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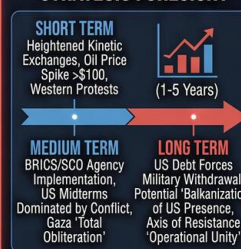
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EDITORIAL POSTURE: Nationalistic, Prioritizing IRGC Successes & US/Israeli Decay. Framing US as "Wounded Animal", Israel as "Insane Entity". Narrative Focus on Deconstructing Western 'Lies' & Information Warfare.

HYPOTHESES: Nuclear Breakout, US Presidential Crisis, Regional Infrastructure War.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

June 10, 2026, marks a decisive shift in the West Asian theater from proxy-led skirmishes to direct kinetic confrontation between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Following alleged US strikes on Iranian civilian water and telecommunications infrastructure in Siric and Busher, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched retaliatory drone and missile strikes against the [US 5th Fleet in Bahrain](#), the Al-Salam base in Kuwait, and an airbase hosting F-35 fighter jets in Jordan's Al-Azraq region. These events represent the abandonment of "strategic patience" by Tehran in favor of a 1:1.5 retaliation ratio, signaling that any further aggression will be met with [disproportionate force](#).

Parallel to the military escalation, the diplomatic framework is undergoing total fragmentation. The IAEA Board of Governors passed an anti-Iran resolution regarding

alleged non-compliance, which Tehran, Moscow, and Beijing have denounced as a "political tool" for further military escalation. Crucially, **Pakistan** and **Qatar** appear to have ended their mediation roles, with Pakistan specifically informing the US it will no longer mediate due to [continued US aggression](#). This collapse in mediation leaves the region without a reliable diplomatic "off-ramp," increasing the likelihood of a miscalculation leading to a wider regional or global conflict.

The internal stability of the featured nations appears increasingly precarious. Iranian state media highlights 102 consecutive nights of mass domestic rallies and a "John Fadel" civil defense campaign with [31 million registrants](#), while framing the US administration as domestically weak with approval ratings at 34%. Economically, the conflict has pushed the [US public debt to 100% of GDP](#) for the first time since WWII, and the Gaza Strip faces a total humanitarian and industrial collapse due to a severe wood shortage and the destruction of the fishing sector.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Direct US-Iran Kinetic Exchanges

- The IRGC hit the US 5th Fleet in Bahrain and the Ali al-Salam base in Kuwait with drones [following US strikes](#) on the Iranian islands of Qishm and Sirik.
- Iran reported shooting down a [US MQ-1 Predator drone](#) over its territorial waters on May 30th and an MQ-9 drone over Bushahed.
- Tehran announced the **full closure** of the Strait of Hormuz to all vessels, citing regional [insecurity and aggression](#).

IAEA Diplomatic Flashpoint

- The IAEA Board of Governors passed an anti-Iran resolution with 21 votes in favor, [three against \(Iran, Russia, China\)](#), and 10 abstentions.
- Iran characterizes the resolution as "legally flawed" and a [pretext for military action](#), noting that nuclear sites were previously bombed by the US and Israel.
- Russian envoys in Vienna labeled the draft a "[farce](#)" intended to buy time for US military maneuvers.

Lebanese Front and Hezbollah Attrition

- The death toll in Lebanon has surpassed 3,666 people [since March 2nd](#), with Israeli forces reportedly occupying one-fifth of southern Lebanon.
- Hezbollah has pivoted to **FPV drones**, reportedly destroying or disabling [259 Israeli tanks](#) since the conflict began.
- The Lebanese Army Chief, General Rudolph Heckle, visited Pakistan to strengthen [defensive cooperation](#), potentially signaling a rift with the civilian Lebanese government.

Gaza Economic and Humanitarian Crisis

- A severe wood shortage has led to a [95% destruction of the fishing fleet](#), as fishermen scavenge bombed-out homes for repair materials.
- Poverty rates in Gaza have surged beyond 90%, with [unemployment reaching 80%](#).
- Israel's "total ban" on raw materials like fiberglass and wood has effectively paralyzed local [operational capacity](#).

