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GLOBAL SYSTEMIC VULNERABILITY: WESTERN DEFENSE DEPLETION & INSTITUTIONAL FRACTURE (AUGUST 6, 2026)

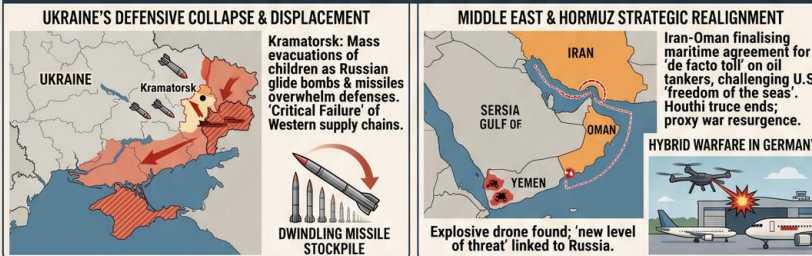
Core Theme: Strategic overextension, energy conflicts, and depleted Western stockpiles leave Ukraine vulnerable and international systems in crisis.



DAY-AT-A-GLANCE: INTERCONNECTED CRISES



MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS & CONFLICTS



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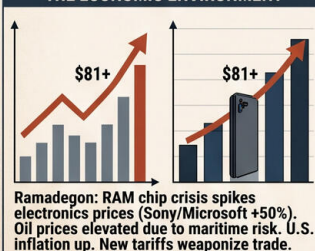
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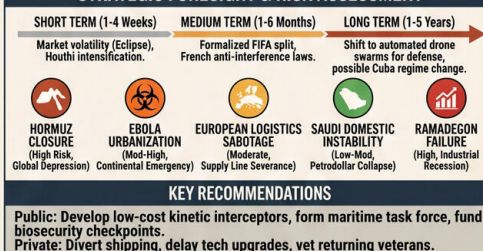
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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

Strategic overextension is the defining theme of August 6, 2026, as the "Epic Fury" war in the Middle East has fundamentally compromised the West's ability to support Ukraine. Kyiv is facing a critical **shortage of interceptor missiles**, resulting in a failure to neutralize Russian ballistic strikes on infrastructure and civilian centers. This deficit is directly attributed to the depletion of U.S. Patriot stocks during 2025-2026 hostilities with Iran, forcing Ukrainian authorities to order mass [evacuations in Kramatorsk](#) as defensive lines become untenable. Simultaneously, the maritime security of the Persian Gulf is being redrawn, with Tehran and Muscat negotiating a **new transit regime** for the Strait of Hormuz that potentially includes "toll" fees for

international shipping, further threatening global energy stability.

International governance is fracturing along institutional and biological lines. The FIFA organization is facing a **revolt from European and South American** football confederations over an aborted attempt to privatize commercial rights, signaling a loss of trust in centralized global leadership. In the health sector, the 17th Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has reached a **critical threshold** with over 3,900 cases and a spread rate exceeding previous epidemics. The convergence of military overstretch, energy blackmail, and pandemic risk suggests a period of heightened systemic vulnerability for the remainder of 2026.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Ukrainian Defensive Collapse and Displacement:** Mass evacuations have been ordered for over [500 children in Kramatorsk](#) as Russian forces intensify strikes using "glide bombs" and ballistic missiles that Kyiv can no longer intercept. The lack of air defense is described as a **critical failure** of Western supply chains [depleted by Middle Eastern wars](#).
- **Hormuz Strategic Realignment:** Iran and Oman are finalizing a [bilateral maritime agreement](#) to control entries into the Persian Gulf. This move aims to bypass international norms and impose a **de facto toll** system on oil tankers, directly challenging U.S. "freedom of the seas" doctrines [upheld since the 17th century](#).

