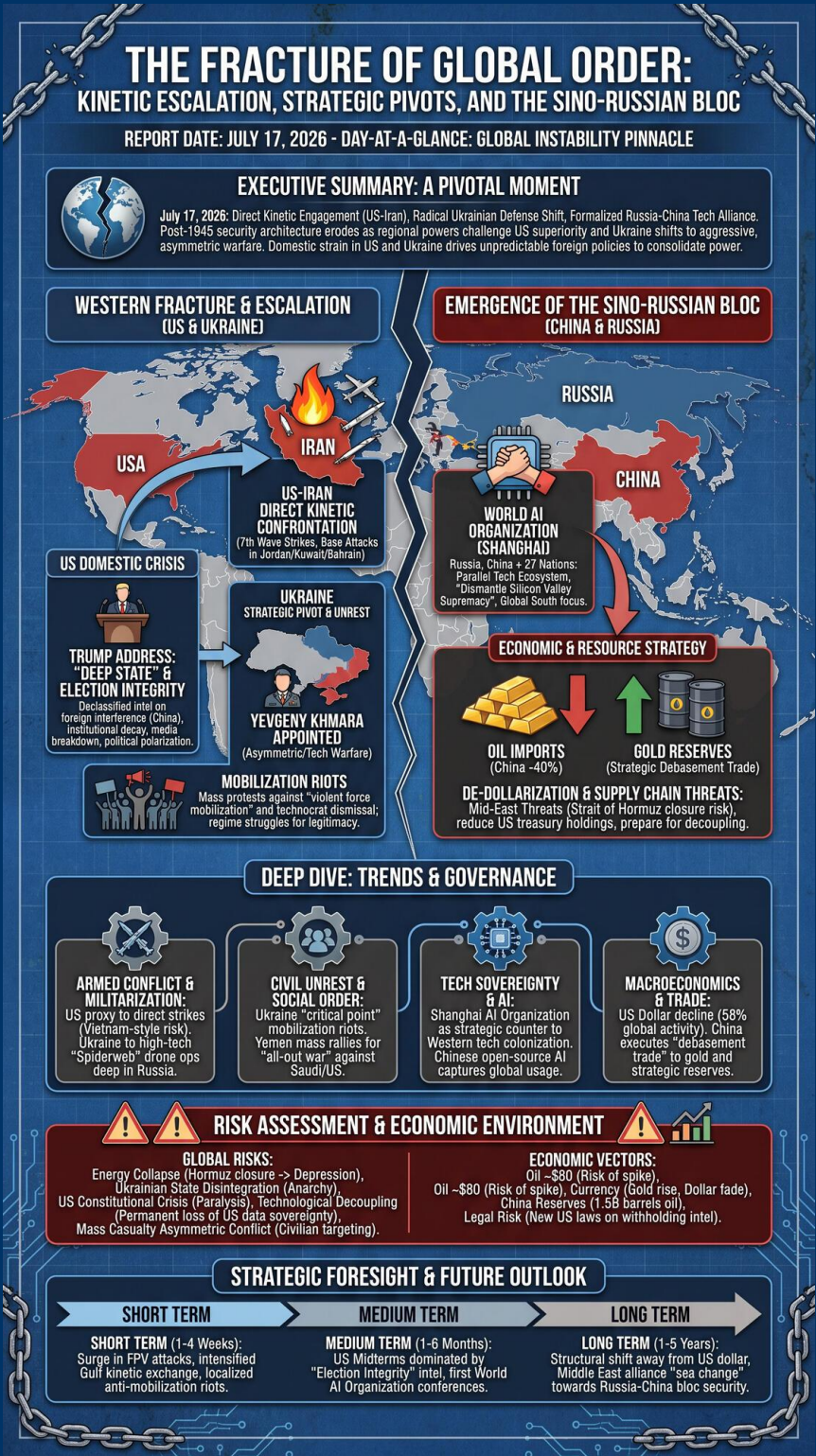


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THE FRACTURE OF GLOBAL ORDER:
KINETIC ESCALATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, UKRAINIAN
STRATEGIC PIVOTS, AND THE
EMERGENCE OF A SINO-RUSSIAN
TECHNICAL BLOC

