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GLOBAL STABILITY STRAINED: ENERGY VOLATILITY, LEADERSHIP VULNERABILITY, & SOCIAL UNREST CONVERGE

REPORT SUMMARY: OCTOBER 11, 2026 - A PRECARIOUS INTERSECTION

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE & MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS



ESCALATION OF HOUTH STRIKES:
Riyadh & Dammam airports hit, dozens of casualties. US naval reinforcements fail to deter Iran-backed proxies.



POPE LEO XIV HEALTH CRISIS:
Announces lung nodule & impending surgery. Vatican prepares for potential leadership transition, Cardinal Tague positioned.



TRUMP-PUTIN "ENERGY CEASEFIRE" CONTROVERSY:
Unilateral announcement of infrastructure truce denied by Ukraine. Continued Russian strikes on power plants.

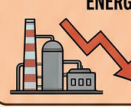


PORTUGAL FUEL & HOUSING PROTESTS: Widespread unrest, "tent cities" in Porto & Lisbon over unprecedented costs. Government pressured during 2027 budget negotiations.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS & TRENDS



ARMED CONFLICT & MILITARIZATION
US deploys third carrier group; Iran threatens with missile propaganda. Ukraine war shows strategic fatigue.



ENERGY & CRITICAL MINERALS
European refining capacity drops significantly. Trump's "Energy Ceasefire" aims to stabilize markets by protecting infrastructure.

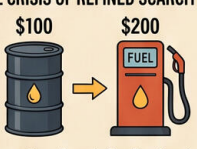


CIVIL UNREST & SOCIAL ORDER
Portuguese protesters demand price controls; "Right to Housing" movement escalates against rental laws.



MACROECONOMICS & TRADE
EU-China trade deficit drives automotive quotas. Portugal's OE2027 budget faces deadlock and potential deficit.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS, THEMES & INTERNAL DYNAMICS



THE CRISIS OF REFINED SCARCITY
Decoupling of crude & refined costs. European refining shortage (1.4M bpd deficit) and Russian export cessation drive record fuel prices and profits.



IDIOSYNCRATIC DIPLOMACY
US foreign policy via unilateral announcements, bypassing allies. "Transactional de-escalation" attempts to lower oil prices before elections.

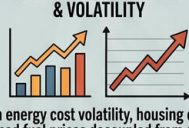
INSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION & TRANSPARENCY
Pope's health disclosure accelerates succession maneuvering. Cardinal maneuvering. Cardinal Tague's appointment signals preparation for potential conclave.

INTERNAL INSTABILITY (PORTUGAL) & PREPAREDNESS (VATICAN)
Portuguese government polarization to portuguese immisioun wunonoes the planniem by lisk ton-tranition and Vatican succession planning.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS, ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, & RISKS



GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING & GLOBAL POSTURE
Transition to a "Transactional Multipolar World". EU weaponizes market access for raw materials (China auto deal). US retreats into "Transactional Isolationism".



ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT & VOLATILITY
High energy cost volatility, housing crisis. Refined fuel prices decoupled from crude. Inflation in basic goods (Portugal food +36% since 2022). Real estate crisis (Lisbon rent €2,500).



RISK ASSESSMENT & FUTURE OUTLOOK
HIGH RISKS: Energy infrastructure collapse, Vatican leadership vacuum, Portuguese social insurrection, market shock from fake diplomacy. **FUTURE:** Short-term market volatility, Medium-term EU supply crunch, Long-term refining realignment.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & IMPLICATIONS: The convergence of energy insecurity, leadership frailty, and social unrest requires urgent statecraft, diversified supply chains, and targeted social policies to prevent further global destabilization.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The global landscape on October 11, 2026, is characterized by a precarious intersection of energy insecurity and institutional vulnerability. In the Middle East, a significant escalation in [asymmetric warfare](#) targeted Saudi Arabia's aviation hubs, with Houthi rebels striking airports in Riyadh and Dammam. These attacks, described as the most lethal in years, underscore the fragility of critical energy corridors and the failure of regional deterrence. Simultaneously, conflicting reports regarding a "unilateral energy ceasefire" between Russia and the United States highlight a [fractured diplomatic environment](#) where the Ukrainian leadership remains sidelined from high-level negotiations between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

