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IRAN ASSERTS STRATEGIC DOMINANCE AND DICTATES DIPLOMATIC TERMS FOLLOWING STALEMATE WITH U.S.-ISRAELI COALITION

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The diplomatic and military landscape in West Asia is currently defined by a perceived "strategic reset" following a 40-day conflict (the "Ramadan War") that ended in a ceasefire and a 14-clause Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in mid-June 2026. The Iranian narrative on June 25, 2026, centers on a total victory, portraying U.S. President Donald Trump as having signed a "humiliating" agreement to prevent a global economic collapse triggered by Iranian control of the Strait of Hormuz. Tehran is leveraging its control over global energy arteries to force concessions, including a $300 billion reconstruction fund and the lifting of all sanctions. The state is now conditioning further participation in Geneva-based negotiations on the immediate cessation of Israeli operations in Lebanon, signaling that it will no longer separate diplomacy from the "realities of the battlefield."

Simultaneously, Iran is utilizing the religious observance of Ashura to solidify national identity and regional "Axis of Resistance" loyalty. By framing the recent war as a modern parallel to the Battle of Karbala, the state has effectively synthesized religious fervor with military mobilization. This ideological consolidation is paired with reports of technological self-sufficiency, particularly in medical isotopes and asymmetric drone warfare, to argue that Western sanctions have failed. The internal health of the U.S.-Israeli alliance is portrayed as fracturing, with Netanyahu and Trump at odds over the terms of the de-escalation, while Iran maintains a unified front with its regional allies.

The day's reporting also highlights a massive humanitarian crisis in Venezuela following twin earthquakes (7.2 and 7.5 magnitude) that have killed hundreds and caused widespread destruction. Iran is positioning itself as a reliable humanitarian partner to Caracas, contrasting its "solidarity" with what it characterizes as Western "imperial aggression." On the global stage, Iran is deepening ties with BRICS nations, particularly focusing on energy security and technological cooperation in India, further signaling its pivot away from Western-centric economic systems.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The "Islamabad/Geneva" Diplomatic Pivot

- Negotiations are currently in a **60-day transitional period** following the signing of an MoU to end the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran. Key provisions include a $300 billion reconstruction fund and recognition of Iranian rights to uranium enrichment.

- Tehran has **linked the success of these talks** directly to a ceasefire in Lebanon, refusing to separate front-line military activities from diplomatic tracks. The Iranian Foreign Ministry has stated that the "train to Geneva" will not move forward until facts on the ground change.
- U.S. negotiators are reportedly facing internal backlash, with **Susan Rice** calling the arrangement a "strategic surrender."

Sovereign Control of the Strait of Hormuz

- Iran has asserted **exclusive management** over the Strait of Hormuz, declaring all unauthorized transit routes "unsafe" and lacking insurance. Iran now claims the right to impose fees for maritime services.
- Reports from Reuters claim the **U.S. Navy was forced to smuggle oil** in the vicinity of the Strait to bypass Iranian control, a reversal of the previous sanctions-evasion dynamic. Approximately 90 million barrels were allegedly smuggled in May and early June 2026.

Asymmetric Military Success and FPV Drones

- Analysts report that **first-person view (FPV) drones** have "shattered the image of invincibility" of high-cost Israeli military hardware. Low-cost drones (approx. $500 each) are being used to vaporize tanks and "Iron Dome" batteries.
- Hezbollah is cited as having successfully **adapted these technologies** in southern Lebanon, maintaining a high operational tempo of 30 operations per day despite the ceasefire. Hizbullah statistics claim 518 vehicles disabled over 15 months.

Venezuela Earthquake Emergency

- Twin earthquakes measuring **7.2 and 7.5 magnitude** struck Venezuela's north-central region, particularly affecting Caracas and nearby coastal areas. The death toll is reported between 32 and 190, with thousands displaced.
- Iranian **President Masud Pezeshkian** and Foreign Minister Araghchi have offered immediate medical and humanitarian aid to the acting Venezuelan President Delcy Rodriguez.

