

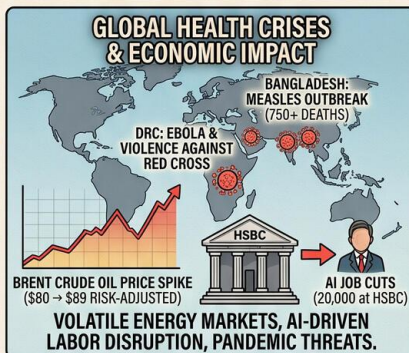
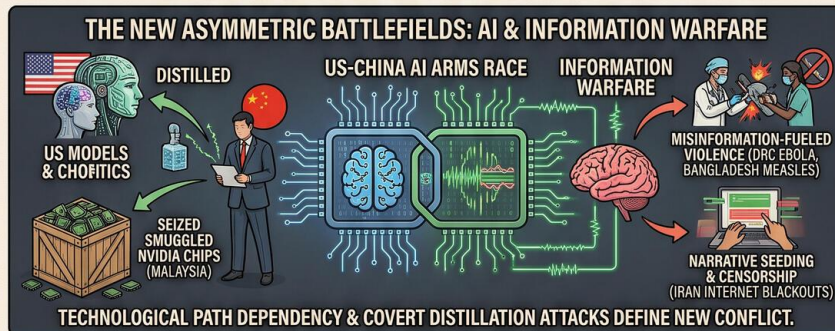
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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

July 9, 2026, marks a significant destabilization of the international order as the fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran has effectively collapsed into a cycle of [tit-for-tat air strikes](#). The US military conducted strikes against at least [90 military targets](#) in Iran, while Tehran retaliated against [American assets](#) in Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar. This escalation occurs as Iran concludes the six-day funeral of its late Supreme Leader [Ayatollah Ali Khamenei](#), using the public mourning as a display of regime resilience. The strategic focus remains the **Strait of Hormuz**, where the ambiguity of the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has allowed both sides to claim control, leading to immediate threats to global energy security and shipping.

In the United Kingdom, the political landscape is undergoing a "coronation" as [Andy Burnham](#) has secured the overwhelming

support of the Labour Party to replace the resigned Sir Keir Starmer. With 322 nominations, Burnham is the sole candidate for Prime Minister, signaling a sharp pivot in Labour's policy regarding Gaza and domestic economic management. This transition occurs amidst a severe [heatwave](#)—the third in as many months—and record-breaking temperatures across Western Europe, emphasizing the intersection of domestic political upheaval and the climate crisis.

Global risk vectors are further complicated by a massive [measles outbreak](#) in Bangladesh, claiming over 750 lives, and an [Ebola outbreak](#) in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where misinformation is driving violence against health workers. Simultaneously, the US-China **AI arms race** has entered a shadow war phase, highlighted by the seizure of [smuggled Nvidia chips](#) in Malaysia and the rise of "distillation attacks" by Chinese firms against American models. The convergence of these events suggests a future of asymmetric warfare, where kinetic strikes, technological espionage, and public health failures define the new "normal" of global instability.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **US-Iran Kinetic Escalation:** Following Iranian attacks on three commercial tankers, the US military launched its second consecutive night of [strikes on 90 targets](#), including naval sites, radar positions, and infrastructure near the Sea of Oman. Iran responded by targeting US bases in [Bahrain and Kuwait](#).

- **UK Leadership Coronation:** Andy Burnham has secured [322 nominations](#) from Labour MPs, making him the sole candidate for the party leadership and the incoming Prime Minister of the UK, with a planned handover on July 20.
- **Global Health Crises:** A severe measles outbreak in Bangladesh is overwhelming hospitals, with [nearly 750 deaths](#) suspected since March. Meanwhile, the Ebola outbreak in Ituri province is being exacerbated by [misinformation-fueled violence](#) against Red Cross volunteers.
- **US-China AI Conflict:** Authorities in Malaysia seized [72 servers](#) containing advanced AI chips bound for China. Analysts warn that China is using "distillation" to extract capabilities from US models like Claude to bypass export controls.
- **Ukraine Strategic Pivot:** President Trump has reportedly agreed to grant Ukraine a [license to manufacture Patriot](#) air defense missiles, while Ukraine continues drone strikes on [Russian oil infrastructure](#) to create a domestic fuel crisis in Russia.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The US-Iran conflict has shifted from a diplomatic track to [sporadic kinetic strikes](#), with the US Central Command aiming to "degrade" Iran's ability to threaten the Strait of Hormuz.
- The RSF in Sudan is accused by the ICC of [crimes against humanity](#) during the fall of El Fasher, with evidence linking specific leaders to civilian massacres.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Qatar and Pakistan are attempting to mediate a [new diplomatic off-ramp](#) between Washington and Tehran, though analysts suggest the MOU is "structurally weak and hollow."
- Australia has signed a major [uranium deal](#) with India for exclusively "peaceful purposes," intended to boost India's nuclear power and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Energy & Critical Infrastructure Security

