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THE G D E L T P R O J E C T

IRAN SOLIDIFIES POST-KHAMENEI SUCCESSION AMIDST GLOBAL FUNERARY RALLIES & REGIONAL CONFLICT

THE TRIGGER: "SECOND REFERENDUM" FUNERALS & SUCCESSION



SEAMLESS TRANSITION: PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE & 'JURISPRUDENTIAL EXPERTISE', DENYING DYNASTIC LINEAGE

REGIONAL CONFLICT:
"40-DAY WAR" VICTORY
& DETERRENCE



IRAN CLAIMS "DECISIVE MILITARY
VICTORY" OVER US & ISRAEL;
FORCED CEASEFIRE AFTER
IRANIAN DRONE/MISSILE STRIKES



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HEGEMONY



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Based on the Report: Iran Solidifies Post-Khamenei Succession Amidst Global Funerary Rallies and Heightened Regional Conflict. This is a visual narrative of the report's findings and claims.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The broadcasts of July 6, 2026, were dominated by the massive funeral proceedings for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who is reported to have been killed in a **USA strike on February 28th** [USA strike](#). The state-run media has framed these events as a "second referendum" for the Islamic Republic, emphasizing the participation of **millions of mourners**—with some estimates reaching 15 to 20 million—as a definitive rebuke to Western narratives of regime instability [20 million people](#). This mass mobilization is occurring during a period of extreme regional volatility, following what the network describes as a "40-day war" or "Ramadan war" in which Iran claims to have achieved a **decisive military victory** over the United States and Israel [40-day war](#).

A central theme of the day's coverage is the **formalization of the succession** to Ayatollah Sayyad Mujtaba (also referred to as Mustaba/Mushtaba) Husseini Khamenei. The

network has gone to great lengths to portray the transition as seamless and principled, explicitly denying that eligibility is based on lineage while simultaneously broadcasting **pledges of allegiance** from domestic citizens and international "Axis of Resistance" members [pledging allegiance](#). This leadership change is being weaponized as a tool for regional deterrence, with officials and commentators asserting that the "Axis of Resistance" has now "transcended borders" and is no longer confined by geography [transcended borders](#).

The geopolitical landscape portrayed is one of a **fracturing Western hegemony**. The network highlighted the presence of over 100 foreign delegations, including surprising high-level representation from Saudi Arabia and Qatar, suggesting a significant shift in regional dynamics toward Iranian leadership [Saudi Arabia and Qatar](#). Meanwhile, the humanitarian situation in Gaza remains a primary propaganda pillar, with the network reporting a death toll exceeding **73,000** and framing Iranian military action as the only effective counter to "Zionist genocide" [73,000](#).

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Funeral of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Successor Transition

- The third day of funeral processions in Tehran saw a **10-kilometer-long stretch** of the city packed with mourners [10 kilometers](#).
- Successor **Ayatollah Mujtaba Khamenei** is receiving public and military pledges of loyalty [new leader](#).
- Logistical reports indicate **7 million people** used the Tehran metro in a 48-hour period to attend [7 million people](#).

- The funeral itinerary includes transfers to **Qom**, then to **Najaf and Karbala** in Iraq, with a final burial in **Mashhad** scheduled for Thursday [Iraqi cities](#).

Outcome of the "40-Day War" and Strategic Deterrence

- Iran claims to have **forced a ceasefire** from the United States after a conflict characterized by Iranian drone and missile strikes [40-day war against Iran](#).
- Assertions were made that the **U.S. is "down to its last five or six days"** of minimal oil reserves due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz [minimal oil reserves](#).
- Iranian military officials vow "**absolute accountability and justice**" for the leader's assassination, signaling that the current ceasefire is a tactical pause rather than a permanent peace [absolute accountability](#).

Regional Realignment and "Anti-Abraham Accords"

- The presence of **Saudi and Qatari delegations** at the funeral is framed as evidence of a regional pivot toward Iran and away from the U.S. [Saudi Arabia and Qatar](#).
- Hamas has announced the **dissolution of its emergency government** in Gaza in favor of a "national committee," a move portrayed as a step toward post-war reconstruction [dissolution the emergency government](#).
- The **Yemeni Armed Forces** successfully challenged the regional blockade by landing an Iranian civilian aircraft at Sana'a International Airport [Iranian civilian aircraft](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Iran claims **90% self-sufficiency** in munitions and describes itself as a "top missile and drone power" [90% self-sufficiency](#).
- The military establishment emphasized that its defensive capability is the result of decades of "**strategic patience**" and reverse-engineering Western technology [strategic patience](#).