In Europe, particularly Portugal, the narrative is dominated by the domestic fallout of the

[energy price crisis](#). The widening gap between crude oil prices and refined product costs has catalyzed widespread civil unrest, manifested in "tent city" protests in major urban centers like Porto and Lisbon. These demonstrations, fueled by a combination of housing unaffordability and the rising cost of living, are placing immense pressure on the Portuguese government during critical [2027 budget negotiations](#). The political landscape is increasingly polarized, with the Socialist Party (PS) and the PSD navigating a tenuous path to avoid a government collapse while facing criticism for perceived fiscal inertia.

Compounding this instability is a rare moment of [transparency from the Vatican](#), as Pope Leo XIV personally announced a lung nodule and impending surgery. This development has triggered immediate succession speculation and concerns about a potential power vacuum within the Catholic Church. Meanwhile, the global trade war shifts focus to the automotive sector, with China agreeing to [limit hybrid vehicle exports](#) to the EU in exchange for reduced tariffs, signaling a tactical realignment in the transition to "green" technology amidst broader economic protectionism.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Escalation of Houthi Strikes on Saudi Infrastructure:** Attacks on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport and Dammam have resulted in [dozens of casualties](#) and widespread disruption of regional air traffic. The strikes coincide with US naval reinforcements entering the region, suggesting a failure to deter Iran-backed proxies.

- **Pope Leo XIV Lung Cancer Scare:** The Pope's personal announcement of a [lung nodule](#) and scheduled surgery has disrupted the Vatican's diplomatic calendar. While described as "early stage," the appointment of Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle to key positions suggests the [Vatican is preparing](#) for potential leadership transitions.
- **Trump-Putin Energy "Ceasefire" Controversy:** President Donald Trump announced a cessation of attacks on energy infrastructure, claiming [Russia and Ukraine agreed](#) to the terms. However, Ukrainian President Zelensky denied knowledge of the deal, citing continued Russian [strikes on power plants](#) in Kharkiv, indicating a disconnect between US rhetoric and ground realities.
- **Portugal Fuel and Housing Protests:** Thousands took to the streets across Portugal to protest [unprecedented fuel costs](#) and a lack of affordable housing. In Porto, protesters have [established semi-permanent camps](#), demanding government intervention in the rental market and an immediate reduction in fuel taxes.
- **China-EU Automotive Trade Deal:** China has agreed to [halve its exports](#) of hybrid and plug-in vehicles to the EU over four years. In return, the EU will facilitate the import of [critical rare earth minerals](#) essential for battery production, a move intended to rebalance the massive trade deficit.
- **Billion-Euro VAT Fraud Ring Dismantled:** A massive [cross-border tax fraud](#) operation involving mobile phone sales was uncovered, with 11 individuals detained. The network allegedly defrauded several EU states of over [400 million euros](#) using complex carousel schemes.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- US forces are deploying a [third carrier group](#) to the Middle East, while the Iranian Revolutionary Guard has responded with propaganda images of [missiles aimed at carriers](#).
- The war in Ukraine shows signs of [strategic fatigue](#), with Trump pushing for elections in Ukraine as a condition for continued support or de-escalation.

Energy & Critical Minerals

- Refining capacity in Europe has [dropped significantly](#) since 2019, leading to a surplus of crude but a critical shortage of refined diesel.
- The "Energy Ceasefire" proposed by Trump aims to [stabilize global oil markets](#) by protecting Russian and Ukrainian infrastructure from mutual sabotage.

