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## GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL FRAGILITY & LEADERSHIP INSTABILITY: THE JUNE 20, 2026 REPORT

TENTATIVE US-IRAN PEACE MEMORANDUM FACES REGIONAL VOLATILITY & STRAIT OF HORMUZ TOLL DISPUTES

### THE FRAGILE BREAKTHROUGH & REGIONAL FLASHPOINTS

#### US-IRAN ELECTRONIC MOU

MOU SIGNED (Tentative)  
- June 20, 2026



Ends 4-Month Conflict.  
Technical Talks Begin in Switzerland.  
\$300 Billion Incentive Package to Detach Proxies.  
Jared Kushner & Steve Witkoff lead teams.

#### REGIONAL INSTABILITY & HORMONZ DISPUTES

Iran Closes Strait Over Israeli Strikes in Lebanon.  
Conflicting 'Tolls' Narratives: Trump Promises Free Passage vs. Iranian 'Service Fees' as Reimbursement.  
'Third Oil Shock' Alerts Markets.  
Israeli Strikes in Lebanon a 'Red Line'.

### DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRISES IN EUROPEAN POWERS



#### PORTUGAL: MINORITY GOVERNMENT STRESS TEST

- Labor Reform Package Rejected by Chega & PS.
- PM Montenegro Faces Gridlock, Refuses Early Elections.
- PSD Congress in Anadia: Focus on Unity with Santana Lopes Return.
- Far-Right 'Armilar Lusitano' Terror Plot Dismantled.
- PSP Officer Involvement Raises Radicalization Fears.
- Strikes in Health & Transport.
- Azores & Madeira Frustrations (Centralism, Strikes).



#### UNITED KINGDOM: LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

PM Keir Starmer Set to Resign After Labor Revolt (100+ MPs). Andy Burnham Emerges as Frontrunner. Potential Strategic Shift Towards Closer Industrial Cooperation with EU.

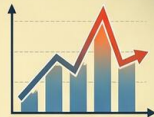


#### SPAIN: LEGAL & POLITICAL ESCALATION

Legal Proceedings Against Begonha Gomes (PM Sánchez's Wife) for Corruption/Influence Peddling. Passport Seized. Domestic Distractions for Government.

### MACROECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES

#### THE 'THIRD OIL SHOCK' & GLOBAL ECONOMY



Crude Prices: Spiked >\$100, now ~\$83 (MOU Effect)  
Structural Inflationary Pressures Linger  
BCE Rates to Remain High Thru 2027  
High Maritime Logistics Costs Risk with Strait Tolls  
Energy Transition Accelerated as Strategic Sovereignty.

#### EUROPEAN HEATWAVE & CLIMATE RISKS



Severe Heatwave: >40°C  
Portugal Civil Protection at Level 2  
High Wildfire Risks  
Agricultural & Tourism Economic Threat  
Climate-Induced Resource Scarcity Risk

### STRATEGIC TRENDS, RISKS & FUTURE OUTLOOK

#### KEY GOVERNANCE THEMES & TRENDS

**FRAGMENTATION OF EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP:** Institutional Decay, Elite Instability, Leadership Vacuums

**ENERGY TRANSITION AS STRATEGIC SOVEREIGNTY:** Renewables as National Security in Post-US-Hegemony World

**SOCIAL POLARIZATION & JUSTICE CRISIS:** Protests (Odair Moniz), 'Two Portugals' Rift, Youth Exodus

**WEAPONIZED INTERDEPENDENCE:** Critical Infrastructure (Strait of Hormuz) as Diplomatic Weapon

**END OF POST-WWII CONSENSUS:** Challenges to Traditional State Power, Rise of Multipolar System

#### RISK ASSESSMENT & SCENARIOS

##### HIGH RISKS

- Regional War Re-ignition (Israeli Strikes in Lebanon)
- Climate-Induced Resource Scarcity (Drought, Crop Failure)

##### MODERATE RISKS

- Portuguese Institutional Collapse (Budget Failure, PRR Funds Loss)
- Critical Infrastructure Terrorism (Armilar Lusitano Remnants)
- UK-EU Security Fragmentation (NATO Posture Weakening)

##### CONTRARIAN SCENARIOS

- US-Iran 'Potemkin Peace' (Tactic)
- Montenegro's 'Calculated Defeat' (Martyr Narrative for Elections)