Information and Cyber Warfare

- Analyses suggest a "false flag" campaign in London involving [Golders Green ambulance fires](#) to discredit the IRGC.
- Iran is reportedly asserting jurisdiction over [submarine fiber optic cables](#) in its waters, which carry an estimated \$10 trillion in daily financial transactions.
- US Pentagon Press Office has been classified as a [top-secret area](#), requiring clearances for journalists.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Expansion of the "Axis of Resistance" to include coordinated operations between [Hezbollah, Ansarullah \(Yemen\), and Iraqi PMUs](#).
- US military buildup in the Persian Gulf including [B-1B Lancer strategic bombers](#) and E-3B AWACS aircraft.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- US strikes allegedly targeted [vital water infrastructure](#) in southern Iran, affecting over 20,000 residents.
- Drone attacks on the [Barakah nuclear power plant](#) in the UAE are framed as Israeli provocations to drag the UAE into the conflict.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- US public debt milestone of [100% of GDP](#) is cited as a significant risk to the "American Empire."
- Global energy markets face disruption as [Iranian naval forces](#) engage the US Navy in the Strait of Hormuz.

Geopolitical Competition & Bloc Politics

- Formation of a proposed "new board" for atomic energy comprised of [BRICS and SCO members](#) to bypass Western-led institutions like the IAEA.
- Pakistan and China join Russia in advocating for a [constructive role](#) for the UN Security Council against unilateral sanctions.

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- Iranian leadership framing the [internal unity](#) of the nation as its primary deterrent against the US "war machine."
- Trump administration accused of [plagiarizing justifications for war](#) from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The End of Proxy Buffer Zones The current news cycle suggests that the period of "gray zone" conflict is concluding. By [striking US bases directly](#) in response to infrastructure sabotage, Iran has removed the veil of deniability. This trend indicates that regional states hosting US bases (Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan) are now active targets, regardless of their own policy stances, as Tehran views the [US military presence](#) as a singular, indivisible threat matrix.

The Weaponization of International Watchdogs The IAEA resolution is being analyzed not as a technical inquiry but as ["information warfare"](#) designed to legitimize kinetic strikes. The timing of the resolution, coinciding with active US and Israeli bombing campaigns against Iran and Lebanon, supports the narrative of international

institutions acting as ["political tools"](#) for Washington. This is driving a significant trend toward the "parallelization" of global governance, with calls for BRICS-led alternatives to the UN and IAEA.

Technological Asymmetry and Defensive Innovation A recurring theme is the effectiveness of "low-cost" resistance technology against high-cost Western military assets. Hezbollah's use of [FPV drones \(duct-taped with RPGs\)](#) to neutralize Merkava tanks highlights a tactical vulnerability in advanced armor. Similarly, Iranian [Ababil drones](#) are reportedly overwhelming the Iron Dome's economic and technical calculus, given their \$300-\$500 unit cost.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The United States: Fiscal and Social Fracturing

- Political polarization is highlighted by [poll data](#) showing that even some Republicans are withdrawing support for the current war effort.
- Economic strain is evident as the [debt-to-GDP ratio](#) hits critical levels, described by analysts as "fiscal quicksand."
- The military-industrial complex is framed as the [primary beneficiary](#) of the \$1.5 trillion defense budget, while ordinary citizens suffer from "highest inflation in 3 years."

Iran: Rally Around the Flag

- Tehran is leveraging perceived external threats to solidify [domestic cohesion](#), with a "phenomenon of rally around the flag" reported in 90-million-plus population.

- State media emphasizes the [102nd consecutive night](#) of rallies as evidence that the "maximum pressure" campaign has failed to trigger an internal uprising.
- The government is preparing for potential ground invasion through [rifle training](#) for registered civilians.

Lebanon: Military-Civilian Rifts

- There is a growing disconnection between the Lebanese government's willingness to [disarm the resistance](#) and the population's reliance on Hezbollah for protection.
- The Lebanese Army appears to be [operating independently](#) of the central government, specifically in its diplomatic outreach to Islamabad.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Fracturing Multi-Polar Order The broadcasting perspective frames the world as moving away from "Pax Americana." The open rejection of the IAEA resolution by a [unified block of Russia, China, and Iran](#) signals the solidification of an alternative geopolitical axis. This block is increasingly portraying Western powers as ["colonialists"](#) whose institutions have lost legitimacy.