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- Portuguese protesters are calling for [price controls](#) on essential goods, a measure criticized by economists as "infantile" and likely to cause [long-term shortages](#).
- The "Right to Housing" movement has escalated, with [protests across multiple cities](#) highlighting the failure of the New Rental Law to protect vulnerable tenants.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The EU-China trade deficit has reached a level where [daily imbalances](#) exceed millions of euros, forcing aggressive negotiation on automotive quotas.

- In Portugal, the 2027 Budget (OE2027) faces a deadlock, with the government warning that [opposition amendments](#) could push the country back into a deficit.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Crisis of Refined Scarcity

A critical theme emerging is the decoupling of crude oil prices from consumer fuel costs. While crude remains around \$100 per barrel, refined products like [gas oil have reached \\$200](#) equivalent due to a 25% drop in European refining capacity and the cessation of Russian refined exports. This structural deficit makes fuel prices resistant to standard market interventions and tax cuts, as [supply remains fundamentally short](#) by 1.4 million barrels per day. The resulting "premium" for refineries is driving record profits for companies like Galp, further fueling political demands for [windfall profit taxes](#).

Idiosyncratic Diplomacy and Parallel Realities

The Trump administration appears to be conducting foreign policy via [unilateral public announcements](#) that frequently contradict the perspectives of allies and adversaries alike. The "energy ceasefire" exists as a rhetorical reality in Washington but is [denied in Kiev](#) and ignored in Moscow. This trend suggests a move toward "transactional de-escalation" where the US bypasses formal diplomatic channels to force a narrative that stabilizes domestic oil prices before the US legislative elections.

Institutional Succession and High-Level Health Transparency

The Vatican's shift toward [full disclosure](#) regarding the Pope's health is a departure from historical precedent. By revealing the diagnosis of a [lung nodule](#) before surgery, the Church aims to control the narrative and prevent market or political speculation. However, this transparency also accelerates [succession maneuvering](#), as evidenced by the strategic reorganization of the College of Cardinals just days before the announcement.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Portugal: Polarization and Budgetary Bracing

- The Portuguese government is under fire for a perceived [arrogance in handling](#) the housing crisis, with the Socialist Party (PS) accused of "radicalizing" its position in alliance with the Chega party on rental laws.
- Internal strife within the PS is evident, as Secretary-General Jose Luis Carneiro defends a [budgetary abstention](#) to avoid a political crisis, despite his own party members calling the OE2027 a "bad budget."
- The "tent protests" in Porto and Lisbon signify a growing [loss of government mandate](#) among the youth and middle-class professionals who feel abandoned by current fiscal policies.

Vatican City: Succession Preparedness

- The appointment of [Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle](#) as Rector of the College of Cardinals is a clear signal of succession planning. Tagle, a progressive favorite, is now positioned to manage the ceremonial aspects of a potential conclave.

- The Pope's decision to undergo **immediate surgery** indicates the gravity of the medical advice, despite the public effort to maintain a "business as usual" appearance regarding his November travels.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Transition to a Transactional Multipolar World

The international system is being framed as an arena where traditional alliances are secondary to **economic equilibrium**. The EU-China agreement on "auto-limitation" of exports demonstrates that the EU is willing to weaponize market access to secure **raw material supply chains**. Simultaneously, the US is retreating into a "Transactional Isolationism," where Donald Trump seeks **direct deals with Putin** to lower oil prices, effectively treating Ukraine as a variable rather than a partner. This creates a defensive environment for smaller nations like Portugal, which find themselves **powerless over international commodity prices** and forced to manage the resulting domestic fallout through increasingly limited fiscal tools.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic environment is characterized by high volatility in energy costs and a deepening crisis in the European housing market, with refined fuel prices decoupled from crude oil fundamentals. Market sentiment is heavily influenced by geopolitical shocks in the Middle East and the

uncertainty of the Russian-American energy negotiations.

