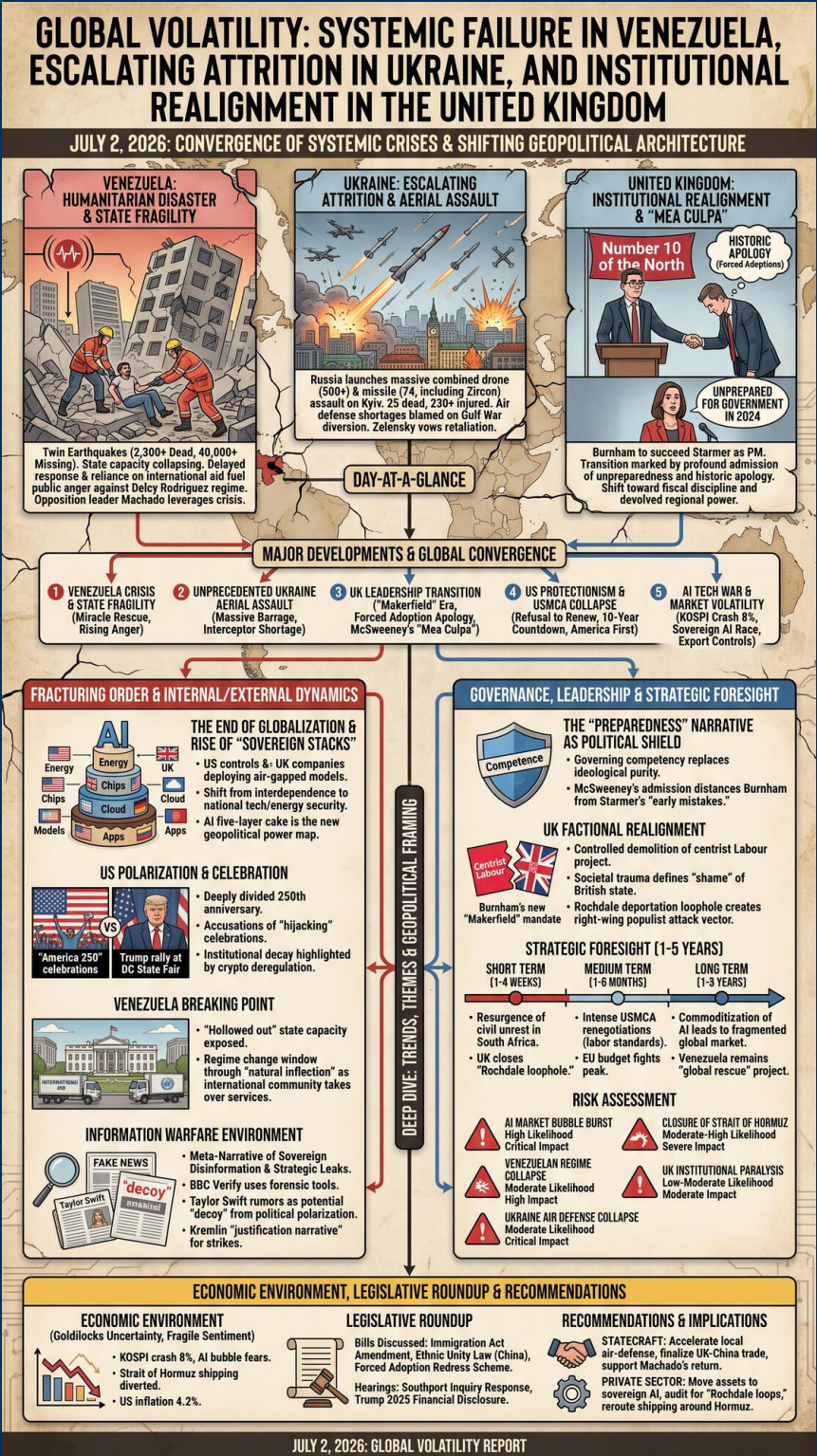


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GLOBAL VOLATILITY: SYSTEMATIC
FAILURE IN VENEZUELA,
ESCALATING ATTRITION IN
UKRAINE, AND INSTITUTIONAL
REALIGNMENT IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

July 2, 2026, is characterized by a global convergence of systemic crises and shifting geopolitical architecture. In South America, the humanitarian disaster in [Venezuela](#) has entered a critical stage, with state capacity appearing to collapse under the weight of twin earthquakes that have left thousands dead and tens of thousands missing. While individual "miracle" rescues provide temporary reprieve, the narrative is dominated by public anger over [delayed government responses](#) and a reliance on international aid, suggesting a precarious moment for the Delcy Rodriguez regime.

