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GLOBAL CRISIS CONVERGENCE: US MILITARY ESCALATION, POLITICAL COLLAPSE, AND GEOPOLITICAL FRACTURE (JULY 7, 2026)

A Day of Kinetic Strikes, Democratic Unraveling, and Alliance Strain Ahead of NATO Summit.

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Iran Forces on Full Alert

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MEDIUM TERM (1-6 MONTHS): NATO FORCE POSTURE REVIEW, MIDTERM ELECTION TENSION, ENERGY COSTS RISE

LONG TERM (1-5 YEARS): SUSTAINED HIGH ENERGY PRICES, EUROPEAN DEFENSE INDEPENDENCE, CRYPTO RECKONING

THE WORLD FACES OPPORTUNISTIC STRONGMEN, DEFENSIVE DEMOCRACIES, AND FRAGMENTING ALLIANCES AS THE "RULES-BASED ORDER" ERODES.

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US MILITARY ESCALATION AGAINST IRAN AND INTERNAL POLITICAL CRISES DESTABILIZE GEOPOLITICAL POSTURE AHEAD OF NATO SUMMIT

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The reporting of July 7, 2026, depicts a United States grappling with simultaneous kinetic, diplomatic, and domestic crises. The most immediate threat involves a [major military escalation](#) against Iran, with the U.S. conducting retaliatory strikes and [revoking oil sanctions waivers](#) following attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. This escalation occurs precisely as President Trump arrives in Turkey for a NATO summit, where his posture toward allies is characterized by [hostility and unilateralism](#), including renewed threats to seize Greenland and potential troop drawdowns in Europe. The administration appears to be leveraging aggressive foreign policy and trade "wins"—such as a [Toyota expansion in Texas](#)—to counter narratives of domestic instability and massive [losses for crypto-currency investors](#).

Domestically, the Democratic Party is in a state of "unraveling" as its [pivotal Maine](#)

[Senate candidate](#), Graham Platner, faces credible rape allegations that have caused a near-total collapse of party support. This political vacuum in a "must-win" race for Senate control is compounded by a physical crisis in New York City, where a [33-story Midtown high-rise](#) is at risk of partial collapse due to structural failures. The day's events suggest a convergence of institutional vetting failures, crumbling infrastructure, and a breakdown of international norms, as the president [intervenes in FIFA decisions](#) while simultaneously threatening the foundational bonds of the NATO alliance.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

US-Iran Kinetic Escalation

- US Central Command launched [powerful retaliatory strikes](#) against Iranian targets after a trio of commercial vessels were attacked in the Strait of Hormuz.
- The administration [reinstated oil sanctions](#), revoking concessions that were a central pillar of the fragile 60-day ceasefire agreement.
- Military analysts warn that the ceasefire is [effectively unraveled](#), with Iran placing its forces on full alert despite the ongoing funeral for Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Collapse of the Maine Democratic Senate Campaign

- Candidate Graham Platner is facing [intense pressure to withdraw](#) following a detailed rape allegation by Jenny Racicot and physical abuse claims by Lyndsey Fifield.

- Top Democratic leaders, including [Chuck Schumer](#), [Kirsten Gillibrand](#), and [Bernie Sanders](#), have publicly rescinded support and called for his resignation.
- The campaign faces a [July 13 deadline](#) for Platner to voluntarily leave the ballot to allow for a replacement nominee.

NATO Summit Friction in Turkey

- President Trump arrived in Ankara, signaling a [willingness to sell F-35 fighter jets](#) to Turkey, reversing a long-standing ban and potentially upending the regional power balance.
- Trump [criticized allies](#) for refusing to join the war with Iran and renewed his demand for the U.S. to control Greenland.
- The PENTAGON is [reviewing a drawdown](#) of up to one-third of the 70,000 U.S. troops currently based in Europe.

