

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE GDELT PROJECT

STRAIT OF HORMUZ STALEMATE & REGIONAL CONFLICT ESCALATION MARK THE THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION AL-AQSA FLOOD

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE: THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OVERVIEW

US & EUROPE FACE ECONOMIC & SOCIAL CRISES: "WAR ECONOMY" SHIFT IN GERMANY, STUDENT STRIKES IN FRANCE/BELGIUM, US FEDERAL BUDGET SHORTFALL

IRAN ASSERTS CONSOLIDATED CONTROL OVER STRAIT OF HORMUZ; US DIPLOMATIC OVERTURES DISMISSED AS INADEQUATE

YEMENI "ANSARULLAH" LAUNCH QUALITATIVE MISSILE STRIKES AGAINST SAUDI INFRASTRUCTURE

AXIS OF RESISTANCE TRANSITIONS TO DIRECT, CONVENTIONAL CONFRONTATIONS; NARRATIVE OF "WAR OF CIVILIZATIONS" & IRANIAN RESILIENCE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS & KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

IRANIAN CONTROL OF HORMUZ: Strikes on 5 smuggling vessels nightly, 3 supertankers in 2 days. 7 conditions for US passage.

YEMENI ESCALATION AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA: 4 "qualitative operations" hitting Riyadh Airport and Aramco; "Airport for Airport" strategy.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL UNREST: Over 30,000 in Brussels, thousands in French cities protesting education systems and anti-war sentiment.

INFORMATION WARFARE & "FALSE FLAGS": Scrutiny of FZ-1073 FlyDubai incident as potential fabricated pretext.

BRAZILIAN ELECTORAL TENSIONS: Rally against alleged US interference and financing of destabilizing influencers.

ARMED CONFLICT & MILITARIZATION: Iranian transition to "40-day war" posture; Germany's 750BN Euro defense investment.

MACROECONOMICS & TRADE: Oil prices volatile around \$100/barrel due to Hormuz closure; Saudi warns of global crude squeeze; US faces budget shortfall, diesel shortages.

INFORMATION WARFARE & DISINFORMATION: Debunking "propaganda" like Hannibal Directive and mass rape claims; UK accused of fabricating Fairford Airbase incident.

TECH SOVEREIGNTY & AI: Iran warns US AI facilities in UAE (\$2TN) are targets; concerns over "killer robots" and algorithmic warfare.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

COLLAPSE OF POST-COLONIAL SECURITY DOCTRINES
US forces expulsion from Iraq/Afghanistan; "Axis of Resistance" achieves escalation dominance; US bases become sources of insecurity.

CIVILIZATIONAL CONFLICT VS. POLITICAL NEGOTIATION
Rift between "Western Civilization" (villains) and "Persian Civilization" (resilient); 30 million Iranian volunteers; weaponization of historical memory.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

EUROPEAN PRESSURE COOKER: France and Belgium state decay, student riots, over 6,000 arrests; Germany's industrial core "on brink of collapse".

ISRAELI POLITICAL SCHISM: Netanyahu faces political earthquake over altered Oct 7th protocols; divided public demanding "absolute victory" or blaming leadership.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

FRACTURING MULTIPOLAR ARENA: US hegemony in decline, "West" as "colonial fantasy"; BRICS and East Asia as alternative centers.

IRAN'S STRATEGIC POWER: Hormuz as "Achilles' heel"; "Axis of Resistance" as unified operational front neutralizing US superiority.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, RISKS & FUTURE OUTLOOK

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT & VECTORS

- ENERGY PRICING:** Oil near \$100/barrel, potential for \$200 spike with dual choke point closures.
- US FISCAL CRISIS:** Massive budget shortfall, high inflation.
- CORPORATE/INDUSTRIAL COLLAPSE:** German manufacturers insolvency, pivot to military production.
- ASSET VALUATION AT RISK:** \$2TN tech assets in Persian Gulf threatened.