- The Strait of Hormuz remains a [contested waterway](#), with shipping traffic dropping from 72 to 23 vessels daily due to the strike cycle.
- Ukrainian drone strikes have targeted [Russian oil tankers](#) in the Sea of Azov, forcing Russia to impose a ban on diesel exports.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- The OECD warns that [London is the most AI-exposed city](#) in the developed world, with three-quarters of jobs in finance and professional services vulnerable to generative AI.
- US-China competition is being framed as an [arms race](#) for "technological path dependency" in emerging markets.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Illusion of the "Regional Ceasefire"

The transcripts reveal a fundamental failure of the June 16th US-Iran MOU. The document's ambiguity regarding "Iranian arrangements" versus "American threats" in

the [Strait of Hormuz](#) has led to what analysts call a "death spiral" of hostilities. The trend is toward a "no war, no peace" status quo where intermittent kinetic action replaces sustained diplomacy. This suggests that both regimes are prioritizing **deterrence by punishment** over actual conflict resolution to maintain domestic standing and strategic leverage.

The Resurgence of the Left and the "Burnham Test"

In the UK, the rise of Andy Burnham represents a strategic shift from the Starmer era's focus on continuity. Burnham is already [distancing himself](#) from Starmer's early response to the Gaza conflict, signaling a move toward more "robust" foreign policy and an economic plan centered on [devolution and local transport](#). The "Makerfield test" is being applied to see if a Northern-led Labour party can maintain its base while navigating a national economy rattled by energy shocks.

Information Warfare as a Barrier to Global Health

A disturbing trend is emerging where **misinformation** acts as a physical barrier to health interventions. In the DRC, rumors that [health workers were harvesting organs](#) led to violent assaults on Red Cross volunteers, preventing the containment of Ebola. This mirrors the vaccine skepticism found in the West but manifests as direct kinetic violence in conflict zones, rendering "preventable" diseases like measles and Ebola into major biosecurity threats.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United Kingdom: The resignation of Sir Keir Starmer has left a power vacuum that Andy Burnham is rapidly filling. While the party

appears [outwardly unified](#), analysts point to a "marriage of convenience" and a "bunfight" for ministerial positions among 403 Labour MPs. The incoming administration faces an immediate crisis of [rising energy bills](#) and a third heatwave, which is straining the NHS and power grid.

Iran: The burial of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has been used to mobilize millions in a [choreographed spectacle](#) of mourning. However, reports from inside Mashhad suggest the regime is [internet blackouts](#) and suppression to hide the true voices of those who led the January uprising. The void left by the Supreme Leader is currently being filled by **Mojtaba Khamenei**, though his safety and public visibility remain in question.

United States: The Trump administration is grappling with [falling favorability](#) on immigration and the Iran war as the November mid-terms approach. Internal party fractures are emerging, with some Republicans questioning the cost of the conflict, which has already exceeded [billions of dollars](#) and impacted fuel prices at the pump.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Hostile Threat Matrix: The international system is being framed through the lens of **asymmetric threats** and resource scarcity. The US is reacting defensively to Iranian "adventurism" while simultaneously trying to manage a "shadow war" with China over AI semiconductors. The world is seen as a fracturing multipolar arena where traditional alliances are being tested by bilateral deals, such as the [Australia-India uranium agreement](#).