Midtown Manhattan Structural Emergency

- A 33-story building undergoing conversion (formerly Pfizer HQ) experienced [buckling of steel columns](#) on the 21st floor.
- Multiple blocks were evacuated, including a school with 400 children, as [debris fell](#) and the building continued to shift throughout the day.
- Structural engineers describe the [I-beams bending "like cigarettes,"](#) necessitating a significant security perimeter while officials wait for movement to stop before shoring the structure.

World Cup Geopolitical Fallout

- Team USA was [eliminated from the World Cup](#) in a 4-1 loss to Belgium, ending the tournament for all three host nations.

- Controversy persists over [Trump's personal intervention](#) with FIFA to overturn a red card suspension for star striker Folarin Balogun.
- International soccer governing bodies and foreign media characterized the move as ["unjustifiable political interference"](#) and a breach of the "sanctity of sport."

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Geopolitical Competition

- The U.S. move toward [prolonged strikes against Iran](#) while the President is in a bordering country (Turkey) is seen by some as a "power flex" and by others as a significant security risk.
- The potential F-35 sale to Turkey faces [bipartisan opposition in Congress](#) and severe protests from Israel, which views the move as a threat to its military parity.

Critical Infrastructure & Safety

- The [NYC high-rise crisis](#) highlights the risks of ambitious urban renovations. Engineers note that building loads are redistributed during such projects, making the structure [vulnerable to temporary conditions](#) during renovation.
- In New Jersey, extreme weather led to [supermarket roof collapses](#), highlighting broader vulnerabilities to intense summer storms.

Leadership Dynamics & Legal Warfare

- Internal polling and the ["Trump Curse" narrative](#) suggest a tightening environment for the upcoming midterms, with Democratic enthusiasm currently [at historic highs \(57%\)](#) despite the Platner scandal.
- The loss of [Prince Harry's privacy case](#) against the Daily Mail publishers signals a significant setback for the Duke of Sussex's long-standing legal battle against tabloid media.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Fragmentation of the "Rules-Based Order"

A recurring theme is the erosion of international and domestic norms by top-tier leadership. In diplomacy, the [bond of trust within NATO](#) is described as "broken" due to the President's personal insults toward European leaders and his [downplaying of the war in Ukraine](#). This unilateralism extends to international sports, where the President's [intervention in FIFA disciplinary proceedings](#) is viewed by the global community as "corruption on corruption." The lack of transparency regarding [Senator Mitch McConnell's hospitalization](#) after a cardiac arrest further illustrates a shift toward an "entitlement of the political class" that rejects public accountability.

Vetting Failures and the "Authenticity" Trap

The Platner crisis in Maine and the [K-File reporting on Abdul El-Sayed](#) in Michigan point to a systemic failure in political vetting. Strategies aimed at recruiting "outsider"

candidates with "charisma" appear to have [overlooked significant personal baggage](#) and radical past statements. The Democratic establishment's willingness to ignore Platner's [Nazi-linked tattoo](#) and initial allegations of abuse—prioritizing electability over character—has backfired, creating a "worst-case scenario" for the party's hopes of retaking the Senate [just 119 days](#) before the midterms.