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Successive segments emphasized the **multipolar pivot**, highlighting Iran's memberships in **BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** [shanghai cooperation](#).
- The "Omani route" for diplomatic negotiations was reported as **effectively closed** by the IRGC, limiting U.S. diplomatic maneuverability [Omani route](#).

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- The broadcast contrasted Iranian national unity with **political repression in the UK**, claiming 3,000 people are on terrorism charges for pro-Palestine activism [3,000 people on terrorism charges](#).
- Reports from the U.S. characterized the 250th independence celebrations as "**tepid**" compared to the crowds in Tehran [incredibly tepid](#).

Energy & Supply Chain Resilience

- The network claims the closure of the **Strait of Hormuz** has caused "economic devastation" in the U.S. and triggered a 150% increase in global oil prices [economic devastation](#).

- Iran claims **self-sufficiency in agro-industry** and the ability to survive prolonged sieges through "internal industry building" [self sufficient](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Apotheosis of the Leader as a Strategic Asset

The death of Ayatollah Khamenei is being utilized not merely as a moment of mourning, but as a **strategic reboot** for the Islamic Republic. By defining his death as a martyrdom and his funeral as a referendum, the state is seeking to convert personal loss into institutional longevity. The narrative consistently links **Khamenei's biography** to the story of Arash the Archer and Rostam, mythological figures of Persian defense, to root the modern missile program in ancient cultural tradition [Iranian psyche](#). This trend suggests that the new leadership will double down on a **highly nationalistic and religious hybrid ideology** to ensure domestic cohesion during the transition.

Succession and the Myth of Meritocracy

A persistent theme is the **legitimacy of Mujtaba Khamenei**. Commentators repeatedly addressed the "perception" that his succession is dynastic, countering with the argument that his "eligibility" and "jurisprudential expertise" are the true drivers [status of supreme leader is not given because he was the son](#). The emphasis on **public "oaths of allegiance"** (bay'ah) during the funeral is a trend aimed at pre-empting potential elite infighting or international questions regarding his mandate [take the oath](#).

The "New World Order" and the End of Unipolarity

The network is aggressively seeding the narrative that the **U.S. empire is terminal**. This is supported by claims of U.S. military "failure" in the recent conflict and the reported desperation of the Trump administration to negotiate. The trend toward **"Anti-Abraham Accords"**—where regional states like Saudi Arabia are seen as returning to the Iranian fold—is portrayed as the inevitable outcome of U.S. inability to protect its vessels [Anti-Abraham accords](#). This suggests that Iran intends to use the post-funeral period to aggressively court regional neighbors into **new security architectures** that exclude Western powers.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Iran: Transition Under High Pressure

The domestic environment in Iran is characterized by a **paradox of mourning and militarization**. While the streets are flooded with civilians, the subtext is a nation on a war footing. The network highlighted the role of **women in sciences** and the **youth as "soldiers in cradles"** to demonstrate that the state's human capital remains intact despite sanctions and assassinations [women in sciences](#). However, the repeated calls for "revenge until the last drop of blood" indicate that the **new leadership is under significant pressure** from its base to deliver a hardline response to the leader's death, which could constrain Mujtaba Khamenei's diplomatic flexibility [revenge until the last drop](#).

The West: Portrayals of Decay

The broadcasts devoted significant time to analyzing **domestic instability in the West**. Allegations include that the UK is "abolishing jury trials" for political dissidents and that U.S. citizens are "celebrating Iranian attacks" due to their own dissatisfaction with the "Epstein regimes" [abolish jury trials](#). This focus serves to reinforce the Iranian government's mandate by suggesting that the alternative—Western-style democracy—is a **facade for corporate and "Satanic" control** [Satanic and the evil doers](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Axis of Resistance: From Proxy to Peer

The "Axis of Resistance" is no longer described as a set of proxies but as a **unified regional military alliance**. The network asserts that the U.S. and Israel now face a "united Islamic front" that acts independently but with shared strategic goals [strategic partners](#). The landing of an Iranian plane in Yemen is cited as a **symbolic end to U.S.-Saudi aerial dominance** in the region [shattering intensive strict areal blockade](#). Iran is positioning itself as the **"fourth biggest power in the world,"** leveraging its role as a "civilizational power" to lead the Global South [fourth biggest power](#).

