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THE GDELT PROJECT

THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE ISLAMABAD MoU & THE RESUMPTION OF HIGH-INTENSITY WARFARE IN WEST ASIA

A REPORT ON THE REGIONAL DISINTEGRATION, RETALIATORY OPERATIONS, AND GLOBAL FALLOUT FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



THE COLLAPSE OF THE ISLAMABAD MoU (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING)

- **FORMAL TERMINATION:** Iran declares MoU void due to repeated U.S. violations & naval blockade.
- **U.S. RETURN TO WAR:** President Trump notifies Congress of active war, breaking ceasefire.
- **TARGETING CIVILIANS:** U.S. resumes strikes on Iranian infrastructure (wheat silos, water plants) in southern provinces.

OPERATION NASR 2
(IRGC)

TARGET: U.S. Logistics & Command Centers in Kuwait & Bahrain.
ACTION: Multiple waves destroyed facilities at Amina Abdullah Port and U.S. 5th Fleet fuel tanks.
IMPLICATION: Signals Iran's willingness to target U.S. "client states" hosting aggression.

THE SHIFT TO HIGH-INTENSITY RETALIATORY WARFARE

HYPERSONIC MISSILES & DRONES:
Increased Use to Penetrate Regional Air Defenses

OPERATION THUNDER (SAK)
(IRANIAN ARMY)

TARGET: U.S. Airbase in Jordan (Al-Azraq).
ACTION: Drone strikes reportedly destroyed F-18 hangers and MQ-9 drones.
WARNING: Iran warns regional hosts are legitimate targets for precision strikes.

STRATEGIC WATERWAYS & ENERGY SHOCK

STRAIT OF HORMUZ CLOSED:
Permanent closure until U.S. hostilities cease. 21 LNG carriers stranded.

BAB-EL-MANDEB THREAT:
Yemeni resistance indicates possible tightening/closure.
GLOBAL ENERGY DISRUPTION:
Severely disrupts flows; shipping seeks Iranian-approved lanes.

OIL PRICES SURGE:
Leading to profound inflationary crisis.

THE U.S. ECONOMIC & POLITICAL CRISIS

INFLATION:
31% increase since 2019 (driven by energy shocks). Recent monthly spikes.

\$5.00+ PER GALLON:
Fuel prices surging in some regions.

CONGRESSIONAL BLOCKADE:
\$1.15 Trillion Defense Bill Blocked due to Domestic Opposition.

CIVIL UNREST & POLARIZATION:
Growing unrest over federal enforcement policies and war's human cost. Elite infighting.

'WAR OF ATTRITION': Targeting the U.S. Dollar; Iran exporting inflation.

GLOBAL & REGIONAL FALLOUT & HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

GAZA GENOCIDE ESCALATION:
Death toll exceeds 73,200. Israeli regime uses 'voluntary migration' schemes.

BOLIVIA STRIKE:
Massive general strike threatens pro-Zionist administration over resources.

EUROPEAN UNREST:
Bastille Day in France overtaken by anti-militarism & pro-Palestine demos.

AXIS OF RESISTANCE NARRATIVE: 'SUMOOD' (Persistence) against a 'Rogue U.S. Empire'.

DEEP DIVE THEMES, FUTURE OUTLOOK & RISKS

MAJOR TRENDS

EROSION OF U.S. HEGEMONY:
No U.S. regional facility is safe from precision retaliation.
RESISTANCE INTEGRATION:
Unified action between Tehran, Beirut, Sana'a, and Baghdad.
IRANIAN UNITY:
Martyrdom of leader strengthens national cohesion (contrary to Western intel).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

SHORT TERM (1-4 Weeks): Increase in Iranian drone strikes on host nations (Qatar, UAE) if facilitation continues.
MEDIUM TERM (1-6 Months): U.S. domestic economic pain reaches critical mass, potential fuel rationing.
LONG TERM (1-5 Years): Restructuring global energy market away from U.S. dollar dominance.

