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INDONESIA ACCELERATES TECHNOCRATIC SOVEREIGNTY & SOCIAL CONSOLIDATION AMIDST ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES & JUDICIAL SCANDALS (AUGUST 6, 2026 REPORT)

Day-at-a-Glance: A massive state-sanctioned display of science and technology ambition pivots against localized instability, environmental risks, and high-level corruption, with economic stability upheld by heavy intervention.

TECHNOCRATIC AMBITION & SCIENCE PIVOT



PRABOWO'S "BRIN TECHNOCRATIC SHOWCASE":
Science & Technology as National Dignity. Hosting 150 BRIN researchers.

- NUCLEAR ENERGY**
(Uranium/Thorium Fabrication)
- MALE DRONE**
(Indigenous Military Tech)
- ELECTRIC FISHING BOATS**
(70% Fuel Cost Reduction)
- AI-BASED FOOD SENSORS**
(Stunting Reduction)
- MODULAR HOUSING**
("3 Million Houses" Program)

TECH SOVEREIGNTY & AI:
"Industrial Intelligence Nusantara" platform for real-time supply chain data & genomic biodiversity mapping.

REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL FLASHPOINTS



ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS:
Escalating Threats

- Mount Bromo Wildfire (86+ hectares, water bombing).
- West Kalimantan "Kabut Asap" Haze (110+ hospitalized with ISPA).
- Drought threats.



SOCIAL UNREST & VIGILANTISM:
Persistent Trust Gaps

- Fatal Vigilantism Incident in Bali (Mob killing of suspected thief highlights lack of faith in police).
- Menkopolkam warns against "fake news" on instability.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SOCIAL CONTROL:
"Penggerak HAM" (Human Rights Activists) deployed to villages to mitigate conflicts & online scam recruitment (TPPO).

JUDICIAL SCANDALS, GOVERNANCE & ECONOMY



ELITE CORRUPTION SCANDALS:
Systemic Failure

- "Febri Adriansyah" Case (Seized 74 kg gold, 543 billion IDR from former high-ranking prosecutor).
- KPK Immigration Raids (Visa extortion schemes).



GIBRAN'S "WAPRES" ROLE:
Hands-on Inspection

- Site-intensive tour of disaster recovery & infrastructure in Aceh, acting as pragmatic troubleshooter.

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE & GLOBAL POSTURE



5.29% GDP GROWTH
(Q2 2026, via Consumption)



70 TRILLION IDR LIQUIDITY INJECTION
(State Banks, from Excess Budget)

KCIC High-Speed Rail Debt Takeover by State.
Sports Diplomacy
(Chelsea/AC Milan) for visibility.
Monitoring Middle East volatility
(US-Iran-Israel) & energy security.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS, RISKS & FORESIGHT

THE "PRABOWO DOCTRINE" ON SCIENCE



Ultra-nationalist data approach; prioritizing state-led industrial policy over international rankings.

VIGILANTISM AS INSTITUTIONAL DECAY



Normalized due to perception of elite impunity & slow police response.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING & RISKS



Portrays global powers as volatile; focus on indigenous military tech. **Risks:** Banking liquidity crunch, severe haze crisis, social riots.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT



Short Term: Security crackdowns.
Medium Term: National education rollout, stricter environmental laws.
Long Term: Critical mineral processing competition with China. Nuclear power era likely imminent.

KEY STORIES SUMMARY: BRIN Palace Exhibition, 5.29% GDP Growth, Bali Mob Violence, Febri Corruption Bust, 70T IDR Bank Injection, Mt. Bromo Fire, Ketapang Haze Crisis, Gibran Aceh Tour, KCIC Debt Shift.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

August 6, 2026, was defined by a massive, state-sanctioned display of technocratic ambition as President Prabowo Subianto hosted 150 researchers from the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) at the Presidential Palace. The administration is pivoting toward **science and technology** as the primary driver of national dignity and economic competitiveness, showcasing innovations in nuclear energy, artificial intelligence for food security, and indigenous military hardware. This narrative of progress, however, competes with a reality of localized social instability and institutional corruption. The government was forced to address a [fatal vigilantism incident](#) in Bali, where a mob killed a man suspected of theft, highlighting persistent gaps in public trust in the judiciary and law enforcement.

