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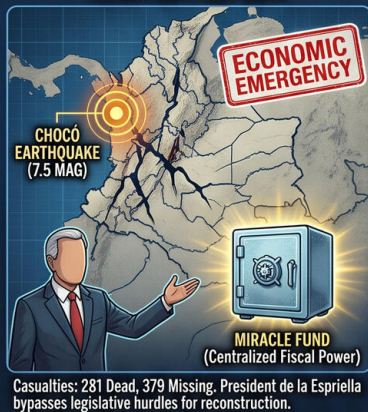
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REGIONAL SEISMIC CATASTROPHES AND A HARDENING US-BACKED SECURITY AXIS DEFINE A SHIFTING LATIN AMERICAN LANDSCAPE UNDER THE SECOND TRUMP ADMINISTRATION.

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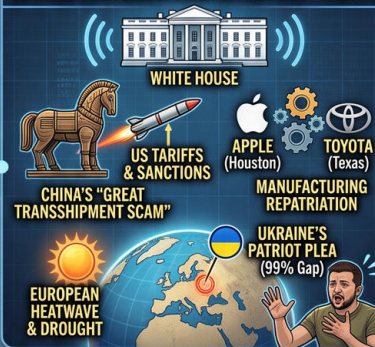
COLOMBIA: SEISMIC CATASTROPHE & POLITICAL RESPONSE



VENEZUELA: PRAGMATIC "REINSTITUTIONALIZATION"



GLOBAL POSTURE & US ECONOMIC OFFENSIVE



MAJOR TRENDS & THEMES



FUTURE OUTLOOK & RISK ASSESSMENT

HYPOTHESES

- Consolidation of Texas-Bogotá-Panama Axis
- Venezuelan Energy Boom, Political Stagnation
- US-China Secondary Trade War

KEY RISKS

- HIGH:** Regional Destabilization (Quake Aftermath)
- MOD-HIGH:** Ukraine Air Defense Collapse
- MODERATE:** Venezuelan Dialogue Collapse

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

FOR STATECRAFT/PUBLIC SECTOR

- Establish international audit for Venezuelan funds.
- Accelerate Ukraine missile production licenses.
- Formalize biosecurity pact.

FOR PRIVATE SECTOR/INVESTORS

- Diversify energy to Venezuela (high political risk insurance).
- Prioritize Texas-Gulf Coast tech/manufacturing investments.
- Implement strict certificate-of-origin audits.

EDITORIAL POSTURE: Priorities on immediate humanitarian crisis and regional political shifts, with less focus on European environmental issues.
CONSPICUOUS OMISSION: Critical analysis of 'mano dura' precedents in Colombia.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

August 14, 2026, is dominated by the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Colombia, where a massive earthquake centered in Chocó has resulted in [hundreds of confirmed fatalities](#) and thousands of missing persons. The disaster has prompted President Abelardo de la Espriella to declare a national economic emergency, seeking to bypass legislative hurdles to fund reconstruction and aid. This domestic crisis coincides with a significant shift in Colombian foreign policy, as the de la Espriella administration moves to reintegrate Colombian military operations with US intelligence and tactical support, signaling a return to "mano dura" policies in [close alignment with the Trump White House](#).

Simultaneously, Venezuela is undergoing a controlled "reinstitutionalization" process. A US-backed dialogue between the Maduro regime and a sector of the 2015 opposition

has yielded agreements on judicial reform and the [repatriation of frozen assets](#) for earthquake relief. The convergence of humanitarian need and the global demand for energy is evident, as major international firms like BP and Qatari holdings formalize massive [offshore gas agreements](#) in Venezuelan territory. This suggests a pragmatic shift where economic stabilization and resource extraction are being prioritized over absolute regime change, albeit under heavy US-guided parameters.