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

July 17, 2026, marks a pivotal moment of global instability characterized by direct kinetic engagement between the United States and Iran, a radical leadership shift in the Ukrainian defense apparatus, and the formalization of a Russia-China led technological alliance. The geopolitical landscape is increasingly defined by the erosion of the post-1945 security architecture, as regional powers like Iran demonstrate the capacity to challenge U.S. naval and air superiority, while the war in Ukraine transitions toward a more aggressive, asymmetric phase targeting Russian infrastructure and civilian centers.

Simultaneously, the domestic stability of both the United States and Ukraine is under significant strain. In the U.S., a major address by President Trump regarding declassified intelligence on foreign election interference

and "Deep State" obstruction indicates a deepening institutional crisis and a breakdown in media-state relations. In Ukraine, mass protests against forced mobilization and the sacking of a popular "technocratic" defense minister suggest a regime struggling to maintain domestic legitimacy while facing a deteriorating military situation. These internal vulnerabilities appear to be driving more aggressive and unpredictable foreign policies as leaderships in both Kiev and Washington seek to consolidate power through external conflict and narrative control.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **US-Iran Direct Kinetic Confrontation:**
The U.S. has launched a [seventh wave of strikes](#) against targets in southern and central Iran. Iran has responded by targeting U.S. military bases in [Jordan, Kuwait, and Bahrain](#) using missiles and drones, including a strike on a [desalination plant in Kuwait](#).
- **Ukraine Defense Leadership Reshuffle:**
Vladimir Zelensky has appointed [Yevgeny Khmara](#), a former SBU general notorious for orchestrating strikes inside Russia, as the new Acting Defense Minister. This signals a shift toward [asymmetric and technological](#) warfare as conventional frontlines remain stagnant.
- **Trump Address on Election Integrity:**
President Trump delivered a national address claiming declassified documents reveal the [largest compromise of election data](#) in history by China, involving 220 million voter files, and alleging a "shadow government" cover-up within the FBI and CIA.

- **Establishment of the World AI Organization:** Russia, China, and 27 other nations have founded the [World Organization for Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence](#) in Shanghai. The move is explicitly designed to dismantle "Silicon Valley supremacy" and establish a [parallel tech ecosystem](#) for the Global South.
- **Ukrainian Domestic Unrest:** Widespread protests and riots have erupted in cities like [Lviv and Kiev](#) against "violent force mobilization" and the dismissal of former Defense Minister Mikhail Fedorov, who was reportedly [implementing anti-corruption reforms](#).
- **Middle East Energy and Supply Chain Threats:** Iranian officials have threatened to shut down the [Strait of Hormuz](#) and the Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb if critical infrastructure is targeted. China has notably [reduced its oil imports](#) by 40% and significantly increased gold reserves.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The U.S. military transition from proxy support to direct strikes in Iran reflects a failure of previous deterrent strategies [Vietnam-style humiliation](#).
- Ukrainian military strategy is moving toward high-tech "Spiderweb" operations involving [FPV drone strikes](#) against strategic airfields deep within Russian territory.

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- Ukraine is facing a "critical point" in mobilization, with reports of "goons in uniform" [snatching men off streets](#), leading to public riots and forced apologies from protesters.
- Mass rallies in Yemen against Saudi Arabia and the U.S. indicate a total [breakdown of the ceasefire](#) and a push for "all-out war."