Strategic Deterrence through Infrastructure Control Iran is repositioning itself from a regional military power to a [global maritime and digital regulator](#). By threatening to control submarine cable maintenance and repair in the Persian Gulf, Tehran is weaponizing the digital dependencies of the global economy. This shift indicates a posture of **"Total War"** where energy, data, and military force are integrated into a single defensive/offensive strategy.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic landscape is characterized by high volatility in energy markets and the systemic threat posed by US national debt levels. Gaza represents the logical extreme of "economic statecraft" resulting in total industrial erasure.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Oil Markets:** Prices hovering near [\\$100 a barrel](#), with concerns of massive shortages as reserves are depleted.
- **US Debt:** Public debt has hit [100% of GDP](#), characterized as a major security risk exceeding the threat from China.
- **Inflation:** US inflation reaches a [three-year high](#) as of May 2026.
- **Gaza Crisis:** Wood prices surged from half a shekel to [12 shekels \(\\$4\) per kilo](#), forcing the abandonment of traditional agriculture and fishing.
- **Digital Finance:** The Strait of Hormuz controls paths for [\\$10 trillion](#) in daily financial transactions.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Strategic shifts are occurring as military leaders take greater control of foreign policy from civilian counterparts in Lebanon and Israel.

- **General Rudolph Heckle:** As Lebanese Army Chief, he is reportedly [negotiating in Islamabad](#) contrary to the wishes of President Joseph and Prime Minister Nawab Salam.
- **Major General Ali Abdullahi:** A key Iranian commander framing [national unity](#) as a core component of military deterrence.

- **Donald Trump:** Characterized by analysts as ["out of touch with reality"](#) and prone to making contradictory public vs. private statements regarding Netanyahu.
- **Netanyahu:** Described as the ["real boss"](#) of the US administration, pursuing a "Greater Israel" project that ignores US interests.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Press TV's coverage is strictly nationalistic, prioritizing IRGC kinetic successes and the perceived moral and military decay of the US/Israeli alliance. The **Lead Stories** throughout the day were the retaliatory strikes on US bases and the rejection of the IAEA resolution. **Buried Stories** include the specific nature of Iranian internal casualties from US strikes, which were mentioned only vaguely. The **Emotional Tone** is one of "jubilation" regarding military response combined with "outrage" over civilian infrastructure targeting. **Conspicuous Omissions** include any detail on the "accidental" helicopter crash that served as the US pretext for strikes, and the lack of reporting on any Iranian internal dissent beyond the state-approved mass rallies.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's narrative is anchored by the framing of the US as a "wounded animal" and the Israeli government as an "insane entity" that the US is failing to control.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as a ["wounded animal"](#) lashing out due to the loss of global hegemony and fiscal collapse. Quotes describe the administration as "thug-in-chief" led and "quintessentially evil."
- **Israel:** Framed as a ["violent, rogue state"](#) on a "murder spree." Described as a "Vietnam" scenario in Lebanon with failing technology and a "shattered" military image.
- **Pakistan:** Framed as a ["stabilizer"](#) and "security stabilizer" in the region, taking a bold stand against the US after mediated talks failed.
- **Russia and China:** Portrayed as the [principled alternative block](#) that rejects Western "bullying" and double standards.

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as an unstable ["businessman"](#) trying to manipulate markets, whose tweets are "nonsensical" and "delusional."
- **Ayatollah Khamenei:** Characterized as a spiritual and political guide for ["tens of billions"](#) of Muslims, whose "strategic patience" was a mark of strength, not weakness.
- **Netanyahu:** Framed as a ["thug"](#) and "war criminal" who has lost the ability to "look inward" and is dragging the US into disaster.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD):** Framed as a ["Zionist front"](#) and the source of plagiarized US policy documents.