- **Hybrid Warfare in Germany:** German authorities have opened an anti-terrorism investigation after a [drone equipped with explosives](#) was discovered at Leipzig Airport near Ukrainian cargo planes. Berlin characterizes this as a "new level of threat" and an **escalation of hybrid attacks** by foreign powers [likely linked to Russia](#).
- **Institutional Civil War at FIFA:** Despite an official apology for the "privatization" plan, UEFA and Conmebol continue to [maintain a boycott](#) of the World Cup. The crisis represents the most significant **threat to the centralization** of global sports governance in 40 years [leaving President Infantino isolated](#).
- **Ebola Pandemic Escalation:** The current Ebola outbreak in the DRC is now the **most lethal ever recorded** in the country, with 1,800 deaths and [no validated vaccine](#) for the specific Bundibugyo strain currently circulating [at an alarming rhythm](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization:

- Yemen's government has threatened **massive reprisals** against Houthi rebels following a strike that [killed 58 soldiers](#). This marks the end of the 2022 fragile truce and a **resurgence of the proxy war** between Saudi-backed forces and Iran-aligned rebels [supported by Iraqi militias](#).
- Israel is conducting **targeted strikes in Lebanon** despite ongoing negotiations in Rome, citing [Hezbollah ceasefire violations](#) that killed two Israeli soldiers [for the first time in a month](#).

Energy & Critical Minerals:

- Global console manufacturers have [raised prices significantly](#) (up to 50%) due to a crisis dubbed "**Ramadegon**," caused by the extreme demand for RAM chips [driven by AI development](#). Three companies—Samsung, SK Hynix, and Micron—control the **vast majority of global supply**.
- Oil prices rose 2% following **maritime uncertainty** in the Gulf and reports of [Houthi attacks on tankers](#).

Global Health & Biosecurity:

- Medical personnel in the DRC are **striking for unpaid wages** while managing the Ebola surge, creating a [catastrophic breakdown in front-line response](#) as the virus [reaches river transport routes](#) to Kinshasa.

Information Warfare & Disinformation:

- The French government reports **systematic Russian interference** in the presidential pre-campaign, using [AI-generated deepfakes](#) to target candidates like Raphael Glucksmann and Gabriel Attal [to create domestic chaos](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Scarcity of Defense Industrial Capacity

A significant strategic trend is the **exhaustion of Western interceptor inventories**. The "Patriot Pénurie" (Patriot shortage) is not just a logistical hurdle but a **structural constraint** on Western foreign policy. U.S. stocks have reportedly fallen to [one-fifth of pre-2025 levels](#), creating a zero-sum game between defending the Middle East

and supporting Ukraine. This trend empowers Russia to conduct [glide bomb campaigns](#) with near-impunity, knowing that the "shield" of Western air defense is [prioritized elsewhere](#).

Mercenary Normalization in Global Conflict

The recruitment of **Latin American veterans** for the Ukrainian front highlights the globalization of military labor. Large contingents of [Colombian soldiers](#) are serving in the International Legion, motivated by higher wages and combat experience. This trend creates a **risk of domestic blowback** in their home countries, as returning fighters with drone experience are [vulnerable to recruitment by cartels](#) or insurgent groups [seeking advanced tactical skills](#).

The Weaponization of Geography

Choke-point politics has returned as a primary tool of statecraft. Iran's move to **privatize transit** through the Strait of Hormuz and the Houthi [blocus on Saudi tankers](#) are synchronized efforts to leverage the geography of energy. This theme extends to **Taiwan's 10-day exercises**, which focus on preventing the [Chinese paralysis of command centers](#) and ports, reflecting a global shift toward **area-denial strategies** and the protection of sovereign hubs [against unpredictable aggression](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

France: Presidential Campaign Pre-Crisis

- The French political establishment is grappling with **institutionalized disinformation**. Candidates are preemptively labeling attacks as Russian psy-ops, which while likely true, also [limits the scope of domestic debate](#). A new **anti-interference law** will be examined by the Senate in September to [punish foreign election meddling](#).

Ukraine: Corruption and Elite Infighting

- A sudden **ministerial reshuffle** has sparked public unrest. The removal of the popular Defense Minister Mikajlo Fedorov and the appointment of Roustem Mumierov—who is [cited in corruption cases](#)—has damaged the government's mandate. The **ambassador to the U.S. resigned** amid corruption charges, signaling a [loss of internal cohesion](#) as military pressure peaks.

