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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

Governance in Venezuela is currently defined by a significant institutional shift, with Vice President Delcy Rodríguez serving as [Presidenta Encargada](#) (Acting President). Rodríguez is aggressively pursuing a "transformation" of the national judicial system, proposing a "reformatting" of the penal system and calling for a national consultation to address systemic deviations and corruption within the judiciary. This domestic maneuvering coincides with Venezuela's appearance before the International Court of Justice in The Hague to [defend its territorial interests](#) regarding the Essequibo dispute, signaling a high-stakes moment for national sovereignty and legal architecture.

Economically, the country is attempting a pivot toward pragmatism. The private sector, represented by Conindustria, reports a shift

from political confrontation to [productive dialogue](#) with the state, aimed at "substituting imports with national production." However, these efforts are severely hampered by a deteriorating global security environment. A major energy crisis is unfolding following [Iran's establishment](#) of a new "legal and security system" in the Strait of Hormuz. By asserting sovereignty over this chokepoint and restricting transit for nations adhering to U.S. sanctions, Iran has effectively strangled 20% of the world's oil flow, causing global price spikes and supply chain disruptions.

Regional instability further complicates the outlook. Peru has concluded the first round of its 2026 general elections, heading toward a [polarized runoff](#) between Keiko Fujimori and Roberto Sánchez amidst chronic institutional weakness. Simultaneously, an unusual health crisis is unfolding in the Canary Islands, where a cruise ship has been quarantined due to a [Hantavirus outbreak](#), prompting international repatriations and high-level diplomatic coordination between Spain, France, and the Vatican.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Governance Transition and Judicial Reform:**

Acting President Delcy Rodríguez has called for an overhaul of the judicial branch, focusing on penal reform and amnesty laws.

- The administration is [investigating judges](#) accused of charging fees for applying the Amnesty Law.
- Rodríguez is pushing for the Supreme Tribunal of Justice (TSJ) to establish ["diversity" as a fundamental human right](#), encompassing both sexual and political diversity.
- Legislative restructuring is underway, with the [TSJ set to expand](#) to 32 magistrates.

- **The Strait of Hormuz Energy Crisis:**

Iran has moved from using proxy threats to asserting direct legal control over one of the world's most critical maritime corridors.

- Iran claims full [sovereignty over the Strait](#), requiring all vessels to coordinate with Tehran.
- The blockade has [disrupted 20% of global petroleum](#) and significant quantities of natural gas and fertilizer.
- Tehran is explicitly using this control to [neutralize secondary U.S. sanctions](#).

- **Peru 2026 General Elections:** The first round of voting on April 12 has left Peru deeply fragmented, with a runoff scheduled for June 7.

- Keiko Fujimori (Fuerza Popular) led with 16.9%, while Roberto Sánchez (Juntos por el Perú) [captured the second spot](#) for the runoff.
- The election is marked by [voter fatigue](#) following a decade where the country saw eight presidents.
- Implementation of a [bicameral congress](#) is a key constitutional change intended to provide stability.

- **International Health Emergency (Hantavirus):**

An outbreak aboard the cruise ship *Hondius* in Tenerife has triggered a specialized containment operation.

- Fourteen Spanish passengers [were repatriated](#) via military aircraft under strict protocols.
- French and Canadian authorities are [coordinating evacuations](#) as symptoms appear among repatriated citizens.

- **Victory Day and the Ukraine Conflict:**

Vladimir Putin utilized the 89th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany to frame the current war in Ukraine as a defensive struggle against NATO.

- The celebration was [downsized in format](#) due to security concerns.
- U.S. President Donald Trump has mediated a [three-day truce](#) and a prisoner swap involving 1,000 individuals, aiming for a "beginning of the end" to the conflict.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Energy Security: Global markets are reeling from the Hormuz blockade, while Venezuela faces internal dilemmas regarding the [Orinoco Heavy Oil Belt](#). At current prices (~\$40/barrel), new heavy oil projects are not profitable, as they require prices closer to \$70/barrel to amortize infrastructure costs. The state is balancing the need for immediate oil revenue with the long-term trend toward [renewable energy](#).

Legal Warfare (Lawfare) and Sovereignty: Venezuela is engaging in a multi-front legal battle. While defending its [Essequibo claim](#) in Amsterdam, the state is also demanding reparations and mitigation from Trinidad and Tobago following a [crude oil spill](#) that has severely impacted the Gulf of Paria and Venezuelan coastal ecosystems.

Economic Security & Investment Climate: Conindustria highlights a "window of opportunity" between 2026 and 2030 for private investment. The "Commission for the Evaluation of Public Assets" is actively seeking [international partners](#) (specifically from the US, Italy, Spain, and Colombia) to bring technology and capital into state-owned enterprises that have been neglected or poorly managed.

