

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE SEPTEMBER 2026 CONVERGENCE:

A Period of Acute Instability for the 21st-Century International Order

⚠️ THE CONVERGENCE OF A HOUTHİ MARİTİME BLOCKADE, A BURGEONİNG US MUNİTİONS CRİSİS, AND A GLOBAL AI MARKET CRASH SİGNALS A PERİOD OF ACUTE İNSTABILITY. ⚠️

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 - A CRITICAL INFLECTION POINT

GEOPOLİTİCAL & MILİTARY SİFTS

REGIONAL ESCALATION & MEDIATION



Saudi cities under fire.
Mecca Defense Pact (Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia) operationalized.
Pakistan & Oman emerge as 'middle-power mediators' leveraging Islamabad MOU.

THE END OF 'JUST-IN-TIME' WAR



US reliance on precision munitions creates bottleneck. Production fails to meet demand. Return to attrition warfare.
Structural failure of industrial capacity.

MULTİPOLAR FRONTS



Conflict extends to Arctic and Space.
Russia/China interest in high north.
US confirms orbital combat capabilities.
A 'hostile threat matrix' goes global.



1. HOUTHİ MARİTİME BLOCKADE & CHOKE POINT PARADOX

Houthi forces capture Yemen's Red Sea coast, blockade Saudi Arabia. Hormuz shipping collapses. Two vital energy arteries paralyzed. Oil >\$108/bbl. Saudi East-West pipeline offline.



2. US MUNİTİONS CRİSİS & DEFENSE ATROPHY

\$38.1 Billion spent on Iran war (\$22B on munitions). Strategic stockpiles depleted. Industrial base cannot match 'expenditure rate.' A 3-year 'period of risk' begins. Legacy of post-Cold War 'peace dividend'.



3. GLOBAL AI MARKET CRASH & SKEPTİCİSİM

Massive sell-off in AI-linked stocks (Nvidia -3%, AMD -6%) after leaders warn of existential risks. Profound skepticism replaces hype. Tech sector contributes to economic volatility.

ECONOMIC & DOMESTİC İMPACTS

GLOBAL ENERGY & ECONOMIC DİSRUPTION



Brent Crude >\$100/bbl.
Shipping through Hormuz down 90%.
Foreign investment in India hits 17-year low.
Global inflationary shock threatens.

DOMESTİC İNSTABILITY & İNTERNAL DYNAMİCS



US: Political overstretch, munitions fatigue, internal rifts.
India: Institutional decay, rising security force suicides, capital withdrawal.
Bangladesh: Revolutionary justice, death sentences for former leaders.

İNFORMATION WARFARE & NARRATİVES



Pakistan TV positions as counter-narrative hub.
India faces embarrassment over AI-generated misinformation at BRICS.
Information landscape is a battleground.

FUTURE OUTLOOK & STRATEGİC İMPLİCATIONS

SHORT TERM (1-4 WEEKS)



Spike in insurance rates.
Potential fuel rationing in West.
US emergency munitions transfers from allies.

MEDIUM TERM (1-6 MONTHS)



US midterm elections determine war funding.
Islamabad MOU implementation crucial.
Bangladesh elections test stability.

LONG TERM (1-5 YEARS)



US requires multi-trillion dollar re-industrialization.
Shift to multipolar maritime/space order.
Potential global AI regulations.

THE NEW REALİTY:

A networked diplomacy replaces superpower dominance, as the world grapples with the violent transition toward a multipolar reality, driven by the fragility of energy supply chains and technological crises.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

September 15, 2026, marks a critical inflection point in the ongoing US-Iran war (Operation Epic Fury), characterized by the opening of a **strategic second front** at the Bab el-Mandeb strait. The Iran-aligned Houthi movement has successfully captured the remainder of Yemen's Red Sea coast and key strategic islands, effectively establishing a [maritime blockade](#) against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This maneuver, combined with the collapse of shipping traffic in the Strait of Hormuz to [single digits](#), has paralyzed two of the world's most vital energy arteries. Oil prices have consequently surged above \$108 per barrel, threatening a global inflationary shock as Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline remains [out of service](#) following targeted drone strikes.