United States: Partisan Contempt and Contested Primaries

- The Senate finding **Anthony Fauci in contempt** of Congress [reflects the ongoing weaponization](#) of pandemic history for partisan gain. Meanwhile, the **success of progressive candidate Abdul El Sayed** in Michigan [shatters the centrist consensus](#) on Israel and foreign funding, indicating a hardening of ideological lines [ahead of the mid-terms](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Fracturing Multi-Polar System

The world is portrayed as an **anarchic threat matrix** where international norms are failing. The "Epic Fury" war has left the U.S. in a **defensive posture**, retreating into its own stockpiles and [denying missile aid](#) even to close allies. This withdrawal of the "American Shield" is being **actively exploited** by Russia and Iran to create new spheres of influence. Berlin's reaction to the [Leipzig drone incident](#) shows a Europe increasingly realizing it is **directly targeted by hybrid warfare** and cannot rely solely on the U.S. umbrella [as military priorities shift](#).

Economic Statecraft and Bloc Politics

The U.S. administration is **weaponizing trade** through new tariffs (10-12.5%) targeting nations for **alleged forced labor**, including EU members. This has triggered a [revolt from 25 U.S. states](#) who view the move as a **political rather than legal** tool. The posture is increasingly isolationist and transactional, with the President treating [Cuba as a strategic "Riviera"](#) rather than a diplomatic partner, and FIFA's internal wars reflecting a broader **rejection of American-style commercialism** in global institutions [by European and South American blocs](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic climate is under immense pressure from **commodity shortages and geopolitical transit risks**. The "Ramadegon" crisis has caused immediate inflationary shocks in the electronics sector, while the ongoing energy crisis at Hormuz is keeping oil prices

permanently elevated, eroding household purchasing power in the U.S. and Europe.

- **Commodities:** Brent crude oil is trading at [over \\$81 per barrel](#); WTI at \$77. Memory chip prices (RAM) have [nearly doubled](#) between Q1 and Q2 2026.
- **Inflation:** U.S. household costs have increased by an [average of \\$1,100](#) due to direct and indirect costs of the current conflicts.
- **Corporate/Logistics:** Gaming hardware prices for **Sony and Microsoft** have increased by [20% to 50%](#). U.S. air transport [logistics are being disrupted](#) by hybrid security threats in European hubs like Leipzig.
- **Sanctions/Tariffs:** The U.S. has imposed **new tariffs of 10-12.5%** on 60 states [citing forced labor](#), a move currently being challenged in court [by 23 Democratic and 2 Republican states](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Strategic appointments and institutional crises are reshaping the hierarchies of defense and global sports.

- **Jani Infantino (FIFA):** Despite retaining the support of the FIFA board, he is **critically weakened** and faces a possible extra-ordinary congress to [replace him](#) as major confederations [withdraw confidence](#).
- **Abdul El Sayed (US):** Emerging as the **new face of the progressive left** in Michigan, his primary victory represents a [defeat for the Democratic centrist establishment](#) and a shift toward [anti-interventionist policy](#).

- **Roustem Mumierov (Ukraine):** Appointed as **Foreign Intelligence Chief**, despite being [implicated in the Mindish corruption scandal](#), signaling a **narrowing of the President's inner circle**.
- **Marco Rubio (US):** Serving as **Secretary of State**, he is driving the hardline "[chute du régime](#)" strategy against Cuba [rooted in Florida's diaspora politics](#).
- **Anthony Fauci (US):** Found in **contempt of Congress**, marking a [legislative purge](#) of pandemic-era leadership [by the Republican-led Senate](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's lead stories for August 6, 2026, are characterized by **existential dread**. The "Kramatorsk Siege" and "Ebola Emergency" receive the most airtime, conveying a sense of **global systems failing simultaneously**. The tone is highly analytical but **alarmist regarding Western defenses**, repeatedly emphasizing the Patriot missile shortage. A notable "buried" story is the **81st anniversary of Hiroshima**, which is treated as a [ritualistic memento](#) rather than a pressing nuclear threat, as conventional ballistic warfare in Ukraine and the Middle East takes precedence. There is a **conspicuous omission** of any detailed reporting on the current **Russian ground casualties** in the Kramatorsk advance, focusing instead almost entirely on Ukrainian civilian suffering and the defensive equipment gap.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The current world order is framed as a **chaotic arena** where transactional leadership is replacing principled alliances. Trust is the