- **Fuel Price Disparity:** Crude oil remains at approximately \$100/barrel, while refined **gas oil is trading at \$200** per barrel.
- **European Refining Contraction:** European refining output has dropped from **25 million barrels to 19 million** barrels daily.
- **Tax Revenue Windfalls:** High fuel prices are generating massive **VAT revenue for the state**, leading to demands for immediate "ISP" (fuel tax) reductions.
- **Inflation in Basic Goods:** Food prices in Portugal have risen **36% since 2022**, with 6% growth in 2026 alone.
- **Real Estate Crisis:** The average rent in Lisbon has reached **2,500 euros**, far outstripping average wages.
- **Trade Imbalances:** Chinese vehicle imports to Europe have **grown by 1591%** since 2019, prompting new restrictive quotas.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Leadership dynamics are shifting toward contingency planning and generational transition as established figures face health and political challenges.

- **Pope Leo XIV:** Facing a health crisis, he has **personally managed the announcement** of his lung tumor to maintain institutional control during his recovery.
- **Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle:** Elevated to the role of **Rector of the College of Cardinals**, positioning him as a leading candidate for the papacy.

- **Jose Luis Carneiro (PS):** Navigating a [political survival strategy](#) by abstaining on the budget, a move that secures his role as a "responsible" leader but alienates the left wing of his party.
- **Donald Trump:** Asserting dominance over the [Ukraine-Russia narrative](#), effectively acting as a unilateral mediator while bypassing NATO structures.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo:** The Captain of the Portuguese national team faces a [disciplinary suspension](#) of up to six months after abandoning the team in Copenhagen, signaling a decline in his influence over national institutions.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The broadcast editorial hierarchy prioritized **Leadership Health and National Security**. The lead story across multiple segments was the Pope's [medical diagnosis](#), presented with a tone of "solemn urgency" mixed with "hopeful stability." The second tier of urgency was given to the [Houthi strikes](#) in Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the danger to international travelers. Domestic Portuguese issues, specifically the [fuel crisis and OE2027](#), received the most extensive analytical airtime, framed as an unavoidable "state of emergency" for the middle class. "Buried" stories included the [migration crisis](#) in the Atlantic and the [animal therapy initiatives](#) in nursing homes, which were used as "soft" human interest fillers to offset the heavier geopolitical and economic news.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's reporting frames world leaders through a lens of **capability versus vulnerability**, with the US administration

portrayed as a disruptive but powerful force and European nations as reactive and besieged.

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as an unpredictable [unilateralist power-broker](#). He is framed as strong but potentially deceptive, with the transcript noting his habit of "doing things outside habitual diplomatic standards."
- **Volodymyr Zelensky:** Framed as [defensive and sidelined](#). Quotes suggest he is being kept in the dark by Washington, with Zelensky stating that Trump's move was a ["weak decision"](#) for strong partners.
- **Pope Leo XIV:** Characterized by ["transparency, simplicity, and humanity."](#) His framing is that of a "common man" who happens to be the Vicar of Christ, facing illness with stoic openness.
- **Saudi Arabia:** Portrayed as [vulnerable and dependent](#) despite its wealth. The strikes show a country whose "image of security" is being systematically dismantled by proxies.
- **Houthi Rebels:** Framed as [dangerous escalators](#) who are targeting "non-safe" civilian spaces to exert leverage over the global oil trade.
- **Galp / Petrol Co.:** Portrayed as [extravagant profiteers](#) amidst a crisis, with reporting emphasizing their "extraordinary margins" compared to previous years.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

A significant delta exists between US **rhetorical de-escalation** and the physical