On the global stage, the administration in Washington is intensifying its trade war with China, deploying "Trojan Horse" narratives to describe [tariff evasion by third-party nations](#). In Europe, environmental crises persist as record-breaking heatwaves strain infrastructure, while Ukraine's President Zelensky issues increasingly desperate pleas for missile defense systems, warning of a [chronic lack of interceptors](#) compared to 2025 levels. These disparate reports paint a picture of a world where traditional alliances are being stress-tested by both natural disasters and a renewed era of great power competition and populist security paradigms.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Colombian Seismic Catastrophe and Political Response:** A powerful earthquake with its epicentro in San José del Palmar, Chocó, has devastated western Colombia. Casualties have reached [281 dead and 379 missing](#), with over 44,000 families affected. In response, President de la Espriella has utilized the crisis to [declare an economic emergency](#), centralizing fiscal power to manage a "Miracle Fund" for reconstruction and direct aid to victims in cities like Cali and Pereira.

- **Reconfiguration of US-Colombia Security Cooperation:** Analysts highlight a significant pivot as Colombia seeks to re-establish [high-level military collaboration](#) with the US. This includes requests for advanced drones, munitions, and satellite intelligence to combat "narcoterrorism," effectively reversing the cooling of relations seen under the previous Petro administration and aligning with [Trump's regional strategic goals](#).
- **Venezuelan Judicial Reform and Energy Re-entry:** The first round of dialogues in Caracas, supervised by the US, concluded with a commitment to a [total renewal of the Supreme Court \(TSJ\)](#). While democratic guarantees remain absent, the regime has successfully leveraged the earthquake crisis to seek the release of [international reserves in London](#). Concurrent deals with BP and UCC Holding for the [Loran gas field](#) indicate a broader economic opening.
- **White House Offensive on Chinese Trade Evasion:** The US government, led by trade advisors like Peter Navarro, has released "The Great Transshipment Scam" report. It accuses dozens of countries, including Mexico and Canada, of acting as [conduits for Chinese goods](#) to evade US tariffs, signaling a likely expansion of secondary sanctions and stricter certificates of origin requirements.
- **Eurovision 2027 Geopolitical Restrictions:** The European Broadcasting Union has amended its rules to bar countries in [active armed conflict](#) or sensitive geopolitical situations from hosting the contest, even if they win. This move, following the 2026 boycott of Israel and the 2022 Ukrainian victory, places [the 2027 edition in Bulgaria](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization: The security landscape is shifting toward enhanced surveillance and technological warfare in the Americas. Colombia is pursuing [advanced weaponry and drone support](#) from the US to target non-state actors. Meanwhile, Zelensky warns of a [deteriorating interceptor stockpile](#) in Ukraine, suggesting a potential shift in Russian ballistic superiority as US stocks are prioritized elsewhere.

Diplomacy & Statecraft: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's influence is visible in the Venezuelan dialogue, which frames "reinstitutionalization" through judicial reform rather than immediate leadership change [as a tactical step](#). In East Asia, Japan has expressed formal irritation over [Vladimir Putin's visit](#) to the disputed Kuril Islands, signaling heightened tensions in the Pacific.

Climate & Extreme Weather: Europe is facing a "sudden drought" and [record heatwaves](#), with temperatures in London hitting 38°C. This climate volatility is triggering forest fires in the Mediterranean and straining water supplies, highlighting a [systemic failure](#) to adapt to summer extremes.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk: The use of "Economic Emergencies" in Colombia and "Judicial Renewal" in Venezuela demonstrates how executive powers are leveraging crises to [restructure state institutions](#). Additionally, the FDA has issued emergency authorizations for medications to treat [New World Screwworm](#) in dogs, indicating a biosecurity threat emerging from the southern US border.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Populist Security Nexus A clear trend is emerging in Latin America where populist leaders are cementing power through a "Security and Reconstruction" narrative. President de la Espriella's [close personal and political tie](#) to Donald Trump creates a regional bloc focused on aggressive counter-narcotics and infrastructure "miracles." This axis bypasses traditional multilateralism, favoring bilateral military and [intelligence-sharing protocols](#) that prioritize efficiency over civil liberty oversight.

Economic Pragmatism over Ideological Purity The Venezuelan situation reveals a shift toward "capitalist normalization" within an autocratic framework. The involvement of [BP and Emirati firms](#) in offshore gas projects, despite the lack of full democratic elections, suggests that the international community is moving toward a model of [legal guarantees for investors](#) rather than total regime transition. The "reinstitutionalization" of the TSJ is the mechanism being used to provide the [necessary legal personality](#) for these multi-billion dollar energy contracts.