BRICS Energy Integration

- At a meeting in Haryana, India, BRICS ministers launched a **Digital Center of Excellence** for smart grids and energy storage. Iran welcomed the center as a means to bridge technology gaps and secure energy sovereignty.
- Iran's Petroleum Minister Mohsen Paknejad used the forum to **accuse the U.S. and Israel** of direct assaults on global energy security by targeting Iranian facilities. The strikes disrupted supply chains and raised global living costs.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The IRGC Quds Force has issued a **stark warning** for all "Zionist forces" to withdraw from Lebanese territories, claiming that if they do not leave "willingly," they will be "expelled in humiliation." Ismail Qaani emphasized that every land is now considered "Karbala."

- Italy has **firmly rejected NATO claims** that its bases were used for strikes on Iran, with Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani stressing that no such authorization was given. This suggests a rift in NATO's internal consensus regarding the "Operation Epic Fury" air campaign.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- The use of **third-party mediators** (Pakistan and Qatar) remains central to the implementation of the U.S.-Iran MoU. Breakthroughs are credited to Pakistani mediation efforts during the 40-day war.
- China is being positioned as an **enforcer of accountability** to ensure the U.S. fulfills its obligations under the new agreement. Beijing's "four propositions" for regional peace are being actively supported by Tehran.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- Iran reports that the **U.S. destroyed two giant water reservoirs** in a 50-degree heat zone, which it labels a war crime. Access to drinking water is cited as essential for civilian survival, and the strikes are framed as an attempt to "break the will" of the population.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The **global oil sector** is facing a "grave danger" due to the depletion of strategic petroleum reserves (SPR) during the war. Exxon and Chevron reportedly warned that historic surges in oil prices could trigger a total collapse in demand and a global industrial crisis.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Karbala Paradigm in Modern Warfare

Tehran is systematically linking its contemporary military strategy to the historical narrative of **Ashura**. By framing the 2026 conflict as a "Karbala of the modern era," the state is moving beyond mere religious commemoration to a **grand strategic doctrine** of "victory through martyrdom." This synthesis allows the government to present any military casualty as a divine sacrifice, thereby neutralizing domestic dissent and creating a population that is "accustomed to resisting hunger and thirst." The **martyrdom of senior leaders**, including Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is portrayed not as a loss of command-and-control but as a "loudspeaker" for the resistance, suggesting that the movement is now ideologically self-sustaining and decentralized.

Fragmentation of Western Alliances

A recurring theme is the **divergence of interests** between Washington and its allies. The broadcast highlights **Italian denial** of participation in U.S. strikes, **German political fallout** over Gaza, and **internal U.S. polarization**. Western mainstream media (CNN, CBS, The Guardian) are cited to demonstrate a "narrative collapse" in the West, where relief over the reopening of Hormuz in Europe clashes with "strategic alarm" in Israel. The portrayal of **Netanyahu "fuming"** at Trump's deal-making indicates that Iran believes its strategy has successfully driven a wedge between the U.S. and its primary regional proxy.

The Failure of "Maximum Pressure"

The reporting emphasizes the **failure of sanctions** to prevent technological development. The example of the **Iranian-made SPECT2** medical diagnostic system, produced at a fraction of the cost of Western alternatives, is used to demonstrate **"technological sovereignty."** The logic presented is that external pressure "compresses access," which in turn forces domestic systems to expand and replace fragile supply chains. This "inconvenient theory" for the West is framed as the primary reason why the U.S. was forced back to the negotiating table.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United States: Institutional Decay and Polarization

The U.S. is depicted as a nation in **profound decline**, where foreign policy is managed by "investors" and "agents of the Israeli entity" rather than career diplomats. The son-in-law of the president is singled out for his "crude" thinking regarding Gaza. **Internal divisions** are seen as a strategic vulnerability, with Democrats reportedly "attacking Trump from the right" to provoke him back into war. This domestic instability is framed as **"eroding [the U.S.'s] own capacity for leadership,"** making it an unreliable partner for any long-term regional settlement.

Israel: Political Fracturing and Strategic Failure

Israel is described as being in its **"weakest position yet,"** unable to guarantee security even for its own settlers. Former military officials like Moshe Ya'alon are cited as accusing Netanyahu of "sacrificing soldiers for political survival." The **internal rift** between the military establishment and hardline ministers is seen as a sign of imminent structural damage to the "occupation entity."