Simultaneously, the United States is facing a mounting internal defense crisis. Data from the Congressional Budget Office indicates that the war against Iran has already cost [38.1 billion dollars](#), with a staggering 22 billion dollars spent on munitions alone. The depletion of strategic stockpiles and the inability of the US industrial base to match the **expenditure rate** of precision-guided weapons has created a "period of risk" estimated to last three years. This logistical atrophy, a legacy of the post-Cold War "peace dividend," now constrains Washington's ability to respond to simultaneous contingencies elsewhere, even as the Trump administration attempts to pivot toward a tactical de-escalation via the [Islamabad MOU](#).

The economic environment is further destabilized by a massive global sell-off in **AI-linked stocks** following warnings from industry leaders regarding existential risks and unsustainable spending. In the diplomatic arena, Pakistan continues to position itself as a **pivotal mediator**, leveraging the "Islamabad MOU" and the "Mecca Defense Pact" to manage regional escalations. However, the domestic stability of key players remains brittle, evidenced by the [death sentences](#) handed to former ruling party leaders in Bangladesh and growing mental health crises within the Indian security apparatus, reflecting a world grappling with the violent transition toward a multipolar reality.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Houthi Strategic Expansion and Saudi Cities Under Fire**

- Houthi forces have seized control of the Port of Mocha and [Perim Island](#), giving them tactical control over the Bab el-Mandeb strait.
- Massive drone and missile strikes targeted [Khamis Mushait, Abha, and Taif](#), wounding at least 13 civilians and damaging residential property.
- Saudi Arabia responded with 54 air strikes across five Yemeni provinces, signaling a [measured but decisive](#) escalation.

- **US Munitions Shortage and Defense Logistics Collapse**

- US defense spending on the Iran conflict has reached [2 billion dollars a day](#), exhausting precision-guided missile reserves.
- Analysis suggests the US industrial base has [atrophied](#) since 2017, leading to a reliance on "just-in-time" supply chains that are failing in a high-intensity conflict.
- Defense Secretary and military leadership face criticism for a [loss of senior leadership](#) due to controversial retirements and political friction.

- **Global Energy and Economic Disruption**

- Brent Crude has climbed above [100 US dollars](#) per barrel as shipping through Hormuz falls by over 90%.
- AI stocks plummeted worldwide after leaders like Elon Musk and Sam Altman warned of [existential risks](#) and potentially harmful activities.
- Foreign investment in India has hit a [17-year low](#) as global investors lose confidence in the Modi government's economic policies.

- **Pakistan as Regional Security Hub**

- The [Mecca Defense Pact](#) between Turkey, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia is being operationalized to defend Saudi sovereignty.
- Deputy PM Ishaq Dar and IAEA head Rafael Grossi discussed the [Islamabad MOU](#) as the primary mechanism for regional de-escalation.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The US-Iran war has transitioned into a "war of attrition" centered on [commercial shipping](#) and energy infrastructure.
- Russia and China have issued formal warnings against the [weaponization of space](#) following US confirmations of on-orbit combat capabilities.
- Ukraine has launched a [counter-offensive](#) near Lyman, while Russia refuses to halt operations during potential peace talks.

Energy & Critical Infrastructure Security

- The closure of the Saudi [East-West oil pipeline](#) removes the primary alternative to the blocked Strait of Hormuz.
- Targeted Houthi attacks on [oil refineries](#) are described as a strategy to cover for their inability to fully close the Bab el-Mandeb via naval power.
- Iraq and France have signed agreements to [diversify export routes](#) and increase investment in LNG to 16 billion dollars.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- The UK government has recognized a [Palestinian state](#) and suspended arms export licenses to Israel, though it resists the "genocide" label.
- Oman has emerged as a key [mediator](#) for naval safe-passage agreements, despite regional meetings being postponed by Saudi request.
- Bangladesh is undergoing a [major political reset](#) with high-profile executions for leaders of the previous regime.

Information Warfare & Disinformation

- India faced global embarrassment at the BRICS summit for the [unprofessional conduct](#) of its officials and the use of AI-generated misinformation.
- Pakistan TV celebrated its first anniversary, positioning itself as the [counter-narrative](#) to regional disinformation labs.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Choke Point Paradox The current conflict highlights the extreme vulnerability of the global economy to **maritime choke**

points. The simultaneous pressure on the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb has demonstrated that modern naval power, despite technological superiority, struggles to secure trade routes against asymmetric [proxy forces](#) equipped with drones and missiles. The failure of "Operation Prosperity Guardian" and the subsequent rise of regional pacts like the [Red Sea Defense Alliance](#) suggest a shift toward localized, bloc-based maritime security rather than a US-led global system.