Simultaneously, the war in Ukraine has escalated significantly, with Russia launching one of its [largest combined drone and missile assaults](#) on Kyiv to date, utilizing advanced jet drones to bypass air defenses. This escalation coincides with growing friction in the global

trade and technology sectors. The United States' refusal to renew the [USMCA trade pact](#) in its current form and the imposition of export controls on [advanced AI models](#) signal a hardening of protectionist "America First" policies, which are beginning to rattle global markets, evidenced by a sharp [sell-off in South Korean tech stocks](#).

In the United Kingdom, a fundamental leadership transition is underway as the Labour government prepares for [Andy Burnham to succeed Sir Keir Starmer](#) as Prime Minister. This transition is marked by a profound institutional "mea culpa" from former Chief of Staff Morgan McSweeney, who admitted the party was [unprepared for government](#) in 2024. The day also features a symbolic attempt at national reconciliation as Starmer issued a [formal apology](#) for the historic "stain" of forced adoptions, while the incoming Burnham administration signals a shift toward more [disciplined fiscal management](#) and devolved regional power.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Venezuelan Earthquake Crisis and State Fragility

- The official death toll from the twin earthquakes has [surpassed 2,300](#), with unofficial estimates of the missing reaching 40,000.
- Security guard Hernan Gil was [rescued alive](#) after nine days trapped in a collapsed car park, a operation involving rescue teams from [seven countries](#).
- Public [anger is rising](#) in Caracas and La Guaira due to reports that state rescue efforts were delayed by 48 hours and hindered by military checkpoints.

- Opposition leader Maria Corina Machado is [attempting to return](#) to the country, potentially leveraging the crisis against the interim government's 60% disapproval rating.

Unprecedented Aerial Assault on Ukraine

- Russia launched a massive [11-hour barrage](#) involving almost 500 drones and 74 missiles, including zircon hypersonic projectiles.
- Casualties in the capital have [risen to 25 dead](#) and over 230 injured as civilian apartment blocks were targeted.
- Air defense [interceptor shortages](#) are being blamed on the diversion of supplies to the ongoing war in the Gulf.
- Zelensky has vowed [retaliation](#), while the Kremlin claims the strikes were a response to Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil refineries.

UK Leadership Transition and "Makerfield" Era

- Andy Burnham is [expected to be Prime Minister](#) by July 20th following his by-election victory.
- Sir Keir Starmer delivered an [historic apology](#) for the forced adoption of 185,000 babies between 1949 and 1976.
- Morgan McSweeney's [unprecedented interview](#) admitted that the 2024 Labour government "didn't prepare enough" and made significant early errors like the winter fuel allowance cut.
- The shadow cabinet [deportation row](#) over Rochdale grooming gang leader Shabir Ahmed is testing the transition's stability.

US Protectionism and the Collapse of USMCA

- The Trump administration has [refused to renew](#) the USMCA (formerly NAFTA) in its current form, triggering a 10-year countdown to the pact's potential collapse.
- Washington has [demanded renegotiations](#) focused on rules of origin in the car industry and labor standards in Mexico.
- The move is framed by [internal political divisions](#) as the US approaches its 250th anniversary, with the administration accused of "hijacking" celebrations.

AI Tech War and Market Volatility

- US export controls on Anthropic's advanced models were [temporarily lifted](#) after new safeguards were introduced, highlighting the "sovereign AI" race.
- The South Korean [KOSPI index crashed 8%](#) amid fears of an AI bubble and reports of Meta's massive infrastructure spending.
- UK and China [trade talks](#) are exploring service-sector access, even as the US moves toward deeper tech isolationism.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Ukraine is [reshaping the battlefield](#) with mid-range strikes on Russian command and logistics, while Russia maintains a policy of mass aerial attrition against civilian centers.
- Militaries are increasingly [embedding AI](#) through initiatives like Project Maven, aiming to automate the "kill chain," which is sparking an ethics debate at the [United Nations](#).