#### LEGISLATIVE & DIPLOMATIC ROUNDUP

##### BILLS DISCUSSED

- Portuguese Labor Reform (Rejected), PSU (Social Benefits Merge, Under Review), PAC 2026 (Agricultural Reform, 'Single Fund'), Strategic Road Safety 0/2030

##### LEADERSHIP CHANGES

- Starmer (Resigning), Burnham (Challenger), Santana Lopes (PSD Return), Gomes (Under Restraint)

##### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- US-Iran MOU, Portuguese Labor Reform Defeat, UK Leadership Crisis, Strait of Hormuz Tolls, Armilar Lusitano Plot, European Heatwave

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### DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

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The global geopolitical landscape on June 20, 2026, is defined by the fragile breakthrough of an **electronically signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the United States and Iran, aimed at ending a four-month conflict. While formal technical negotiations are set to begin in [Switzerland this Sunday](#), the process is immediately threatened by **Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz** in response to Israeli strikes in Lebanon. Conflicting narratives regarding "tolls" in the Strait have emerged, with President Trump promising free passage while Iranian officials [propose "service fees"](#) as reimbursement for costs. This geopolitical "third oil shock" has already altered global energy trajectories, even as [markets begin to price in](#) a tentative de-escalation.

In Portugal, the minority AD government is navigating a **domestic political crisis** following the [parliamentary rejection of its labor reform](#) package. Prime Minister Luís

Montenegro has used the party's national congress in Anadia to frame the defeat as a result of "irresponsible politicking" by both the PS and Chega. The return of former Prime Minister [Pedro Santana Lopes](#) to the PSD as a militant serves as a strategic move to project unity, despite the conspicuous [absence of Pedro Passos Coelho](#), who remains a significant internal shadow over Montenegro's leadership. Simultaneously, Portugal faces [extreme weather risks](#), with eight districts under yellow alerts and temperatures expected to exceed 40°C.

Internationally, the United Kingdom is on the verge of a **leadership transition** as Prime Minister Keir Starmer [prepares to resign](#) under pressure from over 100 Labor MPs, with Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham emerging as the primary challenger. In Spain, the [legal proceedings](#) against Begonha Gomes, wife of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, for corruption and influence peddling have escalated with the seizure of her passport. These domestic instabilities in major European powers coincide with a [macroeconomic environment](#) marked by high energy costs and a debate over the future of the European Union's strategic autonomy and its [Common Agricultural Policy \(PAC\)](#).

### MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

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#### The US-Iran MOU and Regional Volatility

- The US and Iran have reached a tentative agreement to end the war, with [formal signatures](#) expected soon. Technical teams led by **Jared Kushner** and **Steve Witkoff** are already in Switzerland to manage the details [of the transition](#).

- The Strait of Hormuz remains a critical flashpoint; Iran [briefly closed the strait](#) again this Saturday, asserting that a **ceasefire in Lebanon** is a non-negotiable "red line" for the broader peace process.
- President Trump has used social media to [guarantee no tolls](#) in the Strait, while Iran maintains that failure to conclude the agreement will result in the US being [charged for past and future costs](#).

### Portuguese Labor Reform Rejection and PSD Congress

- The rejection of the **Reforma Laboral** in the Assembly of the Republic by **Chega** and the **PS** has forced the government to [rewrite its strategic narrative](#) mid-congress.
- Prime Minister Montenegro has [vowed not to resign](#) or call for elections, stating he will govern via "tenths" (budgetary extensions) if necessary, while [blaming the opposition](#) for blocking wage increases.
- The **CIP (Confederation of Portuguese Industry)** has proposed [returning the labor package](#) to the **Consertação Social** (social dialogue) to bypass the parliamentary deadlock.

### UK Political Crisis: Starmer's Imminent Resignation

- Keir Starmer is expected to [resign on Monday](#) following a revolt by over 100 Labor MPs who claim he has lost authority.
- The election of **Andy Burnham** as an MP for Makerfield [has provided a direct challenger](#) for the party leadership and the premiership.

### European Heatwave and Civil Protection Escalation

- A severe heatwave is hitting **Portugal, Spain, France, and Switzerland**, with [temperatures over 40°C](#) causing serious health and fire risks.
- Portuguese Civil Protection has elevated its readiness to [Level 2 \(the second most severe\)](#) for the entire continent, with over 20 municipalities at maximum wildfire risk.