Institutional Memory and Crisis Management The centennial of Fidel Castro's birth in Cuba is used by Miguel Díaz-Canel to reinforce [socialist "innegotiable" principles](#) amidst a crippling energy crisis and US blockade. This reliance on historical myth-making serves as a survival strategy against current [mass blackouts and fuel shortages](#), contrasting sharply with the proactive, market-driven infrastructure announcements seen in the US and Colombia.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

- **Colombia:** The nation is reeling from the Chocó earthquake, with major urban centers like Cali and Pereira facing [collapsed infrastructure](#) and public panic. President de la Espriella's declaration of an economic emergency [centralizes control](#), which may invite future clashes with a legislature sidelined by crisis-mode governance.
- **Aruba:** The host nation appears focused on social cohesion and environmental maintenance through initiatives like "Cuida Aruba," a [national cleaning day](#). However, domestic concerns regarding [addiction and public health](#) remain prevalent in parliamentary discussions, alongside celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the [Aruba Police Force](#).
- **Cuba:** Internal stability is under extreme pressure from [fuel blockades and mass blackouts](#). The regime is responding by tightening ideological controls and celebrating the Castro legacy to distract from a [stagnant economy](#) and the recent exile of prominent dissidents like [Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

- **United States:** The US is projecting power through aggressive trade policy and regional security alliances. The White House's focus on [repatriating manufacturing](#) (Apple in Houston, Toyota in Texas) is paired with a [hawkish stance on Chinese transshipment](#), effectively treating global trade as a battlefield for national sovereignty.

- **Ukraine:** The state is in a defensive crouch, with Zelensky highlighting a [dangerous gap in defensive capabilities](#) as Russian missile production doubles. The framing is one of an embattled nation [begging for the right to buy](#) (not just receive) defense technology, signaling a shift in the aid narrative.
- **Russia:** Moscow is asserting its territorial claims through symbolic visits (Kuril Islands) and [escalating ballistic strikes](#) in Ukraine, maintaining a posture of geopolitical defiance against Japanese and Western interests.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Market sentiment is cautiously optimistic following US inflation data, though international oil prices remain volatile with a [downward trend of approximately 2%](#). The US maintains a [AA+ credit rating](#) with a stable outlook, bolstered by the dollar's status, despite Fitch's warnings about [rising debt levels](#) and an aging population.

- **Oil & Gas:** Brent crude settled at **\$82.70**; WTI at **\$81.25**. Significant new [offshore gas licenses](#) in Venezuela awarded to BP and GCC Holding.
- **Manufacturing & Tech:** Apple opens an advanced manufacturing center in [Houston for AI servers](#); Toyota invests **\$3.6 billion** to move Tacoma production to [Texas](#).
- **Trade Disputes:** US "Great Transshipment Scam" report estimates costs of [\\$40M to \\$303M](#) in evaded tariffs via third-party jurisdictions.
- **Credit Ratings:** Fitch Ratings confirms US debt at **AA+**, but notes a [lack of significant measures](#) to address federal fiscal deficits.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day's events highlight a consolidation of power among specific regional actors and the symbolic end of an era for others.

- **Abelardo de la Espriella:** Currently asserting [expanded executive powers](#) in Colombia via disaster decree; positioning himself as Trump's [primary security partner](#) in South America.
- **Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara:** The dissident artist has [arrived in Miami](#) after five years of imprisonment, marking a loss for the internal Cuban resistance but a potential [gain for the exile movement's](#) moral authority.
- **Roberto Marrero:** Returned to Venezuela, expressing [optimism for the dialogue process](#) and noting that Maduro is increasingly "outside of power" while in New York, suggesting a [vacuum being filled](#) by Jorge and Delcy Rodriguez.
- **Pitt Hegseth:** The US Secretary of War (Defense) is [projecting regional leadership](#) from Panama, announcing a **\$1.5 trillion** defense budget to [support anti-cartel coalitions](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The broadcast exhibits a clear hierarchy that prioritizes immediate humanitarian crisis and regional political shifts. The **Lead Story** across multiple segments is the Colombian earthquake, presented with a high emotional tone emphasizing [miraculous rescues](#) and desolating loss. This is followed closely by the **regional security pivot** involving Trump, de la Espriella, and the Venezuelan dialogue, which are framed as a new era of "order." The **Buried Stories** include the escalating

drought in England and the Japanese-Russian territorial spat, which receive significantly less airtime than the Latin American beat. There is a **Conspicuous Omission** of any critical analysis regarding the human rights record of President de la Espriella's "mano dura" predecessors or a deep inquiry into how the released Venezuelan funds will be audited to prevent regime corruption.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The world is portrayed as a system of "strongman" stabilization vs. chaotic state failure. The US is the overarching "Strong and Principled" actor, directing the fate of its neighbors.