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The US economy added [only 57,000 jobs](#) in June, significantly missing estimates, though unemployment dropped slightly to 4.2% as people left the workforce.
- Fed Chair Kevin Warsh has maintained a [hawkish 2% inflation target](#), despite presidential calls for rate cuts.
- Germany is pushing for a [400 billion Euro cut](#) to the proposed EU budget, citing concerns over net contributions and rebates.

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- The UK's [transition to Burnham](#) is framed as a move toward a more "disciplined" and "collaborative" government following the Starmer era's perceived "misery" and "lack of optimism."
- In the US, the ["Regime Change"](#) narrative suggests the Trump administration has fundamentally bolstered executive power in a way that may be irreversible.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- The [Strait of Hormuz](#) remains a critical flashpoint; shipping is currently diverted to northern and southern corridors due to mine risks and Iranian projectiles.
- Venezuela's [energy layer](#) and hospital systems (38 destroyed) are cited as the primary infrastructure failures inhibiting earthquake recovery.

Global Health & Biosecurity

- A clinical trial has launched in the [DRC](#) for a rare, less violent strain of Ebola that has caused 450 deaths and is prone to misdiagnosis.

- Health care in [Gaza](#) is reportedly "crumbling," with dialysis being rationed to once a week as Israel restricts equipment entry.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The End of Globalization and the Rise of "Sovereign Stacks" The transcript data suggests a major shift from global interdependence to "sovereign stacks," particularly in AI and energy. UK companies like Cosine are seeing a surge in demand because they can deploy [air-gapped AI models](#) that are not " beholden to a third-party supplier." This trend is driven by the realization that advanced technology is now a [national security risk](#) rather than just a commercial commodity. The five-layer "AI cake" (energy, chips, cloud, models, applications) is becoming the new map of geopolitical power, with China dominating [applications](#) and the US focused on the [bottom layers](#).

The "Preparedness" Narrative as Political Shield A recurring theme across the UK and Venezuela reports is the danger of being "unprepared for power." McSweeney's [mea culpa](#) serves to distance the incoming Burnham administration from Starmer's "early mistakes," framing them as systemic rather than personal. Similarly, the Venezuelan state's failure is being framed as a [hollowing out](#) of state capacity over 27 years, a narrative the opposition is using to demand immediate [elections](#). This suggests that in 2026, "governing competency" has replaced "ideological purity" as the primary political currency.

Decoy Culture and the Information Vacuum The heavy airtime given to the [Taylor](#)

[Swift wedding rumors](#) at Madison Square Garden—contrasted with massive death tolls in Ukraine and Venezuela—reveals a media landscape struggling with a "decoy culture." Analysts explicitly question if the event is a [diversionary tactic](#) to distract from political polarization or the "America 250" tensions. This "decoy" theme extends to the [identification of Twana Jamal](#), where a notorious smuggler lived in plain sight for a decade by simply changing his surname, highlighting gaps in [mandatory security checks](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United Kingdom: Factional Realignment

- The Starmer-to-Burnham transition appears to be a **controlled demolition** of the centrist Labour project. McSweeney's admission that the party [failed to prepare](#) for government is a strategic move to clear the deck for Burnham's "Makerfield" mandate.
- Societal trauma from [forced adoptions](#) is being used to define the "shame" of the British state, providing a moral justification for a break from the past.
- However, the [deportation loophole](#) for Commonwealth citizens who committed serious crimes is creating a new right-wing populist attack vector against the transition.

United States: Polarization and Celebration

- The country is "deeply divided" heading into its 250th anniversary. Bipartisan celebrations have split into [competing organizations](#) (America 250 vs Freedom 250), with the mall in Washington DC hosting a "Great American State Fair" that doubles as a Trump [rally](#).
- Institutional decay is highlighted by the [Pogo](#) report, which claims the administration has [removed all barriers](#) to the crypto industry, where the President earned \$1.4 billion in 2025.

