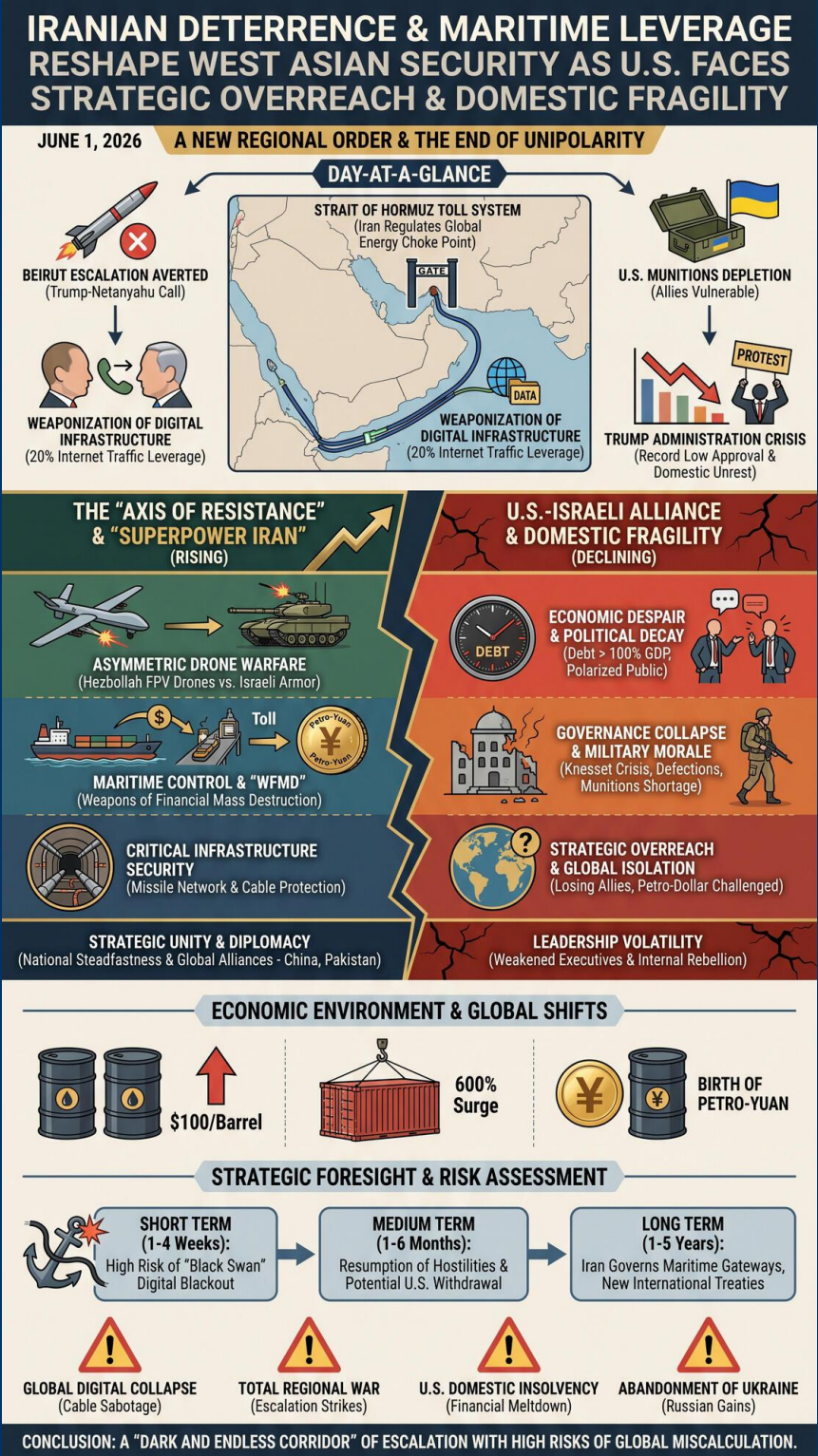


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UNITED STATES FACES STRATEGIC
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ECONOMIC FRAGILITY