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- The new Shanghai-based AI organization aims to ensure "human interests first" but is framed as a strategic counter to [technological colonization](#) by the West.
- Chinese open-source AI architectures (Alibaba, DeepSeek) now capture [one-third of global usage](#), offering high performance at a fraction of U.S. costs.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The U.S. dollar's relative dominance is declining, currently at [58% of global activity](#) compared to 78% two decades ago.
- China is executing a "debasement trade," shifting from U.S. treasuries to [gold and strategic reserves](#) to prepare for further decoupling.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Rise of Asymmetric Deterrence

A core theme of the day is the shift from conventional military force to asymmetric deterrence. Ukraine, unable to achieve significant battlefield gains since 2024, has appointed [Yevgeny Khmara](#) to lead a "technological edge" strategy. This involves using drones to hit Russian strategic airfields

in regions like [Murmansk and Irkutsk](#). Similarly, Iran is utilizing geographic proximity and low-cost naval assets to hold the global economy hostage at the [Strait of Hormuz](#). Both Kiev and Tehran appear to have concluded that high-visibility, low-cost strikes on infrastructure are more effective than direct military confrontation against superior firepower.

Institutional Erosion and the "Shadow Government" Narrative

In the United States, a profound theme of institutional decay has emerged. President Trump's allegations of a "shadow government" and "deep state" within the [FBI and CIA](#) suggest a total breakdown in trust between the executive branch and the intelligence community. The network's reporting highlights that major news outlets (ABC, NBC, CBS) [refused to air](#) the President's speech live, which is framed as a form of state-media collusion to suppress declassified information regarding [Chinese election interference](#). This internal polarization effectively hamstringing U.S. governance, making cohesive strategic responses to external threats nearly impossible.

The Consolidation of a Non-Western Tech-Economic Bloc

The formalization of the World Organization for Cooperation in AI in Shanghai [marks a transition](#) from economic to technological multipolarity. By involving 27 other countries, Russia and China are not just creating a trade bloc (BRICS), but a foundational "parallel tech ecosystem" [independent of Western standards](#) and sanctions. This theme is reinforced by China's aggressive gold acquisition and its 40% reduction in [oil imports](#), suggesting a strategic retreat into a more self-sufficient, non-dollar-denominated economic zone

capable of weathering long-term Western hostility.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Ukraine: The nation is experiencing a legitimacy crisis. The government's reliance on [violent force mobilization](#) has led to riots, particularly in Lviv. The dismissal of Mikhail Fedorov, who was reportedly [managing resources and cutting costs](#), suggests an internal victory for the hardline "security" faction over "technocrats." Protesters in Kiev are now calling for the resignation of the [Commander-in-Chief](#), a close Zelensky ally, indicating that elite infighting is spilling into the streets. Domestic instability is likely constraining Kiev's ability to sustain the war effort, necessitating the pivot to riskier, high-profile terror operations.

United States: The domestic environment is defined by radical polarization and a "state of exception." The executive branch is openly at war with its own [administrative state](#), while the media apparatus is portrayed as a partisan gatekeeper. President Trump's call for the [Save America Act](#) and the declassification of intelligence on the 2020 election [Joe Biden declared winner](#) suggests an ongoing attempt to relitigate institutional failures to maintain a political mandate. The framing of the [Epstein Files](#) as a tool for political accountability further underscores the weaponization of the legal system in domestic power struggles.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The outside world is framed by RT as an increasingly "anarchic system" where U.S.

hegemony is in terminal decline. The "collective West" is portrayed as both aggressive and inept, capable of bombing Iranian infrastructure [six straight nights](#) but unable to secure its regional allies from retaliation. Russia and China are positioning themselves as the architects of a "new world economic order" [mediated under BRICS](#). Their global posture is one of "strategic patience," allowing the U.S. to exhaust itself in Middle Eastern and Ukrainian conflicts while they build [maritime and technological](#) capabilities. The framing of the "Strait of Hormuz as a nuclear weapon" [Iranian leverage](#) suggests that the U.S. can no longer guarantee the free flow of global energy, a foundational pillar of its global posture.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic environment is entering a period of severe disruption driven by the kinetic escalation in the Persian Gulf and the strategic decoupling of the China-Russia bloc. Markets are currently pricing in significant risk, with the [Nikkei 225 falling 3%](#) and oil prices stabilizing around \$80/barrel only due to massive withdrawals from [strategic reserves](#). The network highlights a "con game" regarding the U.S. dollar, predicting an inevitable failure of fiat currency [100% loss over time](#).

