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GLOBAL VOLATILITY PEAKS: A WORLD ON SHAKY GROUND – JULY 2026

Convergence of US-Iran Hostilities, UK Political Shocks, Extreme Climate Crises, and a Tech Boom Defines a Fragile 'New Normal'.



THE OUTLOOK:

A world operating with overextended governance. Stability is fragile as nations pivot defensively to shocks, cementing a fracturing, multipolar system.



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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

July 10, 2026, marks a significant inflection point in global security and domestic stability across multiple continents. The primary geopolitical narrative is the **collapse of the US-Iran ceasefire**, which has deteriorated into a "shaky ground" exchange of strikes following the burial of Iran's former Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The failure of a poorly worded 1.5-page Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has led to a [contested control of the Strait of Hormuz](#), with the US military striking 170 targets in response to Iranian interference with commercial shipping. This escalation has effectively halted traffic through a waterway responsible for one-fifth of the world's oil and gas, threatening a "mutual pain society" where both nations face severe economic consequences as the US heads toward mid-term elections.

In the United Kingdom, a historic leadership transition is underway as **Andy Burnham prepares to become Prime Minister** on July 20th, replacing Sir Keir Starmer. This transition is overshadowed by the [shocking murder of former MP Ann Widdecombe](#) at her home in Dartmoor. The police have arrested a 26-year-old male, but the incident has already reignited intense debates regarding the safety of public figures and the toxicity of the political environment. Simultaneously, the UK and Western Europe are battling a **record-breaking heatwave** that has claimed lives and disrupted critical infrastructure, including the drying up of the Rhine and Loire rivers, which is causing further strain on industrial supply chains.

Technological and corporate shifts are also prominent, led by **SK Hynix's \$26 billion Nasdaq debut**, the largest share sale by a foreign company in US history, signaling a robust though volatile appetite for AI infrastructure. Meanwhile, the aviation sector is under scrutiny following a [terrifying window failure on a Ryanair flight](#) that left a passenger partially sucked out of the cabin. These disparate events—conflict, assassination, environmental crisis, and tech boom—converge to portray a world operating in a state of "new normal" where stability is fragile and traditional governance mechanisms are increasingly overextended.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **US-Iran Ceasefire Collapse:** Following the burial of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Mashhad, the US launched [fresh air strikes against 170 Iranian targets](#) over a 48-hour period. Iran retaliated by targeting US bases in Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. The 60-day negotiation window has been compromised by fundamental disagreements over paragraph five of the MOU regarding shipping administration in the Strait of Hormuz.
- **Assassination of Ann Widdecombe:** The former UK government minister and prominent political figure was [found dead with serious injuries](#) at her home in Haytor, Dartmoor. A 26-year-old British national has been arrested on suspicion of murder. The incident has caused shock across the political spectrum, leading current and future leaders to call for an end to political violence.
- **UK Leadership Handover:** Andy Burnham has secured [80% support from Labour MPs](#) to replace Sir Keir Starmer as Prime Minister. The handover is set for July 20th, coinciding with the aftermath of the World Cup final. Burnham inherits an "affordability crisis" and a "divided country" without a formal leadership contest.
- **Extreme Weather and Infrastructure Crisis:** Wildfires in Andalusia, Spain, have killed at least 12 people, including [four British nationals](#). Across Europe, heatwaves have caused the Rhine and Loire rivers to fall to critical levels, forcing barges to reduce loads to 25% capacity and driving up freight costs for coal and food.

- **SK Hynix Nasdaq IPO:** The South Korean chipmaker raised [more than \\$26 billion](#) in its US debut, highlighting the intense global demand for high-bandwidth memory (HBM) chips required for AI systems like ChatGPT. The stock saw significant volatility, reflecting jitters in the broader tech sector.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The US-Iran conflict has moved from a fragile truce back to active hostilities, with the US Central Command striking naval sites and infrastructure to [degrade Iran's ability to attack tankers](#).
- Ukraine has intensified drone attacks on Russian oil infrastructure, claiming to have hit [a dozen tankers on Thursday alone](#), leading to fuel shortages inside Russia.