On the economic front, the administration projected stability through the announcement of a **5.29% GDP growth rate** for Q2 2026, bolstered by high household consumption. Simultaneously, the Ministry of Finance intervened heavily in the banking sector, extending [70 trillion IDR in liquidity](#) to state-owned banks to ensure economic resilience against global geopolitical shocks. Vice President Gibran Rakabuming Raka maintained a high-visibility profile, conducting a site-intensive tour of disaster recovery and [infrastructure projects in Aceh](#), signaling a "hands-on" governance style that complements Prabowo's high-level strategic focus. Despite these efforts at consolidation, environmental risks are escalating, with forest fires in Bromo and severe [respiratory illness outbreaks](#) in West Kalimantan due to kabut asap (haze).

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The BRIN Technocratic Showcase

- President Prabowo Subianto hosted a high-profile exhibition at the Palace, emphasizing that science and technology are the [determinants of national progress](#).
- Key technologies unveiled included **modular housing** for the "3 Million Houses" program, **electric fishing boats** to reduce fuel costs by 70%, and **AI-based food quality sensors** for the Free Nutritious Meal (MBG) program [aimed at stunting reduction](#).
- Strategic investments in **nuclear energy** were framed as essential for future energy sovereignty, with BRIN developing capabilities in [uranium and thorium fabrication](#).

Judicial and Elite Corruption Scandals

- The "Febri Adriansyah" case continues to rock the legal establishment; investigators seized [74 kg of gold](#) and 543 billion IDR from the former high-ranking prosecutor's residence.
- The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) conducted raids on immigration offices in Jakarta regarding [visa extortion schemes](#) involving former officials.
- The government is attempting to mitigate the fallout by emphasizing "legal literacy" and condemning [vigilante justice](#) as uncivilized, despite public perception of elite impunity.

Environmental Flashpoints

- A massive wildfire in the **Mount Bromo** tourist area has consumed over 86 hectares, requiring [aerial water bombing](#) operations by BNPB.
- In Ketapang, West Kalimantan, over 110 residents have been [hospitalized for ISPA](#) (acute respiratory infections) due to smoke from peatland fires.
- Drought conditions in East Kalimantan are threatening [agricultural outputs](#), prompting emergency water distributions in Aceh and other provinces.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- BRIN showcased military innovation, including a **medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) drone** and an [anti-radar paint](#) for naval vessels.

- The "Indonesia Super Cup" featuring Chelsea and AC Milan is being leveraged as a [mass-audience event](#) to project a sense of normalcy and national pride.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- Indonesia reported a **5.29% year-on-year GDP growth**, outperforming regional peers like Thailand, though trailing Vietnam [in manufacturing speed](#).
- The Ministry of Finance is taking over **KCIC (High-Speed Rail) debt** to prevent it from weighing down PT KAI's balance sheet, although officials claim this won't [burden the state budget](#) directly.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- The "Industrial Intelligence Nusantara" platform was introduced to provide real-time [export-import data](#) and identify gaps in the nickel and battery supply chain.
- Genomic sequencing laboratories are being used to map [Indonesian biodiversity](#) for future pharmaceutical self-sufficiency.

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- The Coordinating Minister for Political and Security Affairs (Menkopolkam) issued a stern warning against **fake news and hoaxes** that claim the country is unstable, asserting the situation is ["mantap" \(solid\) and under control](#).
- Human Rights initiatives, including the "Penggerak HAM" (Human Rights Activists) program, are being deployed to [200 villages](#) to mitigate local conflicts and human trafficking.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Rise of the "Prabowo Doctrine" on Science

The President's repeated emphasis on **Sains dan Teknologi** as a matter of "national dignity" suggests a shift away from purely commodity-driven growth toward a technocratic, state-led industrial policy. By inviting BRIN to the Palace, Prabowo is signaling that his "Asta Cita" (Eight Aspirations) will be [evidence-based](#). However, his skepticism regarding international education rankings (PISA) and his call to "lead with facts" despite "unpleasant reality" indicates an **ultra-nationalist approach** to developmental data; he acknowledges domestic weaknesses only to justify massive state investment in [specialized "Excellent Schools"](#) (Sekolah Unggulan).