Domestic Stability & Social Order: Ecuador remains under a [nationwide curfew](#) in nine provinces. In a single six-day period, 180 people were detained, and over 79 kilograms of narcotics were seized as the state struggles to regain control from criminal cartels.

International Relations & Foreign Policy: The Vatican is becoming a significant diplomatic actor in the Canary Islands, with Pope Leo XIV planning a visit in June to

address the [migratory crisis](#) and show solidarity following the Hantavirus outbreak.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Venezuelan state is undergoing a period of intense regulatory and judicial restructuring, aimed at consolidating administrative control while attempting to satisfy international demands for "democratic coexistence."

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Judicial Restructuring Act:** A proposal to expand the TSJ to [32 magistrates](#) to handle the increased volume of constitutional and penal cases.
- **Amnesty Law Modifications:** Ongoing debates regarding [exclusions for certain crimes](#) under the current amnesty framework, with a focus on integrating these cases into the "Democratic Coexistence and Peace" program.
- **Labor Law Reform:** Discussions led by business leaders and the state to [modernize the Labor Law](#), specifically addressing the unsustainable nature of current severance pay (retroactivity) in an inflationary environment.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **100-Day Balance of the Peace Program:** Acting President Rodríguez received a report claiming that [80% of Venezuelans](#) favor negotiation over conflict.
- **ICJ Defense Briefing:** Venezuelan legal representatives arrived in Amsterdam to present their [territorial defense](#) regarding the Essequibo dispute.

- **LATAM Economic Forum:** The Central Bank of Venezuela (BCV) announced a [normalization of relations](#) with international financial organisms and multilateral entities.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Rise of Pragmatic Authoritarianism:

The transition to Delcy Rodríguez's leadership suggests a new phase where the state seeks to maintain ideological control while [integrating the private sector](#) into a survival economy. The language of "Democratic Coexistence" is being paired with aggressive judicial "reformatting," indicating a move to streamline the state apparatus by removing corrupt or inefficient middle-management (the "iron fist" within the revolution).

Weaponization of Geographic Chokepoints: Iran's actions in the Strait of Hormuz represent a shift in global power dynamics where regional powers use [maritime sovereignty](#) to counter-sanction Western economies. This trend is likely to inspire other nations in territorial disputes (such as Venezuela in the Essequibo) to consider the leverage provided by critical trade routes.

The Fragmentation of Andean Democracy:

Peru's election highlights a continent-wide trend of [institutional exhaustion](#). The fact that 35 candidates ran for the presidency, leading to a runoff where the leader has less than 17% support, suggests that traditional party structures have completely collapsed, leaving a vacuum often filled by "hand-held" figures or populist outsiders.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Global fuel prices will likely remain volatile as the US and Israel consider [unblocking operations](#) in the Strait of Hormuz. In Venezuela, expect a wave of [judicial removals](#) or arrests as Rodríguez executes her "reformatting" of the courts. The Canservero case closure will likely be used to boost the credibility of the "new" justice system.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The Peru runoff on June 7 will decide whether the country continues its [macroeconomic model](#) under Fujimori or pivots toward Sánchez's "structural reforms." In Venezuela, the focus will shift to the [re-privatization or "mixed management"](#) of non-strategic public assets to generate liquid capital.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Venezuela's heavy reliance on oil revenue faces a [structural threat](#) from global renewable energy shifts. If the country fails to diversify using the current "window of opportunity" provided by sanctions relief, it will become permanently uncompetitive in a world where heavy crude is no longer [economically viable](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For International Policy:

- The Hormuz crisis necessitates an [immediate re-evaluation](#) of energy supply chains; reliance on the Strait is currently a critical vulnerability.
- The Vatican's increasing role in Spanish/Canarian migration and health crises suggests [faith-based diplomacy](#) is becoming a primary channel for conflict resolution in the Mediterranean.

- The "Trump Truce" in Ukraine provides a template for [transactional diplomacy](#), but its fragility suggests that long-term regional security remains unsecured.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Regulatory Risk:** Venezuelan judicial reforms could lead to unpredictable shifts in [legal security](#). Investors should seek "mixed" structures where the state has a vested interest in project stability.
- **Supply Chain Alert:** The Hormuz blockade affects not just oil but [fertilizers and raw materials](#). Diversifying sourcing away from the Persian Gulf is essential for global manufacturing resilience.
- **Investment Opportunity:** The Venezuelan [Commission for Public Assets](#) is opening doors for technology-rich firms to revitalize domestic industry, offering a high-growth (though high-risk) entry point as the country seeks to shed its "rentier" label.

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