Key Economic Vectors

- **Commodity Prices:** Oil is at [\\$80 a barrel](#), but analysts warn of a "worldwide depression" if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed and petrochemical-based fertilizers lead to [food basket shortages](#).
- **Currency Fluctuations:** Significant emphasis on "dedollarization" and the rise of gold as the [number one reserve currency](#) for central banks.

- **China Strategic Reserves:** China has accumulated [1.3 to 1.5 billion barrels](#) of strategic oil reserves, allowing it to reduce imports and artificially influence global prices.
- **Corporate/Legal Risk:** New legislation in the U.S. (Epstein Files Act 2.0) creates [criminal penalties for DOJ/FBI officials](#) who withhold records, increasing the regulatory and legal volatility for high-level executives and government officials.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day's leadership shifts indicate a move toward hardline security figures and the "purging" of technocrats who were perceived as too aligned with Western anti-corruption or economic agendas.

- **Yevgeny Khmara (Ukraine):** Appointed [Acting Defense Minister](#). Strategic analysis: Khmara represents the "Alpha Unit" mentality—bloodier, more covert, and technologically focused on deep strikes into Russia. His appointment is a win for the hardline security faction.
- **Mikhail Fedorov (Ukraine):** Sacked as Defense Minister [after six months](#). Strategic analysis: Framed as a loser who failed at "violent force mobilization" and butted heads with Zelensky over conscription reforms [aided by Western bodies](#).
- **Donald Trump (United States):** Portrayed as a leader [inheriting a disaster](#) but making bold moves to declassify "deep state" secrets. Strategic analysis: Trump is using the "China threat" and election integrity as a domestic consolidation tool [Save America Act](#).

- **Ayatollah Khamenei (Iran - Legacy):** The funeral of the Supreme Leader [attracted 43 million people](#), with 30 million signing up for military service. Strategic analysis: The leadership has successfully utilized the U.S. strikes to achieve "national unity" and a mandate for revenge.
- **Emmanuel Macron (France):** Framed as a "modern day Taser" and "African raider" [raiding resources](#). Strategic analysis: Macron is attempting to reassert French influence in Africa under a "diplomatic charm" offensive while facing expulsion from Sahelian states.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

RT's editorial hierarchy for July 17, 2026, is dominated by themes of Western aggression and institutional corruption. The **Lead Stories** are the U.S. strikes on Iran and the Ukrainian defense ministry reshuffle, both framed as desperate acts of a failing U.S.-led order. Significant airtime is also given to President Trump's address, primarily to highlight the "corruption" of U.S. intelligence agencies and the "propaganda" of Western mainstream media. **Buried Stories** include any mention of Russian battlefield losses in Ukraine, which are entirely absent, replaced by reports of Russia [shooting down 7,500 Ukrainian drones](#). The tone is highly nationalistic, analytical, and designed to induce fear regarding global economic stability while reassuring the audience of the strength of the "multipolar" bloc.

Conspicuous Omissions: There is no mention of internal Russian dissent or economic strain from the ongoing conflict. The humanitarian situation in Iran following U.S. strikes is framed purely in terms of infrastructure damage and Iranian "nobility,"

with no critical reporting on the Iranian government's internal crackdown or human rights record. The Mexican border documentaries focus heavily on the [negative impact of Trump's policies](#) on migrants, which appears to be a rare point of editorial divergence, possibly to keep a critical eye on all U.S. administrations.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of the day's coverage paints the United States as a chaotic, internally conflicted actor lashing out as its global grip slips. In contrast, the Russia-China alliance is characterized as stable, principled, and technologically superior. Iran is framed as a resilient, strong regional power that has successfully "broken out of the jail" of Western sanctions. World leaders are judged by their willingness to defy Washington or their degree of "complicity" in the current global crisis.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Strong/Resilient. "Iran has emerged much stronger, very battered, but certainly its image and its potential is recognized" [image recognized](#).
- **United States:** Chaotic/Inept. "Superpower not to succeed against a regional power like Iran is very humiliating... probably more humiliating than Vietnam" [humiliating than Vietnam](#).
- **Ukraine:** Corrupt/Fragile. "Extremely corrupt regime in Kiev uh with much the aid... siphoned off" [aid siphoned off](#).
- **China:** Competent/Strategic. China plans "probably better than any other country on the planet" [plans better](#).