reality of the Ukraine conflict. Donald Trump's announcement of an "energy ceasefire" appears to be a form of **narrative seeding** aimed at lowering speculative oil prices before they can impact his political standing. The fact that **Moscow remains silent** and Kiev continues to report strikes suggests that the "deal" may be a psychological operation designed to force the parties to the table by creating a public expectation of peace. In the Middle East, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard is engaging in **counter-propaganda**, using images of missiles to signal they are "ready and waiting" for US naval assets, a classic **deterrence-via-media** tactic.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Vatican Power Shift:** If Pope Leo XIV's recovery is prolonged, we will see the **elevation of Tagle** as the de facto administrator of the Holy See, leading to a shift toward more progressive Asian and Global South perspectives in Catholic policy.
- **Energy Market "Correction by Sabotage":** Continued Houthi strikes on Saudi infrastructure will **neutralize any price relief** gained from the Trump-Putin energy deal, keeping refined fuel prices at record highs.
- **Portuguese Political Realignment:** The failure of the OE2027 to address the housing crisis will lead to the **growth of the Chega party** and other populist movements, as middle-class voters seek alternatives to the PS-PSD duopoly.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect heightened **market volatility** as traders reconcile Trump's ceasefire claims with continued reports of infrastructure damage in Ukraine. Domestic unrest in Portugal will likely **intensify** as the budget vote approaches and fuel prices remain stagnant despite "ISP" adjustments.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The EU automotive sector will face a **supply crunch** for hybrid components as China's export limitations take effect. The Vatican may enter a period of **prolonged transition** if the Pope's surgery reveals complications, affecting the Church's global diplomatic missions in South America.

Long Term (1-5 Years): A structural **realignment of refining infrastructure** will be necessary for Europe to decouple from the current price shocks. The "tent city" phenomenon in Portugal may become a permanent **feature of the urban landscape** unless massive public housing investment replaces current liberalized rental policies.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current convergence of events presents high-probability risks to energy security, social order, and geopolitical stability.

- **Energy Infrastructure Collapse:** Targeted strikes on refineries and storage hubs by Houthis or Russian forces could lead to localized fuel famines. **Triggers:** Retaliatory strikes by Saudi Arabia or Ukraine. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Catastrophic for regional transport and heating. **Mitigations:** Strategic reserve releases and decentralized refining.

- **Vatican Leadership Vacuum:** The sudden incapacitation of Pope Leo XIV during a period of high global tension. **Triggers:** Surgical complications. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (loss of a major "moderate" diplomatic voice). **Mitigations:** Formalizing the [Tagle contingency plan](#).
- **Portuguese Social Insurrection:** Civil unrest in Porto and Lisbon escalating into violent clashes with security forces. **Triggers:** Forced removal of "tent cities" or another 10-cent [fuel hike](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High (government collapse). **Mitigations:** Targeted [vouchers for vulnerable families](#).
- **Market Shock from Fake Diplomacy:** A collapse in investor confidence if the Trump-Putin "deal" is proven to be entirely fictional. **Triggers:** Official Russian denial. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** High (oil price surge). **Mitigations:** Formalizing [tripartite negotiations](#) including the EU.
- **Supply Chain Bottleneck in Rare Earths:** China weaponizing its battery mineral dominance despite the new trade deal. **Triggers:** Increased EU tariffs on other Chinese sectors. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Severe (halt of European EV production). **Mitigations:** [Alternative sourcing](#) in Africa/South America.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts do not provide the **precise nature of the lung nodule** (malignant vs. benign), leaving the duration of the Vatican's vulnerability unknown.
- There is a lack of information on **Russia's internal reaction** to Trump's "energy ceasefire" announcement; the Kremlin's silence is a significant missing variable.

- The reports mention **1.4 million barrels/day shortage** but fail to detail how much of this can be mitigated by non-OPEC refining capacity coming online in 2027.
- The specific "attenuating factors" in the **Cristiano Ronaldo case** are not detailed, making the likely duration of his suspension speculative.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Managed Crisis" Hypothesis

Rather than a failure of governance, the current high energy prices and social unrest could be **deliberately maintained** by states to accelerate the energy transition. By allowing the "organ most sensitive—the wallet" [to suffer](#), governments may be forcing a transition to electrification that would otherwise take decades. The "tent cities" may be viewed by elites not as a crisis to be solved, but as a necessary friction of **structural urban downsizing**.