rarest commodity, both between states and within institutions.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as **overwhelmed and transactional**. The administration is described as [outreaching its rights](#) with tariffs and hoarding defense tech for its [own protection](#), effectively "abandoning" allies [under the guise of scarcity](#).
- **Russia:** Framed as a **persistent and adapting aggressor**. Using [hybrid warfare in Germany](#) and glide bombs to **exploit Western inventory gaps**. Implicitly portrayed as "unmoving" and [immune to diplomatic pressure](#).
- **Ukraine:** Depicted as a **besieged bastion** on the verge of exhaustion. Suffering from [internal corruption](#) and a **dying population** in the east [fleeing "horror nights"](#).
- **Iran:** Portrayed as an **opportunistic hegemon**. Moving to control the [entrance to the Gulf](#) and using **proxy Houthis** to engage in [maritime blackmail](#).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Characterized as **instinctive and unpredictable**. Framed as a leader who ["touches things"](#) to see how they feel rather than following strategy, and whose ["unpredictability" weakens deterrence](#).
- **Volodymyr Zelensky:** Depicted as **increasingly desperate**. Blaming [Middle East wars](#) for his failures and struggling to [maintain public trust](#) at home.

- **Jani Infantino:** Framed as a **corrupt or inept autocrat** who used "**methods of blackmail**" [against federation presidents](#) to maintain power.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Houthi Rebels:** Portrayed as a **potent disruptor** capable of [ending a 2022 truce](#) and **successfully blockading** Saudi oil exports [under Iranian direction](#).
- **GAESA (Cuba):** Framed as a "**state within a state**"—a military conglomerate that [secretly negotiates with Washington](#) while the official government [remains a puppet](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Russian Disinformation in France:** A sophisticated network is using [AI-cloned media outlets](#) (cloning the site 'Blast') to spread **fake corruption videos** about the spouses of political leaders [to destabilize the election](#).
- **Strategic Leakage in FIFA:** The privatization plan was **intentionally leaked** to the press, likely by [internal opponents of Infantino](#), to trigger the **UFA boycott** and kill the project [before it could be institutionalized](#).
- **Narrative Seeding of the "Tolled" Hormuz:** Iran is framing its Hormuz control as a ["policing" effort](#) rather than a blockade, a **semantic shift** designed to make the imposition of transit fees [palatable to regional partners](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Formalization of the Hormuz Toll

- Within the next three months, Iran and Oman will likely **implement a digital payment system** for ships entering the Gulf. This will be framed as a "security fee" to fund Gulf maritime patrols, effectively creating a **sovereign taxing power** over the world's most critical energy artery [to fund Iran's reconstruction](#).

Ukrainian Retreat to the Dnieper

- The fall of Kramatorsk and Slovyansk is **imminent** (4-8 weeks) if interceptor deliveries do not triple. This will likely force a **massive retreat** to the Dnieper River, effectively [partitioning the country](#) and leading to a **long-term "frozen conflict"** along the river line [driven by the exhaustion of both sides](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- Massive **market volatility** as the August 12 eclipse creates [logistical pauses](#) and potential panic in Spain and France. Immediate **intensification of Houthi strikes** in Saudi Arabia [following the Najran attack](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- A **diplomatic formalization** of the "FIFA Split," with UEFA potentially forming a **separate "Global Cup"** for 2030, [ending FIFA's monopoly](#) on high-level football. Passage of **French anti-interference laws** in September [to block Russian bots](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years):

- A **structural change** in Western military doctrine, moving away from high-cost interceptors (Patriots) toward **automated drone swarms** for air defense, a shift [accelerated by the Patriot shortage](#). Possible **regime change in Cuba** as energy [asphyxiation](#) and [GAESA negotiations](#) reach a breaking point [under Secretary Rubio's watch](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The global risk landscape is dominated by **energy insecurity** and **biological outbreaks** that threaten to overwhelm local state capacity.