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- In Northern Ireland, a 56-year-old man was charged with incitement to hatred after a [replica mosque was placed on a bonfire](#) in County Tyrone. The incident sparked widespread political condemnation.
- The murder of Ann Widdecombe has prompted [fast-time police communications](#) to prevent social media speculation and potential civil disorder.

Climate & Extreme Weather

- France has activated an [extreme heat emergency plan](#) for the first time in all areas, with temperatures reaching 41 Celsius (105 Fahrenheit).

- The UK Met Office warns that [millions of homes are overheating](#) as the country endures its eighth day above 34 Celsius, breaking records set in 1976 and 2020.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Egypt and Qatar have called for a [resumption of US-Iran negotiations](#), emphasizing the language of diplomacy to prevent regional contagion.
- The loan of the **Bayeux Tapestry** from France to the UK for the first time in 900 years is being framed as a [symbol of trust and shared history](#) by President Macron.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- A bidding war for EasyJet has escalated, with [Apollo Management offering £5.7 billion](#), a higher valuation than the previous bid by Castlelake.
- Global oil markets are [pricing in the risk of supply interruptions](#) in the Strait of Hormuz, while insurers charge record premiums for tankers using the route.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Weaponization of Geography

The Strait of Hormuz has shifted from a transit point to a **strategic lever** in a high-stakes "cat and mouse game." Analysts suggest Iran is attempting to make the Strait irrelevant to the US by demanding an Iranian-controlled route, while the US attempts to establish a parallel route next to Oman. The "mutual pain" caused by slowed shipping—down from [138 ships per day to just 23](#)—demonstrates that geography is being used as a thermonuclear economic weapon. This trend extends to Europe, where the **Rhine River's**

low water levels are being exploited by economic realities, turning a natural disaster into a logistics bottleneck that restricts coal and car part supplies.

The Vulnerability of High-Profile Targets

The death of Ann Widdecombe follows a decade that saw the murders of Jo Cox and David Amess, signaling a **persistent threat to the UK political class**. Despite the police stating the Widdecombe murder is [not currently being treated as terrorism](#), the discourse immediately pivoted to the "toxicity of politics" and the lack of state-provided security for public figures. This suggests that the threshold for political violence has lowered, or the perception of such has been cemented in the public consciousness.

The AI Infrastructure Gold Rush

The SK Hynix IPO and Micron's [\\$250 billion investment plan](#) through 2035 reveal that the global economy is in an **infrastructure build-out phase for AI**. Investors are looking past cyclical "boom and bust" concerns to focus on high-bandwidth memory as the essential "pick and axe" of the AI revolution. However, the volatility of these stocks indicates that while demand is high, the market is highly sensitive to Geopolitical risks, particularly as Meta and others move toward in-house chip production to reduce reliance on third-party suppliers like Nvidia.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United Kingdom

- The nation is in a **state of transition and trauma**. The uncontested rise of Andy Burnham to replace Keir Starmer suggests a desire for party unity, yet MPs admit the country remains "incredibly angry and divided" due to the [affordability crisis](#).
- The **police failure to monitor 9,000 tagged criminals** highlights a decay in state capacity and public protection, raising questions about plans to release more inmates early to solve a [prison capacity crisis](#).

United States

- President Trump's firing of leaders at the [Election Assistance Commission](#) indicates a pre-emptive strike against mail-in voting ahead of the mid-terms, further polarizing the domestic political landscape.
- The renaming of Palm Beach International Airport to [President Donald J. Trump International Airport](#) and the use of the "old" Air Force One for security reasons signal a highly personalized presidency focused on base mobilization and perceived threats from Iran.