### Investigation into Far-Right Terrorism in Portugal

- Authorities have dismantled the **Movimento Armilar Lusitano**, a neo-Nazi group that [planned attacks](#) on 40 politicians and 80 public figures.
- The group allegedly planned a [grenade attack](#) on PM Montenegro's Lisbon apartment, but the plan was aborted when they discovered he was residing in a hotel.

## KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

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**Diplomacy & Statecraft** The mediatory role of **Pakistan** and **Qatar** in the US-Iran conflict highlights a shift toward non-Western intermediaries in high-stakes diplomacy [in the Middle East](#). The US administration's strategy appears to involve [significant financial incentives](#)—up to \$300 billion—to detach Iran from its proxies, particularly Hezbollah, though analysts remain skeptical of **Tehran's long-term compliance**.

**Macroeconomics & Trade** The global economy is facing its **third major oil shock**, with crude prices previously spiking to [over \\$100 per barrel](#) during the conflict. While the MOU has [immediately lowered prices](#) to around \$83, the structural damage to refineries and the threat of **Strait of Hormuz**

"**portagens**" (tolls) or service fees could permanently alter **maritime logistics costs**.

**Leadership Dynamics & Governance** In Portugal, the [parliamentary geometry](#) has proven highly restrictive for the minority government. The Prime Minister's refusal to accept Chega's demands on **pension age reductions** to secure labor reform [highlights a "red line"](#) regarding the sustainability of the social security system. This signals a **prolonged period of legislative gridlock** until the next budget cycle.

**Terrorism & Asymmetric Threats** The discovery that a **PSP officer** (Municipal Police of Lisbon) was a founder of the **Armilar Lusitano** group raises critical concerns regarding [internal radicalization](#) within security forces. The group's list of "undesirables" included [journalists and academics](#), signaling a move from digital rhetoric to **kinetic planning**.

## DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

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**The Fragmentation of European Leadership** A clear trend of **institutional decay and elite instability** is visible across Western Europe. In the UK, the Labor Party is [imploding under internal pressure](#). In Spain, the Prime Minister is [distracted by his wife's legal woes](#). In Portugal, the [failure of the Labor Reform](#) is framed as a "meta-event" that reveals the limits of the current democratic model. This vacuum at the top of major EU states is occurring precisely as the **geopolitical order** (US-China-Russia-Iran) is being [radically reorganized](#).

**Energy Transition as Strategic Sovereignty** The debate over the [Common Agricultural Policy \(PAC\) 2028](#) and [domestic](#)

[energy efficiency](#) reflects a growing realization that Europe [cannot remain dependent](#) on fossil fuels controlled by volatile actors. The "third oil shock" has accelerated investments in **renewables**, which are now seen not just as environmental goals, but as [essential components of national security](#) and price stability in a **post-US-hegemony world**.

**Social Polarization and the Crisis of Justice** The [Odair Moniz protests](#) in Lisbon, demanding justice for structural racism after a **suspended sentence** for a police officer, highlight a deep **societal rift**. This theme of "two Portugals" is echoed in the [youth exodus from the Azores](#), where young people cite lack of opportunity and **political centralism** as reasons for migration [to the continent or abroad](#).

## INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

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### Portugal: Minority Government Stress Test

- The rejection of the **Labor Reform** is the first major legislative defeat for the AD government. The opposition (PS and Chega) are increasingly [aligned in their tactics](#), if not their ideologies, to obstruct the government's core agenda.
- Internal PSD friction is centered on **Pedro Passos Coelho**, who has [criticized the lack of reforms](#). The government's defense is that it [cannot yield to "blackmail"](#) regarding the sustainability of **Social Security**.
- Labor unrest continues with [strikes in the health sector](#) and a **PCP-led march** planned for Monday [to celebrate the reform's defeat](#).

## The Azores & Madeira: Regional Frustrations

- Regional leaders in the Azores [decry "duplicate centralism"](#) (Lisbon and Ponta Delgada), noting that young people feel **abandoned** by the democratic system.
- In Madeira, the [health strike has seen 70% participation](#) in hospitals, with doctors and nurses **denouncing the lack of career progression** and unpaid holidays since 2023.

## EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

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### The End of the "Post-WWII Consensus"

Analysts and youth leaders are noting a ["end of a cycle"](#) where the post-1945 rules-based order is collapsing. The US is portrayed as a ["cleptocracy"](#) or an ["unbalanced balance"](#) by some thinkers, while **China** is framed as the **ascendant power** capable of replacing Europe as the primary economic stabilizer [for the US](#).