RISK ASSESSMENT & HYPOTHESES

MINING THE STRAIT:
High likelihood if U.S. aggression continues (Catastrophic impact).
U.S. POLITICAL COLLAPSE:
Potential for humiliating defeat or desperate 'Black Swan' event.
REGIONAL EXPULSION:
Potential for popular uprisings against U.S. military presences in host states.

PRIMARY RISK: Miscalculation leading to global conflict exceeding conventional boundaries as diplomatic safety valves collapse.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The regional security architecture has effectively disintegrated following the formal collapse of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Military escalations have transitioned from intermittent "pinprick" strikes to sustained, large-scale operations. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Iranian Army have launched synchronized retaliatory campaigns, **Operation Nasr 2** and **Operation Thunder**, targeting critical U.S. logistics and command infrastructure in Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan. These strikes represent a fundamental shift in the conflict, signaling Iran's willingness to target U.S. "client states" that host launchpads for aggression against Iranian soil.

Simultaneously, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has entered a permanent phase until U.S. hostilities cease, severely disrupting

global energy flows and maritime trade. The economic blowback is manifesting in the United States as a profound inflationary crisis, with official rates reaching 31% since 2019 and fuel prices surging past \$5.00 per gallon in some regions. The administration of President Donald Trump is facing intensifying domestic pressure, including a Congressional blockade of a \$1.15 trillion defense bill and growing civil unrest in the northeastern U.S. over federal enforcement policies and the mounting human cost of the war.

In the broader Levant, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate, with the death toll exceeding 73,200 and the Israeli regime using "voluntary migration" schemes to ethnically cleanse the territory. The geopolitical fallout has spread to South America, where a massive general strike in Bolivia threatens to topple a pro-Zionist administration, and to Europe, where Bastille Day celebrations in France have been overtaken by anti-militarism and pro-Palestine demonstrations. The overarching narrative across the axis of resistance is one of "Sumood" (persistence), framing the conflict as an existential struggle for sovereignty against a "rogue" U.S. empire.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Collapse of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Iranian officials have declared the [MOU effectively terminated](#) due to repeated U.S. violations and the resumption of the naval blockade.
- U.S. President Donald Trump has formally notified Congress of a return to active war, breaking the preliminary ceasefire agreement signed in June.

- The U.S. has resumed strikes on southern Iranian provinces, targeting [civilian infrastructure](#) such as wheat silos and water plants.

Launch of Operation Nasr 2 and Operation Thunder

- The IRGC conducted multiple waves of [Operation Nasr 2](#), destroying U.S. logistics centers in Kuwait and Bahrain.
- The Iranian Army carried out drone strikes (Operation Thunder/Sak) on [Jordan's Al-Azraq airbase](#), reportedly destroying F-18 hangers and MQ-9 drones.
- Iran has warned regional states that hosting U.S. bases makes them legitimate targets for [retaliatory precision strikes](#).

Closure of Strategic Waterways

- The Strait of Hormuz remains closed to non-Iranian authorized traffic, with [21 LNG carriers currently stranded](#) in the Persian Gulf.
- Yemeni resistance forces have indicated the possible tightening of control or closure of the [Bab-el-Mandeb strait](#), threatening to cut off two of the three most vital global energy corridors.
- Shipping companies are increasingly seeking [Iranian-approved lanes](#) to bypass the instability of the Omani-side corridor.

U.S. Economic and Political Crisis

- Official U.S. inflation has hit a [stunning 31% increase](#) since 2019, driven by energy shocks.
- U.S. Senate Democrats have blocked a [1.15 trillion dollar defense bill](#) as domestic opposition to the war grows.

- Market volatility has resulted in the "Magnificent Seven" tech stocks losing [\\$2.3 trillion in value](#) during the month of June.