Iran

- The internal landscape is marked by **elite factionalism**. While crowds in Mashhad chanted against compromise, new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei remains [unseen and unheard from in public](#), reportedly due to injuries from the attack that killed his father. This power vacuum creates a volatile negotiating environment.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Fragile Multipolarity and the Failure of Treaties

The "rules-based order" is visibly fracturing. The [14-point US-Iran deal](#) is described by analysts as "hastily arranged" and "too vague," leading to a return to kinetic force. This suggests that low-quality statecraft is contributing to global instability. In contrast, Australia and India are forging a [uranium export deal](#) that bypasses traditional reliance on China, indicating a shift toward bilateral resource security alliances in the Indo-Pacific.

Space as the Next Frontier for State Power

The space economy, set to hit [\\$1 trillion by 2032](#), is no longer the exclusive domain of governments. Private actors like SpaceX and Rocket Lab are now "gatekeepers" of access to orbit. However, the lack of international consensus on "traffic control" for 300,000 new satellites poses a risk of **debris clouds** that could affect all global assets, highlighting a lag between tech advancement and international law.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Market sentiment is dominated by the AI boom and energy sector volatility. While tech indices surged on Thursday, the resumption of the Iran war has left oil prices in a state of "over-adjustment," with Brent crude fluctuating between [\\$72 and \\$110 per barrel](#) depending on the perceived risk of infrastructure strikes. Supply chains are

facing a "perfect storm" of geopolitical conflict and environmental breakdown.

- **Capital Flows:** \$26.5 billion USD raised by SK Hynix; £5.7 billion bid for EasyJet ([7.15 per share](#)).
- **Commodities:** Oil prices steady at \$76 Brent/\$72 WTI; fertilizer prices peaked at [£615 a tonne](#) but recently dropped toward £400.
- **Supply Chain Resilience:** Shipping through Hormuz down by [over 80%](#); Rhine river loads at 25% due to drought.
- **National Economic State:** UK facing an "affordability crisis" and an "inflationary year" for music tourism ([£11.2 billion spending](#)).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Political and corporate leadership is in a state of flux, driven by transition, mortality, and executive purging.

- **Andy Burnham:** Set to become UK PM on July 20; currently the [sole candidate for Labour leader](#).
- **Mojtaba Khamenei:** Named successor to the Iranian Supreme Leader; his **prolonged absence from public view** following his father's burial signals either physical injury or a contested succession ([self-preservation strategy](#)).
- **Ann Widdecombe:** The [murder of the former minister](#) removes a vocal conservative populist voice from the UK political landscape.
- **US Election Assistance Commission:** Trump [fired the remaining leaders](#) of this bipartisan agency responsible for secure voting.

