



Armed Conflict



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**Saudi Arabia & Yemen Alert (UPDATE):
Saudi-led Coalition states projectile
impacted near King Fahd International
Airport in Dammam during overnight hours
of October 10-11; avoid travel to locale**

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Current Situation:

- During the overnight hours of October 10-11, the spokesperson of the Saudi-led Coalition, Turki al-Maliki, stated that a projectile landed near the King Fahd International Airport in Dammam.
- This followed apparent air traffic disruptions over the site, with several commercial aircraft seen circling over the airport and not landing. As of the time of writing, planes have reoriented toward the airport, and several have landed.
- As of the time of writing, there is no information about damage or critical disruptions at the site.

Source: [Saudi-led Coalition Spokesperson](#)

Assessments & Forecast:

1. While details are still scarce, the statement constitutes an early indication that the Houthis have indeed decided to continue their pressure campaign and target additional commercial airports in the country, following the suspension of flights at King Khalid International Airport due to the earlier strike at the site. Dammam Airport is crucial in this regard, as it is one of the airports that received diverted flights from Riyadh. This likely prompted the Houthis to target it or signal their intent to do so.
2. This indicates that commercial aircraft operating in and out of Dammam Airport also face the risk of incoming aerial attacks, which may take the form of UAV, ballistic missile, or cruise missile attacks.

Recommendations:

1. Restrict travel to King Fahd International Airport in Dammam for the coming hours until further notice.
2. Seek alternative, lower-risk airports in the country to facilitate travel, and conduct frequent risk assessments before any operation.