirates**
- D) Qatar

6. What economic challenges has Egypt been facing recently, according to reports?

- A) Sustained low inflation and a strong currency.
- B) Currency devaluations, high inflation, and erosion of purchasing power.**
- C) A budget surplus and declining public debt.
- D) Rapidly increasing foreign currency reserves and a stable exchange rate.

7. What is the general trend regarding political stability in Iraq in recent years?

- A) Iraq has experienced a significant decline in political stability since 2022.
- B) Despite ongoing challenges, Iraq has seen incremental improvements and increased confidence in institutions.**
- C) Political stability has remained consistently low since the 2003 invasion.
- D) Iraq has achieved full political stability with a unified government and no internal conflicts.

8. In the context of regional conflicts, what actions have the Houthi rebels in Yemen been taking?

- A) They have focused solely on internal Yemeni affairs and ceased all external actions.
- B) They have launched missile and drone attacks targeting Israel and have attacked merchant vessels in the Red Sea.**
- C) They have brokered peace talks between Iran and Saudi Arabia.
- D) They have withdrawn from all territories they previously controlled.

9. What is the current situation regarding the presidency in Lebanon?

- A) A new president was elected in early 2026 with broad consensus.
- B) The parliament has been unable to elect a new president, leaving the position vacant.**
- C) Hezbollah has successfully installed its preferred candidate as president.
- D) The outgoing president's term was extended indefinitely due to the crisis.

10. What has been a notable trend in Turkish foreign policy recently?

- A) A complete disengagement from regional diplomacy.
- B) A focus on consolidating its role as a key regional power broker, mediator, and arms supplier.**
- C) An exclusive focus on joining the European Union.
- D) A return to isolationist policies.