- **Graham Platner:** The Democratic Senate candidate for Maine [dropped out of the race](#) following sexual assault allegations.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network prioritizes **immediate domestic shocks and geopolitical flashpoints**. The lead stories are the Widdecombe murder and the US-Iran airstrikes, both framed as high-urgency crises. Significant airtime is also given to the **record heatwave** and its human and logistical toll. "Buried" or minimized stories include the [crackdown on 200 lawyers in Nicaragua](#) and the details of the Venezuela earthquake death toll (now over 4,000), which are relegated to short bulletins. The overall tone is **anxious and reactive**, though the World Cup coverage provides a persistent "distraction" or "soft diplomacy" counter-narrative. A **conspicuous omission** is any critical questioning of why Sir Keir Starmer is resigning now, or the specific "vague" terms of the failed Iran MOU that led to the current war.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The international system is portrayed as a **fracturing multipolar arena** where major powers are reacting defensively to external shocks rather than projecting stable governance. The framing of the "outside world" is increasingly that of a **hostile threat matrix**, particularly regarding the Middle East and the environmental crisis.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Portrayed as **defiant and unstable**. Described as setting up "long-term control" of the Strait and using "bluster" and "death threats" ([sentiments of the funeral](#)) while dealing with internal factionalism.
- **United Kingdom:** Framed as **vulnerable but transitioning**. The nation is seen as a victim of political violence and environmental extremes ([Devon retreat became a crime scene](#)).
- **Russia:** Portrayed as **weakened** by Ukrainian attacks, facing widespread fuel shortages and relying on a **foreign legion** of 3,500 fighters ([mostly from North Korea](#)).
- **Australia/India:** Framed as **pragmatic and strategic partners** securing energy ties independent of global conflict zones ([energy ties step forward](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as **aggressive and protective**. He is seen "doubling down" on bellicose rhetoric ([ceasefire is over](#)) while consolidating personal power domestically by renaming airports and firing election officials.
- **Kemi Badenoch:** Framed as **shocked and principled**, calling for political unity following the Widdecombe murder ([struggled to find the words](#)).
- **Emmanuel Macron:** Portrayed as **diplomatically sophisticated**, using cultural heritage (Bayeux Tapestry) as a "gesture of trust" ([symbolizing friendship](#)).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **SK Hynix:** Framed as the **underdog-turned-darling** of the AI revolution, now a major player on the Nasdaq ([biggest makers of HBM memory](#)).
- **Ryanair:** Portrayed as a **reliable but beleaguered** carrier dealing with freak accidents ([window dislodged during flight](#)).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The US military is actively seeding the narrative that "Iran does not control the strait," emphasizing that they have assisted [800 vessels](#) to counter Iranian claims of authority.
- **Domestic Propaganda:** The BBC examines the use of the Russian cartoon *Masha and the Bear* as **soft power/propaganda** designed to create a "warm feeling toward Russian culture" ([militarist narratives in the show](#)).
- **Censorship & Misinformation:** UK police are urging the public to **not speculate on social media** regarding the Widdecombe murder, warning that "keyboard warriors" are detrimental to investigations ([drawn into misinformation](#)).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Strait of Hormuz Permanent Blockade:** If Iran continues to insist on shipping tolls and insurance, the US may move from targeted strikes to a **full naval blockade**. This would permanently elevate global oil prices toward [\\$110](#), regardless of seasonal demand.

- **UK Political Realignment:** The Widdecombe murder and the uncontested rise of Andy Burnham may lead to a **bipartisan crackdown on political speech** under the guise of "security," potentially marginalizing Reform UK and other populist movements.
- **AI Bubble Contraction:** The volatility seen in SK Hynix's IPO suggests that while demand is real, the "gold rush" is entering a **capital consolidation phase**. We should expect "shortages to oversupply" cycles to hit memory chip makers by 2027 ([wild boom and bust cycles](#)).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- The investigation into the Widdecombe murder will likely lead to the **formal indictment** of the 26-year-old suspect ([remains in police custody](#)), but potential political motives will remain a source of intense speculation and social friction.
- Expect a **temporary cooling** of US-Iran strikes as Qatari mediators attempt to save the MOU ([Qatari delegation in Iran](#)).

Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- The US mid-term elections in November will be dominated by the **"affordability crisis"** and gas prices ([voters looking at bank accounts](#)), likely resulting in significant losses for the incumbent party if the Hormuz conflict is not resolved.
- Europe's river transport will face **structural failure** if the drought persists into August, leading to winter energy shortages ([will not get better until August](#)).

Long Term (1-5 Years):

- The Indo-Pacific region will see a **formalization of the Quad alliance** or similar structures as India seeks uranium and security independence ([seeking more closer co-operation](#)).
- Space traffic control will become a **major regulatory battleground** as 300,000 new satellites risk creating an unmanageable debris field ([debris cloud affects everybody](#)).

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Global Economic Depression via Energy Shock:** A full closure of the Strait of Hormuz could lead to an **oil price spike over \$150**. **Triggers:** Iranian missile strike on a US Navy ship or a permanent naval blockade. **Likelihood:** High, given the breakdown of the MOU ([resumption of hostilities](#)). **Impact:** Catastrophic global inflation. **Mitigations:** Saudi East-West pipeline expansion and Qatari gas rerouting.
- **UK Political Instability/Civil Unrest:** The Widdecombe murder and police monitoring failures ([9,000 unmonitored tagged criminals](#)) could erode faith in law and order. **Triggers:** Another attack on a politician or a mass breach by unmonitored parolees. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Erosion of state legitimacy. **Mitigations:** Rapid police response and investment in the electronic monitoring system.
- **European Supply Chain Collapse:** Drought-induced paralysis of the Rhine. **Triggers:** Lack of rainfall through August. **Likelihood:** High ([navigation at 25% capacity](#)). **Impact:** Severe industrial and food shortages. **Mitigations:** Rerouting to rail/road, which is currently at capacity.