- **Closure of the Strait of Hormuz:** Complete halt of 1/5th of global gas/oil transit. **Triggers:** Iranian disagreement with U.S. "freedom of police" in the Strait [during transit negotiations](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Global economic depression. **Mitigations:** Saudi-Oman land route [currently under Houthi threat](#).
- **Ebola Urbanization:** The virus reaching Kinshasa via river transport. **Triggers:** Suspected [cases identified on boats](#) heading to the capital [amid strikes by healthcare workers](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate-High. **Impact:** Continental health emergency. **Mitigations:** Rapid deployment of [Nairobi-trained physicians](#).
- **European Logistics Sabotage:** A successful explosion at a major NATO hub. **Triggers:** Failure of [drone detection at Leipzig or other DHL logistics centers](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Severance of Ukraine supply lines. **Mitigations:** Deployment of anti-drone [jamming nets over major airports](#).

- **Saudi Domestic Instability:** Overthrow or severe weakening of the Riyadh government. **Triggers:** Coordinated [Iraqi and Houthi strikes under Iranian direction](#). **Likelihood:** Low-Moderate. **Impact:** Collapse of the global petrodollar. **Mitigations:** Direct U.S. intervention [prevented by interceptor shortages](#).
- **Systemic "Ramadegon" Failure:** Collapse of the high-tech and automotive industries. **Triggers:** Continued [AI-driven demand exhausting RAM chip supply](#). **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** 2-3 year industrial recession. **Mitigations:** Government-mandated [chip rationing for non-AI sectors](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

The news cycle contains several significant omissions that hinder a complete understanding of the global posture.

- **Chinese Strategic Quiet:** Aside from the Taiwan exercises, there is almost **no mention of China's stance** on the Hormuz toll or the RAM chip crisis, despite being the [primary importer of Gulf oil](#).
- **The Condition of the Saudi Air Force:** While Houthi strikes are reported, there is **no data on Saudi defense effectiveness**—are they also running out of Patriots? This is [critical for assessing Gulf stability](#).
- **Hezbollah's Command Structure:** Negotiations are taking place with the "Lebanese State," but the reports admit [Hezbollah is not part of the talks](#), making a "Zones Pilote" withdrawal [strategically dubious](#).

- **Impact of the "Capture of Maduro":** The transcripts mention a past event where [Nicolas Maduro was captured](#), but do not explain how this has affected the current [Latin American power balance](#) or Russian influence in the region.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Shortage" as a Strategic Lie

- One contrarian view is that the U.S. is **feigning a Patriot shortage** to force Kyiv into negotiations. By publicly claiming stocks are low [due to the 2025 war](#), the administration **avoids the political cost** of directly cutting aid to Zelensky while **successfully driving him toward the Dnieper** partition [as a "fait accompli."](#)

The FIFA "Privatization" as a False Flag

- The aborted privatization may have been **deliberately designed to fail** by Infantino's inner circle to flush out "traitors" like [Arsene Wenger or Kevin Lamour](#). By admitting "errors" but confirming board support, Infantino has **successfully purged his cabinet** and can now rule [without internal dissent despite the external boycott](#).

The Black Swan: Solar Eclipse Cyber-Attack

- With millions distracted by the [August 12 eclipse](#) and authorities focused on "retinal safety," a **large-scale cyber-attack** on the French or Spanish energy grid could go undetected for several minutes, causing a **catastrophic cascading failure** while nations [stare at the sky](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Rapidly prioritize the development of **low-cost, high-volume kinetic interceptors** to replace depleted Patriot inventories [against glide bomb threats](#).
- **Diplomatic:** Establish a **maritime corridor task force** with India and China to **counter-pressure Iran** on the Strait of Hormuz toll [proposal](#).
- **Global Health:** Fund **biosecurity checkpoints** on the Congo River to prevent the Bundibugyo Ebola strain from [entering Kinshasa's urban slum networks](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Divert high-value shipping away from the **Babel Mandeb and Hormuz** straits; [expect insurance premiums to double](#).
- **Tech Strategy:** Delay non-essential hardware upgrades until [at least 2027](#) as **"Ramadegon" pricing persists**.
- **Labor Risk:** Implement **strict vetting** for returning veterans with [drone/specialized combat experience](#) to prevent infiltration by [criminal entities seeking these skills](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity on August 6 focus on **punishing institutional failures** and

securing **sovereign borders** through new legal decrees and investigations.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**

- **Anti-Interference Law (France):** A bill to be examined in September aimed at **criminalizing foreign digital meddling** and [strengthening penalties for state-backed disinformation](#).
- **Birth Tourism Decree (USA):** A presidential decree [banning foreign nationals](#) from entering the U.S. to obtain citizenship for children through **birthright to prevent "business of birth"**.