- **IAEA:** Portrayed as a ["lab dog"](#) for Israel and America, used to provide coordinates for military targeting.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The "meta-narrative" of the day focuses on the deconstruction of Western "lies" regarding weaponry and intent. Press TV frames US justifications for war as ["identical"](#) to the FDD's documents, suggesting a "captured" US foreign policy. The labeling of the Pentagon Press Room as [classified](#) is interpreted as an attempt to hide "phony" reasons for war. Iranian media is also actively seeding the narrative that Israeli drone strikes in the UAE and ambulance fires in London are ["false flag"](#) operations designed to manufacture "consent" for war among the Western public. This suggests an environment of total information war where ground truth is sacrificed for narrative "immunity."

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Nuclear Breakout:** Iranian analysts hypothesize that because conventional diplomacy (IAEA) is now a "pretext for war," the Iranian leader may [change the verdict \(fatwa\)](#) and pursue nuclear weapons for "immunity."
- **US Presidential Crisis:** The US B-1B bomber deployments are hypothesized as a distraction from [declining domestic polls](#) ahead of the midterms.
- **Regional Infrastructure War:** The move to [assert control over undersea data cables](#) suggests that the next phase of conflict will target global financial flows rather than just physical territory.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks)

- Expect heightened kinetic exchanges as Iran [retaliates for infrastructure damage](#).
- Total closure of the Strait of Hormuz will likely trigger a [massive global oil shortage](#) and price spike above \$100/barrel.
- Mass protests in Western capitals may escalate following [French and British sanctions](#) on Israeli far-right ministers.

Medium Term (1-6 Months)

- Implementation of a [BRICS/SCO Atomic Energy Agency](#) to challenge the IAEA's legitimacy.
- US midterm elections will likely be dominated by the [failure of the 40-day war](#) and the economic fallout of the West Asian conflict.
- Gaza's economy will likely reach a point of "total obliteration" necessitating [makeshift rafts](#) for all basic survival.

Long Term (1-5 Years)

- The US [public debt crossing 100% of GDP](#) may force a structural withdrawal from overseas military commitments.
- Potential "Balkanization" or total [imperial collapse](#) of US presence in West Asia as the "Axis of Resistance" achieves "operational unity."

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risks center on the lack of diplomatic channels and the aggressive control of global chokepoints.

- **Risk of Global Economic Meltdown:**

Triggered by the [control/interruption of the Strait of Hormuz undersea data cables](#). Likelihood: High if kinetic war persists. Impact: Catastrophic, potentially disrupting \$10 trillion in daily transactions. Mitigations: Immediate de-escalation of naval buildup and neutral diplomatic oversight of the Strait.

- **Risk of Regional Nuclear Escalation:**

Triggered by [attacks on Iranian nuclear and water infrastructure](#). Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Potential environmental disaster and Iranian withdrawal from NPT. Mitigations: Resumption of JCPOA-aligned protocols and an end to bombing campaigns.

- **Risk of Lebanese Civil War:** Triggered by pressure to [disarm Hezbollah](#) while Israeli forces remain in southern Lebanon. Likelihood: High. Impact: Internal fragmentation of the Lebanese military. Mitigations: Coordinated withdrawal of Israeli forces as a prerequisite for internal Lebanese security talks.

- **Risk of US Domestic Instability:**

Triggered by [inflation spikes](#) and perceived "mistakes" in the 40-day war. Likelihood: High. Impact: Loss of government mandate and potential social unrest. Mitigations: Economic cooling measures and a shift toward diplomatic solutions.

- **Risk of Afghan-Pakistan Conflict:**

Triggered by [new air strikes](#) and cross-border clashes. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Destabilization of the Af-Pak region. Mitigations: Direct bilateral talks between Islamabad and the Taliban government.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The actual status and **causality** of the US helicopter crash remain unverified; state media calls it an "excuse" but fails to provide radar or telemetry data [despite presence in the area](#).
- The claim of **31 million civilians** registered for civil defense is likely a domestic mobilization narrative rather than a verified figure [capable of military deployment](#).
- There is almost no reporting on the **Israeli civilian perspective** or their domestic vulnerabilities, focusing solely on settler "fear" and "shattered credibility" [of the Iron Dome](#).
- The details of the "Qatari mediators" departure from Tehran were minimized, leaving the **exact reasons** for the mediation's final failure unexplained [beyond "backstabbing."](#)

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The Mediation "Head-Fake" A contrarian view is that the "collapse" of Pakistani and Qatari mediation is a **strategic theater** designed to lure US/Israeli forces into a sense of diplomatic finality. By appearing to abandon the table, the regional block may be clearing the deck for a [coordinated, multi-front](#)

[offensive](#) ("Epic Fury") that requires the absence of neutral observers.