RISK ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- CLOSURE OF MULTIPLE CHOKE POINTS** (Hormuz & Bab al-Mandab) – **HIGH LIKELIHOOD**, GLOBAL ECONOMIC COLLAPSE.
- EUROPEAN SOCIAL IMPLOSION** – **MODERATE LIKELIHOOD**, GOVERNMENT FALLS.
- US FEDERAL DEFAULT** – **MODERATE LIKELIHOOD**, DOMESTIC CHAOS.
- SHORT TERM (1-4 Weeks):** Potential for exchange of fire before US midterms.
- LONG TERM (1-5 Years):** Permanent shift in global energy corridor towards Arctic/terrestrial routes.

HYPOTHESES & IMPLICATIONS

- EXPANSION OF TARGET** LISTS to economic pulses (AI data centers).
- COLLAPSE OF SAUDI MONARCHY** due to continued strikes.
- EUROPEAN POPULIST REVOLUTIONS** with winter energy shortages.
- STATECRAFT:** Prepare for long-term "unsafe" Hormuz status.
- PRIVATE SECTOR:** Diversify from German manufacturing; tech data relocation.
- CAPITAL:** High hazard pay demands, prohibitive maritime insurance.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVES: DESPERATION OF HEGEMONY (Hormuz actions as cover for blockade impact), **STRATEGIC STALLING TACTIC** (Iran's conditions as delaying for Axis), **BLACK SWAN EVENT** (AI Sabotage triggering retaliation). | **EDITORIAL POSTURE:** Prioritizes narrative of unyielding Iranian strength and inevitable Western decline. | **GAPS:** Lack of verification for Iranian volunteers, FZ-1073, Israeli hiker incident, and US diesel shortage market data.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The regional security architecture of West Asia is characterized by a deepening strategic deadlock, as Iran asserts consolidated control over the Strait of Hormuz while dismissing US diplomatic overtures as [inadequate and ambiguous](#). On the three-year anniversary of the October 7th attacks, the "Axis of Resistance" has transitioned from asymmetric responses to direct, conventional confrontations, evidenced by Iranian strikes on supertankers violating [maritime security arrangements](#) and Yemeni "Ansarullah" forces launching qualitative missile strikes against Saudi Arabian [aviation and energy infrastructure](#). The conflict has evolved into a "war of civilizations" narrative, with Iranian leadership leveraging historical resilience against what they characterize as an uneducated and [reckless US administration](#).

Internally, the US and its European allies are facing a convergence of economic and social

crises. Germany is reportedly in a [deep recession](#), attempting a desperate shift toward a "war economy" amid industrial collapse, while France and Belgium are paralyzed by [nationwide student strikes](#) and riots protesting deteriorating education systems and austerity. Meanwhile, the US is struggling with a [federal budget shortfall](#), relying on treasury bond issuance to pay military and government salaries, even as it attempts to maintain a global posture of aggression that domestic critics label as the "end of Trumpism."

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Iranian Control of the Strait of Hormuz:** Iran has moved from threatening to close the strategic waterway to active "management," claiming to strike [five smuggling vessels nightly](#) and hitting three supertankers in two days for violating navigation protocols. [Seven conditions](#) have been set for reopening the passage to the US.
- **Yemeni Escalation against Saudi Arabia:** Ansarullah forces carried out four "qualitative operations" in 24 hours, hitting [King Khalid International Airport](#) in Riyadh and Aramco facilities, vowing an "airport for airport" strategy until the siege of Yemen is lifted.
- **European Social Unrest:** Over 30,000 protesters in Brussels and thousands in French cities have [clashed with police](#), using student grievances over overcrowded classrooms as a catalyst for broader anti-government and anti-war sentiment.