Defense Atrophy and the End of "Just-in-Time" War The US munitions crisis is not merely a financial issue but a structural failure of **industrial capacity**. Analysts point out that the US is currently consuming a [year's worth of supply](#) in just one week of active conflict. The reliance on precision munitions has created a bottleneck where production cannot meet demand, forcing the US to draw from "other contingencies." This trend suggests that the era of Western military dominance based on technological sophistication over volume may be coming to an end, as attrition warfare returns to the forefront.

The Rise of the Middle-Power Mediators

Pakistan and Oman are increasingly asserting themselves as the "adults in the room" in the Middle East conflict. By leveraging the [Islamabad MOU](#), Pakistan is attempting to provide a neutral platform for US and Iranian interests to meet without a loss of face. This trend indicates that the traditional superpower-led diplomatic order is being replaced by a **networked diplomacy** where middle powers with historical neutrality and strategic geographic locations hold the balance of peace.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

United States: Political Overstretch and Munitions Fatigue The Trump administration is under significant pressure ahead of the [midterm elections](#) due to high energy prices and the human cost of the Iran war (18 service members lost). There is an evident rift between the [defense secretary](#) and career senior military officers, with the administration viewing the military bureaucracy as inherently aligned with the previous administration. This internal friction, coupled with a lack of a clear "exit strategy," is constraining US strategic maneuverability.

India: Institutional Decay and Psychological Stress Indian security forces are reporting an alarming rise in suicides—[749 personnel](#) between 2021 and 2025. This is attributed to extreme stress, debt, and poor working conditions. Simultaneously, the Indian stock market has seen a massive withdrawal of capital, with Bloomberg reporting that foreign investment has hit its [lowest level in 17 years](#). The use of AI-manipulated imagery at the BRICS summit further suggests a government increasingly reliant on propaganda to mask systemic institutional failures.

Bangladesh: Revolutionary Justice The domestic situation remains volatile following the 2024 uprising. The sentencing of seven senior leaders to [death in absentia](#) for crimes against humanity indicates a hardline approach to the "political reset." This process risks creating a cycle of retribution that could destabilize the nation as it prepares for new [parliamentary elections](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Multipolar Arctic and Space Fronts The international system is being framed as a **hostile threat matrix** extending beyond traditional battlefields. The EU Arctic summit highlighted Russia's [opening of Soviet-era bases](#) and China's growing interest in the high north, while the confirmed presence of [orbital weapons](#) by the US has triggered fears of a space-based arms race. This suggests that the conflict between major powers is now truly three-dimensional and globally pervasive.

Pakistan's Diplomatic Pivot Broadcasting portrays Pakistan not as a victim of regional chaos, but as a **strong regional player** and peacemaker. The active engagement with Lebanon, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia, alongside the mediation of the US-Iran conflict, positions Islamabad as the [center of gravity](#) for regional stability. This posture is supported by a modernized state media apparatus (Pakistan TV) designed to project this specific narrative to the global stage.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Global markets are in a state of high volatility, driven by energy supply fears and a tech-sector crash. The simultaneous disruption of the **Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb** waterways has broken traditional supply chain resilience, leading to soaring tanker costs and an immediate spike in crude prices. The AI sector, once the primary driver of market growth, is now viewed with **profound skepticism** as leaders warn of the technology's existential dangers.

- **Energy Prices:** Brent Crude at [\\$108/barrel](#); WTI at \$101/barrel.

- **AI Market Crash:** Nvidia dropped 3%, AMD 6%, and Nasdaq futures fell [2%](#) following warnings of AI misuse risks.
- **Indian Divestment:** Global investors reduced Indian equity investments to zero in some sectors, resulting in a [17-year low](#) in foreign investment.
- **Munitions Costs:** US Operation Epic Fury costing [\\$38.1 billion](#) to date, primarily driven by precision munition replacement.
- **Iraqi Infrastructure:** TotalEnergies increasing investment in Iraq to [\\$16 billion](#) for LNG and electricity.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day's events highlight significant shifts in both leadership and the reputations of key figures across the globe, indicating a transition in political mandates and institutional control.