US Debt as a Weapon of Hegemony While state media frames the 100% debt-to-GDP ratio as a weakness, a Red Team analysis might suggest this allows the US to **overspend indefinitely** without regard for traditional fiscal limits to secure military victory, essentially daring the global financial system to fail if they don't support the [US strategy](#).

Black Swan Event A Hezbollah-Lebanese Army Merger. While transcripts describe a rift, a "Black Swan" would be the formal integration of Hezbollah's FPV drone units [into the Lebanese national defense structure](#), creating a sovereign nation-state with asymmetric guerilla capabilities, forcing an immediate Western diplomatic pivot.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for the shift of conflict into the digital/financial layer (undersea cables) [in the Persian Gulf](#).
- **Economic:** Diversify energy supply chains immediately to mitigate the [total closure](#) of Hormuz.
- **Diplomatic:** Establish direct channels with BRICS/SCO to avoid becoming trapped in a [politicized IAEA framework](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Move logistics hubs away from regions hosting [F-35 capable airbases](#) in the Middle East.

- **Regulatory:** Prepare for new [French and British sanctions](#) creating a fragmented compliance landscape for West Asian trade.
- **Safety:** International shipping must re-evaluate the Strait of Hormuz as a "high seas" zone, as [Tehran asserts absolute jurisdiction](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

International legislative actions are focused on the condemnation of Iran and the sanctioning of Israeli settler violence, highlighting a global fracture in legal standards.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **IAEA Anti-Iran Resolution:** A draft resolution regarding [non-compliance](#) intended to legitimize further kinetic pressure.
- **French Sanctions on Settlers:** Coordinated sanctions by UK, Australia, Canada, France, and Norway [against seven individuals](#) for violence in the West Bank.
- **JCPOA (Resolution 2231):** Debate regarding the [relevance of expired terms](#) vs. new compliance demands.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **IAEA Board of Governors Meeting:** A three-day session in Vienna where member states are delivering [five-minute statements](#) before a decisive vote.
- **Abbas Arakshi Phone Calls:** Diplomatic coordination between [Iran, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia](#) following US strikes on southern Iran.
- **Pentagon Press Room Classification:** An edict issued by the US Secretary of Defense [restricting media access](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Direct Conflict Initiation:** US and Israeli forces launch unprovoked war on February 28, transitioning to [infrastructure targeting](#) by June 10.
- **IRGC Strike on 5th Fleet:** Retaliatory drones and missiles strike the [US 5th Fleet in Bahrain](#) and bases in Kuwait and Jordan.
- **IAEA Resolution Passing:** 21 nations vote for a resolution [condemning Iran](#), as Russia and China stand with Tehran.
- **Strait of Hormuz Closure:** Tehran declares the strategic waterway [fully closed](#) to all traffic due to US military "mischief."
- **Gaza Wood Crisis:** Total Israeli ban on wood imports leads to a [collapse of the fishing sector](#) to less than 10% capacity.
- **Hezbollah Tank Attrition:** Resistance forces document [259 Israeli armor losses](#) through innovative use of FPV drones.
- **Lebanon Death Toll:** Ministry of Health confirms [3,666 people dead](#) since the invasion began on March 2nd.
- **Pakistan-Lebanon Military Cooperation:** General Rudolph Heckle meets military chiefs in [Rawalpindi](#) to bypass failing US-led diplomacy.
- **Digital Infrastructure Deterrence:** Iran moves to regulate [submarine fiber optic cables](#) carrying \$10 trillion in daily transactions.
- **US Public Debt Crisis:** Debt reaches [100% of GDP](#) amidst \$1.5 trillion defense budget requests.
- **London Ambulance "False Flag":** Analysts query the [Golders Green fire](#) as a Mossad-orchestrated propaganda event.
- **Pentagon Media Blackout:** Press office classified as [top-secret](#), restricting First Amendment rights.
- **Iranian Domestic Mobilization:** 102nd night of [mass rallies](#) and rifle training sessions reported across all major cities.
- **Barakah Plant Provocation:** Alleged Israeli [drone strike](#) on UAE nuclear plant to sabotage regional alliances.
- **West Bank Teenager Fatality:** Haitham Hamid killed in Ramallah as settler [violence reaches record levels](#).
- **Trump "Madman Theory":** Analysts debate if Trump's [erratic behavior](#) is a Nixon-style strategy or genuine psychological instability.
- **Afghanistan Pakistan Conflict:** 13 people killed in [Hust, Kunad, and Paktika](#) provinces during Pakistani air strikes.
- **Gaza Displacement Surge:** Over [900 days](#) of continuous force displacement for southern residents reported.
- **Syrian President Inactivity:** Criticism of the new Syrian president for failing to respond to [Israeli chunks](#) taken from Syrian territory.
- **Lions Den 2022 Re-emergence:** New generation of Palestinian youth [joining resistance](#) despite "Judization" of the West Bank.
- **Gaza University Professor's Struggle:** Report on a former educator forced to [bake bread on firewood](#) in displacement camps.
- **Israeli Army Desertion:** Reports of [80,000-90,000 soldiers](#) refusing service due to PTSD and strategic failure.
- **UN Humanitarian Failure:** Claims that the UN is ["handing Gaza to Trump"](#) and failing to protect common interests.