- **Information Warfare and "False Flags":** Intense scrutiny is being applied to the [FZ-1073 FlyDubai incident](#), with claims that the "plumber hero" narrative was a fabricated pretext for US-Israeli aggression against Tehran.
- **Brazilian Electoral Tensions:** Supporters of President Lula have rallied against alleged [US State Department interference](#), claiming \$1 million was diverted to finance right-wing influencers to destabilize the upcoming runoff.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The transition of the Iranian military posture from the "12-day war" to the "40-day war," revealing progressively more [sophisticated capabilities](#) and preparing for a third, broader confrontation.
- Germany's planned [750 billion euro investment](#) in defense over four years, signaling a shift toward a permanent war footing at the expense of social welfare.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- Oil prices remain volatile, fluctuating around [\\$100 per barrel](#) due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which Saudi officials warn will create a [global crude squeeze](#) for up to two years.
- The US Treasury is reportedly facing a [budget shortfall](#), struggling to pay federal employees and soldiers, while diesel shortages have reportedly forced the US to turn to [Putin for supplies](#).

Information Warfare & Disinformation

- The three-year retrospective on October 7th focuses on debunking "propaganda," including the [Hannibal Directive](#) and disputed claims of mass rapes used to justify the initial genocide in Gaza.
- Accusations that the UK government fabricated the [Fairford Airbase incident](#) to advance an "Iranophobia campaign" and evade responsibility for its role in regional aggression.

Tech Sovereignty & AI

- Iran has warned that US [AI facilities and data centers](#) in the UAE, valued at over \$2 trillion, are now legitimate targets if further aggression occurs.
- Emerging concerns over [algorithmic warfare](#) and the use of "killer robots" in current conflict zones, with the US accused of stifling international treaties to regulate such technology.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Collapse of Post-Colonial Security Doctrines

- The expulsion of US forces from [Iraq and Afghanistan](#) is framed as the end of an era of Western political control in West Asia. Iranian analysts argue that the regional "Axis of Resistance" has achieved "escalation dominance," rendering traditional US military bases [sources of insecurity](#) rather than protection for host nations.

- Yemen's Ansarullah movement has demonstrated the ability to [bypass multi-billion dollar air defense systems](#), exposing the vulnerability of Saudi energy exports and challenging the Red Sea and Arabian Sea maritime orders.

Civilizational Conflict vs. Political Negotiation

- A growing thematic rift between "Western Civilization" (framed as villains/barbarians by US Secretary [Marco Rubio](#)) and "Persian Civilization" (framed as resilient and principled). This narrative is being used to [galvanize Iranian national resolve](#), with 30 million people reportedly registering as volunteers for life-sacrifice.
- The weaponization of historical memory, with Iran using the [legend of Arash](#) and the 1953 coup to frame current military engagement as a sacred duty for independence.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The European Pressure Cooker

France and Belgium are experiencing significant state decay, with education systems serving as the [primary flashpoint](#). The arrest of over [6,000 people \(mostly minors\)](#) in France suggests a generational alienation that is evolving into a broader challenge to government legitimacy. Germany's industrial core is "on the [brink of collapse](#)," as its poll numbers for the ruling coalition are in "freefall," leading to a desperate attempt to implement [fuel price caps](#) to prevent a total populist uprising.

The Israeli Political Schism

Despite a rise in popularity, Prime Minister Netanyahu is facing a "political earthquake" following revelations that [meeting protocols were altered](#) regarding the October 7th timeline. The Israeli public is divided between those demanding "[absolute victory](#)" and those blaming Netanyahu for ignoring early warnings to preserve his own political survival. Former officers warn that Israel lacks the [human resources](#) to maintain its buffer zones across multiple fronts simultaneously.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The world is increasingly viewed as a "fracturing multipolar arena" where US hegemony is in terminal decline. The [US-led "West"](#) is portrayed not as a coherent entity, but as a "colonial fantasy" losing its ideological grip. In this environment, the BRICS alliance and "East Asia" are framed as alternative centers of gravity for nations like [Mexico and Brazil](#) seeking to escape "backyard" status.