The Weaponization of History and Culture

The administration's [attack on the Smithsonian](#) as a "woke" activist institution demonstrates an escalating effort to exercise top-down control over national narratives. By [policing "improper ideology"](#) in museums, the White House is attempting to frame American history through a purely nationalist lens, while scholars argue the institution must tell the story of America "warts and all," including the [history of slavery](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The U.S. is experiencing high levels of partisan polarization and institutional decay. The [total opacity](#) surrounding high-level government health (McConnell) and the [refusal to release photos](#) or audio statements have fueled conspiracy theories that "add to the distrust" of the political system. Domestic instability is also manifested in [masked white nationalist groups](#) (Patriot Front) marching in Washington, D.C., which law enforcement monitored without incident, though observers warn of their [menacing and intimidatory](#) tactics. In Maine, the [Democratic Party is split](#) between progressives who backed Platner and establishment figures now scrambling to find a ["generic Democrat"](#) capable of defeating Susan Collins without the extreme personal baggage of the current nominee.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The global framing of the U.S. is increasingly that of an ["unreliable friend."](#) European allies are reportedly holding [emergency meetings](#) to discuss security independence as they believe they "can't rely on the United States" under Trump's leadership. The President's [embrace of authoritarian leaders](#) like Erdogan, while castigating democratic allies in Italy, France, and Denmark, signals a shift toward a [sovereign "America First" posture](#) that weakens traditional alliances. Simultaneously, the U.S. is projecting military power in the [Arabian Sea](#) via the USS Abraham Lincoln, reacting defensively to Iranian shocks but struggling to maintain regional stability through diplomacy.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is clouded by massive investor losses and the potential for a renewed energy crisis. While oil prices have dipped to "pre-war levels" due to a [90 million barrel supply](#), the reinstatement of Iran sanctions and the fragility of the Strait of Hormuz create [significant market uncertainty](#). Domestically, the President is touting industrial wins like Toyota's [\\$19.2 billion investment](#) in the U.S., yet this is offset by reports of [nearly a million investors losing \\$3.8 billion](#) in a "Trump-hawked" meme coin.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Energy Strategy:** New reports suggest Trump's [war on clean energy](#) has backfired, with electricity rates up 7.5% nationwide and families facing an additional \$460 in annual costs.
- **Corporate Downsizing:** Microsoft is eliminating [4,800 positions](#), primarily in its Xbox division, citing technology "changing how work gets done."
- **Capital Flows:** Toyota's expansion is expected to create [2,000 new high-quality jobs](#), which the President attributes to tariffs, though the company's statement [omitted any mention](#) of trade policy.
- **Inflation/Retail:** Walmart is [dropping ground beef prices](#) by 15% at the administration's "request" to celebrate the 250th anniversary.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The political landscape is shifting rapidly as candidates and incumbents face acute health or legal pressures.

- **Graham Platner (Maine Senate Candidate):** Faces [imminent resignation](#) as his campaign is described as being in "dire situation" with "no path forward."
- **Mitch McConnell (US Senator):** Status remains [precarious](#); though allies claim he is "dialed in," his 3-week hospitalization without an official diagnosis has led to [calls for his resignation](#) by figures like Marjorie Taylor Greene.
- **Mallory McMorrow (Michigan Politician):** Has [left the Michigan Senate race](#), leaving it as a two-person proxy war between Abdul El-Sayed and Haley Stevens.
- **Jeremy Hansen (Canadian Astronaut):** Announced his [retirement](#) from the Artemis II mission and full-time astronaut role.
- **Keir Starmer (UK Prime Minister):** Mentioned as having [intervened with FIFA](#) regarding a Mexico game, mirroring Trump's tactics.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's hierarchy for the day was dominated by "crisis mode" coverage. The **lead stories** were the [Manhattan high-rise evacuation](#) and the [Platner rape allegations](#), both treated with high urgency and breaking news graphics. The [exclusive access](#) to the USS Abraham Lincoln was given significant prominence as a prestige story. **Buried stories** included the Microsoft layoffs and the Syrian reconstruction efforts, which were relegated to brief mentions or ticker scrolls. The **emotional tone** was largely alarmist and nationalistic, focusing on the "Trump Curse" and the "stench" left over the World Cup. **Conspicuous Omissions** include any deep dive into the legal status of the Iranian ceasefire MOU—specifically why the administration considers it active while launching "powerful strikes"—and the lack of any medical perspective on Senator McConnell's condition.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing presents a world of opportunistic strongmen and defensive, fracturing democracies.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran** is portrayed as a [provocative foe](#) whose "finger is on the trigger," weaponizing its control of the Strait of Hormuz to defy U.S. sanctions and ignore its own commitments to a ceasefire.
- **Turkey** is framed as a [strategically vital but "totalitarian" partner](#), with its leader Erdogan described as a "very strong leader" and "friend" by Trump, even as he arrests political opponents.