- **Hajzade Missile Cities:** Iranian commander revealed as the mastermind of [underground missile cities](#) decentralized for war.
- **Iraqi Soccer Player Visa Denial:** Iraqi players for the World Cup [blocked at the US border](#).
- **Trump Twitter Plagiarism:** Allegations that 90% of US war justification was [copied word-for-word](#) from an Israeli think tank.
- **South Vietnam Parallel:** Rhetorical framing of the [Vietnamese war](#) to justify contemporary "non-communist" intervention.
- **John Fadel Civil Readiness:** Millions in Iran [declaring readiness](#) for ground invasion defense.
- **Strait of Hormuz 3.67% enrichment:** Claims that [JCPOA limits](#) were fully followed before the US "ripped up" the deal.
- **Abraham Accords Pressure:** Reports of US [pressuring Saudi Arabia and Qatar](#) to join the accords as a condition for the Iran deal.
- **Nobel "Trump" Prize Proposal:** Lindsay Graham's demand to [rename the Peace Prize](#) after the president.
- **FPV Drone Tethering:** Analysis of Hezbollah's use of [fiber optic cables](#) to prevent jamming of battlefield drones.
- **Zouta Riverbed Ambush:** Israeli forces [retreat](#) after being drawn into a prepared defensive position.
- **Bannon's Intelligence Allegations:** Claims that the CIA [lies three times a day](#) to the president regarding Hamas.
- **Operation Nasaid:** New details on [strikes against Tiberius base](#) and Neva Team airfield.
- **Italian Flotilla Investigation:** Reports of Italy opening [human rights investigations](#) against Itamar Ben Gvir.
- **Gaza Re-reading of Map:** Media from India to Korea sounding the [alarm](#) over who owns the "internet ground."
- **Trump Phone Call Leak:** Speculation that an "angry phone call" [targeting Netanyahu](#) was a fake leak to "discredit" the prime minister.
- **7-Month-Old Sam Heikel:** Detailed account of an [infant shot dead](#) in his mother's lap in the West Bank.
- **Prophet Muhammad Historical Parallel:** Framing of the US conflict as a modern [battle with Jahiliyyah](#).
- **NPT Compliance Debate:** Analysts arguing Iran is [not required to comply](#) with a "one-sided" NPT while under attack.
- **BRICS Parallel Governance:** Move to create a [new international order](#) to protect Southern sovereignty.
- **Trump 2.0 Narcissism:** Analysts claiming Trump is ["Netanyahu's mistress"](#) due to submissive relations with the Israeli government.
- **Alaska Territorial Security:** Concluding news alert questioning if [Alaska](#) is within range of regional spillover.

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