Iran is projecting power by [weaponizing the Strait of Hormuz](#) as an "Achilles' heel" for the global economy, forcing the US to choose between a humiliating negotiated settlement or a catastrophic regional war. The "Axis of Resistance" is now described as a [unified operational front](#) that can coordinate strikes from Yemen to Lebanon, effectively neutralizing US maritime and air superiority.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic climate is dominated by energy insecurity and the cascading effects of a "war economy" transition in Europe and North America. Supply chain disruptions in the Persian Gulf are hitting [German](#)

[manufacturers](#) particularly hard, specifically in the automotive and diesel sectors.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Energy Pricing:** Global crude oil prices are held near [\\$100/barrel](#); experts predict a spike to [\\$200/barrel](#) if both Hormuz and Bab al-Mandab are closed simultaneously.
- **US Fiscal Crisis:** A massive budget shortfall is forcing the [issuance of treasury bonds](#) just to maintain basic government operations, while inflation remains high despite contrary predictions by the Treasury Secretary.
- **Corporate/Industrial Collapse:** High fuel costs and supply chain breaks are pushing traditional [German manufacturers](#) toward insolvency, forcing a pivot to military production to sustain profits.
- **Asset Valuation at Risk:** Over [\\$2 trillion in tech assets](#) (AI and data centers) in the Persian Gulf are under direct threat of physical destruction.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Political and military shifts indicate a trend toward radicalization and institutionalized mistrust across several nations.

- **Major General Mohsen Razai:** Positioned as the [strategic architect](#) of Iran's current "escalation dominance" and the key voice on the Strait of Hormuz "management" strategy.
- **Scott Bessent (US Treasury Secretary):** Characterized as a ["lying minister"](#) whose fantasy predictions on housing and inflation have failed, undermining US economic credibility.

- **Andy Burnham (UK Prime Minister):** Portrayed as an [incompetent proxy](#) for security services, unable to provide evidence for claims against Iran during BBC interviews.
- **Netanyahu's Military Advisor:** Recent [revelations and testimony](#) regarding the alteration of phone records on October 7th have intensified calls for his prosecution for negligence.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network prioritizes a narrative of [unyielding Iranian strength](#) and inevitable Western decline. The lead stories emphasize the "humiliation" of the US in the Strait of Hormuz and the "crimes" of the Israeli regime. There is a heavy focus on [civilian tragedies](#) (Minab school, wedding strikes) to frame military actions through a moral/humanitarian lens. Conspicuous omissions include any detailed mention of Iranian internal dissent or the operational specifics of "Axis of Resistance" losses, which are instead framed as ["honor of martyrdom"](#) that only strengthens the movement.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of the day's coverage frames the international system as a courtroom where the US and its allies are the "accused" and Iran is the "prosecutor" representing the global oppressed.

COUNTRIES and LEADERS

- **The United States (Donald Trump):** Framed as a ["troglydte"](#) and egomaniac who treats the world as a backyard. Trump is portrayed as a leader whose actions are [reckless and uncalculated](#), leading to a "deadlock" he cannot escape.
- **Saudi Arabia (Mohammed bin Salman):** Characterized as ["losing the strategic war"](#) and begging for mercenaries from Turkey and Pakistan to fight Ansarullah.
- **The United Kingdom:** Nicknamed ["Perfidious Albion"](#) (the lying Englishman), whose strategy is to "lie as the first approach" and then fabricate retroactive evidence.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Ansarullah (Yemen):** Framed as ["courageous fighters"](#) with the power to reshape the global economy through strategic maritime choke points.
- **Elbit Systems:** Targeted as the "manifestation of the [Israeli military regime](#)" in Britain, whose factories are being dismantled by "ordinary people" through direct action.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The network is actively seeding the idea that any upcoming incident in the Strait of Hormuz will be a [US-manufactured false flag](#) to justify renewed war, specifically citing the "plumber" story as evidence of poor scriptwriting.

- **Historical Revisionism:** Marco Rubio's "civilizational" speech is being [aggressively countered](#) with Iranian historical claims, intended to frame the US as a short-lived "banana republic" compared to the 7,000-year Persian legacy.
- **Censorship Allegations:** Claims that [British anti-terrorism laws](#) (Schedule 7) are being abused to "intimidate and spy on" pro-Palestine journalists and activists, effectively creating a "den of espionage" in the UK.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Expansion of Target Lists:** If kinetic action resumes, Iran will likely move beyond military targets to hit ["economic pulses,"](#) specifically the trillion-dollar AI data centers in the UAE, which would crash global digital services.
- **The Collapse of the Saudi Monarchy:** Continued "airport for airport" strikes and the inability to protect [Aramco assets](#) despite US support could lead to internal coups or the disintegration of the Saudi state.
- **European Populist Revolutions:** The transition to a "war economy" in [Germany and France](#), combined with winter energy shortages, may lead to the fall of current governments by January 2027.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- **Short Term (1-4 Weeks):** Potential for an "exchange of fire" or [significant maritime incident](#) in the Strait of Hormuz ahead of the US midterm elections as candidates seek "rally around the flag" effects.