Vigilantism: A Symptom of Institutional Decay

The tragic pengeroyokan (mob killing) in Bali serves as a stark counter-narrative to the government's claims of a stable "Negara Hukum" (State of Law). Analytical discourse on the broadcast suggests that **vigilantism is being normalized** because the public perceives that "justice is for sale" for elites, while petty criminals are [brutalized by the masses](#). The selective outrage of the public—ignoring white-collar corruption while lynching chicken thieves—indicates a [deep-seated emotional instability](#) driven by economic hardship and a lack of faith in the police's "Quick Response" capabilities [despite official hotline promos](#).

Gibran's "Wapres" Archetype

Vice President Gibran Rakabuming Raka is emerging as the administration's **chief inspector and troubleshooter**. His tour of Aceh, focusing on bridges and schools, contrasts with the traditional ceremonial role of the VP. By directly engaging with [disaster-affected citizens](#) and auditing infrastructure progress, he is positioning himself as the pragmatic bridge between the central government's lofty tech goals and the [micro-realities of regional governance](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Elite Infighting and Judicial Risk

- The **Febri Adriansyah** case represents a significant fracture within the Attorney General's Office. The sheer volume of assets seized (74kg of gold) suggests systemic [laundering at the highest levels](#) of the legal apparatus.
- Tensions between the central government and regional administrations are surfacing over **P3K (contract worker) salaries**, requiring a [20.5 trillion IDR emergency injection](#) to 490 local governments to prevent localized strikes or service collapses.

Social Instability and Human Trafficking

- Human trafficking (TPPO) remains a critical vulnerability, particularly in **Bangka Belitung and Riau**, where digital recruitment through [gaming and social media](#) is luring job-seekers into online scamming syndicates abroad.

- The government's response—forming "Village Human Rights Activists"—is an attempt to **deputize the community** to provide the surveillance that the state lacks, essentially trying to institutionalize social control to [prevent "early warning" failures](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Middle Eastern Volatility and Energy Security

Indonesian media is closely tracking the **US-Iran-Israel** triangle, framing it as a threat to global stability. The threat by Iran to [close the Strait of Hormuz](#) is treated with extreme gravity due to its potential impact on oil prices. The broadcast portrays the US (under Donald Trump) as aggressive and prone to [threatening total destruction](#) of adversaries, while framing Netanyahu's Israel as a rogue actor willing to attack Iran [without American consent](#).

Strategic Positioning in the Multipolar Arena

- Indonesia is leveraging **sports diplomacy** (FIFA U-17 and the Chelsea/Milan Indonesia Super Cup) to maintain international visibility and soft power [despite domestic crises](#).
- The military drills by Taiwan (evacuating leaders) and the Russian Navy in the Sea of Japan are reported as [destabilizing "scenarios"](#) that Indonesia must navigate carefully, reinforcing the need for the **indigenous military tech** showcased by BRIN.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Indonesia's economy shows resilience with a **5.29% growth rate**, driven primarily by household consumption (contributing 2.67% to growth). However, significant state intervention is required to maintain this trajectory. The injection of **70 trillion IDR** into the banking system via the Sal (excess budget balance) indicates a proactive, albeit expensive, strategy to protect the Himbara (state banks) from [liquidity crunches](#) through mid-2027.