- **Rafael Grossi:** The IAEA Director General is [campaigning for UN Secretary General](#), leveraging technical support for the Islamabad MOU to boost his profile as a global peacemaker.
- **Keir Starmer:** The UK Prime Minister is attempting to [balance pro-Palestinian domestic pressure](#) with traditional Israeli alliances, a move that has drawn ire from the Netanyahu government.
- **Shehbaz Sharif & Asim Munir:** Portrayed as the ["men of peace"](#) who successfully mediated a 47-year-old conflict, consolidating their authority within the Pakistani domestic and regional sphere.
- **Ajit Doval:** The Indian NSA is portrayed in a [state of decline](#), highlighted by "unprofessional conduct" at global summits, symbolizing a perceived deterioration of Indian diplomatic standing.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The lead stories are dominated by the **Houthi escalation** in Saudi Arabia and the **first anniversary of Pakistan TV**. The network adopts a nationalistic and celebratory tone regarding its own role in the global information war, framing itself as a credible, modern voice for Pakistan. Significant airtime is given to the "Mecca Defense Pact" and Pakistan's mediation between the US and Iran, reflecting a strategic focus on Pakistan's **regional leadership**. The emotional tone is one of guarded optimism regarding diplomacy, contrasted with a stark, alarmist focus on the "genocide" in Gaza and the decline of Indian institutional stability.

Buried stories include the specific tactical details of **Ukrainian counter-offensives** and the ongoing **Sudan humanitarian crisis**, which are presented as peripheral to the central Middle Eastern energy conflict. Conspicuous omissions include any detailed discussion of the **domestic economic situation in Pakistan** beyond maritime reforms, and a lack of reporting on potential **Russian naval support** for the Houthi blockade, which logically follows the strategic context of the US-Iran war.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The broadcast portrays a world in which traditional hierarchies are being challenged by new alliances and the emergence of middle-power influence.

COUNTRIES and LEADERS

- **Pakistan / Shehbaz Sharif:** Portrayed as a stable, principled peacemaker. "It was Pakistan who made sure that the [47-year old conflict ends](#)."
- **United States / Donald Trump:** Characterized as tactically focused but strategically adrift. "I don't think President Trump [has a strategy](#)... he's doing tactics."
- **India / Narendra Modi:** Portrayed as corrupt and failing. "Failing policies of the [Modi government](#)" and "epic fail for India's attempt to push an entire Pakistan narrative."
- **Iran:** Framed as a strong, strategic, and calculated actor. "Iran manages even if indirectly to [open a new front](#)."
- **United Kingdom / Keir Starmer:** Portrayed as cautious and conflicted, "trying to [manage different trends](#) and different tensions in their policy."

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Houthi Rebels:** Framed as a sophisticated and capable military force. They have seized strategic islands and [choke points](#).
- **OIC:** Portrayed as a moral but primarily rhetorical authority, condemning "terrorist attacks" on [civilian targets](#).
- **IAEA:** Seen as a key technical ally in the peace process, with Grossi offering [technical support](#) for the Islamabad MOU.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Counter-Narrative Seeding:** The network explicitly frames its own existence as a defense against "**disinformation labs**" and "theatrics" from enemies, particularly targeting the Indian media's narrative on state-sponsored terrorism, which it labels an ["epic fail."](#)
- **Narrative Displacement:** By focusing heavily on the "Mecca Defense Pact" and Saudi-Pakistan solidarity, the media diverts attention from any [domestic instability](#) or economic hardship within Pakistan itself.
- **Misinformation Exposure:** The broadcast highlights the use of **AI-generated images** by BJP-linked figures to falsely portray Iranian and Turkish presence at the BRICS summit, weaponizing these instances to damage [Indian diplomatic credibility](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Collapse of the Naval Status Quo If the Houthi blockade of the Bab el-Mandeb persists for more than 30 days, global oil prices will likely stabilize above **\$120/barrel**, forcing Western economies into a deep recession and accelerating the pivot toward Chinese-mediated energy agreements.

US Military Retrenchment The munitions crisis will likely force the US to significantly scale back Operation Epic Fury. This will create a **power vacuum** in the Persian Gulf that the Mecca Defense Pact (Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia) will attempt to fill, fundamentally altering the regional security architecture away from Washington.