- **Ukraine** is depicted as [competent and increasingly successful](#) on the battlefield, though desperately seeking Patriot missile interceptors to counter [unsustainable casualty rates](#).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump** is portrayed as a ["shameful" and "sui generis"](#) figure who prioritizes personal loyalty and "chemistry" over traditional diplomacy, and who views the presidency as a [vehicle for personal profit](#).
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** is framed as [principled but embattled](#), warning that U.S. policy toward Turkey will "destroy the power balance" and rejecting the idea that his government bears responsibility for settler violence.
- **Susan Collins** is characterized as an ["electoral anomaly"](#) and "heavyweight" who remains professionally disciplined while her opponents implode.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **FIFA** is explicitly labeled as a ["massively corrupt organization"](#) and a "greed machine" that is easily manipulated by world leaders.
- **Binance** is framed as a [legal offender](#) that "pleaded guilty" to money laundering but was "lucky" to be pardoned by the current administration.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The President is actively seeding a [patriotic defense of crypto-currency](#), framing it as a stand against China to distract from \$3.8 billion in investor losses.
- **Domestic Propaganda:** The administration's [162-page Smithsonian report](#) is characterized by critics as a "continuation of the playbook" to erase history and subvert independent scholarship.
- **Censorship/Leaks:** The [K-File's uncovering of deleted tweets](#) by Abdul El-Sayed demonstrates the difficulty of managing a "nuanced" image in the age of digital archives.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Maine Senate "Reset": If Platner resigns by the July 13 deadline, Maine Democrats will likely hold a ["mini-convention"](#) or caucus to select a replacement like Troy Jackson or Nirav Shah. A "generic Democrat" without a Nazi tattoo or rape allegations would [significantly increase](#) the party's odds of defeating Susan Collins.

Regional Conflict Expansion: The U.S. strikes on Iran are unlikely to end soon. Given the ["non-proportional" nature](#) of the punishment described by officials, Iran will likely retaliate against [U.S. assets in the Gulf](#), potentially leading to a formal end of the ceasefire by July 10.

NATO Structural Shift: Trump's "will see" posture regarding [pulling a third of U.S. troops](#) from Europe suggests that a significant

drawdown is no longer just a threat but an active policy being modeled by the Pentagon. This will drive European nations to [build their own defense industrial base](#) independent of the U.S.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect the [resignation of Graham Platner](#) and a chaotic replacement process in Maine. In New York, 42nd Street will likely remain restricted as engineers [assess the safety](#) of shoring up the buckled 21st-floor beams. We will likely see a formal [reinstatement of full hostilities](#) with Iran.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The results of the [Pentagon's six-month review](#) of American force posture in Europe will dictate the degree of NATO fragmentation. High-level [Supreme Court retirement rumors](#) (Alito) will dominate the pre-midterm legislative environment as Republicans seek to secure a vacancy while they hold the Senate majority.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The [failure to invest in renewable energy](#) and the "war on clean energy" will lead to a sustained increase in U.S. energy costs and a [re-learning of self-defense](#) for European allies. The crypto-currency industry will likely face a reckoning as [calls for greater transparency](#) and regulation mount following massive "pump and dump" losses.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Institutional and physical stability are at critical risk levels due to the following flashpoints.

- **Structural Collapse in Manhattan:** A partial or total collapse of the former Pfizer headquarters could cause [catastrophic casualties](#) in the surrounding Midtown area. Triggers: Continued shifting of the building or a chain reaction failure of interior columns. Likelihood: Moderate (monitored). Impact: Extreme. Mitigations: Immediate [shrouding and emergency shoring](#) once movement stops.
- **Total War with Iran:** The "non-proportional" retaliatory strikes could trigger a [direct Iranian strike](#) on U.S. bases in Iraq or GCC states. Triggers: Further attacks on Qatari or commercial tankers in the Strait. Likelihood: High. Impact: Extreme. Mitigations: Renewal of [MOU negotiations](#) or a regional summit.
- **NATO Fragmentation:** The U.S. withdrawal of troops and the sale of F-35s to Turkey could lead to a [re-disposition of the alliance](#). Triggers: A formal announcement of troop cuts during the Istanbul dinner. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: High. Mitigations: Congressional [ratification of the F-35 ban](#) and maintenance of 2% GDP standards.
- **Electoral Chaos in Maine:** If Platner refuses to withdraw, Democrats lose a [pivotal building block](#) for the Senate majority. Triggers: Platner missing the July 13 withdrawal deadline. Likelihood: High. Impact: Extreme (for Democratic Party). Mitigations: [Public shaming](#) and withdrawal of national party funding.