Iran: Revolutionary Continuity Post-Leadership

Despite the **assassination of its top leadership**, Iran is presented as remarkably stable. The transition to a "new leadership" (referenced as Mojtaba) is framed as seamless, with the **110 nights of continuous street presence** interpreted not as unrest, but as a show of popular support for the resistance. The narrative suggests that the Iranian people have rejected "U.S.-funded Farsi media" in favor of national defense.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Fracturing Multipolarity

The international system is framed as a **fracturing multipolar arena** where the "Global South" (peoples meant to be colonized) is rising against the "American Empire." Iran's strategic partnership with China is the cornerstone of this new posture, with Beijing positioned as a "global power... positioned to press the U.S. and its allies to honor their obligations." This shift suggests that Iran no longer seeks integration into the Western-led order but is actively building an alternative architecture through BRICS and the Belt and Road Initiative.

Weaponized Economic Statecraft

Iran has successfully **weaponized the Strait of Hormuz**, transforming it from a shared waterway into a "sovereign tool" used to "choke western capitalism." The city of London and the global finance system are

seen as having been "brought to their knees" by the 14-million-barrel-per-day shortfall. This economic leverage is the primary driver of the current diplomatic "breakthrough."

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic outlook is categorized by high volatility and a "dramatic return to the negotiating table" to avoid a total systemic collapse. The war has pushed oil prices above **$100 per barrel**, with strategic reserves reaching "historically low levels."

Key Economic Vectors:

- **Reconstruction Fund:** The Islamabad MoU establishes a **$300 billion fund** for Iranian investment, reportedly to be managed by Arab Gulf states. This represents a major shift in regional capital flows.
- **Strait of Hormuz Tolls:** Iran has claimed the right to **impose maritime service fees** and manage all transit, essentially nationalizing the waterway's revenue potential. This reality did not exist before the 2026 war.
- **Currency and Sanctions:** The U.S. Treasury has issued a **60-day sanctions waiver** for Iranian oil exports and released approximately **$100 billion** in frozen assets. Immediate financial relief is flowing into the Iranian Central Bank.
- **Technological Competition:** Iran is marketing its **SPECT2 medical systems** at €100,000 less than Western units, targeting a share of the global healthcare infrastructure market. The logic of "sanction-resilient" production is being exported as a viable economic model.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The transcripts indicate a period of extreme leadership turnover and high-level targeted assassinations that have fundamentally altered the regional command structures.

- **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (Deceased):** Confirmed as **"martyred"** during the U.S.-Israeli war. The narrative focuses on his "eminent martyrdom" as a catalyst for renewed resistance.
- **New Iranian Leadership (Mojtaba):** References to a **"new leader"** (Mojtaba) and a seamless transition of power. The current leadership is framed as "more than ever" decided on fighting and winning.
- **Ismail Qaani:** Commander of the IRGC Quds Force remains active and is issuing **high-level ultimatums** to forces in Lebanon. His survival and continued command are emphasized.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu:** Portrayed as **isolated and politically compromised**, losing the support of his main sponsor (Trump) while facing "wave of criticism" from his own military. His status is described as "difficult guy" by Trump.
- **Delcy Rodriguez:** Acting as **interim president** of Venezuela during the earthquake crisis. Her leadership is being supported by Iranian technical and relief teams.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

PressTV maintains an **unapologetically nationalistic and confrontational** editorial stance. The hierarchy of stories is strictly designed to reinforce the "victory" narrative. **Lead Stories** revolve around the U.S.

"surrender" in the MoU, the sovereign control of the Strait of Hormuz, and the ideological purity of the Ashura ceremonies. High airtime is given to **Western internal discord** (U.S. Navy smuggling, Israeli political rifts) to project a sense of the enemy's chaotic decline. **Buried Stories** include the specific details of Iranian civilian hardships under the strikes, which are instead subsumed into the "martyrdom" theme. **Conspicuous Omissions** include any mention of the actual state of the Iranian economy's non-oil sectors or the potential for sustained domestic civil unrest that is not related to war defense. The tone is **distracting and nationalistic**, using the Venezuela earthquake and the World Cup travel "discrimination" to build a broader "us versus the imperialist world" sentiment.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcast frames the current world as a binary struggle between an "Axis of Resistance" and a crumbling "Zionist-American Empire." There is a strong emphasis on "principled" vs. "corrupt" leadership.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Strong, principled, and technologically advanced. Framed as the only **"independent Muslim country"** that has successfully "choked" Western capitalism. *Quote:* "*Iran walked away with every single redline intact.*" (20260625-34)
- **United States:** Weak, inept, and hypocritical. Portrayed as a **"bully"** forced to resort to oil smuggling. *Quote:* "*Trump doesn't know how to get out of this... he's been pushed into it by the Zionists.*" (20260625-121)
- **Israel:** Chaotic and desperate. Framed as a **"Zionist entity"** whose survival depends on "forever wars." *Quote:* "*Israel finds itself in its weakest position yet.*" (20260625-34)
- **China:** Competent and stable. Framed as a **"strategic partner"** that ensures U.S. accountability. *Quote:* "*Beijing as a global power is well positioned to press the United States.*" (20260625-26)