AI Development Moratorium Following the massive stock plunge and existential warnings, we may see the first **comprehensive international regulations** on AI, potentially led by the EU and China, as the US administration dismisses these risks as a "hoax" [dismissed fears](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a spike in global shipping insurance rates and potential **fuel rationing** in parts of Europe and the US as the East-West pipeline remains offline. The US may initiate emergency munitions transfers from Asian allies like South Korea to bridge the [inventory shortfall](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The results of the US midterm elections will likely determine the longevity of the Iran war. A Democrat-controlled House could [block funding](#) for further escalation, forcing a full implementation of the Islamabad MOU. In Bangladesh, the new government will face its first major test in the [February 2026 elections](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): The "atrophy" of the US defense industrial base will require a multi-trillion dollar **re-industrialization effort**. Failure to do so will lead to a permanent loss of US ability to project power in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East, cementing a **multipolar space and maritime order**.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The global risk landscape is dominated by the fragility of energy supply chains and the

potential for a technological crisis to spill over into the real economy.

- **Total Maritime Shutdown:** The risk that Houthi/Iranian forces successfully block all Red Sea and Persian Gulf traffic simultaneously. Triggers: Direct Iranian naval intervention or advanced Houthi anti-ship missile deployment to captured islands. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Catastrophic global depression. Mitigations: Full operationalization of the Mecca Defense Pact and Red Sea Defense Alliance.
- **US Logistic Collapse:** The risk that the US runs out of critical munitions before the Iran conflict reaches a diplomatic conclusion. Triggers: A sudden escalation requiring massive suppressive fire or a new front opening in Taiwan/Korea. Likelihood: High. Impact: Loss of US military deterrence and potential battlefield defeat. Mitigations: Immediate defense industry subsidies and NATO-wide munitions sharing.
- **AI-Driven Financial Contagion:** The risk that the AI stock crash triggers a broader systemic failure in the global banking system. Triggers: Insolvency of a major AI-focused tech firm or a major cybersecurity failure linked to "autonomous" models. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Severe financial instability. Mitigations: Rapid regulatory framework implementation and debt restructuring for tech giants.

- **Regional War Contagion:** The risk that the Saudi-Houthi skirmishes draw in Turkey, Pakistan, and Egypt into a full regional war. Triggers: A Houthi strike on a major holy site or a large-scale civilian casualty event in Riyadh. Likelihood: Low-Moderate. Impact: Total regional destabilization. Mitigations: Successful Islamabad MOU negotiations.
- **Sudanese Humanitarian Collapse:** The risk of total state failure and mass famine affecting millions. Triggers: Failure of the "humanitarian pipeline" due to regional port closures. Likelihood: Very High. Impact: Mass migration crisis for Europe and the Middle East. Mitigations: Urgent UN intervention and humanitarian corridors.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts mention Houthi gains on **strategic islands** but lack details on the specific naval capabilities these forces are using to enforce a blockade, which is necessary to assess the real risk to commercial shipping.
- There is a significant lack of data on **Chinese economic maneuvering** during the oil price spike; a complete assessment requires knowing if Beijing is filling its strategic reserves or actively facilitating the Iranian oil flow.
- The **actual readiness level** of the "Mecca Defense Pact" forces is unknown; the broadcast treats the pact as a fait accompli, but the logistical reality of Turkey or Pakistan deploying forces to defend Saudi oil fields is unverified.
- The broadcast ignores the **potential Russian role** in providing satellite intelligence or electronic warfare support to the Houthis, which would be a logical escalation in the context of the Ukraine war.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Stalling Tactic" Hypothesis:** The Islamabad MOU and Pakistan's mediation might not be a genuine peace process but a **calculated stalling tactic** by Iran to allow its proxies (Houthis) to consolidate control over maritime choke points before a final confrontation. The "peace maker" role of Pakistan could be a mask for a regional realignment that permanently excludes the West.
- **The "AI Deflation" Correction:** The AI market crash might not be an existential crisis but a **healthy market correction** that actually benefits the global economy by diverting capital from speculative tech bubbles back into tangible energy and manufacturing infrastructure, facilitating the necessary re-industrialization of the West.
- **Black Swan - The Space Strike:** A rogue state or non-state actor successfully hacks or uses a "space-based weapon" [confirmed](#) by the US to disable the global GPS/communication network. This would immediately render all precision munitions useless, leveling the playing field for asymmetric ground forces and leading to the immediate collapse of modern military dominance.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Prioritize the **re-industrialization of the munitions base**; reliance on precision technology without volume is a strategic liability.
- Formalize the **Islamabad MOU** as a permanent regional security framework, incorporating maritime safe-passage guarantees as a core pillar.
- Establish an **international Arctic governance body** that includes non-Arctic states (like China/India) to prevent the region from becoming the next major conflict theater.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain Diversification:** Shift logistics away from Bab el-Mandeb and Hormuz; the "Cape of Good Hope" route [rerouting](#) is now the baseline, not the exception.
- **Energy Hedging:** Prepare for a long-term **high oil price environment**; the disruption to Saudi infrastructure is structural, not temporary.
- **AI Due Diligence:** Investors should pivot from "generalist AI" companies to those with **specific cyber-defense or industrial applications**, as regulatory scrutiny on existential risks will target consumer-facing models first.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity centered on the operationalization of regional defense pacts