Black Swan: The Saudi-Iranian "Silent Agreement"

The Houthi strikes could be a **orchestrated pressure tactic** agreed upon by Riyadh and Tehran to force the US into a broader regional settlement that removes American naval assets from the Gulf. If Saudi Arabia "concedes" to Houthi demands in exchange for security, the entire US [Third Carrier Group deployment](#) becomes a strategic liability and an expensive irrelevance.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately [increase air defense](#) assets for aviation hubs; the Riyadh strike proves that current systems are inadequate against low-cost drone/missile swarms.
- **Economic:** Pivot from general tax cuts to [targeted social tariffs](#) for fuel and electricity to prevent a total breakdown of social order.
- **Diplomatic:** The EU must establish a [direct energy liaison](#) with Ukraine and Russia to bypass potential misinformation coming from Washington.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Secure [rare earth futures](#) now; the EU-China deal is fragile and likely to be the first casualty of any further diplomatic friction.
- **Regulatory:** Prepare for [windfall taxes](#) in the energy and refining sectors as governments look to fund social relief programs.
- **Safety:** Re-evaluate [corporate travel to Riyadh](#) and the Gulf; the designation of the airspace as "not safe" by rebels is backed by lethal capability.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The legislative focus is on managing the **social fallout of inflation** and securing

strategic trade advantages through protectionist measures.

• BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **OE2027 (Portugal):** The 2027 State Budget, currently in [negotiation](#), focused on balancing fiscal responsibility with massive demands for fuel and housing subsidies.
- **New Rental Law (Portugal):** A controversial law that [liberalizes despejos \(evictions\)](#), criticized for creating "real estate terrorism."
- **Açoro-descendente Card:** A new policy to give [emigrant communities](#) the same rights as residents in the Azores.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Pope's Angelus Address:** Used as a [public health disclosure platform](#) to stabilize the Vatican.
- **PS Parliamentary Inquiry:** The Socialist Party has requested an [urgent hearing](#) of 16 economic entities to diagnose energy cost impacts.

KEY STORIES

- **Houthi Strikes on Riyadh Airport:** A missile strike on King Khalid International Airport [killed 12 and injured 300](#). Strikes also reported in Dammam.
- **Pope Leo XIV Lung Diagnosis:** The 71-year-old Pope announced a [lung tumor](#) following a routine check-up after his trip to France.
- **Trump-Putin Oil Accord:** Trump announced a deal to [stop targeting refineries](#), while Zelensky reported new strikes on power plants.

- **Portuguese Housing Protests:** Thousands gathered in [Lisbon and Porto](#), with average rents reaching 2,500 euros forcing many into tents.
- **Fuel Price Analysis:** Expert Nuno Ribeiro da Silva explained that [refined gas oil is \\$200](#) while crude is \$100 due to refining shortages.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo Suspension:** Capital facing 1-6 months suspension for [leaving the team camp](#) in Copenhagen.
- **China-EU Vehicle Quotas:** China will [limit hybrid exports](#) by 50% in exchange for rare earth mineral flow to the EU.
- **400 Million Euro VAT Fraud:** 11 arrested in a [massive tax evasion scheme](#) involving mobile phone carousel fraud.
- **Hurricane Isaias:** Four dead in Florida with [hundreds of thousands](#) without power.
- **Panama Earthquake:** A [7.7 magnitude quake](#) damaged schools and hospitals, followed by 100+ aftershocks.
- **Madeira Home Hospitalization:** A program reaching [145 patients](#), reducing hospital overcrowding through domestic care.
- **AI in Education:** The Portuguese Ministry of Education will integrate [AI training](#) into the national curriculum starting next year.
- **Barack Obama in Lisbon:** The former president warned of [AI safety risks](#) and slow EU decision-making at a conference of 10,000.
- **Drug Trafficking in Algarve:** Traffickers [renting beach houses](#) in Vila do Bispo to coordinate weaponized drug landings.
- **Germano Silva Biography:** The launch of a book detailing the [history of Porto](#) through its most famous journalist.

- **Animal Therapy in Espinho:** A nursing home [adopting cats and birds](#) to improve mental health and combat elderly loneliness.

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