Power Projection: Russia is attempting to project power in the [Sahel region](#), promising deeper cooperation with military juntas in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger to counter Western influence. Simultaneously, Ukraine is projecting power "deep strike" into [Russian territory](#), aiming to degrade the Russian economy by hitting refineries 2,000km from the front line.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic environment is characterized by extreme volatility in energy markets and the looming disruption of generative AI on labor markets. Financial markets are currently in a "wait and see" mode, pricing in geopolitical risks while ignoring localized conflicts in favor of tech innovation.

- **Energy Prices:** Brent crude is trading near [\\$80 a barrel](#) following the collapse of the US-Iran truce. The IMF assumes a risk-adjusted price of \$89 if escalation continues.
- **Labor Markets:** Banking giant **HSBC** has announced a [workforce reduction of 20,000 jobs](#) (10% of staff) due to AI integration.
- **Russia's Diesel Export Ban:** Following Ukrainian drone attacks, the Kremlin has [banned diesel exports](#) until the end of July to stabilize domestic supply.
- **Corporate Failures:** Shares of **Luxshare** (an Apple supplier) [fell in their Hong Kong debut](#) despite a \$3 billion IPO, signaling investor caution in the tech manufacturing sector.
- **UK Infrastructure Costs:** The PIP review suggests the cost of sickness and disability benefits could reach [£80 billion](#) by the end of the decade.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

A sweeping day of transitions across major global powers indicates a shift toward new political personalities and a distancing from the immediate past.

- **Andy Burnham:** Confirmed as the presumptive Prime Minister of the UK after [securing over 80%](#) of parliamentary support. He is pivoting Labour toward a "Northern-centric" economic model and a harder line on Middle East policy.
- **Mojtaba Khamenei:** Positioned as the successor to [Ayatollah Ali Khamenei](#) in Iran, though his lack of public appearances during the funeral suggests significant security or health concerns.
- **Graham Platner:** The Democratic Senate candidate in Maine [suspended his campaign](#) amid rape and sexual assault allegations, creating a critical opening in the battle for the US Senate.
- **Al Carns:** Former UK Defence Minister [ruled himself out](#) of the Labour leadership race, facilitating Burnham's uncontested path.
- **Robert Jenrick:** The Reform UK MP is facing a [formal police investigation](#) into a £37,000 donation from his 2024 leadership campaign that allegedly originated overseas.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's editorial hierarchy prioritized **kinetic warfare** and **high-stakes leadership transitions** as the lead stories, reflecting a narrative of a world on the brink. The US-Iran strikes and the Burnham coronation dominated the broadcast cycle.

Buried stories included the findings of the International Criminal Court on Sudanese [war crimes](#) and the mass casualty fire in a Chinese shoe factory, which were given secondary status despite their gravity. The emotional tone was largely **fear-inducing** and **nationalistic**, with heavy emphasis on the "heroic" legacy of Bonnie Tyler and the "cultural cementing" of South Korean boyband BTS in London. **Conspicuous Omissions** include any detailed reporting on the current status of the 3040 Day War (likely the Russia-Ukraine conflict) beyond energy impacts, and the total lack of comment from the White House on reports of strikes near [Iranian nuclear plants](#).

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcasts frame the world as an arena where "real estate guys" are outmatched by "5,000-year-old cultures," and where technological dominance is the new currency of sovereignty. Patterns of characterization show a weakening US administration reacting through force to maintain a status quo that has already shifted.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as **reactive and frustrated**. The administration is described as "negotiating from a position of strength here" while actually being "desperate for a deal" ([Grant Rumley](#)). The US is framed as being "violated" by Iran regarding the ceasefire ([Baran Abassi](#)).
- **Iran:** Characterized as **defiant and strategic**. Analysts suggest Iran is playing "The Long Game" ([Dr. Rowena Binti Abdul Razak](#)) and has discovered a "major strategic point of leverage" in the Strait of Hormuz.