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Unpredictable and desperate for an "easy win." Portrayed as **"bored and tired"** of his own "misadventure." *Quote:* "*A man who literally tells Iran to surrender and accept his legitimacy.*" (20260625-92)
- **Imam Hussein (Historical):** The **ultimate archetype** for the modern leader. Framed as a symbol of "freedom and dignity." *Quote:* "*If you have no faith, at least be a free man.*" (20260625-15)

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Hezbollah:** A highly efficient military force that **"sets the rules"** of the conflict. *Quote:* "*Hizbullah resistance movement says that Israel has violated the cease fire.*" (20260625-104)
- **UN Commission of Inquiry:** Portrayed as an **objective arbiter** that validates the "genocide" narrative in Gaza. *Quote:* "*UN commission of inquiry says Israel has deliberately targeted Palestinian children.*" (20260625-40)

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The "U.S. Navy oil smuggling" story is being seeded across all broadcast blocks to **humiliate the U.S. military** and signal Iran's absolute control over the Strait. This narrative is framed as a "strange irony."
- **Domestic Propaganda:** The World Cup travel issues for the Iranian football team are used as a **psy-op** to build a sense of national victimhood and "oppression" in the sports arena, linking the football pitch to the "battlefield in southwest Asia." The rhetoric calls Iran "the most oppressed team."
- **Psychological Operations:** The Ashura broadcasts utilize **high-emotion visuals** (chest-beating, black flags, infants in ceremonies) to equate state survival with religious duty. *Ground truth delta:* While presented as unanimous support, the repeated mention of "100 nights of street presence" may also reflect persistent domestic unrest that the state is re-branding as "war defense."

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The Lebanon Flashpoint:** There is a high probability that Iran will **halt all Geneva talks** if Israel continues drone strikes in Nabatieh. The linkage is now a non-negotiable Iranian condition. This could lead to a collapse of the MoU within 14-21 days.
- **Hormuz Tolling System:** Iran is likely to **formalize its tolling system** in the Strait of Hormuz within the 60-day window, creating a permanent new revenue stream and a permanent check on U.S. naval influence. The framework for this is already being established with Oman.
- **U.S. Midterm Election Fallout:** Trump's "peace" deal will likely become the **central wedge issue** in the upcoming U.S. elections. Iranian analysts anticipate that "the consequences for Republicans will be extremely difficult to manage."

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- **Short Term (1-4 Weeks):** Expect **increased friction** in the Strait of Hormuz as Iran begins enforcing "maritime service fees." Potential for an **arrest/interdiction** of a Western vessel to test the U.S. response under the new MoU. IRGC Navy has already warned all vessels.
- **Medium Term (1-6 Months):** The **$300 billion reconstruction fund** will likely become a source of contention. If U.S. private investors do not participate, **China and BRICS** will fill the vacuum, potentially formalizing Iran's exit from the dollar-based trade system. China's "Belt and Road" is the cited vehicle.
- **Long Term (1-5 Years):** A **structural realignment** of West Asian security. If the U.S. withdraws its peripheral troops (as claimed in the 14 points), **Israel will be forced** to seek a separate peace or face a multi-front war without direct U.S. air cover. The narrative is "pack up and move out."

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current geopolitical environment is highly unstable, with several potential triggers for a return to full-scale regional war.