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

June 1, 2026, marks a critical juncture in the 93-day conflict between the United States-Israeli alliance and the "Axis of Resistance" led by the Islamic Republic of Iran. While a fragile truce has existed for 53 days following an initial 40-day high-intensity war, the day was defined by a **near-escalation to total regional war**. The Israeli regime threatened a massive carpet-bombing campaign against southern Beirut, prompting Iran to issue an unprecedented warning to Israeli settlers in the north to evacuate. This military brinkmanship resulted in a reported intervention by U.S. President Donald Trump, who allegedly pressured Prime Minister Netanyahu to [postpone the strikes](#) to avoid a complete collapse of ongoing negotiations and a potentially catastrophic Iranian retaliation against U.S. regional assets.

The conflict has entered a stage of **asymmetric economic warfare**, where Iran is leveraging its control over the Strait of Hormuz to impose what analysts call "Weapons of Financial Mass Destruction" (WFMD). By implementing a toll system and threatening the closure of both the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb, Tehran has successfully injected volatility into global energy markets and digital infrastructure. Reports indicate that [undersea fiber optic cables](#) carrying 20% of the world's internet traffic are now being utilized as strategic leverage, forcing multinational tech giants to consider operating under Iranian regulatory frameworks to ensure connectivity.

Converging with these regional tensions is a deepening **domestic crisis within the United States**. Public sentiment is heavily polarized, with over half the population reporting the [worst cost of living](#) in memory, largely attributed to the economic fallout of the war. President Trump's approval ratings have plummeted to record lows, while the national debt has exceeded 100% of GDP. This internal instability, combined with the depletion of U.S. munitions stockpiles—leaving allies like [Ukraine increasingly vulnerable](#)—has significantly constrained Washington's strategic maneuverability, forcing a reluctant return to the negotiating table on terms increasingly dictated by Tehran.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Beirut Escalation Averted:** Following Israeli threats to bomb Beirut's southern suburbs, Iran issued a direct warning to northern Israeli settlements to evacuate. The [attack was reportedly called off](#) after a tense one-hour phone call between Trump and Netanyahu, signaling a rare rift in the alliance driven by U.S. fears of total regional war.
- **Strait of Hormuz Toll System:** Iran has formalized its control over the Strait of Hormuz, scoring and providing security for vessels while [charging service fees](#). This move effectively ends decades of free passage and positions Iran as the primary regulator of the world's most vital energy choke point.
- **Weaponization of Digital Infrastructure:** Tehran is exploring a plan to charge licensing fees for [undersea fiber optic cables](#) passing through its territorial waters. This "digital bottleneck" gives Iran unprecedented leverage over U.S. "Big Tech" and global financial markets.
- **U.S. Munitions Depletion:** The conflict with Iran has severely [depleted U.S. anti-ballistic missile stocks](#) and other key munitions. Ukrainian President Zelensky has expressed alarm that the focus on Iran has left Ukraine defenseless against Russian strikes, with replenishment expected to take up to three years.
- **Trump Administration Approval Crisis:** Amidst the war's economic impact, President Trump's [approval rating has dropped](#) to 35-43% underwater, lower than Richard Nixon's during the Watergate scandal. This is fueling domestic unrest, including curfews in New Jersey and New York following anti-immigration protests.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The transition from conventional to **asymmetric drone warfare** in South Lebanon, where Hezbollah's FPV drones have allegedly [neutralized 80% of Israeli troop assaults](#).
- The destruction of at least 16 U.S. military bases in the region during the "40-day war" and the [high cost of replenishment](#).

Critical Infrastructure Security

- Threats to the Bab el-Mandeb and the [vulnerability of submarine cables](#) that facilitate \$10 trillion in daily financial transactions.
- Iran's engineering corps has reportedly [restored 50 out of 69 targeted tunnel entrances](#) for its missile networks, outpacing U.S. intelligence estimates for reconstruction.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Ongoing indirect negotiations mediated by Pakistan. A 60-day [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) is under discussion, though significant gaps remain regarding uranium disposal and the release of \$120 billion in frozen assets.
- The use of "lawfare" by China through decrees 834 and 835 to [counter U.S. unilateral sanctions](#) and secure its own supply chains.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The potential birth of the **Petro-Yuan**, with negotiations forming around Yuan-denominated oil in exchange for secure passage through the Strait of Hormuz, [undercutting the Petro-Dollar](#).