LEADERS

- **Vladimir Zelensky:** Weak/Desperate. Framed as "chopping and changing ministers unexpectedly" to ensure "terrorist attacks on Russian territory" [chopping and changing](#).
- **Donald Trump:** Strong but Contradictory. A leader trying to "restore faith and confidence" while simultaneously being a "man of constant contradictions" [constant contradictions](#).
- **Emmanuel Macron:** Corrupt/Hypocritical. Described as a "money grabbing saidist" [via proxy stories] and a leader who "deludes Africans" [deludes Africans](#).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **SBU (Ukraine State Security Service):** Terrorist/Asymmetric. Framed as the source of "Alpha Unit" terrorism targeting "markets, maternity hospitals, and bus stops" [targeting civilians](#).
- **IRGC (Iran Revolutionary Guard):** Competent/Surprising. Claims to use "special and surprise tactics" to hit U.S. military assets [surprise tactics](#).
- **Silicon Valley (Big Tech):** Fading/Monopolistic. Framed as being replaced by a "global open" ecosystem led by Alibaba and DeepSeek [parallel tech ecosystem](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Disinformation/Propaganda:** RT consistently refers to the Ukrainian government as the "Kiev regime" and newly appointed military leaders as "known terrorists." This is a classic narrative seeding to delegitimize the sovereign government of Ukraine. Trump's address is framed as "irrefutable information" [irrefutable information](#) despite being based on declassified intelligence that major U.S. networks deemed unverified or not in the public interest.
- **Censorship:** The refusal of U.S. networks to broadcast Trump's speech is characterized as "major problem" and a "violation of broadcast licenses" [refused to air](#). RT positions itself as the "ironic" bastion of free speech [RT tonight is carrying this speech](#) for providing the unedited broadcast.
- **Psychological Operations:** The frequent use of footage showing "massive fires" in Kuwait [fire scene in Kuwait](#) and drones being made in U.S. warehouses [made in the United States](#) is intended to create a sense of U.S. complicity in its own destruction and the vulnerability of Western infrastructure.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Hypothesis 1: The Asymmetric Pivot in Ukraine.** The appointment of Khmara indicates that Ukraine will cease large-scale ground offensives in favor of a "Spiderweb" operation targeting Russian energy and aviation [spider web operation](#). This will likely result in increased Russian retaliatory "mirrored" attacks [mirrored attack](#) on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure.
- **Hypothesis 2: Escalation to Regional War.** Given that both the U.S. and Iran are "strategically stuck" [strategically stuck](#), the conflict will likely expand into a regional war involving the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). If Iran strikes further desalination or oil facilities, a "joint Article 5" equivalent for the GCC [joint article 5](#) could be triggered, forcing a U.S. ground invasion.
- **Hypothesis 3: US Institutional Realignment.** President Trump's rhetoric regarding the FBI and CIA indicates a potential second-term agenda centered on "stripping power" from these agencies [stripping power from the FBI](#) and replacing them with a new intelligence architecture. This will likely cause significant domestic legal and political upheaval during the midterms.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a surge in FPV drone attacks on Russian airfields and intensified kinetic exchanges in the Persian Gulf. Localized "anti-mobilization" riots in Ukraine may spread to other western regions [fury over dismissal](#). Immediate fluctuations in Brent and WTI prices are likely as inventories are "burned down" [reserves burned down](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The U.S. midterms will likely be dominated by the "Election Integrity" declassified files narrative, potentially leading to a "constitutional crisis" [identify the mole](#). The formalization of the World AI Organization will see its first landmark conferences [international AI conferences](#), potentially beginning the migration of Global South data and tech from U.S. servers.