and the management of economic volatility through regulatory oversight.

• BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Mecca Joint Defense Agreement:** A formal pact between Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan aimed at [defending the Islamic world](#) and securing Saudi sovereignty.
- **Islamabad MOU Implementation:** A strategic roadmap for [diffusing regional tensions](#) through technical IAEA support and Pakistani mediation.
- **Maritime Reforms Task Force (Pakistan):** Identified 99 measures, with 85 completed, focused on [port performance](#) and trade facilitation.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **UN Security Council Meeting on Yemen:** Emergency session requested by France to address the [Houthi seizure](#) of the Red Sea coast.
- **US House Financial Services Committee:** Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent testified on [financial networks](#) and sanctions related to China and Iran.
- **70th IAEA General Conference:** High-level session in Vienna focusing on [nuclear non-proliferation](#) and safety guardrails.

KEY STORIES

- **Houthi Maritime Offensive:** Houthi rebels seized the Port of Mocha and Perim Island, establishing a [blockade](#) of Saudi Arabia and threatening 12% of global trade via Bab el-Mandeb.

- **Saudi City Strikes:** Missile and drone attacks on Khamis Mushait, Abha, and Taif injured [13 civilians](#) and damaged residential infrastructure.
- **US Munitions Crisis:** Congressional Budget Office reports US has spent \$38.1 billion on Iran war, with severe [stockpile depletion](#) of precision missiles.
- **Global AI Stock Crash:** Leading tech stocks fell sharply (Nvidia -3%, AMD -6%) after executives warned of [existential risks](#).
- **Pakistan TV 1st Anniversary:** The channel marks one year of global broadcasting, reporting a [600 million view](#) digital reach and its role as a regional counter-narrative hub.
- **Bangladesh Death Sentences:** Seven senior leaders of the former ruling party sentenced to death for [crimes against humanity](#) during the 2024 uprising.
- **Ukraine Lyman Counter-Offensive:** Ukraine's 3rd Army Corps launched an offensive against Russian forces as [fighting intensifies](#) in the Donbas.
- **India BRICS Conduct Scandal:** Indian officials criticized for [unprofessional behavior](#) and the use of AI-generated misinformation at the New Delhi summit.
- **PIMS Hospital Fire Inquiry:** Report identifies an AC unit cable as the cause of the fire, ruling out [medical equipment](#) faults.
- **Lithuania Drone Incursion:** NATO jets shot down a drone that entered Lithuanian airspace from [Belarus](#).
- **UK Arms Export Suspension:** Prime Minister Starmer suspends arms licenses to Israel but [refuses the genocide label](#).
- **Iraq-France Energy Pacts:** Agreements signed to increase LNG production and diversify [oil export routes](#) to Paris.

- **Mecca Defense Pact Operationalization:** Turkey and Pakistan reaffirm support for Saudi sovereignty following [Houthi attacks](#).
- **Sudan Humanitarian Crisis:** UN warns of mass displacement and the need for a [logistic pipeline](#) for 100+ NGOs.
- **IAEA General Conference:** Opening of the 70th session in Vienna amid "profound [global turbulence](#)."
- **Indian Security Suicides:** Reports of [749 security personnel](#) dying by suicide due to stress and financial debt.
- **Afghanistan Resistance:** The Afghanistan Freedom Front challenges [Taliban claims](#) of total control.
- **Asian Games 2026:** Pakistan Women's Cricket team arrives in [Japan](#) to participate.
- **Indus Waters Treaty Seminar:** Pakistan reaffirming that India must observe its [treaty obligations](#).
- **1965 War Anniversary:** Pakistan marks the 15th day of the 1965 conflict, detailing [victories](#) in the Sialkot and Chawinda sectors.

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