- U.S. public debt hitting 100% of GDP, with projections [reaching 190% by 2050](#), creating a "fiscal quicksand" that threatens national security.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The End of Unipolarity and the Rise of "Superpower Iran"

A recurring theme throughout the broadcasts is the assertion that the "era of absolute US military dominance" has ended. Analysts argue that Iran has emerged as a "fourth center of world power" [alongside the U.S., Russia, and China](#). This is not merely a military claim but a strategic reality where Tehran dictates the terms of maritime trade and regional security. The narrative suggests that the U.S. "Madman Strategy" has failed against Iranian "strategic silence" and persistence, leading to a new regional order where "foreigners will have no place."

The Evolution of Asymmetric Warfare

The conflict is being described as a turning point in military doctrine. The ["Ukrainization of the Lebanon front"](#)—defined by the heavy use of cheap, effective FPV drones—has reportedly stripped Israel of its technological advantage. Hezbollah is framed as having evolved from a command-and-control structure to a decentralized "guerrilla-style" force that is politically and militarily "unsustainable" for Israel to confront long-term. This theme extends to Iran's "WFMD" tactics, which target the economic and digital foundations of the West rather than just military hardware.

Domestic Polarization as a Strategic Constraint

The broadcasts highlight a growing synergy between the "Axis of Resistance" and domestic discontent in Western nations. The "sick and tired" U.S. and British publics are portrayed as a [limiting factor on leadership](#). The network emphasizes that Trump and Netanyahu are making decisions based on "politics rather than logic," attempting to secure minor tactical wins to offset internal unrest. This suggests that the internal decay of the "U.S. Empire" is as significant a factor in its "strategic defeat" as its military performance on the ground.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United States: Economic Despair and Political Decay

- The U.S. is depicted as a nation on the brink of financial insolvency, with [interest payments on debt](#) now exceeding defense spending. This "compound interest" is described as the true threat to national security, quietly devouring the federal budget.
- Social cohesion is fracturing, evidenced by the [declaring of curfews](#) around migrant detention centers and clashes between anti-administration protesters and Trump supporters. The "extreme white racism" and "white supremacy" of the administration are cited by guests as drivers of potential international violence.

Israel: Governance Collapse and Military Morale

- The Israeli government is portrayed as a "fanatic" regime facing an imminent [Knesset vote to dissolve itself](#). Prime Minister Netanyahu is accused of prolonging the war solely to avoid "legal persecution" and potential imprisonment for corruption.
- Military morale is allegedly in crisis, with reports of [70,000 Israeli soldiers](#) failing to report for duty and "huge defection" occurring as the scale of losses in South Lebanon becomes public. The regime is accused of using "psychological warfare" on its own people to hide these failures.

Iran: Strategic Unity

- In contrast to its rivals, Iran is framed as a "nation united," with the government, people, and army standing "victorious." The narrative focuses on the [spirit of "steadfastness"](#) (Istiqamah) and religious democracy, where the "power of Iran lies in the people" rather than just missiles.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

China as the "Guardian of Stability"

China is framed as the primary beneficiary of U.S. strategic decline. While the U.S. arrived in Beijing attempting to pressure China over Iran, [Beijing reportedly refused](#) to adopt Washington's framing, instead managing an "equilibrium" and treating Iran as a "partner in a multi-polar system." China's use of "lawfare" and its positioning of the Yuan as an alternative to the dollar suggest it has "arrived" as a superpower that no longer needs permission to define its relationships.

Regional Re-alignment and the "Greater Israel" Threat

The "outside world" is characterized as increasingly flipping against the Israeli-U.S. axis. Nations like Spain and South Africa are cited for their stance against the "genocide in Gaza." Simultaneously, a "strategic military alignment" between [Israel, Greece, and Cyprus](#) is viewed by Turkey as a direct national security threat. The broadcast portrays a region convinced that Israel intends to pursue a "Greater Israel" project of "erasure" and "expansion," which is unifying diverse actors from the "Houthies of Yemen" to the Colombian left against the Zionist entity.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic system is under extreme pressure from the localized war in West Asia, with the U.S. dollar facing a credibility crisis and global supply chains undergoing structural shifts toward Yuan-based trade.