Long Term (1-5 Years): A structural shift away from the U.S. dollar as the primary reserve currency, as nations like China and Russia finalize a "rebellion against a world order" [rebellion against world order](#). Alliances in the Middle East will likely undergo a "sea change" [sea change](#) as GCC nations seek security guarantees from the Russia-China bloc over an "unreliable" U.S. umbrella [umbrella not much right now](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The following risks are derived from the convergence of direct military action and institutional failure.

- **Global Energy Collapse:** Closure of the Strait of Hormuz and Bab-el-Mandeb. **Triggers:** Iranian strikes on Saudi/Kuwaiti oil terminals in response to continued U.S. bombing [shut down the straight](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Global economic depression, 400% increase in fuel costs. **Mitigations:** Immediate diplomatic ceasefire and restoration of the Memorandum of Understanding [mou was signed](#).

- **Ukrainian State Disintegration:** Collapse of domestic order due to forced mobilization and elite infighting. **Triggers:** Escalation of riots in Lviv/Kiev and the failure of the "Spiderweb" operation [rallies grew so large](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate-High. **Impact:** Anarchy in Eastern Europe, uncontrolled proliferation of high-tech weaponry. **Mitigations:** De-escalation of the draft and pursuit of a negotiated settlement.
- **U.S. Constitutional Crisis:** Total breakdown between the Executive, Intelligence, and Media. **Triggers:** Release of unredacted files implicating current officials in "sinister election meddling" [China's sinister meddling](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Paralysis of U.S. foreign policy, internal civil unrest. **Mitigations:** Formation of an independent, non-partisan commission to review declassified intel.
- **Technological Decoupling:** The loss of Western dominance in AI and critical software. **Triggers:** Global South adoption of the Russia-China AI framework [unstoppable parallel tech ecosystem](#). **Likelihood:** Certain (Ongoing). **Impact:** Permanent loss of U.S. data sovereignty and export markets for Big Tech. **Mitigations:** Reduction of sanctions and reintegration into international standards organizations.
- **Mass Casualty Asymmetric Conflict:** Transition to targeting civilian-industrial complexes. **Triggers:** Ukraine's appointment of Khmara leading to attacks on "maternity hospitals and markets" in Russia [targeting markets](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Abandonment of international laws of war, total "mirrored" destruction. **Mitigations:** International condemnation and restriction of long-range drone technology.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts fail to provide the **U.S. Central Command's justification** for the seventh wave of strikes, presenting it purely as "bullying" without detailing specific Iranian provocations [forces have carried out air strikes](#).
- There is a lack of data on **Russian military casualties** from the "Operation Spiderweb" drone strikes, which would be necessary to assess the effectiveness of Khmara's new strategy [Operation Spiderweb](#).
- The **authenticity of the declassified documents** mentioned by Trump is not independently verified in the transcript, only described as "confirmed" by a task force supported by his own appointees [fully confirmed their authenticity](#).
- The actual **scale of the protests in Kiev** is potentially exaggerated or minimized; RT describes them as "big numbers" [in big numbers](#), but does not provide specific attendance estimates or verification from non-aligned observers.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **Khmara as a Scapegoat:** Rather than a strategic pivot, Khmara's appointment may be a move by Zelensky to centralize control of the SBU and MoD in anticipation of a **domestic coup**. Framed as a "terrorist general," he can be blamed for the failure of upcoming risky operations while Zelensky maintains plausible deniability with Western donors.