Escalation of the Gaza Genocide

- The death toll from the U.S.-backed Israeli war has reached [over 73,200 Gazans](#).
- Israel has established a "migration directorate" to facilitate the [forced resettlement of Palestinians](#) to third countries.
- Severe shortages of engine oil and medical supplies have [crippled Gaza's basic services](#), with oil prices reaching \$100 per liter.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- Transition from "asymmetrical" pinprick strikes to **coordinated command strategy** between the IRGC and the national army, demonstrating high-level military integration [under the new Supreme Leader](#).
- Increased use of **hypersonic missiles and drones** to penetrate regional U.S. air defenses, specifically targeting F-35 and F-15 storage facilities [in Jordan](#).

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The war has already cost the American public an estimated [\\$132 billion](#), causing a drop in personal savings rates to just 3%.
- Global maritime authorities have slammed U.S. proposals for a [20% transit toll](#) in international straits, labeling it "piracy."

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- Internal instability in Lebanon as the government is accused of [major betrayal](#) over a Washington-brokered "surrender agreement" with Israel.
- The recent martyrdom of the Iranian leader has paradoxically [strengthened national cohesion](#) and unity, contrary to Western intelligence estimates.

Energy & Critical Minerals

- Lithium access is identified as a primary driver for U.S./Zionist support of the [current Bolivian administration](#) against indigenous movements.
- The U.S. **Strategic Petroleum Reserve** is being rapidly depleted, leading to discussions of potential fuel rationing [on the table](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Strategy of "Intermittent War"

- Analysts suggest the U.S. has abandoned continuous warfare in favor of an [intermittent "round-based" conflict](#). This is perceived as an attempt to "buy time" to refill oil reservoirs and reload naval assets while applying coercive pressure for renegotiation. However, Iran has responded by abandoning its restraint, declaring that the ["era of hit and run is over"](#).

Erosion of U.S. Regional Hegemony

- The systemic targeting of U.S. bases in Kuwait, Jordan, and Bahrain signals a [generational shift](#) where no U.S. facility is safe from precision retaliation. Regional allies (Jordan and Kuwait) are facing intense internal pressure to expel U.S. forces, as the IRGC framing shifts toward [protecting fellow Muslims](#) from "U.S. criminals" hosted on their soil.

The Economics of War-Induced Inflation

- A significant trend is the "war of attrition" targeting the U.S. dollar. By dictating global gas and oil prices through the control of the Strait of Hormuz, Iran is effectively [exporting inflation](#) to the American consumer. This has led to a narrative where the U.S. public is described as "sueing for peace" due to unbearable [living costs](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Iran: Martyrdom as a Catalyst for Unity

- The funeral of the late Supreme Leader, which drew [43-45 million people](#), has been analyzed as a massive sign of unity that Western intelligence miscalculated. The current leadership is leveraging this "popular legitimacy" to sustain the military effort despite [extreme sanctions](#).

USA: Elite Infighting and Main Street Pain

- Deep polarization is evident as U.S. lawmakers argue the President has [no legal basis](#) to continue the war. Protests in Maine and Portland against immigration enforcement (ICE) highlight a fracturing social order where domestic agencies are viewed as [rogue actors](#) by parts of the population.

Bolivia: General Strike and Resource War

- A "mass general strike" has paralyzed the country, with [five major highway barricades](#) in every region. The uprising is driven by harsh austerity and a rejection of the government's pro-Zionist posture, which protesters link to the [theft of lithium resources](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Framing the U.S. as a "Rogue Nation"

- The broadcast repeatedly frames the U.S. as an ["ultimate rogue nation"](#) that has abandoned diplomacy and international law. This is contrasted with Iran's posture of defending "dignity" and territorial integrity. Russia and China are increasingly portrayed as the necessary supports to [press the U.S. at the UN](#) and isolate it from the "civilized world."

The Resistance Axis Integration

- There is a clear trend toward unified narrative and military action between Tehran, Beirut, Sana'a, and Baghdad. The [Houti movement, Hizbillah, and Iraqi resistance](#) are framed as being "tied together" in a defensive structure that the U.S. cannot dismantle without a total regional collapse.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is dominated by "war of attrition" metrics. Energy supply shocks are becoming entrenched, and financial markets are failing to price in the length of the Strait of Hormuz closure, leading to "doom spiral" conditions for Western capital.