- **United States:** Portrayed as the **indispensable arbiter** of regional order. The administration is described as "forging a path toward truth and understanding" while [defending economic sovereignty](#) against Chinese "deception."
- **Colombia (de la Espriella Administration):** Framed as **decisive and competent** in the face of disaster, yet "tropical and populist" in its political maneuvering to [maximize security aid](#) from Washington.
- **Venezuela:** Portrayed as a **chaotic entity** attempting to return to "safety and institutionalization." The regime is seen as **desperate for cash**, using the earthquake as a [moral leverage point](#) to recover frozen gold.
- **Ukraine (Zelensky):** Framed as **vulnerable and exhausted**. Zelensky's interview shows him "physically needing to hug" his children, portraying a [principled but desperate leader](#) abandoned by the pace of US supply chains.

- **China:** Implicitly framed as the **cunning foe**. Using "Trojan Horse" tactics to [invade US markets](#) through proxies, reinforcing a narrative of global economic predatory behavior.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The US report titled "The Great Transshipment Scam" uses [evocative imagery](#) (Trojan Horse) to seed a narrative of global deceit by China, preparing the domestic public for [broader trade restrictions](#) on allies like Mexico and Canada.
- **Propaganda & Myth-making:** The Cuban government's centennial celebration of Fidel Castro is a [classic psychological operation](#) to equate current regime survival with "independence" and "socialism," despite [crippling internal failures](#).
- **Delta between Spin and Reality:** In Venezuela, the "Judicial Reform" agreement is spun as a [democratic breakthrough](#), but the exclusion of major opposition leaders like [María Corina Machado](#) suggests it is a controlled maneuver to satisfy international oil partners rather than a true return to democracy.
- **Censorship:** Dissident Otero Alcántara notes that in Cuba, "doing something independent... is the devil," highlighting the [total state control](#) over artistic and political information flow.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Consolidation of the "Texas-Bogotá-Panama" Axis:** The heavy investment in Texas manufacturing and military summits in Panama and Colombia [suggest a new strategic corridor](#) where economic and security interests are tightly integrated. We can expect [joint military exercises](#) in the Colombian hinterlands within the quarter.
- **Venezuelan Energy Boom, Political Stagnation:** With BP and Qatari firms moving in, Venezuela will likely see [increased GDP](#) and oil exports. However, the "judicial renewal" will likely result in a bench [loyal to the Rodriguez faction](#), stabilizing the regime through wealth rather than reform.
- **Trade Friction with Allies:** The US focus on "transshipment" will likely lead to [sanctions or audits](#) for Mexican and Canadian firms, potentially [straining USMCA relations](#) as the Trump administration seeks to close all loops for Chinese capital.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Immediate arrival of international aid teams in Colombia; [potential for civil unrest](#) if aid distribution is perceived as politicized under the de la Espriella emergency decree. A spike in [Russian missile attacks](#) on Ukrainian energy infrastructure is likely as Zelensky admits defense shortages.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Formalization of [US military presence](#) in Colombia under new bilateral agreements. The first "independent" magistrate appointments in Venezuela will be a [litmus test](#) for the

credibility of the US-backed dialogue. Eurovisión logistics in Bulgaria will begin, likely [excluding Russian/Belarusian participation](#) under the new "conflict" rule.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Structural shift in global supply chains as the US [weaponizes the certificate of origin](#) against Chinese transshipment. Possible long-term [stabilization of the Venezuelan regime](#) as an energy supplier to the West, effectively ending the era of total diplomatic isolation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The primary risks involve the intersection of natural disaster instability and the return of aggressive, bilateral security paradigms that may overlook long-term democratic health for short-term "order."