- **Medium Term (1-6 Months):** Formalization of a "[Economic War Council](#)" in Iran to manage hyper-inflation and sanctions-busting through integrated trade with China and Russia.
- **Long Term (1-5 Years):** A permanent shift in the [global energy corridor](#), as the Red Sea and Persian Gulf remain "unsafe" for US/Israeli vessels, forcing a structural move toward Arctic or terrestrial trade routes.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Closure of Multiple Maritime Choke Points:** Concurrent closure of Hormuz and Bab al-Mandab. **Triggers:** US direct intervention in Yemen or a major Israeli strike on Iranian soil. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** \$200/barrel oil and [global economic collapse](#). **Mitigations:** Immediate acceptance of Iran's [seven conditions](#).
- **European Social Implosion:** Escalation of student riots into general strikes. **Triggers:** Death of a minor during [police crackdowns](#) in France or Belgium. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Fall of the Merz or Macron administrations. **Mitigations:** Resumption of gas imports from [Russia and Iran](#).
- **US Federal Default:** Inability to pay military/government salaries. **Triggers:** Failure of [treasury bond sales](#) or a massive spike in hazard pay for merchant mariners. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Domestic chaos and US military withdrawal from regional bases. **Mitigations:** Drastic budget cuts to foreign military aid.
- **Israeli Political Collapse:** Arrest of Netanyahu or a cancelled election. **Triggers:** Formalization of [negligence charges](#) related to Oct 7th. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Total strategic drift in the war against Lebanon and Gaza. **Mitigations:** Formation of a broad board of peace [excluding Netanyahu](#).
- **Targeted AI Infrastructure Destruction:** Kinetic strike on Gulf data centers. **Triggers:** US/Israeli use of [AI-driven targeting](#) for a major assassination. **Likelihood:** Low to Moderate. **Impact:** Trillion-dollar loss for Western tech giants and data blackout. **Mitigations:** Withdrawal of US AI assets from the [Persian Gulf](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts claim [30 million Iranians](#) registered for life-sacrifice, but fail to provide any independent verification or the source of this "registration."
- The "plumber hero" theory on [FZ-1073](#) is dismissed as a false flag based on "physics" and "logic," but the broadcast does not include any technical flight data to disprove the official UAE account.
- There is a lack of information regarding the [Israeli hiker explosion](#) near the Lebanese border; the "cause remains under investigation," yet the segment is immediately followed by Gaza casualty reports, implying a narrative link without evidence.
- The reports of [US diesel shortages](#) and reliance on Putin lack specific market data or official confirmation from the US Department of Energy.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The Desperation of Hegemony

Iran's aggressive "management" of the Strait and its nightly strikes on "smugglers" might not be a sign of strength, but a [desperate attempt](#) to hide the fact that the naval blockade is actually working. The constant emphasis on the US "fuel smuggling" could be a cover for Iran's own inability to export oil through standard legal channels, forcing it to consume its [limited military resources](#) on policing small vessels.

The Strategic Stalling Tactic

Iran's "Seven Conditions" and the claim that the US response was ["inadequate"](#) could be a stalling tactic to buy time for its "Axis of Resistance" partners (Ansarullah and Hezbollah) to [replenish their stockpiles](#) before a major winter offensive, rather than a genuine diplomatic framework.