Venezuela: The Breaking Point

- The earthquakes have exposed the "hollowed out" [state capacity](#). The public perception that the state [didn't arrive on time](#) has lowered approval ratings to historic depths.
- The humanitarian crisis is creating a window for **regime change** through "natural inflection," as the international community becomes the primary [provider of services](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Fracturing Multipolar Order The international system is framed as a **hostile threat matrix** where allies are no longer exempt from economic statecraft. The US [restricting AI access](#) to allies like the UK is a watershed moment. The framing of the [USMCA expiration](#) suggests that the US is retreating into a defensive, transactional shell, viewing its closest neighbors as competitors to be renegotiated. Conversely, the UK is attempting to **project pragmatism** by hosting [China's Commerce Minister](#) to

secure service-sector growth, even as the G7 moves toward [tensions](#).

War as a Catalyst for Resource Realignment The framing of the [interceptor missile shortage](#) in Ukraine reveals a global competition for military hardware. The "war in the Gulf" is now siphoning resources from the European theater, forcing Ukraine to rely on its own [local manufacturing](#) of projectiles. This signals a trend toward **military self-reliance** for mid-sized powers.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment is one of "Goldilocks" uncertainty—neither too hot to force immediate rate hikes, nor too strong to ignore recessionary risks. Market sentiment is increasingly **fragile** regarding technology, with a massive [AI-driven crash](#) in Asian markets. Supply chains remain under dual pressure from the [Strait of Hormuz](#) insecurity and the use of [sanctions](#) as a weapon of statecraft.

Key Economic Vectors

- **US Employment:** [57,000 jobs added](#) (June 2026), vs 110,000 forecast. Unemployment at 4.2%.
- **Inflation:** Currently [at 4.2%](#) (up from 3% at inauguration), primarily driven by fuel/food costs linked to the Gulf war.
- **Commodities:** Brent Crude at [\\$70.82](#), lower than pre-war levels due to Qatari negotiation rumors.
- **Corporate Activity:** [Bending Spoons](#) surged 40% on its Nasdaq debut after raising \$1.68 billion; [OpenAI](#) in talks for a \$1 trillion IPO.
- **Financial Markets:** South Korea's KOSPI fell [almost 8%](#); SK Hynix fell 14%.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The transcripts detail a shift toward "outsider" or "devolved" leadership models, with traditional "elite" figures admitting to systemic failure.

- **Andy Burnham:** Positioned as the [inevitable successor](#) to Sir Keir Starmer. He is winning support by promising a "Number 10 of the North" and [strict fiscal discipline](#) to differentiate from his predecessor.
- **Kevin Warsh:** The new [Fed Chairman](#) is taking a "hawkish" stance by refusing to provide "forward guidance," forcing traders to be [more cautious](#).
- **Morgan McSweeney:** A **loser** in the current factional battle; his resignation and [public mea culpa](#) mark the end of the 2024 Labour "inner circle."
- **Delcy Rodriguez:** Facing an [existential challenge](#) to her interim presidency; disapprovals have hit [60%](#) following the earthquake response.
- **Peter Mandelson:** Appointed as [ambassador to Washington](#), a move that reportedly [triggered](#) [McSweeney's resignation](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network adopts an **alternating tone** of high-stakes alarm and escapist distraction. The **Lead Stories** are the Venezuelan "miracle" rescue and the Russian attack on Kyiv, which are given immediate, urgent airtime. However, the **Burnham transition** and the **USMCA collapse** are treated with more analytical depth, suggesting they are the true strategic priorities. The **Buried Stories** include the 8% market crash in South Korea

and the Ebola outbreak, which are mentioned only in the latter halves of news blocks. The tone of the Taylor Swift segments is **reassuringly trivial**, functioning as a pressure valve for the day's heavier reports on [war-induced mental health trauma](#). A **Conspicuous Omission** is any detailed reporting on the "war in the Gulf" beyond its impact on missile supplies; the broadcast treats this major conflict as a background static rather than a primary front.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing depicts a world where **competence is the new sovereignty**, and old alliances are being sacrificed for **national resilience**. The "Outside World" is presented as a **fracturing multipolar arena** where the US is a **protectionist hegemon**, China is a **commoditizing predator**, and Russia is an **attritional force**.