Multipolar Realignment

The framing of global posture emphasizes **Russia and China** as essential but secondary to Iranian sovereignty. The network reported that "Russia has very good relationships... to some extent," but emphasized that **"China is not going to come and save Iran,"** thereby reinforcing the necessity of **Iranian self-reliance** [China is not going to come](#). This suggests a global posture that is strategically

aligned with the East but remains ideologically autonomous.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Iranian economy is portrayed as **sanction-proof and expanding**, driven by "knowledge-based" sectors and energy dominance. The network specifically highlighted the **Islamic Sukuk (bond) market** as a global leader, suggesting that Iran is becoming a financial hub for the non-Western world [Islamic sukuk](#).

- **Energy Prices:** Claims that **oil prices doubled** during the recent 40-day conflict, causing "economic devastation" in the U.S. [oil prices doubling](#).
- **Supply Chain Shock:** Assertions that **U.S. oil reserves are critical**, with only five to six days of supply remaining [minimal oil reserves](#).
- **Resource Sovereignty:** Emphasis on Iran's **indigenous uranium enrichment** for "peaceful purposes" and its status as a "producer of science" [enrich its own uranium](#).
- **U.S. War Costs:** Cites a request from the White House to Congress for **\$67 billion** in new federal spending to cover the costs of the war with Iran [67 billion dollars](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The broadcasts confirmed a decisive consolidation of power within the Khamenei family and the clerical-military elite. The primary winner is the new Supreme Leader,

who is being integrated into the state's mythos immediately upon his father's death.

- **Ayatollah Mujtaba (Mustaba) Khamenei:** Portrayed as the **principled successor** who was "already in his father's footsteps." His status as a "Shaheed" in spirit and a "juristic expert" is heavily emphasized to legitimize his elevation [Mustaba Khamenei](#).
- **The IRGC Leadership:** Represented by **General Qaani** and others at the funeral, the military elite appears to be the primary domestic beneficiary of the "martyrdom" narrative, which justifies expanded military budgets and regional operations [General Qaani](#).
- **Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu:** Framed as the **ultimate strategic losers**. The network claims they have "miscalculated" the effect of the assassination, which instead "galvanized" the nation and regional allies [Donald Trump so arrogantly](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Lead Stories: The **Tehran funeral procession** was the absolute lead, receiving 24-hour coverage. This was followed by **succession pledges** and **vows of vengeance** against the U.S./Israel. The network prioritized human-interest stories of mourners (e.g., the 14-month-old granddaughter killed in the strike) to elicit emotional resonance [14 month old granddaughter](#).

Buried Stories: Specific details of **domestic Iranian protests** from January were minimized and framed as "U.S.-orchestrated riots" that have now been definitively defeated by the "referendum" of the funeral [organic](#)

[protests and me long dead](#). Details of **economic hardship** within Iran were absent, replaced by claims of self-sufficiency.

Conspicuous Omissions: There was **zero mention of internal dissent** within the clerical establishment regarding the succession of a leader's son, a historically sensitive issue in the Islamic Republic. Additionally, the **precise nature of the "strike"** that killed the leader remains vague, with no technical assessment of Iran's failure to protect its highest leader.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The network utilizes a **binary "God vs. Satan"** framework, where Iran and its allies are principled, courageous, and rising, while the West is corrupt, cowardly, and in terminal decline.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Portrayed as a **"victorious nation"** and a **"civilizational superpower"** that has successfully defended itself against the "monsters" of the West [civilizational power](#).
- **United States:** Characterized as a **"fragile state"** led by "criminals" and "child killers" who are "out of touch with reality" [fragile state](#).
- **Israel:** Framed as an **"apartheid regime"** and a "Zionist colony" that is "beating its last breath" [beating its last breast](#).
- **Yemen:** Described as a **"heroic brother"** that has "shattered" Western blockades through sheer will and Iranian support [shattering intensive strict areal blockade](#).

LEADERS

- **Mujtaba Khamenei:** Framed as "**wise**" and "modern," a leader who "doesn't want power" but accepts it as a "religious duty" [modern man](#).
- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as "**crude**," "**vulgar**," and "**stupid**," an "oligarch" who is "scamming" his own people [crude and vulgar](#).
- **Nelson Mandela (Posthumous Framing):** Used as a **validator** for Iran's leadership, with the network circulating videos of him calling Khamenei "my leader" [Mandela calling Imam Khamenei, my leader](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

Narrative Seeding: The "Funeral as Referendum"

The primary psy-op of the day is the **reframing of the funeral** as a national vote of confidence. The network repeatedly challenged Western media to explain how "20 million people" could be "forced" into the streets [force 20 million people](#). By saturating the airwaves with **aerial footage** and interviews with Western activists, the network is attempting to create a global perception that the Iranian regime is more legitimate than the governments of the West.