- **Collapse of the Islamabad MoU:** Triggers: Continued Israeli strikes in Lebanon or U.S. failure to release the $100bn in assets. Likelihood: **High.** Impact: Return to direct Iran-U.S. kinetic conflict. Mitigations: Chinese mediation and immediate implementation of the Lebanon ceasefire.
- **Global Energy Shock:** Triggers: Formal closure of the Strait of Hormuz by Iran due to "violations" of the MoU. Likelihood: **Medium.** Impact: Oil prices surpassing $150, global industrial collapse. Mitigations: Strategic reserve coordination between BRICS and the West.
- **Venezuelan State Collapse:** Triggers: Inability to manage earthquake recovery leading to massive civil unrest. Likelihood: **Medium.** Impact: Mass migration crisis, loss of a key anti-Western ally for Iran. Mitigations: Rapid Iranian-led medical and infrastructure aid.
- **Israeli Internal Coup/Purge:** Triggers: Netanyahu's attempt to ignore the Trump MoU leading to a military revolt. Likelihood: **Low-Medium.** Impact: Complete paralysis of the Israeli state. Mitigations: U.S. political intervention to secure a transition in Tel Aviv.
- **Resumption of the "Strait Smuggling" War:** Triggers: U.S. Navy attempting to escort tankers through the Strait without paying Iranian tolls. Likelihood: **High.** Impact: Tactical naval engagements, destruction of destroyers. Mitigations: Recognition of the Omani-Iranian "Persian Gulf Straight Authority."

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Verification of the "Smuggling" Claims:** The broadcast relies on a purported Reuters report that the **U.S. Navy smuggled 90 million barrels**. Without secondary verification, this may be a narrative exaggeration designed to project naval superiority. (20260625-8)
- **The Identity of the "New Leader":** While referencing a **"new leader"** (Mojtaba), the broadcast is vague on the actual internal power-sharing arrangement in Tehran following Khamenei's death. (20260625-44)
- **Status of the U.S. Congress:** The broadcast dismisses the U.S. Congress as an **"obstacle"** but fails to account for how a Republican-led Congress might actually legally block the unfreezing of assets, potentially making Trump's MoU unenforceable. (20260625-131)
- **Casualty Discrepancies in Venezuela:** Conflicting reports of death tolls (32 vs 190) in the earthquakes suggest **unreliable data** flow from the ground in Caracas. (20260625-10)

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

Scenario 1: The "Potemkin" Victory

Tehran's insistence on a "total victory" and a $300 billion fund may be a **desperate cover** for an economy that is actually near total collapse. The religious fervor of Ashura is being used as a temporary psychological sedative for a population that is actually **exhausted by 40 days of bombing**. In this view, the MoU is a lifeline that Iran needed more than the U.S.

Scenario 2: The "Hormuz Trap"

Trump's signature on the MoU is not a surrender but a **stalling tactic**. By reopening the Strait for 60 days, the U.S. is replenishing its strategic reserves while preparing for a **massive second-wave decapitation strike** that would target the remaining IRGC leadership. The "smuggling" narrative is a U.S.-led psy-op to make Iran feel overconfident in its naval control.

Black Swan Event: Saudi Pivot to Tehran

An unlikely but catastrophic event for Western interests would be **Saudi Arabia officially joining the Axis of Resistance** and integrating its oil policy entirely with Iran and Oman. The reporting of a phone call between Araghchi and Faisal bin Farhan regarding "joint cooperation" could be the precursor to a total regional rejection of U.S. security guarantees.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for the **normalization of FPV drone swarms** in regional conflicts. Defense systems must pivot from high-cost interceptors to decentralized, low-cost electronic electronic counter-measures. (20260625-31)
- **Economic:** Recognize that the **Strait of Hormuz is now a toll-based waterway**. Governments must renegotiate maritime passage treaties with the Omani-Iranian authority to avoid supply chain seizures. (20260625-6)
- **Diplomatic:** Utilize **Pakistan as the primary channel** for de-escalation. The broadcast confirms that Islamabad has more leverage in Tehran than any other capital. (20260625-5)

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Diversify away from reliance on the **Strait of Hormuz** for energy transport. The "60-day window" is a high-risk period for asset seizure if negotiations stall. (20260625-75)
- **Capital Allocation:** Monitor the **BRICS Digital Energy Center** in India. This could become the hub for a new "sanction-proof" energy technology market, presenting opportunities for non-Western capital. (20260625-3)
- **Risk Management:** Adjust **maritime insurance premiums** to reflect the lack of coverage for "unauthorized" routes in the Persian Gulf. (20260625-75)