- **U.S. Kinetic Overstretch as a Distraction:** The direct strikes on Iran may be a calculated move by the Trump administration to **force a domestic consensus** on the "Deep State." By creating a clear external "enemy," the administration can more easily push through the Save America Act and reorganize intelligence agencies under the guise of wartime necessity [Save America Act](#).
- **Black Swan Event: A Cyber-Sovereignty Strike.** China and Russia use their new AI organization to launch a coordinated "unplugging" of the Global South from U.S. cloud services, leading to a total collapse of Western digital influence in Africa and Central Asia [alternative to Silicon Valley](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for "asymmetric escalation" where regional conflicts (Ukraine/Iran) target domestic infrastructure and energy hubs [strikes on critical infrastructure](#).
- **Economic:** Accelerate the transition to non-Hormuz-dependent energy routes and diversify reserve assets into "hard" commodities [real money is gold and silver](#).
- **Diplomatic:** Establish a "back-channel" to the new Shanghai AI Organization to prevent the emergence of mutually incompatible global tech standards [unstoppable parallel tech ecosystem](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Move manufacturing away from regions vulnerable to "Article 5" equivalent GCC triggers [collective defense measure](#).
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Audit all internal communications and files in anticipation of the Epstein Files Transparency Act 2.0 [sue the US attorney general](#).
- **Capital Allocation:** Re-evaluate 401k and pension exposure to "Silicon Valley" giants that rely on Global South AI markets [Nvidia and perplexity rely on them](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Governance is currently dominated by attempts to enforce accountability on federal agencies and to radically reform election security protocols amid claims of foreign interference.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Epstein Files Transparency Act 2.0:** Introduced by Rep. Thomas Massie to give victims "standing to sue" the Attorney General for the release of unredacted forms [standing to sue](#).
- **Save America Act:** A proposed bill requiring national photo ID and "proof of citizenship" for all federal elections [save america act](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Trump National Address (Nashville):** A 30-minute address focused on declassified intelligence regarding the "colossal security breach" of voter data [documents cover five major areas](#).

- **Informal UN Security Council Meeting:** Convened by Russia to discuss "crimes of Ukrainian authorities" and the "glorification of Nazism" [crimes and terrorist activities](#).
- **World AI Conference (Shanghai):** Formal signing ceremony for the world artificial intelligence cooperation organization [29 nations officially signed](#).

KEY STORIES

- **US-Iran Kinetic Escalation:** Seven waves of U.S. strikes on Iran; Iranian counter-strikes on bases in Bahrain and Kuwait; strike on Kuwaiti desalination plant [fire scene in Kuwait](#).
- **Ukrainian Defense Ministry Reshuffle:** Yevgeny Khmara replaces Mikhail Fedorov; Khmara described as an ex-SBU "terrorist" organizer [acting defense minister](#).
- **Trump's Election Integrity Address:** Allegations of China hacking 220 million voter records and FBI "shadow government" cover-up [shadow government](#).
- **World AI Organization Formation:** Russia and China lead 27 nations in Shanghai to create a "Global South" AI alternative to Silicon Valley [alternative to Silicon Valley](#).
- **Ukraine Anti-Mobilization Riots:** Mass protests in Lviv and Kiev against "violent force mobilization"; police crackdown on "snatched" civilians [snatch men off streets](#).
- **Epstein Files Transparency Act 2.0:** Legislation to sue the DOJ for withholding millions of files [withholding, delay, redact](#).
- **China Gold and Oil Shift:** China adds 15 metric tons of gold; reduces oil imports by 40% [China state own oil](#).
- **Crimean Bridge Attack:** Ukrainian attack on Crimea leaves two dead and one injured [attack on Crimea](#).
- **Houthi Protests in Yemen:** Hundreds of thousands gather in Sana'a to declare "all-out war" on Saudi Arabia and the U.S. [all-out war](#).
- **Macron's African "Charm Offensive":** France attempts to reassert influence via "Trojan Horse" economic agreements in Nigeria and Kenya [Trojan Horse approach](#).
- **Assassination Attempt in Monaco:** Failed bombing attempt on an exiled Ukrainian businessman Vadim Murmalaiv [failed assassination attempt](#).
- **FIFA Falklands Controversy:** FIFA investigates Argentina team for banner declaring "Falkland Islands Argentinian" [banner declaring Falkland Islands Argentinian](#).
- **Australian Colonial History:** Documentary on 270 massacres of Indigenous Australians by British colonizers [270 massacres](#).
- **Mexican Border Crisis:** Documentary on 1,400+ migrants in Tijuana shelters following Trump's "closure of the line" [closure of the line](#).

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