Black Swan Event: The "AI Sabotage"

A sudden, catastrophic failure of Iran's internal power grid or nuclear facilities, not through a missile strike, but a **localized AI malfunction** that Tehran would be forced to label a "US strike" to save face, potentially triggering a [trillion-dollar retaliation](#) against UAE data centers based on false premises.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Prepare for a long-term "unsafe" status for the Strait of Hormuz; prioritize [redundancy in energy supply routes](#) that bypass both the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea.
- **Economic:** Central banks should prepare for an oil-led inflationary shock; monitor [US Treasury bond liquidity](#) as a leading indicator of federal instability.
- **Diplomatic:** Shift from US-mediated talks to [regional partners \(Oman, Pakistan, Qatar\)](#) who appear to have the only functional channels with Tehran.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Diversify away from [German manufacturing](#) in the short term, as the industrial transition to a war economy and fuel price caps will distort market efficiency.
- **Regulatory:** Tech companies with assets in the UAE should [physically relocate sensitive data](#) to stable, non-literal states to avoid being collateral in a "cyber-civilizational" strike.
- **Capital Allocation:** High-hazard pay demands of up to [\\$100,000/month](#) for captains in the Strait indicate that maritime insurance costs will likely become prohibitive for standard logistics.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Recent judicial and policy developments reflect an attempt to curb executive overreach in the US and the institutionalization of "war economy" measures in Europe.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **German Relief Package:** Legislation to implement [petrol tax reductions](#) (14 cents/liter) and fuel price caps to mitigate recession effects.
- **US Midterm Election Ads Order:** A federal judge's order to [stop taxpayer-funded TV ads](#) promoting the Trump administration, labeling them "political promotion."

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Bagai Weekly Presser:** Iran's Foreign Ministry rejects [US claims of leverage](#) in Hormuz and details the seven-day proposal tabled at the UNGA.
- **Brazilian Federal Police Investigation:** Probe into allegations of [US State Department financing](#) of anti-democratic influencers.
- **Gharibabadi Press Conference:** Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister warns that [hosting US bases](#) has become a primary source of regional insecurity.

KEY STORIES

- **The Strait of Hormuz Stalemate:** Major General Mohsen Razai details Iran's "management" of the waterway, hitting three supertankers and striking [five smuggling ships](#) per night, while the US relies on F-35s to help tankers slip out with lights off.
- **Yemeni "Qualitative Operations":** Ansarullah forces strike King Khalid Airport and [Aramco gas and oil facilities](#) in the Eastern Province, resulting in large fires and airport closures.

- **European Student Uprising:** Student protests against overcrowded classrooms and [poor educational quality](#) in France and Belgium escalate into violent clashes with police using water cannons.
- **Oct 7th Protocol Scandal:** Revelations that Netanyahu's staff [altered phone call logs](#) from 6:40 AM to 6:29 AM to fabricate a response time, leading to new legal probes.
- **The FlyDubai FZ-1073 Conspiracy:** Analysis suggesting the "plumber" who saved the plane after a co-pilot attack was a [fictional narrative](#) created by US-Israeli intelligence to link Iran to terrorism.
- **German Industrial Crisis:** Analysis of Germany's recession and the burden on the [working class](#) as social welfare is cut to fund a 750 billion euro defense budget.
- **IRIS Dena Retrospective:** Interview with the wife of an [Iranian sailor](#) killed when the US sunk a training frigate in international waters, framing it as a war crime.
- **Lula Rally in Brazil:** 80,000 people rally in [Recife](#) against foreign interference and authoritarianism ahead of the presidential runoff.
- **UK Schedule 7 Abuse:** Podcaster Amar Kasmi describes his [detention and interrogation](#) at Heathrow airport as harassment on behalf of the Zionist regime.
- **Fairford Airbase Incident:** Iran's Foreign Ministry condemns UK's ["baseless accusation"](#) that Tehran was involved in a security breach at a British airbase.
- **Vatican Appeal:** Iran's ambassador urges [Pope Leo XIV](#) to speak out against US sanctions that block medicine and education for ordinary Iranians.

- **Gaza Water Lifeline:** A new [water well project](#) in Gaza City brings relief to thousands amid a total infrastructure collapse caused by the three-year war.

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