- **HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:**

- **Fauci Contempt Hearing:** The U.S. Senate [voted to find Anthony Fauci in contempt for allegedly obstructing investigations into the pandemic response and contradicting the administration](#).
- **FIFA Board Crisis Meeting:** A high-level [meeting in Rabat, Morocco](#), where the board **admitted "errors"** but reaffirmed [support for the President](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Kramatorsk Siege and Mass Evacuation:** The Donietsk region ordered [525 children and their families](#) to flee the city as Russian "glide bombs" and ballistic missiles overwhelmed [depleted air defenses](#).
- **Ebola Outbreak (Bundibugyo strain):** Over [1,800 people have died](#) in the DRC in the **17th and most lethal outbreak** ever recorded; 4,000 cases [confirmed across 5 provinces](#).

- **FIFA Privatization Crisis:** FIFA admitted **"errors"** in a secret project to sell [20% of commercial rights](#) to private investors; UEFA and Conmebol continue to [boycott all competitions](#).
- **Leipzig Drone Incident:** German police discovered an **explosive-laden drone** at Leipzig-Halle airport targeting [Antonov freight planes](#); Berlin denounces it as a **"hybrid attack."**
- **Strait of Hormuz Transit Deal:** Iran and Oman reach a [preliminary agreement](#) for a new "viable" [maritime route](#) that could impose **transit fees** on global shipping [under Iran's coast](#).
- **Yemen Proxy War Resurgence:** Houthi rebels killed [58 soldiers](#) in drone strikes on Marib and Hadramaut, [effectively ending the 2022 truce](#).
- **Ramadegon Console Crisis:** Sony and Microsoft increased console prices by [up to 200 euros](#) due to global **RAM chip shortages** caused by [excessive AI demand](#).
- **French Election Disinformation:** Candidates like [Raphael Glucksmann](#) and Gabriel Attal have been targeted by **Russian AI deepfakes on cloned media sites**.
- **Michigan Primary Results:** Progressive [Abdul El Sayed](#) won the Michigan Democratic primary, [defeating the centrist Aillie Stevens](#) on an [anti-interventionist platform](#).
- **Solar Eclipse Preparations:** August 12 solar eclipse will be **fully visible** in France and Spain; authorities warn of [irreversible retinal burns](#) and a [shortage of safety glasses](#).

- **Aude Wildfires:** A vehicle fire in southern France triggered a [100-hectare wildfire](#) in the Corbières massif, [confining 1,200 people](#).
- **Syrian Bus Bombing:** An explosion in a public transport bus in [Jaramana, near Damascus](#), killed [two people and injured 14](#).
- **Colombian Mercenaries in Ukraine:** Returning Colombian veterans are being [recruited by guerilla groups](#) in the Cauca department for their [drone warfare skills](#).
- **Cuba Energy Asphyxiation:** Cuba is suffering from **near-total energy collapse** due to the [US blockade](#); residents survive on [one hour of power per day](#).
- **Gironde Forest Salvage:** Forestry workers in France are struggling to [commercialize millions of tons](#) of **burnt maritime pine** before it rots [following massive fires](#).
- **Hiroshima Commemoration:** Japan marked the [anniversary of the 1945 bombing](#) with a call to [reaffirm non-nuclear doctrine](#).
- **Taiwan's Hankuang Exercises:** Taiwan's military began **10-day maneuvers** to simulate a [Chinese invasion and evacuation](#) of the head of state [to secret bases](#).
- **African Migration Caravan:** Humanitarians in Senegal are running a ["Caravan of Remembrance"](#) to identify the [66,000 "invisible" dead](#) from 20 years of maritime migration [to the Canary Islands](#).
- **Cité Universitaire Centennial:** The international student campus in Paris celebrated its [100th anniversary](#) by building a **Japanese-American "Pavilion of Peace"** [commemorating friendship after war](#).

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