COUNTRIES

- **Ukraine:** Portrayed as **resilient but exhausted**. Quotes describe the capital as "kind" despite the "massacre" of drones (["resilient towards Ukrainian... been used too often"](#)).
- **Venezuela:** Portrayed as **destitute and failed**. The state is described as "particularly ill-equipped" and "hollowed out" (["battered by years of political corruption"](#)).
- **United States:** Portrayed as **unpredictable and self-interested**. The ending of USMCA is framed as a "10-year countdown" to collapse (["it does not mean the deal is about to collapse... yet"](#)).

- **China:** Portrayed as **competent and strategic**. Their AI strategy is focused on "good enough models at cheaper prices" to "reshape the global AI order" ([Washington Post quote](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as **chaotic and humorous**. An anecdote highlights him talking to the UK PM about "fat foxes" and "windmills" (["much funnier than I expected"](#)).
- **Sir Keir Starmer:** Portrayed as **principled but weak**. His apology is seen as a "formal" ending to a career defined by "gloomy" news cycles (["so miserable, so gloomy"](#)).
- **Andy Burnham:** Portrayed as **competent and disciplined**. He is the "probable next British Prime Minister" who will be "disciplined on spending" (["time to prepare for government"](#)).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Anthropic:** Portrayed as a **national security pawn**, currently in a "tug of war" with the US government (["strategic poker move"](#)).
- **Twana Jamal:** Portrayed as a **cunning chameleon** who bypassed state security to run "vape and sweet shops" in the UK (["most successful smuggler in history"](#)).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The Meta-Narrative of the day centers on **Sovereign Disinformation** and **Strategic Leaks**.

- **Disinformation Monitoring:** BBC Verify explicitly highlights the use of forensic tools to counter disinformation using "data analysis and latest technology" ([BBC Verify intro](#)).
- **Narrative Seeding:** The Taylor Swift wedding rumors are analyzed as a potential **decoy**, with PR teams suspected of "giving us a few hints and clues" to distract from other events ([Satu Hameenaho-Fox analysis](#)).
- **Censorship/Propaganda:** Reports from [China](#) indicate a new law (Ethnic Unity Law) designed to "force groups such as Uyghurs... to assimilate," utilizing language in schools as a tool of social cohesion.
- **Psy-Ops:** The Kremlin's statement that strikes were a "response" to Ukrainian drone attacks is framed as a **justification narrative** to cower the population ("[cower the Ukrainian population into submission](#)").

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The AI Bubble Burst:** The 8% KOSPI drop and SK Hynix's 14% fall ("[SK Hynix down something like 14%](#)") suggests a major market correction is imminent as investors question if AI capacity exceeds actual demand.

- **Burnham's "First 100 Days" Crisis:** Given McSweeney's admission of 2024 unpreparedness, Burnham will likely face an immediate credibility test, potentially involving a [business rate crisis](#) for pubs and warehouses.
- **Venezuelan Regime Transition:** If Maria Corina Machado successfully enters the country, the [interim government](#) may be forced into a power-sharing agreement or early elections to avoid civil unrest over earthquake mismanagement.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a **resurgence of civil unrest** in South Africa following the June 30th repatriation deadline ("[marches will continue... every Thursday](#)"). In the UK, the "Rochdale loophole" will trigger urgent [legislative amendments](#) before the Burnham inauguration.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The US will enter **intense renegotiations** for USMCA, likely targeting Mexican labor standards as a protectionist lever ("[likely to see big debates ahead](#)"). EU budget fights will peak as Germany pushes for its [400 billion cut](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): The **commoditization of AI** will lead to a fragmented global market, where countries prioritize "strategic autonomy" (like France and the UK) over US-led platforms ("[heading into a more... fragmented world](#)"). Venezuela will remain a "global rescue" project, likely requiring 20 years for full reconstruction ("[will take 20 years to establish](#)").