- **Inflation:** Official U.S. rate at 31% since 2019; recent monthly spikes of 3.5%, [50% higher than February](#).
- **Commodities:** Gasoline prices at [\\$3.90 to \\$5.00/gallon](#); Gaza engine oil at \$100/liter.
- **Equities:** "Magnificent Seven" stocks lost [\\$2.3 trillion](#) in June due to increased scrutiny of infrastructure spending.
- **Debt:** U.S. national debt cited at [\\$40 trillion](#), leading to sustainability concerns for military campaigns.
- **GDP:** U.S. Q1 growth at [2.1%](#), showing signs of deceleration amidst war spending.
- **Unemployment:** U.S. rate rose to [4.2%](#), missing expectations of 114,000 jobs created.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Succession and institutional stability remain the focus following major leadership losses in the axis of resistance.

- **Mujtaba Khamenei:** Positioned as the successor [warning the nation](#) against hybrid warfare and maintaining the strategic course of his father.
- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as an "erratic, irrational" leader facing a [political massacre](#) in the upcoming November midterms due to his failure to deliver a quick victory.
- **Rodrigo Paz (Bolivia):** Facing an "imminent collapse" as popular uprisings reject his [Zionist-aligned governance](#).
- **Lindsay Graham:** Deceased; characterized by the network as "Israel's lawyer," with his death potentially leading to a [decrease in Zionist influence](#) in Washington.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Press TV maintains a nationalistic, confrontational tone, prioritizing **Iranian military prowess** and **U.S. economic decline**. The hierarchy places the destruction of U.S. assets in regional countries (Jordan, Kuwait) at the top, followed by the humanitarian suffering in Gaza. The network heavily utilizes a "Main Street" narrative to emphasize the suffering of the average American citizen, creating a dichotomy between the "billionaire president" and the "common man."

Conspicuous Omissions: There is almost no mention of Iranian casualties from military operations (only civilian infrastructure damage), no detail on internal Iranian dissent

(it is dismissed as "Zionist infiltration"), and no coverage of Chinese or Russian military deployments, despite the narrative reliance on their diplomatic support.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The current geopolitical landscape is framed as a struggle between a resilient, spiritually-guided axis of resistance and a decaying, "insane" Western empire.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Framed as the "architect of deterrents" and a "stable superpower" in the Middle East. Quote: "Iran is grabbing the neck of united state at the straight of hormos" ([20260715-1](#)).
- **USA:** Portrayed as a "rogue nation" in a "doom spiral." Quote: "The United States is and remains unfortunately agreement incapable" ([20260715-6](#)).
- **Israel:** Characterized as a "Zionist entity" engaged in genocide and "ethnic cleansing." Quote: "driven by the mentality... to ethnically cleanse palestinian people" ([20260715-20](#)).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Framed as a "lunatic acting on impulse" and a "certified mad man." Quote: "he is a gieg... a spontaneous man, he take one decision now and another in five minutes" ([20260715-119](#)).
- **Ayatollah Khamenei (Martyred):** Portrayed as an "enormously impressive" visionary whose legacy continues to [defy Washington](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The network actively promotes the idea that U.S. infrastructure strikes are [deliberately targeting civilians](#) because the U.S. "has no military options left." This is used to justify the widening of Iranian retaliatory targets.
- **Counter-Propaganda:** Iranian analysts dismiss Western reports of internal division as ["fake news"](#) and "emotional fragmentation," pointing to the 130 consecutive nights of pro-government street gatherings as ground-truth evidence of unity.
- **Algorithmic Warfare:** Content creators discuss the "digital war," where Zionists reportedly "dominate social media" to suppress pro-resistance narratives, forcing a shift to [underground information networks](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Mining of the Strait:** If U.S. aggression continues, Iran may transition from a maritime blockade to an [automatic mining system](#) in the Strait of Hormuz, which would permanently cease all global traffic through the waterway until U.S. withdrawal.
- **U.S. Political Collapse:** The convergence of 31% inflation, high gas prices, and a stalled defense budget may force the Trump administration into a [drastic humiliating defeat](#) before the November midterms, or lead to a desperate "Black Swan" use of nuclear assets.

