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Subject: Protecting the Iran mediation window after the Qeshm strikes

Type: Diplomatic / Regional Security

Status: Heightened

Event: U.S. forces struck Iranian air-defense sites on Qeshm Island, at the edge of the Strait of Hormuz, on November 3rd and again on November 6th. Washington called these attacks "limited" and "defensive"; Tehran claims it shot down a U.S. MQ-9 drone over the island. On November 7th, President Erdoğan called President Trump, urging an end to the U.S.-Iran tensions and pressed for a diplomatic solution. Iran claims it is working with mediators, led by Qatar, on its "7-Day Plan": Hormuz would reopen within seven days if a regional ceasefire holds, in return for unfrozen assets, oil-sanctions relief and an end to the U.S. naval blockade. U.S. officials say there is no deal unless the nuclear file is addressed. Hormuz traffic has been disrupted since the war began February 28th. More strikes now could collapse the only active channel, and would push energy prices higher, forcing Türkiye, a NATO ally that borders Iran, to choose between its allies and its neighbor.

Action: Türkiye requests that the United States pause strikes on Iranian territory for 30 days, except in self-defense, while mediators test the 7-Day Plan. We recommend a step-by-step "Hormuz-for-relief" deal: Hormuz reopens and IAEA inspectors return first, then frozen funds and oil-sanctions waivers are released in phases after verified steps. Türkiye offers Istanbul as a venue alongside Doha, and is ready to join a multinational demining mission in Hormuz once a deal is signed.

Est. Cost: Military (demining support and naval escorts): $125 Million

Diplomatic (hosting talks in Istanbul): $18 Million

— End of message