- **Russia:** Framed as **economically vulnerable** but militarily stubborn. The narrative focuses on "material impact" on Russian lives due to fuel shortages caused by "Ukrainian drones" ([Vitaly Shevchenko](#)).
- **China:** Portrayed as a **technological predator**. The framing focuses on China "eager for US AI chip technology" and using "covert operation" to acquire it ([Gregory Allen](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as **chaotic and skeptical**. He is called the "President who cried deal" ([Angie Wong](#)) and is noted for "mixed messaging" that confuses negotiators.
- **Andy Burnham:** Framed as **unifying but untested**. He is the "presumptive Prime Minister" who is "highly likely to get enough support" to avoid a contest ([Iain Watson](#)).
- **Vladimir Putin:** Portrayed as **isolated but indifferent**. He "doesn't see himself as beholden to public opinion" despite the "immense relief" felt by his victims ([Michael Repass](#)).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Nvidia:** Framed as the **indispensable armorer** of the AI age, with its chips treated as "the crown jewels" of the technological race ([AI Decoded](#)).
- **BTS/Army:** Portrayed as a **cultural superpower** that provides a "massive financial injection" to the UK economy during times of crisis ([Jiji Ahn](#)).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The US administration is using ["deterrence by punishment"](#) to frame kinetic strikes as a necessary response to Iranian aggression, while Iran is seeding a narrative of **"US war crimes"** by highlighting damage to [railway lines](#).
- **Censorship:** Iran has utilized [internet blackouts](#) to suppress opposition and project a false image of total unity during the funeral of Khamenei.
- **Disinformation:** In the DRC, the belief that [Ebola is not a real disease](#) but a spiritual phenomenon or a tool of "sorcery" is being weaponized to attack aid workers.
- **AI Distillation:** Corporate espionage is evolving into "distillation attacks" where fake accounts interact with [Claude AI](#) to steal its capabilities without physical hardware theft.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **H1: Permanent Asymmetric Conflict in Hormuz:** Given the ambiguity of the MOU, the US and Iran will likely enter a ["new normal"](#) of low-level kinetic exchanges. Iran will continue to use drones and mines to harass shipping, while the US will conduct episodic "degradation" strikes. Neither side will risk a full-scale war, but global oil prices will remain skittish.

- **H2: UK Political Realignment:** Under Andy Burnham, the UK will shift toward [regional devolution](#) and a more sympathetic stance toward Palestinian statehood. This will likely create friction with the Trump administration, especially if the US doubles down on its alliance with Israel and its "maximum pressure" on Iran.
- **H3: AI-Induced Class Divergence:** As cities like [London](#) face massive job displacement in professional services, a new class of "AI-impooverished" former middle-class workers will emerge. This could drive populism and radical policy proposals, such as the [four-day work week](#) demanded by Australian dock workers.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- Immediate spike in [oil prices](#) as shipping insurance rates climb due to Hormuz instability.
- Formal confirmation of [Andy Burnham](#) as UK Prime Minister on July 20.
- Potential for "blackouts and freeze outs" in Ukraine as [winter approaching](#) increases the value of remaining energy infrastructure.

Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- The [US mid-term elections](#) in November will likely drive more aggressive or isolationist rhetoric from President Trump to distract from fuel price dissatisfaction.
- Implementation of the [license for Ukraine](#) to produce Patriot missiles will face logistical and Russian kinetic hurdles.

- The peak of the [heatwave cycle](#) will likely break, but a permanent shift in urban construction standards for "heat domes" will be debated in Parliament.

Long Term (1-5 Years):

- The [Festival of Speed](#) at Goodwood's shift to electric vehicles signals the final sunset of the internal combustion era in Europe.
- A permanent "technological path dependency" will be established as [Chinese AI infrastructure](#) is baked into the technology stacks of emerging markets.
- The [PIP benefits bill](#) in the UK will reach a fiscal crisis point as neurodevelopmental diagnoses continue to surge among the younger population.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current global landscape is highly leveraged against resource choke points and technological vulnerabilities, with several flashpoints threatening to bypass traditional diplomatic controls.

- **Total Maritime Blockade of the Strait of Hormuz:** This risk involves the complete cessation of shipping through the Persian Gulf. **Triggers:** A direct hit on an [Iranian nuclear reactor](#) or a US blockade of Iranian ports. **Likelihood:** High in the short term. **Impact:** Catastrophic global inflation and energy shortages. **Mitigations:** Immediate clarification of the MOU and Omani shipping routes.