- **GDP Growth:** 5.29% year-on-year for Q2 2026; 5.45% for H1 2026 [overall](#).
- **Sectoral Performance:** Tourism in Bali/Nusa Tenggara grew at 6.1%; Jasa (Services) and F&B grew at [10.6%](#).
- **Fiscal Interventions:** 20.5 trillion IDR aid for regional governments; 70 trillion IDR [banking liquidity injection](#).
- **Industrial Development:** Garlic (Bawang Putih) harvest in Lampung yielded Grade A crops with potential [hundreds of millions in revenue](#) for local farmers.
- **Infrastructure Debt:** KCIC (High-Speed Rail) debt transferred away from PT KAI to [state management](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The leadership environment is characterized by a consolidation of power within the Prabowo-Gibran inner circle and a purge of corrupt elements in the judicial and logistical sectors.

- **Febri Adriansyah (Former Jampitsus):** The primary "loser" of the day, facing [praperadilan \(pretrial\)](#) for massive corruption and money laundering charges.

- **Arif Satria (Head of BRIN):** Ascendant; his agency has been positioned as the [engine of the new economy](#).
- **Gibran Rakabuming Raka (Wapres):** Consolidating his role as the [pragmatic executive](#), overseeing regional infrastructure recovery.
- **Purbaya Yudi Sadewa (Finance Minister):** Managing complex liquidity maneuvers and [regional bailouts](#) to ensure fiscal stability.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The broadcast exhibits a strong **nationalistic and developmentalist bias**. The lead stories consistently revolve around state achievements: the BRIN exhibition at the Palace, GDP growth, and the success of local farmers. The emotional tone is reassuring, aimed at countering "hoaxes" about instability. However, the **vigilantism in Bali** and the **ISPA health crisis** in Kalimantan are covered with a tone of "concern" rather than "crisis," subtly shifting blame toward "lack of literacy" or "natural conditions" rather than policy failure. The **Febri Adriansyah corruption case** is presented as a victory for the rule of law rather than a sign of systemic failure. Conspicuous by its absence is any deep analysis of **youth unemployment** or the specific details of the KCIC debt burden on future taxpayers.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

Indonesia is framing itself as a "Super Team" (as noted by Minister Yandri) while portraying global powers as increasingly erratic and dangerous.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as a volatile power under Trump, willing to ["hit Iran to the death"](#) if deals aren't met, while simultaneously depleting its own missile stocks.
- **Iran:** Framed as defiant and technologically capable, issuing [lethal warnings](#) to US warships and successfully maintaining internal unity despite sanctions.
- **Israel:** Depicted as an expansionist force causing regional destruction and [brutalizing Palestinian youth](#) in the West Bank.
- **China:** Mostly mentioned via [military pressure on Taiwan](#), framing the East Asian theater as a zone of imminent risk.

LEADERS

- **Prabowo Subianto:** Strong, visionary, and intellectually engaged with [scientific detail](#); "investing in the next generation."
- **Donald Trump:** Opportunistic and aggressive; quoted saying ["the winner gets the spoils of war"](#) regarding Venezuela.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu:** Portrayed as a "bloodthirsty" leader facing internal protests for [funding illegal settlements](#).
- **Volodymyr Zelenskyy:** Depicted as desperate and [criticizing allies](#) for failing to protect Ukrainian lives.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The government is aggressively seeding the term "**Hoax**" to delegitimize any criticism of national security or economic stability. The Menkopolkam's [press conference](#) with all security chiefs was a coordinated performance to preempt social unrest.
- **Propaganda:** The "Penggerak HAM" program is a double-edged sword: it promotes human rights while building a [state-monitored grassroots network](#) in 80,000 villages.
- **Censorship/Soft Control:** Reports on the Bali lynching avoid blaming police delays, instead focusing on "[emotional regulation](#)" of the citizenry, effectively pathologizing the public's response to judicial failure.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The Nuclear Pivot:** Indonesia is likely preparing a formal announcement to enter the **Nuclear Power (PLTN) era**. BRIN's focus on "not starting from zero" [suggests an impending tender](#) for nuclear infrastructure.
- **Increased Social Control:** The combination of anti-gambling campaigns, anti-bullying probes in BPJS, and the "Penggerak HAM" network suggests a **broader state push for social discipline** to match its technocratic goals.
- **Economic Cooling:** Despite the 5.29% growth, the [70 trillion IDR bank injection](#) indicates high concern regarding a potential global credit freeze or currency volatility in the coming months.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a massive **security crackdown** on online gambling and liquid vape narcotics following recent raids. The 81st Independence Day celebrations will be used to distract from the [Febri Adriansyah trial](#) developments.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): A "National Schools" (Sekolah Rakyat) rollout in Sumatra Barat will serve as a pilot for the [national educational overhaul](#). The Mount Bromo fires will likely lead to stricter environmental [tourism regulations](#) and higher insurance costs for the sector.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The shift toward **domestic critical mineral processing** (Mamuju Itj) will likely place Indonesia in direct competition with China for rare earth dominance [in Southeast Asia](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The most immediate threat is a confluence of environmental disaster and social distrust in rural areas.