**Weaponized Interdependence** The [Strait of Hormuz](#) is being used as a tool of **diplomatic warfare**. Iran's insistence that it will charge [service fees](#) for transit if the MOU is not finalized illustrates how **critical infrastructure** is being **weaponized** to force political concessions. This framing suggests a world where **economic statecraft** has superseded **traditional military deterrence**.

## THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

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The economic outlook is cautiously optimistic but remains hostage to the [volatility of the energy market](#). While oil prices have dropped, the structural **inflationary pressures** from the four-month conflict will linger. Analysts

expect the **BCE (European Central Bank)** to maintain its [higher interest rates](#) through at least 2027 to combat the [lastro \(drag\)](#) of the oil shock.

## Key Economic Vectors

- **Energy Prices:** Brent oil dropped 30% from its [war peak](#) to **\$83/barrel**. Gasoil in Madeira [to drop 3 cents](#) to €1.73.
- **Inflation:** Portugal's **CPI is at 3.3%**, with the BCE raising rates [for the first time](#) in three years (25 basis points).
- **Agriculture:** The [increase in fishing quotas](#) for Alfonsim and Imperador (Berics) by 15 tons is the first increase in 20 years, **saving the region €600,000** annually.
- **Trade Barriers:** Implicit tariffs in the EU [are estimated at 42%](#) for goods and **over 100%** for services due to regulatory fragmentation, compared to the frictionless US market.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

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Strategic shifts in leadership are occurring across the Atlantic, driven by internal revolts and legal pressures.

- **Keir Starmer:** Expected to resign [on Monday](#) due to a **loss of MP support**.
- **Andy Burnham:** Frontrunner for **UK premiership** after winning a [parliamentary seat](#).
- **Pedro Santana Lopes:** Re-registered as a **PSD militant**, significantly boosting [Montenegro's internal position](#).
- **Begonha Gomes:** Under [judicial restraint](#); her passport is seized as she **awaits trial** in Spain.

- **Sebastião Bugalho, Carlos Moedas, Pedro Duarte:** New entries into the [PSD Political Commission](#) as part of a leadership refresh.

## EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

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**Lead Stories:** The rejection of the Labor Reform and the PSD Congress dominated domestic coverage. The US-Iran MOU and the UK political crisis were the primary international leads. The [failed legislative process](#) was analyzed with **intense scrutiny**, often focusing more on the **inter-party theater** (Chega vs. PSD) than the **economic substance** of the laws.

**Buried Stories:** The [conflict in Lebanon](#) and its impact on civilians was treated as a secondary technical obstacle to the MOU. The **ongoing war in Ukraine** received [minimal coverage](#), mostly focused on a diplomatic row **between Poland and Ukraine** regarding the **UPA historical controversy**.

**Tone:** The tone was **anxious and skeptical**. While the news of peace in the Middle East is objectively positive, the network focused heavily on **unanswered questions** and the **risk of collapse**. Domestically, the tone was **adversarial**, highlighting the **dysfunction** of the current parliament.

**Conspicuous Omissions:** There was almost no mention of **China's** specific reaction to the US-Iran MOU, despite its role as a [major energy importer](#). Additionally, while there was coverage of the far-right plot against the PM, there was **little exploration of the broader network** or foreign funding sources for **Armilar Lusitano**.

## GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

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The day's reporting frames a world where **traditional state power is being challenged** by domestic instability and the emergence of a **multipolar system** where economic leverage is the **primary weapon**.

- **United States:** Portrayed as a **chaotic mediator**. While achieving a peace deal, the administration is seen as ["teleguided by social media"](#) and prone to [unpredictable policy shifts](#).
- **Iran:** Framed as **economically desperate but strategically strong**. The regime is viewed as [using the Strait of Hormuz](#) as a **ransom note** to secure its survival.
- **Israel:** Portrayed as a **reluctant and potentially disruptive ally**. Statements from the Israeli cabinet suggest they feel ["free to continue"](#) strikes despite the US-Iran deal.
- **Portugal (Montenegro):** Framed as a **principled but embattled leader**. He is described as a ["resilient leader"](#) who refuses to be ["intimidated"](#) by [populist demands](#).

## INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

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**Narrative Seeding:** The Portuguese government is [actively seeding the narrative](#) that the opposition is forming a **"negative coalition"** between the far-right (Chega) and the left (PS) to block national progress. This is intended to **shame opposition voters** and prepare the ground for **early elections** if the budget fails in October.