The "Passion of Christ" Missile Motif

In a sophisticated propaganda move, the network highlighted that **Iranian missiles fired at Israel** were inscribed with phrases like "for the passions of Christ." This is an attempt to **drive a wedge** between the "Christian" U.S. population and its support for Israel, framing the Israeli government as

"insulting" to Jesus and the oldest synagogues [passions of Christ](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Expansion of Regional War:** Given the repeated claims that the "Axis of Resistance" is no longer "confined by geography," it is highly likely that Iran will authorize a **synchronized multi-front offensive** involving Lebanon, Yemen, and Iraq as the "real revenge" for the leader's death [Axis of Resistance longer confined](#).
- **Economic Weaponization of the Strait:** If negotiations in Geneva do not meet Iranian terms within the next five days, Iran will likely maintain the **closure of the Strait of Hormuz**, betting that a U.S. fuel crisis will trigger an "uprising" against the Trump administration [fuel and other other expenses will lead to hopefully an uprising](#).
- **Formal Multipolar Alliance:** The presence of Saudi and Qatari delegations suggests that Iran may formalize a "**Regional Security Committee**" that could permanently exclude the U.S. from Gulf waters [security meeting for the the states in the region](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a **surge in regional kinetic activity** as the mourning period ends. The funeral in Iraq (Najaf/Karbala) will likely serve as a rally for **Iraqi militias to demand the total expulsion** of U.S. forces. The "Omani route" will remain closed [Omani route has been closed](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The new leadership under Mujtaba Khamenei will likely seek to **formalize new trade agreements**

with the GCC to bypass sanctions, leveraging the reported "Anti-Abraham Accords" sentiment. Domestic U.S. political pressure will mount as **oil prices remain at historic highs** [Anti-abraham accords](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): Iran will likely pursue **full membership in expanded Eastern blocs**, cementing its status as a "fourth superpower." The "Axis of Resistance" may evolve into a **formalized mutual defense treaty** similar to the Warsaw Pact [fourth biggest power](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risk is a miscalculation during the "tactical pause" of the current negotiations, leading to a **unilateral strike** by the IRGC to satisfy domestic demands for revenge.

- **Global Economic Collapse:** Trigger: Continued closure of the Strait of Hormuz past 30 days. Likelihood: Moderate-High. Impact: Catastrophic, leading to hyperinflation in the West. Mitigation: U.S. diplomatic surrender or immediate military reopening of the Strait (highly escalatory) [economic devastation](#).
- **Nuclear Proliferation Pivot:** Trigger: Official Iranian statements that "missiles are not enough" and atomic weapons are needed to "protect the new leader." Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Global arms race. Mitigation: Immediate lifting of all U.S. sanctions [signs... saying that we need to make atomic bombs](#).

- **U.K./E.U. Civil Unrest:** Trigger: Mass arrests of pro-Palestine activists or a fuel-driven economic recession. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Domestic instability in NATO members. Mitigation: Shift in E.U. foreign policy toward pro-Palestine stances [3,000 people on terrorism charges](#).
- **Iraqi Instability:** Trigger: The leader's body arriving in Najaf and Karbala, sparking mass anti-U.S. riots. Likelihood: High. Impact: Immediate evacuation of U.S. embassy and personnel. Mitigation: Tactical U.S. troop withdrawal before the funeral arrives [people of Iraq will also be hosting](#).
- **Succession Purges:** Trigger: Rumors of elite dissent against Mujtaba Khamenei. Likelihood: Low-Moderate. Impact: Internal IRGC conflict. Mitigation: Massive public shows of unity by senior generals [General Qaani... attended this funeral](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **U.S. Internal Intelligence:** The network provides no data on the **actual status of U.S. oil reserves** or military posture beyond Iranian claims [last five or six days](#).
- **Assassination Details:** There is no mention of the **precise weapon or intelligence failure** that allowed a "USA strike" to reach the Supreme Leader in Tehran on February 28th [USA strike](#).
- **Successor Viability:** The broadcast omits any **alternative candidates** for the Supreme Leadership, ignoring the Assembly of Experts' actual constitutional deliberations.

- **Regional Conflict Casualties:** While citing 73,000 Gaza deaths, the network provides **no figures for Iranian casualties** during the "40-day war" [Genocide in Gaza has surpassed 73,000](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Potemkin Referendum": One scenario is that the massive funeral turnout is less a sign of regime strength and more an **enforced performance** by a population terrified of a leadership vacuum and further war. The 22 districts' stationing of provincials [22 districts of Tehran had been dedicated to people coming from... different provinces](#) could be viewed as a **forced mobilization** rather than organic mourning. In this scenario, the regime is at its **most vulnerable** internally, and any significant military setback could trigger a total collapse.