- **AI-Driven Financial Market Collapse:** As banks like **HSBC** rapidly automate, a "hallucination" in an AI agent could cause localized market panics. **Triggers:** Mass job cuts or an undetected [distillation attack](#) on a trading model. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Severe capital flow disruption. **Mitigations:** Human-in-the-loop regulatory oversight and "agentic" monitoring.
- **Biosecurity Breach via Misinformation:** The inability to contain Ebola or Measles due to [violence against medics](#). **Triggers:** Further rumors of "organ harvesting" or "empty coffins." **Likelihood:** High in West Africa. **Impact:** Regional pandemic escalation. **Mitigations:** Local community leaders countering disinformation campaigns.
- **Russian Kinetic Sabotage of Ukrainian Manufacturing:** Targeting new Patriot missile plants. **Triggers:** The arrival of the first [licenses for production](#). **Likelihood:** Very High. **Impact:** Escalation of air superiority battles. **Mitigations:** Dispersed and underground industrial facilities.
- **UK Heat-Driven Infrastructure Failure:** The collapse of the UK grid or water supply during the [Amber heat alert](#). **Triggers:** Temperatures exceeding 40 Celsius for five straight days. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Mass excess mortality and economic shutdown. **Mitigations:** Mandatory retrofitting of new-build homes for ventilation.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Iranian Succession Ground Truth:** The broadcast fails to explain why **Mojtaba Khamenei** is being kept from public view ([security risk vs. disfigurement rumors](#)).

- **US Senate Power Balance:** The implications of Graham Platner's [suspension](#) on the Democrats' ability to regain control of the US Senate are mentioned but not quantified.
- **Energy Stockpiles:** The transcripts mention that [US WTI inventory](#) at Cushing is at record lows, but they do not detail the remaining Strategic Petroleum Reserve levels available to buffer a Hormuz closure.
- **MOU Text:** While labeled "vague," the actual **14 points** of the US-Iran deal were never read or displayed, preventing independent analysis of the legal breach claims ([Lyse Doucet](#)).
- **Gaza Screening Casualties:** The Israeli military claims the man who organized the [World Cup screenings](#) was not the target, but the identity of the "intended terrorist target" remains unverified.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Negotiated Escallation":** A contrarian view is that the US and Iran are using "controlled" strikes to actually **force** their respective hardliners to accept a final deal by demonstrating the unsustainable cost of the alternative. Trump's "mixed messages" ([Trump says talks still happening](#)) might be a deliberate tactic to create the "maximum pressure" required for a landmark deal before the mid-terms.

- **The "AI-Washing" of Economic Failure:** Many of the job cuts attributed to AI, such as the [HSBC layoffs](#), may actually be a cover for traditional economic "unwinding" from the pandemic and high interest rates. AI is being used as a **scapegoat** by corporate leadership to exit employees without admitting a failure in their core business models ([Stephanie Hegarty](#)).
- **The "Patriot Licensing" Delay Tactic:** Trump's license offer to Ukraine ([license for Patriots](#)) might be a way to **reduce physical US stockpiles** while providing no immediate aid, as production will take years. This allows the US to claim support for Ukraine while effectively leaving them to defend themselves during the critical 2026-2027 winter.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Transition from maritime escorting to asymmetric deterrence in the [Omani Passage](#) to reduce the risk of a regional base attack.
- **Economic:** Accelerate "shovel-ready" energy independence projects, like the [Jackdaw gas platform](#), to buffer against Hormuz-related supply shocks.
- **Diplomatic:** Utilize the [Ankara Summit](#) as a channel for backroom diplomacy rather than public grandstanding, as noted by UK analysts.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Move logistics out of "AI-exposed" hubs like [London](#) or prepare for significant labor unrest among professional service unions.