**Disinformation and Spin:** Regarding the Strait of Hormuz, there is a [clear delta](#) between Trump's "free transit" claims and the

Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' statements regarding "service fees." This represents a **psychological operation** by Tehran to **test the limits** of the US MOU before it is fully implemented.

## HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

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- **Strait of Hormuz Conflict:** If the US refuses to pay the "service fees," Iran may engage in a **"grey zone" campaign** of [mining the straits](#) or detaining tankers under regulatory pretenses, leading to a **re-ignition** of the kinetic war by August 2026.
- **Portuguese Governance:** PM Montenegro will likely attempt to bypass parliament by [negotiating directly with unions](#) and business confederations, effectively moving **legislative power** into the **Consertação Social** framework.
- **UK Policy Shift:** An **Andy Burnham premiership** would likely see a **tactical pivot** toward [closer industrial cooperation with the EU](#) to stabilize the UK economy after Starmer's perceived failure.

## STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

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### Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- Expect **high volatility in oil prices** as the technical details of the MOU are leaked. [Technical meetings in Switzerland](#) will be the **primary market driver**.
- The UK will undergo a rapid **Labor leadership contest**; Burnham's platform will be scrutinized **for its impact on NATO** and the Iran deal.

### Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- The **Portuguese budget for 2027** will be the "kill or cure" moment for the Montenegro government. If it fails in October, **snap elections** in early 2027 [are certain](#).
- The **Strait of Hormuz toll regime** will be formalized; shippers **will likely price in** a permanent 10-15% increase in transit costs.

### Long Term (1-5 Years):

- A **structural realignment** of the EU toward **energy autarky** will lead to massive [subsidies for domestic green hydrogen](#) and nuclear energy [to decouple from US-led oil markets](#).
- The **US-Iran MOU** could either lead to a **new regional security architecture** or a **proxy-led nuclear race** if Iran uses the [\\$300 billion windfall](#) to **accelerate enrichment** covertly.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

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The **geopolitical risk profile** is currently elevated due to the **convergence** of leadership vacuums in Europe and a **volatile peace process** in the Middle East.

- **Regional War Re-ignition:** The risk that Israeli operations in Lebanon [trigger a total collapse](#) of the US-Iran MOU. **Triggers:** An Israeli strike killing a senior Iranian advisor. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Global oil spike to **\$150+**. **Mitigations:** [US financial leverage](#) over both parties.

- **Portuguese Institutional Collapse:** The risk that legislative deadlock [prevents the use of PRR \(Recovery\) funds](#) before the August deadline. **Triggers:** Opposition [blocking administrative measures](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Loss of **billions in EU funding**. **Mitigations:** Use of [government decrees](#).
- **Critical Infrastructure Terrorism:** The risk that remnants of **Armilar Lusitano** or other sleeper cells [execute a kinetic attack](#) on a high-profile target. **Triggers:** Trial of current suspects. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** National state of emergency. **Mitigations:** [Purging radical elements](#) from PSP/GNR.
- **Climate-Induced Resource Scarcity:** The risk that the [current heatwave](#) leads to catastrophic crop failure and water shortages. **Triggers:** Drought persisting into July. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Economic loss in **agricultural and tourism sectors**. **Mitigations:** [Emergency water allocation](#).
- **UK-EU Security Fragmentation:** The risk that Starmer's exit and a [Burnham leadership](#) leads to a **weakened NATO posture** vis-à-vis Russia. **Triggers:** Change in UK defense spending priorities. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Strategic **vulnerability of the eastern flank**. **Mitigations:** EU-UK **security treaty** fast-tracking.

## GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

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- **Israel's Red Lines:** The broadcasts fail to specify **exactly what conditions** would cause Israel to **formally break** with the US over the Iran MOU, given the [cabinet's public defiance](#).

- **Strait Toll Mechanics:** There is no explanation of **how** Iran would [physically enforce](#) a toll or service fee without **violating international law** (UNCLOS), nor the **US naval response plan** for such enforcement.
- **Labor Reform Alternatives:** The reporting focuses on the **failure** of the law, but does not detail the **specific fallback provisions** the government can enact without parliamentary approval [via administrative rule-making](#).
- **Far-Right Group Funding:** There is a lack of data on **foreign influence** in the [Armilar Lusitano](#) case, which is critical given the **European-wide trend of neo-Nazi radicalization**.

## CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

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**The US-Iran "Potemkin" Peace** The MOU is **not a peace deal**, but a **strategic stalling tactic** by Tehran to receive [\\$300 billion](#) while its proxies [engage Israel](#) in a war of attrition. Trump is **knowingly accepting a hollow deal** to secure a short-term "win" before the US elections, despite [Intelligence Community warnings](#). **Black Swan:** Iran successfully **detonates a nuclear device** within 90 days of the MOU signature.

**Montenegro's Calculated Defeat** The Prime Minister **intentionally sabotaged** the labor reform negotiations [by refusing small concessions](#) to Chega, creating a **"heroic martyr"** narrative for himself. This is a **prelude to a 2027 election campaign** where he will run on a platform of **"clarification"** to secure a majority. **Black Swan:** Chega and PS **form a coalition government** to unseat him [via a motion of no confidence](#).

## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

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The **Portuguese parliamentary session** was defined by the rejection of core economic reforms, while the **European Commission** prepares for a major overhaul of **agricultural and energy regulations in the 2028 cycle**.

### BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Reforma Laboral (Portugal):** Aimed to [increase competitiveness](#) and allow for **flexible working hours**; rejected by [opposition coalition](#).
- **Prestação Social Única (PSU):** A proposed [merging of 13 social benefits](#) aimed at **reducing poverty trap dependency**; currently under **urgent committee review before August**.
- **Common Agricultural Policy (PAC) 2028:** Proposal for a ["fundo único" \(single fund\)](#) that [would dilute specific agricultural protections into broader regional cohesion funds](#).
- **Strategic Safety Road Vision 0/2030:** A new [safety regulation](#) proposing **70 km/h limits** on two-way roads **nationwide**.

### HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **PSD National Congress (Anadia):** Ongoing [strategy sessions](#) to respond to **legislative gridlock**.
- **RTP Telejornal Debate on "3rd Oil Shock":** Economists [analyzing the impact](#) of the **US-Iran MOU** on global **GDP and inflation**.
- **Commission on Protection of Children:** RTP documentary ["Sobreviver ao Amanhã"](#) regarding **Ukrainian children** awarded **top journalism prize**.

## KEY STORIES

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- **US-Iran War Ending:** The US and Iran have [electronically signed](#) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to end their conflict. Technical negotiations [begin in Switzerland](#) on Sunday. The deal is worth an estimated **\$300 billion in incentives**.
- **Labor Reform Defeat:** The Portuguese government's **labor reform package** was [rejected in parliament](#). The **PS and Chega** [voted against](#) the measure, leading to a **political crisis mid-PSD Congress**.
- **Keir Starmer Resignation:** British Prime Minister Starmer is [set to resign Monday](#) after **losing MP support**. Andy Burnham is the [primary frontrunner](#).
- **Strait of Hormuz Tolls:** Iran has [re-closed the Strait](#) and is threatening **"service fees"** for all transit. Trump [claims transit must be free](#).
- **Armilar Lusitano Plot:** Police dismantled a **far-right terrorist cell** that [targeted 120 public figures](#) and [planned a grenade attack](#) on the **Prime Minister**.
- **European Heatwave:** A [second major heatwave](#) in a month has brought temperatures [above 40°C](#) to **Portugal, France, and Spain**.
- **Spanish Corruption Trial:** Begonha Gomes, wife of PM Pedro Sánchez, has had her [passport seized](#) as she **awaits trial for corruption**.
- **Odair Moniz Protests:** Demonstrators marched in Lisbon against **"structural racism"** after a [police officer received a suspended sentence](#) for the 2024 killing [of a Cape Verdean citizen](#).

- **Dominican Republic Resort Fire:** An [Italian tourist died](#) and 1,700 were evacuated, including [21 Portuguese citizens](#), from a luxury hotel [in the Dominican Republic](#).
- **Portugal World Cup Training:** The national team [trained without Tomás Araújo ahead of the match](#) against **Uzbekistan**.
- **Azorean Tea Heritage:** The [Gorreana tea factory](#) celebrated its **133-year history**, highlighting its role [in the regional economy](#).
- **Madeira Health Strike:** A [70% participation rate](#) was reported [in Madeira's health strike](#), **closing surgical blocks**.
- **Fishing Quota Increase:** For the first time in **20 years**, quotas for [Berics increased](#) by **15 tons** [in the Azores](#).

## ABOUT THIS REPORT

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