- **Regional Destabilization via Natural Disaster:** The Colombian earthquake could trigger [mass migration](#) if reconstruction fails. **Triggers:** Failure of the "Miracle Fund," secondary tremors, or corruption scandals in aid. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Massive humanitarian crisis. **Mitigations:** International oversight of disaster funds and rapid [infrastructure restoration](#).
- **Ukrainian Air Defense Collapse:** Zelensky's admission of a [99% gap in missile requests](#) poses an existential threat to Ukrainian cities. **Triggers:** Depletion of current Patriot stocks during a winter offensive. **Likelihood:** Moderate-High. **Impact:** Total loss of air sovereignty. **Mitigations:** Immediate [re-prioritization of US stocks](#) or licensing for Ukrainian production.

- **US-China Secondary Trade War:** US targeting of "transshipment" countries could [crash regional supply chains](#). **Triggers:** Implementation of Navarro's recommended tariffs on Mexico/Canada. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Global inflationary shock. **Mitigations:** Strict [compliance monitoring](#) by allies.
- **Venezuelan Dialogue Collapse:** If the judicial renewal is revealed as a sham, [sanctions may snap back](#). **Triggers:** Appointment of regime hardliners to the TSJ. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Renewed energy volatility. **Mitigations:** Continuous US [diplomatic pressure](#) and transparent vetting.
- **Biosecurity Threat at the US Border:** The [Screwworm infestation](#) could devastate US livestock. **Triggers:** Failure of dog monitoring programs. **Likelihood:** Low-Moderate. **Impact:** Multi-billion dollar agricultural loss. **Mitigations:** Strict [veterinary controls](#) at entry points.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Human Rights in Colombia:** The broadcast fails to investigate the [potential for abuses](#) under the de la Espriella military pivot, especially given the history of "mano dura" policies.
- **Audit of Venezuelan Funds:** No details were provided on [who will manage](#) the released Bank of England gold/assets to ensure they reach earthquake victims rather than the military elite.
- **Israeli-Middle East Context:** While mention was made of the [Eurovision boycott](#) and a plot involving Trump in Turkey, the actual state of the Israeli-Iranian conflict (which allegedly drained Patriot stocks) [remains vaguely defined](#).

- **Aruban Economic Resilience:** Despite covering vow renewals and police anniversaries, there is a [lack of data](#) on how the regional earthquake and energy shifts are impacting the island's tourism-heavy economy.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Managed Failure" of the Venezuela Dialogue:** The dialogue might be a **deliberate stalling tactic** by the US and the regime to allow energy firms to lock in decades-long contracts before a potential political crisis. The "reinstitutionalization" could be the [legal fig leaf](#) for a permanent autocratic stabilization.
- **De la Espriella's Crisis Opportunism:** The earthquake emergency may be less about reconstruction and more about **bypassing Colombian constitutional constraints** to establish a permanent military-executive state, using the Trump alliance as a [shield against international criticism](#).
- **Black Swan: The European Infrastructure Collapse:** If the "sudden drought" and 38°C heat in London continue, a **massive failure of the UK energy grid** could occur, leading to a humanitarian crisis in a G7 nation that the broadcast [minimizes as mere "heatwaves"](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Establish an independent international commission to monitor [Venezuelan judicial appointments](#) to ensure they meet minimum standards for legal investment security.
- Accelerate the [Patriot missile production licenses](#) for Ukraine to prevent a total collapse of the eastern front during the upcoming winter offensive.
- Formalize a regional biosecurity pact to address the [New World Screwworm](#) expansion before it impacts the global beef supply chain.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Energy Sector:** Diversify holdings toward [Venezuelan offshore gas](#) but maintain high political risk insurance, as the "reinstitutionalization" remains fragile.
- **Tech/Manufacturing:** Prioritize investments in the [Texas-Gulf Coast corridor](#) (Houston/San Antonio) as US policy incentivizes this hub through defense and AI server manufacturing.
- **Supply Chain:** Implement [rigorous certificate-of-origin audits](#) for all components sourced through Mexico or SE Asia to avoid secondary US tariffs linked to Chinese transshipment.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Policy activity is focused on disaster response, trade protectionism, and the legal foundations for energy extraction in sanctioned zones.

• BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Colombian Economic Emergency Decree:** Proposed by President de la Espriella to create a ["Miracle Fund"](#) and bypass standard fiscal constraints for earthquake reconstruction.
- **Venezuelan Judicial Reform Proposal:** A plan to [fully renew the Supreme Court \(TSJ\)](#) and expand the judicial nominations committee, backed by the US-Opposition dialogue.
- **Eurovision Regulation 2027:** New [hosting rules](#) prohibiting countries in armed conflict from organizing the event.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **The Great Transshipment Scam Briefing:** Led by Peter Navarro to [accuse China](#) and proxy nations of tariff evasion.
- **Panama Security Summit:** Secretary Pitt Hegseth and President Mulino [announcing defense investments](#) and anti-cartel coalitions.
- **Fidel Castro Centennial Alocution:** Miguel Díaz-Canel [reaffirming socialist principles](#) amidst economic crisis.

KEY STORIES

- **Colombia Earthquake Disaster:** A major 240km west-of-Bogotá quake in Chocó. [281 dead, 3,971 injured](#), 10,677 houses destroyed. Epicenter San José del Palmar.

- **Presidential Emergency Declaration:** Abelardo de la Espriella declares [emergency economy](#) to manage reconstruction and aid, dispatching from the Palacio de San Carlos.
- **Venezuela-Opposition Dialogue Round 1:** Agreement to [renew the TSJ](#) and recover assets for earthquake victims. Accompanied by the US.
- **US Anti-Transshipment Report:** White House report [identifies three groups of countries](#) (including Mexico, Canada, Brazil) helping China evade tariffs.
- **Zelensky's Patriot Missile Plea:** Ukraine has [2.5x fewer interceptors](#) than in 2025; asking the US to sell 5% of its stocks.
- **European Heatwave and Drought:** London at 38°C; [record-breaking summer heat](#) strains water in France, Greece, and Spain.
- **BP/Venezuela Offshore Gas Deal:** Awarding of [Loran field phase 2](#) license to BP, XRG (UAE), and UCC Holding (Qatar).
- **Fidel Castro Centennial:** Celebration in Cuba featuring [Raúl Castro and Dalia Soto del Valle](#); Díaz-Canel reaffirms revolutionary principles.
- **Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara Exiled:** Dissident artist [arrives in Miami](#) after 5 years in Guanajay prison.
- **US Defense Budget Announcement:** Pitt Hegseth announces [\\$1.5 trillion budget](#) to maintain military superiority and support regional coalitions.
- **Apple Advanced Manufacturing Houston:** New center for [advanced AI servers](#) and Mac Mini production inaugurated by Howard Lutnick and Tim Cook.
- **Toyota Texas Investment:** \$3.6 billion to [move Tacoma production](#) to Texas, as part of Trump's return-to-manufacturing push.
- **Fitch US Credit Rating:** US debt [confirmed at AA+](#) with a stable outlook, noting dollar's global role.
- **Eurovision 2027 Bulgaria:** Change in EBU rules [bars conflict-ridden nations](#) from hosting.
- **Kuril Islands Dispute:** Japan protests [Putin's first visit](#) to the Russian-seized islands.
- **Screwworm Emergency:** FDA [authorizes emergency drugs](#) for dog infestations to prevent spread into the US.
- **Daniela Largo Sánchez Rescue:** 36-hour [miracle rescue](#) of a woman from rubble in Colombia.
- **Virginia Stadium Pyrotechnic Failure:** Fireworks [malfunction at a baseball game](#), causing panic in the stands.
- **African Hippo Lancha Encounter:** Viral video of a [hippo chasing a tourist boat](#) in South Africa.
- **Cuida Aruba Campaign:** National [cleaning and flood prevention](#) day set for August 28-29.
- **Aruba I Do Vow Renewal:** 100 couples [renewing vows](#) at Gasparito as part of a romantic tourism drive.
- **Aruba Police Anniversary:** 40 years of the [Korps Politie Aruba \(KPA\)](#) celebrated with international sports events.
- **Alzheimer's vs MCI Awareness:** Health briefings on [detecting cognitive decline](#) in seniors (15-20% of those over 65 affected).
- **Andrew Jones Hall of Fame:** Installation in [Cooperstown 2026](#) noted as a major event for the Aruban athlete.

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