- **Energy Costs:** Oil prices [shot up 6%](#) just based on the Iranian warning to Israeli settlers, nearing \$100 per barrel. Global oil reserves are reportedly "drastically depleted," with a severe worsening of the economic impact predicted for late June.
- **Iranian Tolls & Compensation:** Iran is actively collecting fees for Strait passage and is demanding [\\$300 billion in compensation](#) and repatriation from the "imposed war" as a condition for a permanent settlement.
- **US Consumer Crisis:** A new poll shows [53% of Americans](#) find the cost of living the "worst they can ever remember," citing price hikes in eggs, fruit, and fuel. Small business owners report "cutbacks and anxieties across the board."

- **Market Re-opening:** The Tehran Securities Exchange [reopened with individuals investing](#) more than two trillion Tomans, though over 40 companies in the chemical and base metal sectors damaged by the war have yet to resume trading.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day's events highlight a period of extreme leadership volatility in the West and a contested transition in Latin America.

- **Benjamin Netanyahu (Israel):** Faces an [existential political threat](#) as the Knesset prepares to vote on dissolution. He is portrayed as desperate for military "success" in Lebanon to justify his continued leadership.
- **Donald Trump (United States):** Despite boasting of "99% popularity in Israel," he faces a [rebellion within his own conservative base](#) (e.g., Tucker Carlson, Charlie Kirk) over his perceived "Israel First" policy at the expense of American interests.
- **Ivan Sapeda / Gustavo Petro (Colombia):** Sapeda is heading to a [presidential runoff against far-right candidate](#) Alberto la Esperella. The current Petro administration has refused to recognize initial results, alleging U.S. and Israeli interference through "manipulated election software."
- **Rabbi Haim Sofer:** Featured as an [anti-Zionist voice](#) arguing that Judaism is a religion of service to God, while Zionism is a "copy" of secular nationalism that has "washed the brains" of the Jewish people.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

PressTV's editorial hierarchy for June 1, 2026, is dominated by the **narrative of Iranian strategic victory** and Israeli-U.S. desperation. The "lead stories" are consistently focused on Iranian military warnings, the effectiveness of the Axis of Resistance's asymmetric tactics, and the internal rot of the "U.S. Empire." The tone is one of analytical triumphalism, framing every U.S. move as a "strategic failure" and every Iranian move as a "calculated response." The economic suffering of the American public is a recurring subplot used to delegitimize the Trump administration's foreign policy.

Buried Stories: Reports of casualties or setbacks for the Axis of Resistance are minimized. For example, while it is mentioned that Israel captured Beaufort Castle, the focus is immediately shifted to reports that they were [repelled under smoke cover](#).

Conspicuous Omissions: There is virtually no mention of the specific internal governance challenges facing Iran, such as the potential for renewed internal dissent or the details of its own military casualties, which are likely high given the 93 days of conflict. Additionally, any non-hostile interactions between regional Arab states and the U.S. are entirely omitted in favor of a narrative of total regional alignment with Tehran.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of the day's coverage divides the world into a decaying, corrupt U.S.-led "Old Order" and a rising, principled "New Order" led by Iran and China.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Portrayed as **strong, principled, and stable**. Described as a "superpower" that has "brought an end to the era of absolute US military dominance" by delivering the "exact inverse" of the 1991 Persian Gulf War ([Robert Pipe analysis](#)).
- **United States:** Portrayed as **weak, chaotic, and corrupt**. Characterized as a "decaying empire" whose "clout" is being used to protect a "rogue state" while its own people "suffer more than the rest of the world" ([Dr. Sergio Ross analysis](#)).
- **Israel:** Portrayed as **inept and evil**. Defined as a "Zionist entity" in "desperation mode" that relies on "mass murder" and "psychological warfare" ([Syd Mohsan Abbas analysis](#)).
- **China:** Portrayed as **competent and stable**. Framed as a "full spectrum superpower" that manages global equilibrium and "no longer needs permission" ([Nike House analysis](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as **inept and narcissistic**. Described as a "liar" and an "egotistical maniac" whose "ego is higher than his IQ" and who is "under the influence" of Zionist lobbyists ([Hussein Shaffie interview](#)).
- **Benjamin Netanyahu:** Portrayed as **corrupt and desperate**. Framed as a leader who makes decisions based on "politics rather than logic" and is willing to "shed more blood" solely to gain votes and ([Netanyahu's declining polls](#)).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Hezbollah:** Portrayed as **heroic and adaptable**. Framed as a "legitimate political party" that has rewritten military doctrine by utilizing [FPV drone warfare](#) to "choke" the Israeli army.
- **Palantir Technologies:** Portrayed as a **deadly threat**. Described as the "deadliest weapon on earth" which "industrializes killing" for the U.S. military through algorithms that guide bombs ([Gaza as test lab](#)).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The day was characterized by intense **narrative seeding** regarding the "inevitability" of Iranian regional dominance. Key elements include:

- **Narrative of "WFMD":** The repeated use of the term "Weapons of Financial Mass Destruction" is a clear psy-op intended to instill fear in global financial markets and position Iran's [maritime leverage](#) as equivalent to nuclear deterrents.
- **U.S. Media as Validation:** PressTV heavily utilized reports from **CBS News** and the **Washington Post** to validate its own claims of U.S. military failure. For example, using a CBS report on [abandoned American soldiers in Kuwait](#) to undermine the "Mission Accomplished" image of Operation Epic Fury.

- **Psychological Operations (Psy-Ops):** Israel is accused of using its "Channel 14" to publish and then delete news of impending [55 target strikes in Beirut](#) to terrorize the population. Iran countered this with its own "evacuation warnings" to settlers, creating a symmetry of psychological pressure.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The End of the Petro-Dollar:** If the war continues, the current trend of Yuan-denominated oil trade in exchange for Strait passage [will likely formalize](#), leading to a permanent structural decline in the U.S. dollar's role as the global reserve currency.
- **The "Ukrainization" of Lebanon:** The effective use of FPV drones by Hezbollah [will force a total reassessment](#) of conventional armored warfare, potentially making current Israeli and U.S. tank doctrines obsolete in urban/mountainous terrain.
- **US Regime Change:** Guests repeatedly hypothesized that the economic "horrors" and "growing public discontent" in the West will lead to a [toppling of governments](#) in the U.S. and possibly Bahrain, rather than the intended regime change in Iran.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- **Short Term (1-4 Weeks):** High risk of a **localized "Black Swan" event** at sea. A single "dragged anchor" or accidental projectile hitting the [concentration of critical data cables](#) in the Strait of Hormuz could trigger a global digital blackout and a 600% spike in shipping costs.

- **Medium Term (1-6 Months):** If the 60-day extension of the cease-fire is not signed, expect a resumption of hostilities where [2,800 Iranian missile launchers](#) are deployed to target the remaining U.S. bases in West Asia, likely leading to a full U.S. withdrawal.
- **Long Term (1-5 Years):** A permanent shift in regional architecture where **Iran governs the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb** as its "front yard." This will necessitate new international treaties as Western "free passage" norms [cease to exist](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current geopolitical environment is characterized by a "dark and endless corridor" of escalation where any miscalculation could result in a global economic "meltdown."

- **Risk: Global Digital Collapse.** Triggers: Sabotage or accidental damage to the 17 fiber optic cables in the Bab el-Mandeb. Likelihood: High, given the ["limited legal protection" and minimal security](#) of these lines. Impact: Catastrophic; \$10 trillion in daily transactions frozen. Mitigations: International coordination on cable protection and de-escalation of the naval blockade.
- **Risk: Total Regional War.** Triggers: Israeli carpet bombing of Beirut; Iranian retaliatory strikes on [northern Israeli settlements](#). Likelihood: Moderate, currently held back by U.S. diplomatic pressure. Impact: Widespread civilian casualties and total destruction of regional energy infrastructure. Mitigations: Formalization of the 60-day truce and 14-point Iranian plan.