- **Regional Expulsion:** The IRGC strategy of directly appealing to the "dear nations" of Jordan and Kuwait [to seize opportunities](#) to dismantle U.S. bases suggests a coming phase of state-sponsored popular uprisings against U.S. military presences.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- **Short Term (1-4 Weeks):** Expect a significant increase in civilian infrastructure targeting in Iran and a corresponding expansion of Iranian drone strikes into Qatar and UAE if they continue to facilitate U.S. aircraft.
- **Medium Term (1-6 Months):** U.S. domestic economic pain likely reaches a critical mass, potentially leading to fuel rationing and widespread "Main Street" civil unrest that constraints the President's war-making capacity.
- **Long Term (1-5 Years):** A fundamental restructuring of the global energy market away from U.S. dollar dominance as BRICS nations leverage the closure of Middle Eastern straits to favor northern and land-based [trade corridors](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risk is a miscalculation leading to a global conflict that exceeds conventional

boundaries, driven by the collapse of diplomatic safety valves.

- **Total Maritime Shutdown:** Triggers: Iranian mining of the Strait or Houthi closure of the Bab-el-Mandeb. Likelihood: High. Impact: Catastrophic; total halt of 50% of global energy supplies and collapse of European economies. Mitigations: Immediate U.S. return to MoU terms and de-escalation of the naval blockade ([20260715-103](#)).
- **U.S. Nuclear Escalation:** Triggers: The absence of "adults in the room" in the second Trump term and erratic decision-making under pressure. Likelihood: Low-Moderate. Impact: Global disaster; destruction of Iranian nuclear facilities and regional contagion. Mitigations: Congressional reassertion of War Powers ([20260715-132](#)).
- **Lebanese Civil Strife:** Triggers: Implementation of the "surrender agreement" and disarmament of Hizbullah. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: High; collapse of the Lebanese state and emergence of a multi-front regional war. Mitigations: Rejection of direct talks and internal national dialogue ([20260715-82](#)).
- **U.S. Sovereign Debt Default:** Triggers: Blockade of defense bills and \$40 trillion debt ceiling breach amidst war costs. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Global financial system collapse. Mitigations: Immediate cessation of international funding for the "Zionist state" ([20260715-104](#)).

- **Regional "Client State" Uprising:** Triggers: Continued Iranian precision strikes on U.S. bases in Kuwait/Jordan causing collateral fear. Likelihood: High. Impact: Moderate-High; forced withdrawal of U.S. forces by popular mandate ([20260715-112](#)).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Iranian Military Attrition:** The broadcast highlights U.S. missile stockpiles dwindling but completely ignores Iranian munition expenditure rates during Operation Nasr 2.
- **Regional State Reaction:** While appealing to "dear nations," the reporting fails to provide objective data on the current readiness or diplomatic response of the Kuwaiti or Jordanian governments to the strikes on their soil.
- **Succession Details:** The transition to the "new leader" is described as seamless, but the exact mechanism and any potential internal factional friction are entirely opaque.
- **U.S. Strategic Gains:** The network provides no analysis of potential U.S. tactical successes, such as the reported disabling of the oil tanker near [Hag Island](#), except to dismiss their effectiveness.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Honey Trap" MoU:** Rather than the U.S. "failing," the Islamabad MoU may have been a deliberate stalling tactic to allow for the deployment of the 20+ warships and hundreds of aircraft currently [operating across the region](#), preparing for a decisive final strike.