- **Social Instability from Mob Justice:** Public anger over elite corruption (Febri case) combined with petty crime lynchings (Bali) could lead to **uncontrollable riots**. Triggers: Another high-profile acquittal of a corrupt official. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: High. Mitigations: Immediate, transparent sentencing for the Bali mob and the corrupt elites.

- **Health Crisis from Haze (Karhutla):** Severe ISPA outbreaks in Kalimantan and East Java could **overwhelm regional health systems**. Triggers: Continued El Niño-style drought. Likelihood: High. Impact: Moderate. Mitigations: Expanding water bombing and mandatory N95 mask distributions in fire-prone zones.
- **Banking Liquidity Crunch:** Global shocks from the Strait of Hormuz conflict could **drain capital** from Himbara banks. Triggers: Blockade of Hormuz. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Severe. Mitigations: The already planned [70T IDR liquidity injection](#).
- **Human Trafficking Escalation:** The shift to digital TPPO makes [interdiction nearly impossible](#) without intrusive cyber-surveillance. Triggers: Massive layoffs in the garment/retail sectors. Likelihood: High. Impact: Moderate. Mitigations: National digital literacy campaigns targeting "job seeker" demographics.
- **Supply Chain Disruption (Energy/Food):** The transition to domestic CNG and biofuels [could face technical failure](#) or logistical bottlenecks. Triggers: Failure of the new CNG composite tanks in commercial use. Likelihood: Low. Impact: High. Mitigations: Phased testing and dual-fuel backup systems.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts do not explain the **source of the 70 trillion IDR** used for the bank injection beyond "excess budget," leaving the long-term sustainability of such interventions [unclear](#).

- There is no mention of the **cost-benefit analysis** for the nuclear energy program, specifically regarding waste management and safety in Indonesia's ring-of-fire geography.
- While GDP growth is touted, **purchasing power parity** for the lower-middle class is ignored, despite the rampant vigilantism suggesting [severe economic frustration](#).
- The specific **terrorist or asymmetric threats** that Menkopolkam is worried about (in his "hoax" warning) remain [unidentified](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Potemkin" Tech Sector:** The BRIN showcase could be a desperate attempt to **mask a hollow industrial base**. If the state-led R&D fails to commercialize (marketing is cited as a [major challenge](#)), Indonesia will be stuck with obsolete prototypes while international competitors leapfrog them.
- **Vigilantism as a Guerrilla Protest:** Instead of "lack of literacy," mob violence could be an **intentional, decentralized rejection** of the state's judicial monopoly. If the state cannot protect property (chicken theft) or prosecute grand theft (Febri case), the public [withdraws its mandate](#) and executes its own law.
- **Black Swan:** A **major cyber-attack** on the "Indonesia Nucleot Archive" or "Industrial Intelligence" platform could paralyze the nation's technocratic pivot, exposing the vulnerability of [centralized biodiversity data](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Divert a portion of the technocratic budget toward **rapid-response judicial reform** to prevent the collapse of social order seen in Bali.
- Formalize the **Strait of Hormuz contingency plan**, as the energy transition to CNG/Biofuels won't be [ready for years](#).
- Expand **BPJS health screenings** to include respiratory issues in Karhutla-impacted zones to preempt a [public health scandal](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- Invest in **logistics and cold chains** for the agriculture sector, as the government is prioritizing [food sensors and MOCAF flour](#) production.
- Monitor the **retail sector** for a 5% growth target; however, be wary of the shift toward ["online-to-offline" \(O2O\)](#) mall strategies.
- Capitalize on **modular housing** opportunities, as the government has [validated the interlock system](#) for rapid national deployment.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity focused on long-term development plans and emergency social interventions. Key policies include the **RPJPN (National Long-Term Development Plan)** for 2025-2045 and **Inpress No. 8 of 2025** for poverty eradication.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **RPJPN 2025-2045:** Strategic plan mandating the ["Human Rights Mainstreaming"](#) in 5-year cycles.
- **KUHP (New Criminal Code):** Cited in the context of ["restorative justice"](#) to prevent unnecessary imprisonment for minor crimes.
- **TPPO Satgas Expansion:** Legislative push to provide [permanent legal status](#) to human trafficking task forces at the village level.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Menkopolkam Security Briefing:** Coordinated press event with BIN, TNI, and Polri to [declare national stability](#).
- **BRIN Presidential Taklimat:** A policy hearing where researchers presented [15 innovation categories](#) for the national agenda.
- **KKI Bullying Press Conference:** Investigation into [bullying in the medical sector](#) involving 10 hospitals.