- **Kessler Syndrome (Space Collision):** Unregulated satellite launches leading to orbital debris. **Triggers:** Collision between two mega-constellation satellites ([debris multiplying at a scale never envisaged](#)). **Likelihood:** Low in short term, High in 10-year horizon. **Impact:** Loss of global GPS and communication. **Mitigations:** Binding international space traffic control treaties.
- **Assassination Plot against US President:** Israeli intelligence warnings of an Iranian plot ([new plan to assassinate the President](#)). **Triggers:** Security breach at Mar-a-Lago or air travel. **Likelihood:** Low but persistent. **Impact:** Immediate global war. **Mitigations:** Use of "old" hardened Air Force One and extreme Secret Service protocols.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Mojtaba Khamenei's Status:** The broadcasts mention he is the "new Supreme Leader" but has not been seen. The failure to provide visual evidence of his leadership raises questions about a possible **hidden succession crisis** or critical health failure ([injured by counts](#)).
- **The 1.5-Page MOU:** No details are provided on why such a critical document was only 1.5 pages long. The lack of detail on the **actual text** makes it impossible to verify which side is truly "breaching" the agreement ([couldn't be more different](#)).
- **UK Political Continuity:** The broadcasts fail to explain the sudden resignation of Keir Starmer. The "completely predictable" rise of Burnham suggests a **backroom deal** that is not being scrutinized ([backed him to be the next party leader](#)).

- **Ryanair Engine Failure:** While the window dislodged, the underlying cause—debris from a "**serious engine failure**"—is not fully explored. This suggests a potential wider **maintenance crisis** in the 18-year-old fleet ([identifying as an 18-year-old plane](#)).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The Widdecombe Murder as a False Flag:** Contrarian theory: The murder of a prominent Brexiteer/populist icon could be used by the **incoming Burnham administration** to justify sweeping new "Public Order" acts that would effectively neuter Reform UK's momentum ([reach across the political divide](#)).
- **The Iranian "Retreat" is an Ambush:** While technical talks continue, the Iranian "displeasure" with the MOU ([voicing his displeasure](#)) could be a cover for a **large-scale asymmetric strike** on Saudi energy targets to drive the "mutual pain" to an intolerable level for Trump before November.
- **SK Hynix IPO as the Peak of the AI Bubble:** While touted as a success, the volatility and the "cyclical nature" warning suggest that this [\\$26 billion inflow](#) is the **final liquidity grab** before a major tech correction in late 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Review and enhance protection for retired high-profile political figures following the Widdecombe murder ([security of politicians is of utmost importance](#)).

- **Economic:** Accelerate the "east-west pipeline" and other non-Strait energy routes to reduce leverage of contested waterways ([8 to 9 million barrels per day](#)).
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize space traffic control before the 300,000 estimated new satellites render orbit unusable ([restore the honor](#)).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Reroute maritime traffic around the **Cape of Good Hope** despite longer voyages and higher costs, as Hormuz insurance premiums are unsustainable ([stops trade from flowing](#)).
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Prepare for **plain packaging and flavor bans** on vapes in the UK following the 12-week consultation ([stop vapes being marketed to children](#)).
- **Safety Standards:** Audit industrial safety protocols in high-risk zones, particularly in China following the [新疆 shoe factory fire](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity centers on election integrity in the US and public health in the UK. The US administration is leveraging executive action to bypass a [Republican-led Senate](#) that is "not capable of passing" the Save America Act.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Save America Act (USA):** Proposed legislation to overhaul elections requiring **proof of citizenship** to vote and photo ID ([requiring proof of citizenship](#)).