- **Risk: U.S. Domestic Insolvency.** Triggers: Continued war spending [hitting 190% debt-to-GDP](#); global abandonment of the dollar. Likelihood: Increasing. Impact: Collapse of the U.S. financial system and global recession. Mitigations: Immediate cessation of West Asian military intervention; aggressive debt restructuring.
- **Risk: Abandonment of Ukraine.** Triggers: Complete [depletion of U.S. munitions](#) by the focus on Iran. Likelihood: High. Impact: Rapid Russian military gains in Eastern Europe. Mitigations: Urgent scaling of Western defense industrial base; diplomatic settlement of the Iran conflict.
- **Risk: Global Starvation.** Triggers: Prolonged closure of the Bab el-Mandeb [guaranteeing a 600% shipping surge](#). Likelihood: Low-Moderate. Impact: Massive starvation in the global south as food imports become unaffordable. Mitigations: Reopening of the vital waterway through recognition of regional sovereign rights.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Iranian Casualty and Resource Data:** The broadcasts provide zero data on Iranian losses, which are essential for determining the [true sustainability](#) of Tehran's "persistence" strategy.
- **Israeli Domestic Opposition:** While focusing on Netanyahu's failures, the broadcast fails to analyze any potential [moderate or anti-war factions](#) within the Israeli security establishment that might facilitate a non-military solution.

- **Gulf State Neutrality:** The narrative assumes regional Arab states are either victims or "puppets" [of the U.S.](#), ignoring their potential agency as independent mediators or their own independent military upgrades.
- **U.S. Political Continuity:** The broadcast treats Trump and "The Oligarchy" as monolithic, ignoring the [potential for a radical shift](#) in policy if a non-aligned or anti-war third-party movement gains traction in the U.S.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **Scenario: Desperate Iranian Bluster.** The current display of "victory" and maritime control could be a cover for an **economic system on the verge of collapse**. The \$300 billion demand could be a sign that Iran cannot fund reconstruction without an immediate massive cash injection, making their current "upper hand" a temporary tactical illusion.
- **Scenario: The "Controlled Escalation" Pact.** The U.S. and Iran might be **quietly coordinating to bypass Israel**. Trump's call to Netanyahu and Iran's measured responses could indicate a back-channel agreement to "freeze" the conflict while both nations focus on internal restructuring, leaving Netanyahu isolated.
- **Black Swan Event:** The "Assassination of Money." A **massive cyber-attack** (potentially by a non-state actor like the "Zombies" mentioned in transcripts) that deletes global debt records or corrupts the SWIFT banking system, rendering the "WFMD" and the U.S. dollar [equally irrelevant](#) overnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Shift from conventional carrier-based defense to **undersea cable and data corridor protection**. The next war will be won or lost on the seafloor [rather than the sky](#).
- **Economic:** Diversify foreign exchange reserves away from the Petro-Dollar toward a **basket of currencies**, including the Yuan, to mitigate the impact of Iranian "WFMD" tactics.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize the role of **Pakistan as the primary intermediary** for West Asian stability, recognizing that direct U.S.-Iran diplomacy has hit a "complete deadlock" [under Trump 2.0](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Reroute all critical digital traffic through **Syrian and Iraqi data corridors** being financed by Gulf states to bypass the maritime choke points of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Multinational tech firms must prepare for **dual-sovereignty operations**, potentially needing Iranian licenses to operate cables in the Persian Gulf to avoid "asymmetric disconnection" [by the IRGC](#).
- **Capital Allocation:** Hedge against **300-600% increases in maritime insurance** and shipping costs by localized manufacturing and shortening supply lines away from West Asian maritime routes.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The day's legislative and policy focus centered on **China's counter-sanctions framework** and the **U.S.-Iran MOU**, representing a shift from military to regulatory warfare.

• BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Chinese Decree 834 & 835:** Strategic regulations designed to secure industrial supply chain resilience and [punish entities enforcing U.S. unilateral sanctions](#).
- **The 60-Day MOU:** A proposed U.S.-Iran agreement requiring the removal of mines from Hormuz in exchange for [proportional lifting of the naval blockade](#).
- **U.S. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):** Referenced in relation to [future military strikes](#) and funding for Israeli defense.
- **U.S. 25th Amendment:** Mentioned by guests claiming congressmen are seeking to [remove Trump from office](#) due to "madness" and lack of strategic planning.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Iran Foreign Ministry Briefing:** Spokesman Ismail Bagai slammed the EU for "hypocrisy" regarding the [IRGC's response to U.S. attacks](#) and reasserted sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz.
- **Gaza Martyrs Hospital Press Conference:** Senior medical staff issued an [urgent appeal](#) for generators as the fourth backup failed under the Israeli siege.
- **Mexico City World Cup Protests:** Activists released 400 balloons [soccer-painted balloons](#) to represent Palestinian child prisoners.

KEY STORIES

- **The Beirut Warning:** Iran warned northern Israeli settlements to evacuate [to avoid harm](#) if Israel bombs Beirut. This led to a postponement of the Israeli strike after Trump intervened.
- **Strait of Hormuz Regulation:** The IRGC Navy announced the safe passage of 15 vessels [following official authorization](#) and fee payment, marking a new era of Iranian control.
- **Undersea Cable Leverage:** Analysis revealed that Iran could [damage or disrupt fiber optic cables](#) in the Strait of Hormuz to freeze the global economy with "one anchor."
- **U.S. Military Stockpile Crisis:** The war with Iran has [depleted U.S. munitions](#), leading to a "serious deficit" for allies like Ukraine.
- **Trump's Israeli Popularity Claim:** President Trump claimed [99% popularity in Israel](#) and suggested he could run for Prime Minister there, sparking a domestic backlash.
- **Colombia Election Runoff:** Leftist candidate Ivan Sapeda faces [Trump-backed Alberto la Esperella](#) in a runoff amidst allegations of foreign interference.
- **Hezbollah Drone Superiority:** Reports indicate Hezbollah's [drawn warfare campaign](#) has fundamentally altered the battlefield equation in South Lebanon.
- **The "WFMD" Doctrine:** Strategic analysis of Iran's ["Weapons of Financial Mass Destruction"](#) as a deterrent more powerful than nuclear weapons.
- **Gaza Hospital Crisis:** Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital is at a [critical stage](#) with backup power generators failing during the ongoing siege.
- **French Piracy Allegations:** Moscow called France's [seizure of a Russian tanker](#) in the Atlantic an "act of piracy."
- **Turkish Security Fears:** Turkey sees an emerging [Israel-Greece-Cyprus military architecture](#) as a direct threat to its maritime doorsp.
- **U.S. Debt and National Security:** U.S. debt hit 100% of GDP, with [interest payments](#) becoming a primary threat to national sovereignty.
- **The Birth of Petro-Yuan:** Reports that Iran is [negotiating Yuan-denominated oil trade](#) to bypass Western financial chokeholds.
- **Dutch Police Assault:** Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the [assault on a pregnant Palestinian](#) asylum seeker by Dutch police.
- **Israel's Targeted Killings:** The "direct assassination" [of Lebanese journalist Amal Khalil](#) and others, which Iran claims proves Israel's disregard for international law.
- **China's Global Map:** Reports that Chinese maps [now label Palestinian territory](#) as the "Palestinian State," excluding Israeli naming conventions.
- **Epstein Files Release:** Congressman Ro Khanna forced the [release of the Epstein files](#), leading to political fallout for establishment figures.
- **Thomas Massy's Defeat:** Analysis of [Massy's loss](#) being funded by "pro-Israel lobby" groups despite his popularity.

- **Palantir as Digital Brain:** Claims that Palantir's AI [is the "digital brain" of Centcom](#), industrializing the killing of civilians in Gaza.
- **South Lebanon Defections:** Claims of [70,000 Israeli soldiers](#) failing to report for duty as morale collapses.
- **Tiberias Retaliation:** Lebanese resistance [targeted Israeli infrastructure](#) in Tiberias in response to strikes on South Lebanon.
- **The "Samson Protocol":** Guest discussion on [Israeli protocols](#) that could lead to a global nuclear launch in a desperation scenario.
- **US Migrant Center Curfews:** New York and New Jersey [declared curfews](#) following clashes over Trump's immigration policies.

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