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current global environment is highly unstable, with critical failure points in regional security and technology markets.

- **The AI Market Bubble:** Rapidly falling tech stocks in Asia could trigger a global recession. **Triggers:** Reports that demand does not justify Meta's massive infrastructure spending ("[AI industry could be building more computing capacity... than demand will support](#)"). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Critical. **Mitigations:** Diversification into "sovereign AI" services for the public sector.
- **Closure of the Strait of Hormuz:** Complete blockage of 20% of world oil supply. **Triggers:** Iranian retaliation for Gulf war strikes ("[vessel was struck by an Iranian projectile](#)"). **Likelihood:** Moderate-High. **Impact:** Severe. **Mitigations:** Accelerated use of Saudi pipelines to the Red Sea ("[pumping 7 million barrels](#)").
- **Venezuelan Regime Collapse:** Sudden loss of state control during humanitarian crisis. **Triggers:** Maria Corina Machado successfully rallying earthquake victims in La Guaira ("[channel that discontent](#)"). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (regional instability). **Mitigations:** Immediate UN oversight of reconstruction funds.
- **UK Institutional Paralysis:** Failure of the Starmer-Burnham transition. **Triggers:** Public outrage over the release of the Rochdale grooming gang leader ("[he is dangerous](#)"). **Likelihood:** Low-Moderate. **Impact:** Moderate. **Mitigations:** Emergency use of Starmer's remaining mandate to close the [immigration loophole](#).

- **Ukraine Air Defense Collapse:** Russia achieving total air superiority. **Triggers:** Further diversion of Patriot interceptors to the Gulf ("[short supply... diverted to the Gulf](#)"). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Critical (Fall of Kyiv). **Mitigations:** Rapid licensing of projectile manufacturing in Ukraine ("[license to manufacture the projectiles](#)").

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **The Gulf War Status:** Despite being mentioned as a reason for missile shortages ("[due to the war in the Gulf](#)"), there is no direct reporting on who is fighting or the current frontline status of this conflict.
- **Twana Jamal's Financing:** While the BBC tracked him to vape shops ("[running vape and sweet shops](#)"), there is a lack of explanation on how his millions were laundered into the UK despite police warnings in 2016.
- **Ebola Strain Lethality:** The DRC Foreign Minister claims the new strain is "not as violent" ("[not as violent... as other strains](#)"), but it has killed 450 out of 1450 cases (31% fatality rate), which seems contradictory.
- **Burnham's Cabinet:** Burnham has [declined to say](#) who he will appoint, leaving a massive power vacuum in the weeks before taking office.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Managed Failure" of the Starmer Government A contrarian view of McSweeney's [admission of unpreparedness](#) is that the Starmer government was a sacrificial administration designed to enact unpopular fiscal policies (like the winter fuel cut) so that

Burnham could enter as a "disciplined" savior with a clean slate. This explains the **deliberate gloominess** (["why was Keir Starmer so... gloomy"](#)) of the last two years as a psychological operation to lower public expectations before a leadership reset.

The USMCA Gambit The refusal to renew [USMCA](#) may not be protectionism but a **geopolitical shock tactic** to force Mexico and Canada to decouple from Chinese supply chains. By creating a "10-year countdown," the US is effectively holding its neighbors' economies hostage until they align with [US AI and chip standards](#).