KEY STORIES

- **BRIN at the Palace:** President Prabowo hosted an innovation exhibition featuring nuclear, AI, and military tech [to drive national competitiveness](#).
- **GDP Growth 5.29%:** BPS announced Q2 2026 growth, with [household consumption](#) as the main driver.
- **Bali Vigilantism:** A mob in Tabanan [beat a man to death](#) for alleged theft, sparking a national debate on the state of law.
- **Febri Adriansyah Corruption:** Former Jampitsus under investigation after [74kg of gold](#) was found at his house.

- **Banking Liquidity Injection:** 70 trillion IDR provided to state banks to [protect the economy](#) until 2027.
- **Mount Bromo Fire:** Wildfires in East Java [consumed 86 hectares](#); water bombing in progress.
- **Ketapang ISPA Crisis:** 110 people hospitalized for respiratory infections due to [smoke from forest fires](#).
- **Gibran's Aceh Visit:** Wapres inspected bridges, schools, and [disaster recovery progress](#) in northern Sumatra.
- **KCIC Debt Takeover:** The state will manage High-Speed Rail debt to [free up PT KAI's capital](#).
- **Immigration Extortion Case:** KPK raided offices in Jakarta regarding [illegal visa fee collection](#).
- **Liquid Vape Narcotics:** 2.5 billion IDR worth of narcotics-infused [vape liquid seized](#) in Medan.
- **Mutiara Sentosa 2 Fire:** Shipping safety audit launched after a [fatal ship fire](#) near Sumenep.
- **Human Trafficking (TPPO):** 268 people prevented from [illegal departure](#) in Riau; Bangka Belitung identified as a major PMI source.
- **Harley Davidson Smuggling:** 5 motorcycles and 20 frames [seized at Tanjung Priok](#).
- **81st Independence Day Prep:** 128,331 citizens registered for [palace tickets](#) within one day.
- **Indonesia Super Cup:** Chelsea vs AC Milan at GBK on [August 8](#) advertised as a major event.
- **Tapanuli Floods:** Bridge destroyed and students forced to [cross rivers manually](#) after heavy rains.

- **Pyramid Mountain SAR:** Two bodies of hikers [recovered from a 60m ravine](#) in Bondowoso.
- **Buddhist Anti-Gambling Mimbar:** Monks urge the public to [shun online gambling](#) as a path to destruction.
- **Strait of Hormuz Conflict:** Iran threatens US warships; Oman brokering [a new transit deal](#).
- **Arsenal vs Real Betis:** Arsenal lost 1-3 in [pre-season friendly](#) in Dublin.
- **Bekantan Conservation:** Efforts in Kalimantan to save [endemic primates](#) from habitat loss.

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