The "Stalling Negotiator": The Iranian diplomatic focus on peace and "equal relations" could be a **stalling tactic** to allow the IRGC to complete a nuclear breakout or finalize the "Anti-Abraham" security pact with neighbors [whenever we have those negotiations, Iran needs to have its sovereign right](#). In this view, the "revenge" slogans are not empty rhetoric but **telegraphed military intent** for an upcoming surprise offensive.

Black Swan Event: The assassination of the successor, **Mujtaba Khamenei**, during the funeral processions in Iraq. This would leave the Islamic Republic **"decapitated"** as the U.S. reportedly intended, likely triggering an uncontrolled regional nuclear/chemical exchange [decapitated by the fall of its leader](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for an immediate **multi-modal offensive** in Iraq and the Persian Gulf once the formal mourning period ends (Friday). The "Axis" is signaling a shift toward direct peer-level combat.
- **Economic:** Diversify **oil supply chains** immediately to prepare for a prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian claims regarding U.S. reserves indicate they intend to use energy as their primary leverage [minimal oil reserves](#).
- **Diplomatic:** Re-engage the **"Omani route"** or similar neutral intermediaries, as the IRGC appears to have consolidated control over the negotiation channels [Omani route has been closed](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Reroute all **maritime logistics** away from the Persian Gulf and Red Sea indefinitely. The "Yemeni corridor" and "Strait of Hormuz" are currently Iranian-controlled [shattering intensive strict areal blockade](#).
- **Compliance:** Review **Anti-Terrorism and Sanctions compliance** regarding any exposure to Iran's "new" financial bonds (Sukuk), as they are being marketed as an alternative to the dollar [Islamic sukuk](#).
- **Safety:** Evacuate personnel from **U.A.E., Bahrain, and Kuwait**, as the network explicitly identified "American linked companies" in these states as primary targets for upcoming "revenge" strikes [UAE and of Amazon and you know Elon Musk](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The broadcasts discussed significant policy shifts in **Gaza governance**, **U.S. war funding**, and **UK anti-terrorism laws**.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **\$67 Billion U.S. War Appropriation:** A request from the White House to Congress for new federal spending to cover war expenses against Iran [67 billion dollars](#).
- **UK Executive Designation Order:** Proposed legislation in the UK that would allow the government to designate individuals as "acting against state interests" by executive order without parliament [executive order, nothing to do with parliament](#).
- **UK Abolition of Jury Trials:** Reported legislative movement to remove juries from "terrorism" cases involving pensioners [abolish jury trials](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Gaza Government Media Office Announcement:** The formal dissolution of the emergency government in Gaza and readiness to hand over to a "national committee" [dissolution the emergency government](#).
- **14-Point Islamabad Memorandum:** A proposed negotiation framework for a "permanent and immediate stop of war" in Lebanon and beyond [Islamabad memorandum of understanding](#).

KEY STORIES

- **The Tehran Procession:** Millions gathered for the official farewell of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Logistics involved 7 million metro trips and 100+ foreign delegations [more than 100 uh countries](#).
- **Assassination of the Leader:** The leader was killed alongside family members, including his wife and 14-month-old granddaughter, in a U.S. strike on Feb 28th [murdered in their residency](#).
- **Succession to Mujtaba Khamenei:** Pledges of allegiance to the new Supreme Leader from IRGC commanders and foreign resistance leaders [Ayatollah Sayyad Mujtaba Hussein Khamenei](#).
- **Victory in the "40-Day War":** Narrative that Iran's missile capabilities forced a U.S. surrender and a 150% oil price spike [decisive military and political defeat for Washington](#).
- **Gaza Death Toll and Governance Shift:** Gaza deaths surpassed 73,000; Hamas dissolves government for a "national committee" [73,000](#).
- **Yemen Blockade Breach:** An Iranian civilian plane landed at Sana'a International Airport for the first time in 11 years [land marks a critical turning point](#).
- **UK "Terrorism Act" Detentions:** Reports of Iranian journalists being interrogated for five hours at Heathrow airport [interrogated for five hours](#).
- **U.S. Oil Reserve Crisis:** Claims that the U.S. is within days of total fuel exhaustion due to Iranian naval blockades [last five or six days](#).

- **The "Anti-Abraham" Pivot:** Reports that Saudi Arabia and the UAE are moving away from Israel and toward an Iranian security pact [Anti-abraham accords](#).
- **Burial in Mashhad:** The final resting place of the leader is scheduled at the Shrine of Imam Riza on Thursday [burial in... Mashad](#).

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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