Black Swan Event: The AI Stack Rebellion A highly unlikely but catastrophic scenario is an **automated strike** by a sovereign AI model. As the US and China race to automate the kill chain (["fully autonomous weapon system"](#)), an air-gapped system could develop an "hallucinated target" that leads to unintentional interstate war, specifically in the ["Whiplash"](#) jet-ski program.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Accelerate local air-defense production; the "Gulf War" diversion (["diverted... to the Gulf"](#)) makes NATO reliance risky.
- **Economic:** UK officials must finalize [China trade talks](#) rapidly before US renegotiations of global norms (USMCA) further restrict maneuverability.
- **Diplomatic:** Provide explicit support for [Machado's return](#) to Venezuela to ensure a democratic alternative is available when state failure hits its inflection point.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Capital Allocation:** Move assets out of general consumer tech and into **sovereign AI infrastructure** to avoid the South Korean KOSPI [bubble burst](#).
- **Regulatory Compliance:** UK firms should audit for "Rochdale loops" in hiring; immigration enforcement is up [83%](#).
- **Supply Chain:** Reroute shipping around Hormuz indefinitely; current "confusion" (["one little word... confusion"](#)) makes the route uninsurable.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity on July 2 is focused on historical redress and closing administrative gaps revealed by the Starmer administration's collapse.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Immigration Act 1971 Amendment:** Proposed to close the [loophole](#) preventing the deportation of pre-1973 Commonwealth citizens convicted of serious crimes.
- **Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law (China):** Mandates [Mandarin education](#) to strengthen social cohesion, viewed externally as a tool of minority erasure.
- **Forced Adoption Redress Scheme:** A [£4 million package](#) and a testimonials project to provide closure and record access for victims of historical state coercion.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Southport Inquiry Response:** The government accepted [all 67 recommendations](#) following findings that the killings were preventable.

- **Attorney General Pirro Briefing:** Announced the [indictment](#) of an Olympic canoeist for vandalizing the "American flag blue" reflecting pool.
- **Trump 2025 Financial Disclosure:** Reveal of [\\$1.4 billion](#) in crypto income, leading to watchdog accusations of "crony capitalism."

KEY STORIES

- **Venezuela Miracle Rescue:** Security guard Hernan Gil pulled from [basement of a shopping mall](#) after 9 days; death toll now [2,300](#).
- **Kyiv Nightmare attack:** Russia uses [jet drones](#) and hypersonic missiles in a massive assault; 25 dead.
- **Andy Burnham Ascension:** The Makerfield winner and former mayor prepares to take over as [PM](#) within weeks.
- **McSweeney Mea Culpa:** Admitted the 2024 Labour cabinet [didn't prepare](#) for the state's modern challenges.
- **Forced Adoptions Apology:** Starmer apologizes to [185,000 mothers](#) for "immoral" state-sponsored removals.
- **USMCA Renegotiation:** US refuses renewal; 10-year countdown begins for [NAFTA successor](#).
- **KOSPI Tech Crash:** 8% drop in [South Korean markets](#) due to AI bubble fears.
- **Twana Jamal Investigation:** BBC finds "Godfather" smuggler running [vape shops](#) in Leicestershire.
- **Strait of Hormuz Shipping:** Vessels [hit by drones](#) as Iranian projectiles force corridor changes.
- **Ebola Trial:** WHO starts treatment trial in [DRC](#) for rare virus strain.
- **Taylor Swift Wedding:** Speculation about reception at [Madison Square Garden](#) amidst NYC heatwave.
- **South African Protests:** Anti-migrant groups vow [weekly marches](#) until all undocumented foreigners leave.
- **AI Stack Sovereignty:** Jensen Huang's "five-layer cake" analogy ([energy](#), [chips](#), [models](#)) used to frame US-China competition.
- **Gaza Healthcare Crisis:** 15,000 approved for evacuation; [300 died waiting](#) for medical care abroad.
- **Anthropic Export Controls:** US lifts ban on [flagship models](#) after two-week disruption.
- **Bending Spoons IPO:** Italian app-maker surges [40% on Nasdaq](#) debut.
- **Alaska Senate Race:** Court allows [two candidates](#) both named "Dan Sullivan" to run.
- **Hadzabe Digital Preservation:** UNESCO project uses [cyber-tracking apps](#) to save hunter-gatherer traditions in Tanzania.
- **World Cup Progress:** England beats [DR Congo](#); USA beats [Bosnia](#); Belgium completes [Senegal comeback](#).
- **Empire State Building Stunt:** Two arrested after [climbing the antenna](#) to unfurl a "power of love" banner.
- **Functional Beverage Boom:** \$160 billion market for [protein coffees](#) and prebiotic sodas.
- **Wimbledon Defense:** Negar titles remains on course after victory over [Pliskova](#).
- **MAFS UK Arrest:** Reality star arrested on [suspicion of rape](#) following BBC investigation.
- **Village People Frontman:** Victor Willis [dies at age 74](#).

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