- **The Collapse of the Resistance Axis:** The insistence on the 43 million strong funeral and "no dissent" may be a desperate state-media masking of severe internal unrest caused by the martyrdom and the economic cost of the closed Strait.
- **Black Swan Event - Russian Withdrawal:** If Russia reaches a separate deal in the Ukraine theater, it may withdraw its tacit support for Iran's straits policy, leaving Tehran isolated against a unified NATO/U.S. naval surge ([20260715-133](#)).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Neutral states should immediately diversify energy import routes away from the Persian Gulf given the high probability of Strait mining.
- **Economic:** Central banks must prepare for a persistent 30%+ inflationary environment in any dollar-denominated trade zone.
- **Diplomatic:** Shift focus to Islamabad or Ankara as the only remaining viable mediation hubs, as Rome and Washington brokers have lost legitimacy.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Immediate relocation of logistics hubs away from Kuwait and Bahrain; these are now active combat zones with precision-strike risk.
- **Capital Allocation:** Divestment from "Magnificent Seven" tech until infrastructure spend and geopolitical exposure are clarified.

- **Safety Standards:** Maritime insurance rates should be re-priced for "piracy" conditions in all international straits following the U.S. toll proposals.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity is centered on the struggle over war funding and the reassertion of constitutional authorities in the face of an expanding conflict.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **1.15 Trillion Defense Bill (U.S.):** Blocked by Senate Democrats. Intent was to fund Iran war objectives; blocked due to lack of authorization and exit strategy ([20260715-64](#)).
- **War Powers Act Resolution (U.S.):** Passed last month to restrict Trump from continuing the war without explicit Congressional approval ([20260715-12](#)).
- **Article 219 (Proposed U.S.):** Potential legislation that would formalize a military merger between U.S. and Israeli forces for the Iran theater ([20260715-126](#)).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Trump Fox News Interview:** President sought to distance himself from the Minab school strike, suggesting images were AI-generated ([20260715-113](#)).
- **Kazim Gharibi Press Statement:** Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister declaring the Islamabad MoU "totally wrecked" ([20260715-6](#)).
- **NATO Summit Ankara:** Discussed as a potential catalyst for Trump's decision to resume hostilities ([20260715-100](#)).

KEY STORIES

- **Operation Nasr 2 Waves 4 and 5:** The IRGC destroyed the KJL logistics center at Amina Abdullah Port in Kuwait and the NSI Management Center and fuel tanks for the U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain ([20260715-6](#)).
- **Operation Thunder (Sak):** The Iranian Army hit Jordan's Al-Azraq airbase, destroying F-18 fighter hangers and a large U.S. military hardware warehouse ([20260715-11](#)).
- **Strait of Hormuz Impasse:** Over 200 non-Iranian vessels had previously transited in coordination with Iran, but the waterway is now closed following U.S. strikes on southern Iran ([20260715-7](#)).
- **U.S. Economic Crisis Data:** Inflation at 31%, \$132B war cost, and tech stock losses of \$2.3 trillion highlight the severe domestic blowback of the conflict ([20260715-13](#)).
- **Gaza Genocide Totals:** Death toll exceeds 73,200; Israel establishing buffer zones and a "migration directorate" to drive Palestinians into Egypt and across the sea ([20260715-25](#)).
- **Bolivian General Strike:** Trade unions and indigenous groups have paralyzed the capital and highways, protesting Rodrigo Paz's austerity and pro-Israel policies ([20260715-54](#)).
- **Lebanon Framework Betrayal:** The "surrender deal" announced between Beirut and the "Zionist entity" is being framed by domestic outlets as a precursor to civil war ([20260715-16](#)).
- **Iranian Infrastructure Attacks:** U.S. missiles hit wheat storage silos in Khuzistan, a water plant in Ilam, and the Shaheed Bachley hospital in Ahvaz ([20260715-62](#)).

- **Maine Protests:** Fresh rallies in Portland, Maine against ICE agents following the killing of a Colombian worker permitted to work in the U.S. ([20260715-95](#)).
- **Martyrdom Legacy:** Millions continue to gather 130 days after the assassination of the Supreme Leader, signaling a permanent shift in Iranian national resolve ([20260715-37](#)).
- **India Exam Leaks:** Protests involving 21 million online followers and 10,000 on-site supporters against the national medical entrance exam system ([20260715-131](#)).
- **Bastille Day Solidarity:** Pro-Palestine and anti-militarism rallies in Paris competing with the heart-of-the-city military parade ([20260715-35](#)).

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