- **Financial Market Shock:** Massive losses in crypto and the [rise of energy prices](#) could trigger a recession. Triggers: Reaching the \$40 oil barrel forecast or a crash of major crypto exchanges. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Moderate. Mitigations: Implementation of [the Clarity Act](#) and strategic reserve refilling.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The current news cycle is missing critical contextual elements required for a full risk assessment:

- **Iran's Internal Power Vacuum:** There is almost no reporting on the [political battle to succeed](#) Ayatollah Khamenei, which will dictate whether the military posture becomes more or less aggressive.
- **The S-400 Technicality:** The broadcast mentions a "technical way" to [firewall the Russian S-400](#) from the F-35, but fails to explain if such technology actually exists or is a diplomatic fiction.
- **McConnell's Hospitalization Cause:** The media focuses on the "right to know" but fails to explore the [medical implications](#) of the reported "cardiac arrest" and CPR for an 84-year-old.
- **Smithsonian Exhibit Details:** The White House report claims no exhibits exist for the Founding Fathers, but the [museum and scholars](#) have not been invited to present specific counter-evidence of existing permanent collections.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Platner Ploy": A contrarian view suggests Platner's refusal to resign is a [negotiating tactic](#) to force the Democratic

establishment to accept his hand-picked successor, ensuring his "populist movement" lives on even if he is personally disgraced.

The "Greenland Diversion": The President's [re-introduction of the Greenland grievance](#) may be a deliberate "dead cat" distraction to pull media focus away from the [\\$3.8 billion investor losses](#) in his crypto venture and the escalating body count in the Iran conflict.

Black Swan Event: NATO-Russia-Turkey Collision. If the President sells F-35s to Turkey and Erdogan [fails to firewall the S-400](#), Russia could gain real-time stealth performance data, [rendering the entire Western air fleet vulnerable](#) to a surprise Russian offensive in Poland or the Baltics.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately deploy [additional destroyers](#) to the Strait of Hormuz to protect commercial traffic as the Omani route is now under direct IRGC threat.
- **Economic:** Refill the [emergency oil stockpiles](#) while prices remain at pre-war levels, before summer storm volatility and Middle East kinetic events drive costs back up.
- **Diplomatic:** Establish a [NATO defense forum](#) specifically focused on co-production to reduce reliance on vulnerable U.S. supply chains and troop drawdowns.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Infrastructure Standards:** Commercial real estate investors should perform [immediate audits](#) of all mid-renovation structures in Manhattan to prevent liability from the buckling of non-structural partitions.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Prepare for the [Clarity Act](#) or similar legislative crackdowns on crypto-currency "pump and dump" schemes involving high-profile endorsements.
- **Energy Costs:** Companies with high power usage in the [Mid-Atlantic](#) should hedge against a projected double-digit increase in electricity rates over the next decade.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Congressional focus is split between defense spending, election laws, and tech regulation. NATO allies have [committed to 3.5% GDP spending](#) with a goal of 5% by 2035. Domestically, Maine's [Secretary of State](#) clarifies that law does not dictate how a party replaces a nominee, while **Texas** is now enforcing [online safety laws](#) for minors after a Supreme Court emergency docket decision.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):** Discussed as a [necessary response](#) to presidential attacks on NATO to secure U.S. military interests.
- **The Clarity Act:** Proposed legislation to [regulate crypto-currency](#) as a security to prevent bait-and-switch schemes.
- **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act:** Referenced by the El-Sayed campaign as a [nuanced alternative](#) to "Defund the Police."