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The reporting focuses on the **Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** as the definitive legal framework for the cessation of hostilities. This document functions as an international treaty that **supersedes previous U.S. sanctions laws** via executive waiver. The 60-day negotiation window is the critical legal timeline.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Islamabad Memorandum (14 Clauses):** The primary legal instrument ending the "Ramadan War." **Strategic Intent:** To establish a framework for $300bn in reconstruction, uranium enrichment rights, and a permanent U.S. withdrawal from Iran's periphery. (20260625-6)
- **Strait of Hormuz Tolling Regulation:** A new regulatory framework proposed by the "Persian Gulf Straight Authority" (Iran/Oman) to **govern global transit**. (20260625-102)

- **U.S. Midterm Election Referendum:** A looming domestic "vote" on Trump's foreign policy that Iranian analysts see as a **binding constraint** on U.S. strategic maneuvers. (20260625-132)

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting (Haryana):** Discussion on **technological sovereignty** and the launch of the digital energy center. (20260625-3)
- **UN Commission of Inquiry Press Release:** Official presentation of findings regarding **"crimes against humanity"** in Gaza. (20260625-41)
- **Iranian Foreign Ministry Briefing (Baghai):** Response to U.S. "misinformation" regarding the **spending of released funds** on American agricultural produce. (20260625-1)

KEY STORIES

- **U.S.-Iran MoU Implementation:** Analysis of the "humiliating" terms signed by Trump, including the $300bn fund and enrichment rights. (20260625-6)
- **Hormuz Sovereignty Crisis:** Iran declares the Strait "unsafe" for unauthorized routes and asserts control over all maritime traffic. (20260625-25)
- **U.S. Navy Oil Smuggling:** Claims that the U.S. military resorted to smuggling oil to bypass Iranian control of Hormuz. (20260625-8)
- **Ashura/Tasua Commemorations:** Millions gather globally to mark the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, framed as a model for modern resistance against the U.S./Israel. (20260625-1)
- **Lebanon Ceasefire Violations:** Hezbollah reports Israeli strikes in Nabatieh and Kaduman, killing civilians and LAF soldiers. (20260625-40)
- **Venezuela Earthquake Emergency:** Twin quakes (7.2 and 7.5) cause catastrophic damage; Iran offers immediate aid. (20260625-4)
- **BRICS Energy Center Launch:** 11 member states meet in India to establish a Digital Center of Excellence for energy security. (20260625-3)
- **U.S. Strategic Oil Depletion:** Reports that Exxon and Chevron warned of an imminent global demand collapse due to empty SPRs. (20260625-9)
- **World Cup Discrimination:** Iranian national team faces travel delays and visa issues in the U.S., described as "political retaliation." (20260625-14)
- **FPV Drone Asymmetric Dominance:** Analysis of how $500 drones are defeating multi-million dollar Israeli tanks and batteries. (20260625-31)
- **Italian Rejection of NATO Role:** Foreign Minister Tajani denies Italian bases were used for strikes on Iran. (20260625-1)
- **Gaza Genocide Inquiry:** UN commission releases detailed findings on the intentional targeting of children. (20260625-41)
- **Medical Tech Sovereignty:** Iran showcases domestic SPECT2 nuclear medicine systems built under sanctions. (20260625-15)
- **Iranian-Saudi Strategic Dialogue:** Araghchi and Faisal bin Farhan discuss regional stability and implementation of the de-escalation MoU. (20260625-42)
- **West Bank Raids:** Israeli special forces kill Muhammad Nazim Zayat and others during house raids. (20260625-28)

- **Hamas Displacement Warning:** Spokesman Hazem Qasem warns against attempts to change Gaza's demographic makeup. (20260625-73)
- **German Pro-Palestine Crackdown:** Reports of restricted speech and deportation of activists in Germany. (20260625-105)
- **Canadian Visa Racism:** Accusations that Canada is disproportionately denying visas to African fans for the World Cup. (20260625-33)
- **Yazd Historical Preservation:** Documentary on the mudbrick city of Yazd and its "wind catcher" technology during Ashura. (20260625-35)
- **U.S. Internal Factionalism:** Debate on whether Trump "sold out" Israel for financial gain via his envoys Witkoff and Kushner. (20260625-56)

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