- **21st Century Road to Housing Act (USA):** Bipartisan housing bill with 90 votes in the Senate, which Trump **vowed to not sign** unless voter ID legislation passes ([holding up pieces of legislation](#)).
- **War Powers Act (USA):** Congressional review is underway to potentially **renew/revisit** the President's authority regarding the Iran war ([revisiting the War Powers Act](#)).
- **Outer Space Treaty of 1967:** Ongoing discussions at the UN regarding **lunar activity governance** and space debris ([springboard for deeper space missions](#)).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Devon and Cornwall Police News Conference:** Matt Longman confirmed the [arrest of a 26-year-old suspect](#) in the Widdecombe murder.
- **Vape Marketing Consultation (UK):** Launch of a **12-week inquiry** into banning bright packaging and sweet flavor names ([make vaping less attractive to children](#)).
- **Tyler Robinson Hearing (USA):** Prosecution played text messages between the suspect and a romantic partner in the [murder of Charlie Kirk](#).

KEY STORIES

- **US-Iran War Resumption:** 170 Iranian targets struck after ceasefire ends; counter-strikes on US bases in the Gulf ([ceasefire is over](#)).
- **Widdecombe Murder Investigation:** 78-year-old former minister found dead in Dartmoor; 26-year-old male arrested ([found dead at her home](#)).

- **Burnham PM Transition:** Andy Burnham set to become UK PM on July 20th ([replace Sir Keir Starmer](#)).
- **Spanish Wildfires:** 12 dead in Almeria/ Andalusia after a downed power line sparked a blaze in 40C heat ([wildfires in southern Spain](#)).
- **European Heatwave Crisis:** record 41C temperatures; Rhine and Loire rivers drying up, halting cargo traffic ([navigation is still going but...](#)).
- **SK Hynix Nasdaq Debut:** \$26B share sale, largest for a foreign company in US history ([blockbuster debut](#)).
- **Ryanair Window failure:** 61-year-old Serbian man partially sucked out of cabin over Greece ([window became detached](#)).
- **World Cup Quarter-Finals:** France defeats Morocco 2-0; Spain defeats Belgium 2-1 ([brought Morocco's journey to an end](#)).
- **Bayeux Tapestry Returns to UK:** Historical 70m embroidery arrives at British Museum for September exhibition ([back in Britain for the first time in nearly a thousand years](#)).
- **Trump Election Commission Purge:** Firing of three leaders of the Election Assistance Commission ([Election Assistance Commission members were dismissed](#)).
- **Ukraine Tanker Attacks:** Kyiv drone strikes hit 25 Russian ships/oil depots in 4 days ([dozen Russian oil tankers on Thursday alone](#)).
- **Xinjiang Factory Fire:** 28 dead in Chinese shoe factory blaze blamed on flammable materials ([killed at least 28 people](#)).
- **Cyclosporiasis Outbreak:** Parasitic infection spreading through US produce in 31 states ([causing explosive diarrhea](#)).
- **UK Tagging Crisis:** 9,000 criminals unmonitored as government plans early inmate releases ([system isn't working properly](#)).
- **EasyJet Bidding War:** Apollo Management bids £5.7B against Castlelake ([another bidder enters the race](#)).
- **Nicaragua Legal Crackdown:** Authoritarian government revokes licenses of 200 lawyers ([stripping them the ability to practice](#)).
- **Gaza Seed Bank:** Local project attempts to secure food supply amidst 4% farm land access ([locals take control their own food security](#)).
- **Venezuela Earthquake:** Death toll rises over 4,000 from June quakes ([earthquakes has now gone over 4000](#)).
- **Space Debris Crisis:** UN warns of orbital congestion with 300,000 new satellites planned ([cleaning up space](#)).
- **Invictus Games Countdown:** Prince Harry arrives in Birmingham; wife Meghan misses events due to security ([marking one year until the Invictus Games](#)).
- **Houston ICE Shooting:** Community protests after Mexican national mistakenly killed by immigration agents ([Mexican man fatally shot by US immigration agents](#)).
- **Bonnie Tyler Death:** Tributes for the Welsh singer who died at age 75 ([achieved international fame with songs including the power ballad Total Eclipse of the Heart](#)).

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