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **NYC FDNY/DOB Briefing:** Update on the [Midtown high-rise emergency](#) and school evacuations.
- **Tyler Robinson Preliminary Hearing:** Day 2 of a five-day hearing to determine [probable cause](#) in the Charlie Kirk assassination case.
- **Trump-Erdogan Bilateral Meeting:** Discussion of [F-35 sales](#), trade, and NATO defense contributions.

KEY STORIES

- **U.S. Retaliatory Strikes on Iran:** Central Command launched "powerful" strikes against Iran in response to [attacks on commercial vessels](#) in the Strait of Hormuz, effectively ending the fragile ceasefire.
- **Graham Platner Campaign Collapse:** Democratic Senate candidate faces [rape allegations](#) from Jenny Racicot and physical abuse claims from Lyndsey Fife, leading to a [loss of national party funding](#).
- **Midtown Manhattan High-Rise Emergency:** Structural beams buckled on the 21st floor of 235 East 42nd Street, leading to [widespread evacuations](#) and fears of partial collapse.
- **NATO Summit in Ankara:** President Trump arrived in Turkey, threatening [European troop drawdowns](#) and signaling a [reversal of the F-35 ban](#) for Erdogan.
- **Trump Crypto Losses:** A New York Times report found [nearly a million investors lost \\$3.8 billion](#) in Trump's meme coin, while he raked in \$636 million in profit.
- **World Cup 2026 Elimination:** Team USA [lost 4-1 to Belgium](#) in Seattle, sparking a debate over whether Trump's intervention to reinstate Folarin Balogun [demoralized the team](#).
- **Charlie Kirk Murder Trial Hearing:** Preliminary evidence, including [surveillance of a "sniper position,"](#) was presented in the case against Tyler Robinson in Provo, Utah.
- **White House Smithsonian Attack:** A 162-page report accused the museum of ["extreme political activism"](#) and failing to celebrate Founding Fathers.
- **Microsoft Layoffs:** The tech giant is [cutting 4,800 jobs](#), largely in the Xbox division, as AI alters workflow.
- **Prince Harry Privacy Case:** The UK High Court ruled [against the Prince](#) and others in their suit against the publishers of the Daily Mail.
- **Andrea Shaw Murder Charge:** An Idaho mother who [initially blamed vaccines](#) for her twins' deaths was arrested and [charged with their murder](#) by suffocation.
- **Toyota Texas Expansion:** The automaker announced a [\\$19.2 billion investment](#) and 2,000 new jobs in Texas, which the administration claims is a result of its trade policies.
- **Argentina World Cup Comeback:** Lionel Messi led [Argentina to a 3-2 victory](#) over Egypt after trailing by two goals in stoppage time.
- **K-File Report on El-Sayed:** Uncovered 2020 interviews where the Michigan frontrunner [explicitly called for "defunding the police,"](#) contradicting current campaign claims.

- **Mitch McConnell Hospitalization:** Three weeks after a [cardiac arrest call](#) at his home, the Senator's staff continues to withhold [detailed health status](#) from the public.
- **Cuba Nationwide Blackout:** The island's electrical grid [suffered a total collapse](#) after the U.S. blocked fuel shipments.
- **New Jersey Flash Floods:** Intense storms caused [five inches of rain](#), leading to supermarket roof collapses and multiple road washouts.
- **Patriot Front DC March:** A white nationalist group [boarded the DC Metro](#) in mass for a Fourth of July demonstration, drawing unnerve from commuters.
- **Syrian Reconstruction:** Emmanuel Macron became the first major Western leader to visit [Syria since 2024](#) to discuss rebuilding efforts.
- **Ayatollah Khamenei Funeral:** Millions of Iranians [marched in Tehran and Qom](#) for the late Supreme Leader while the military remains on full alert.
- **Lioness Attack Survival:** A cattle herder in India [survived being pinned](#) by a lioness for 30 minutes.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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