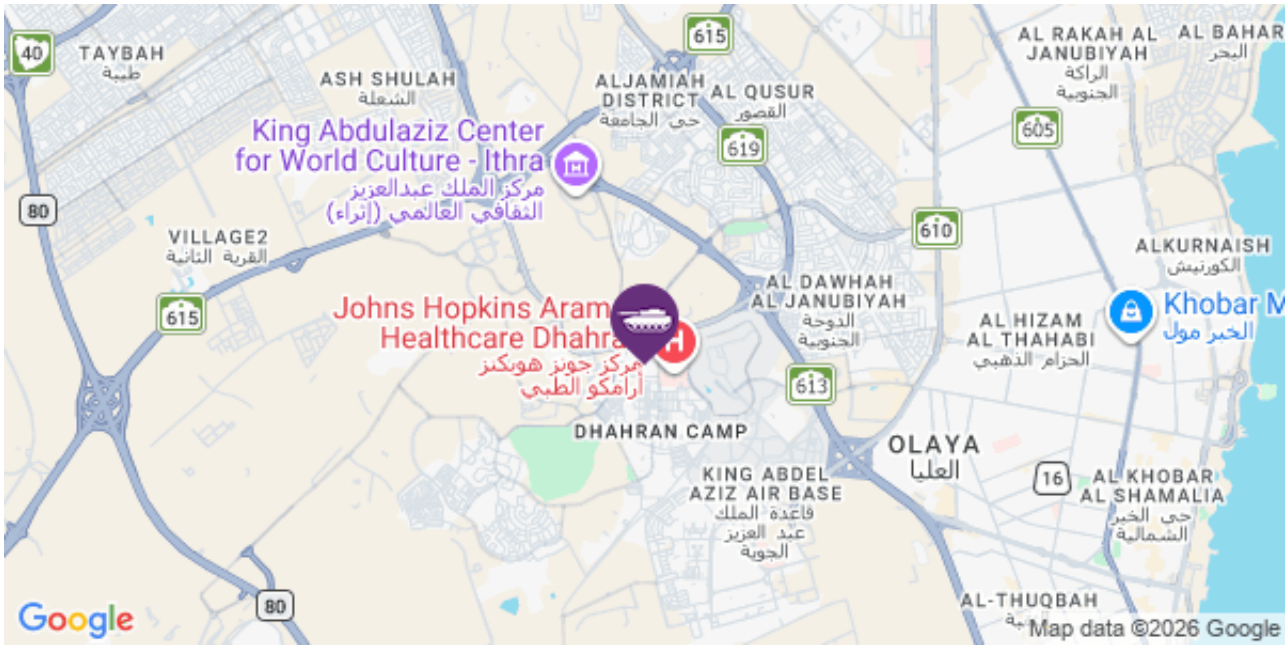
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Saudi Arabia Alert (UPDATE): Saudi ARAMCO instructs employees to evacuate Dhahran headquarters, per October 22 report; conduct frequent risk assessments

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Current Situation:

- According to an unconfirmed October 22 report, Saudi state-owned oil company ARAMCO has instructed its staff to evacuate its headquarters in Dhahran and work remotely.
- ARAMCO’s headquarters is located approximately 13 km south of Dammam in the Eastern Province.

Source: Timour Azhari

Recommendations:

1. Conduct only critical business travel to Saudi Arabia at the current juncture and reconsider the necessity of currently planned trips, including to Dammam, Jeddah and Riyadh. Minimize personnel footprint to the minimum required.

2. Refresh security protocols and business contingency plans (BCPs) and consider bolstering security measures on the ground.
3. Conduct frequent, timely risk assessments before and during operations in the Kingdom, including before using international airports. This includes monitoring flight-tracking platforms to identify air-traffic anomalies, which currently are the earliest indicators of developing emergencies.
4. Refrain from using Riyadh, Jeddah, and Dammam's international airports as much as possible. At this time, plan and consider alternative modes of transportation and lower-risk airports, including private-jet options. Consult with MAX's Protection team for further information.
5. Try to secure flexible flight tickets and confirm travel itineraries regularly.
6. Remain cognizant of the gap in Saudi Civil Defense alerts and bolster employees' situational awareness and preparedness. Continue to monitor updates from flight-tracking platforms, the Houthi military spokesperson, and the Saudi-led Coalition.
7. Avoid travel to areas along the Saudi-Yemen border and Saudi Arabia's southern provinces, including Jazan, Asir, and Najran, due to the elevated risk of cross-border attacks. Specifically, avoid international airports in Najran, Jazan, and Abha.
8. Avoid traveling near key strategic civilian infrastructure across Saudi Arabia, especially oil & gas facilities.
9. Consider accommodation with underground parking lots that may provide a bolstered protected area in times of need. Refrain from staying above the sixth floor.
10. In Riyadh, if possible, avoid the western parts of the city.
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