- **Regulatory:** Prepare for the [Veterinary Regulation Overhaul](#) in the UK, which will impose a £21 cap on prescriptions and mandate price transparency.
- **Capital Allocation:** Reallocate capital to "agentic" AI firms that are actively defending against [distillation attacks](#) from foreign competitors.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

A day of high-pressure policy review in the UK and symbolic but meaningful war-power votes in the US Senate defines the legislative environment.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**
 - **US War Powers Measure:** A measure passed by the [Republican-led US Senate](#) demanding the President seek congressional approval for any continuation of the war with Iran.
 - **UK PIP Review (Stephen Timms):** An [interim report](#) proposing a total rework of personal independence payments to address a £32 billion bill and a surge in neurodevelopmental diagnoses.
 - **Chip Security Act:** US legislation encouraging companies to embed [location trackers](#) directly into AI chips to prevent smuggling through networks like the Malaysian ring.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Nato Summit (Ankara/Turkey):** Where President Trump met with [President Zelensky](#) and declared the US-Iran ceasefire "over" ([Alison Freeman](#)).
- **Alliance of Sahel States Ministerial:** A [gathering in Niamey](#) where Russia's Sergei Lavrov pledged deeper military and trade ties with Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger.
- **Burnham Press Video:** A [video statement](#) from Andy Burnham apologizing for Labour's previous response to the Gaza conflict.

KEY STORIES

- **US-Iran Tanker War Escalation:** US conduct [strikes on 90 targets](#) including the port of Chabahar and naval sites near Hormuz. Iran retaliates with drone strikes on US systems in Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar.
- **Coronation of Andy Burnham:** Burnham becomes the [sole Labour candidate](#) for UK Prime Minister after Starmer's resignation and Al Carns' withdrawal.
- **Bangladesh Measles Pandemic:** Over [750 deaths](#) suspected in a severe outbreak in Mymensingh; hospitals report multiple "mental breakdowns" among medical staff.
- **Ebola Violence in DRC:** Red Cross volunteers [attacked with spades and machetes](#) in Bunia after rumors that they were burying "empty coffins."
- **UK Triple-Heatwave Cycle:** Fifth straight day of extreme heat; [Amber Health Alerts](#) issued for Surrey, Yorkshire, and the Northwest.

- **Death of Bonnie Tyler:** Iconic singer of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" [died at 75](#) in a Portugal hospital after being in an induced coma.
- **AI Decoded: US-China Race:** Discussion on ["distillation attacks"](#) and the smuggling of Nvidia H200 chips via Malaysia.
- **Ukraine energy Deep Strike:** Ukrainian drone strikes hit [Russian oil tankers](#) in the Sea of Azov and refineries 2,000km inside Russia.
- **Australia-India Uranium Accord:** Prime Ministers [Albanese and Modi](#) sign a deal for uranium exports to power India's energy transition.
- **Graham Platner Campaign Suspension:** The Maine Democratic Senate candidate suspends his run after [rape allegations](#) lead backers to freeze funding.
- **World Cup Quarter-Finals: France vs. Morocco:** France defeats Morocco [2-0](#) in Boston, with goals from Mbappe and Dembele.
- **ICC Sudanese War Crimes Findings:** Evidence links [RSF leaders](#) to acts of violence in Darfur during the fall of El Fasher.
- **The Office 25th Anniversary:** Cast of the hit sitcom [shares memories](#) of the show's legacy in workplace comedy.
- **Volkswagen Factory Closures:** VW board meets to propose closing [four factories](#) in Germany, threatening 100,000 jobs.
- **Donald J. Trump International Airport:** Palm Beach International officially [renamed](#) following Florida state law signed by Ron DeSantis.
- **Nolan's "The Odyssey" Premiere:** Director Christopher Nolan [launches](#) his \$250 million IMAX adaptation of Homer's epic in London.
- **HSBC AI Job Cuts:** Banking giant reports a [10% staff reduction](#) (20,000 jobs) linked to AI automation pace.
- **Pakistan Boeing Cargo Plane Wreckage:** Rescuers find the [wreckage](#) of a missing cargo plane in the Arabian Sea near Karachi.
- **Steve Hilton for Governor:** The former UK advisor launches a campaign for [Governor of California](#) with Trump's backing.
- **Jenrick Police Probe:** The Met Police investigate [illegal overseas donations](#) to MP Robert Jenrick's 2024 campaign.
- **Syria Terrorism List Removal:** President Trump notifies Congress of plans to remove [Syria](#) from the state sponsors of terrorism list.
- **Congolese Fashion Debut:** Designer [Ladislav Mand](#) debuts his "Abacos suit" inspired collection at Paris Men's Fashion Week.

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