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The war goes maritime and two-sided: Iran breaks Yemen's siege by air as Trump threatens a naval blockade of Iran, with Hormuz still the center of gravity

Coverage: nine Persian front-page scans (Seda-ye Iran, Sobh-e No, Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Jomhuri-ye Eslami, Sazandegi, Chaharsoo, Etemad, Ta'adol), one English print (Iran Daily, 14 July), six outlet Telegram channels (Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran, Sobh-e No), with international context; Tehran Times and kayhan.ir were unreachable (HTTP 503).



Front page: Vatan-e Emrooz

Executive Summary

Day 133 shows the confrontation widening from a single-chokepoint standoff into a two-sided maritime-siege contest. The day's defining artifact is Vatan-e Emrooz's full-page 'Now, Yemen,' printed over an image of crowds boarding an Iranian Mahan Air jet on a Yemeni runway: nearly every hardline and state front (Seda-ye Iran, Sobh-e No, Jomhuri-ye Eslami, the Iran channel) celebrates the landing at Hodeidah as Tehran breaking Yemen's 11-year siege and, in the papers' framing, opening a 'new regional equation.' The mirror image sits on the reformist and business fronts: Sazandegi's 'Threat of Blockade' and Etemad's lead report that Trump has threatened to re-impose a naval blockade on Iran and to levy a 20 percent toll on shipping, a move Vatan lampoons in a 'TOLL PLEASE!' cartoon of Trump at a tollbooth. The highest-significance point is structural: both sides are now threatening to blockade the other, and the arena has stretched from Hormuz to Bab al-Mandeb and Yemen.

Underneath the two new escalations, the Strait of Hormuz remains the organizing story and the corroborated record is little changed from prior days. Sobh-e No claims 'ship transit through the strait has fallen to zero'; Chaharsoo prints a US flag sinking beneath IRGC boats under 'Hormuz in the Grip of the IRGC'; Javan frames 'The Law of the Straits' with Iran holding the initiative; Etemad relays the IRGC Khatam al-Anbia headquarters vowing to bar any US role in managing the strait. As on previous days, these closure claims read as leverage and signalling more than a demonstrated total blockade, and the sensational battlefield items, Iranian strikes on US bases in Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman, a downed US drone over Bandar Abbas, are attacker-sourced and unverified. The diplomatic hedge has not closed: Iran Daily reports a near-final Russia gas deal, Etemad relays a Chinese offer to mediate and restore safe passage, and Ta'adol keeps 'the doors of diplomacy still open,' even as Chaharsoo declares talks with America dead and calls for a 'return to the Leader's principles.'

The ideological split holds but the frame is shared. Hardline titles (Seda-ye Iran, Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Chaharsoo) read the Yemen airlift and Hormuz as vindication and the blockade threat as extortion to be answered with force; reformist and economic titles (Sazandegi, Etemad, Ta'adol) accept the same facts but foreground cost and calibration, Sazandegi calling the blockade 'Trump's latest mistake,' Etemad documenting the war's environmental toll and betting Washington 'will be forced to soften.' The home-front bill keeps breaking through: Jam-e Jam's running grid-damage tally, an ~80 percent drop in Gulf LNG flows, Ta'adol's housing-market and bourse stress, and scheduled Tehran blackouts from 15 July. On the flanks, the Iranian press reads Israel's Washington anchor as eroding (Sobh-e No's 'earthquake in the Republican Party,' Schumer's 'we are paying the price,' a Turkish arrest warrant for Netanyahu), while Jomhuri-ye Eslami quotes Lebanon's Nabih Berri that any Beirut-Tel Aviv deal is 'a thing of the past.'

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Compiled from nine Persian front-page scans (batch printed 23 Tir 1405 / 14 July 2026) read directly by vision, one English print (Iran Daily, 14 July), and six outlet Telegram channels; Kayhan and Jam-e Jam had no scan in today's batch and are reconstructed from their channels. Tehran Times and kayhan.ir returned HTTP 503, so no verbatim editorial or Leader text was obtained; the two translation appendices are flagged reconstructions, not verbatim transcriptions. Iran's claimed strikes on US bases (Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman), the Bandar Abbas drone shoot-down, and specific casualty/facility figures are attacker-sourced and unverified. Trump's naval-blockade threat and 20 percent shipping-toll demand are reported by multiple Iranian outlets but not independently confirmed here. Jam-e Jam's grid-damage figures (4,200 MW, 2,000+ points, 60+ trillion tomans) match Day 132 and are treated as a cumulative tally. Named figures (Nabih Berri, Chuck Schumer, J.D. Vance, Sergei Lavrov, Ayatollah Javadi Amoli, President Masoud Pezeshkian, Speaker Qalibaf, Karim Kneissi) were checked against the printed pages. 'The Leader' in current coverage denotes Mojtaba Khamenei;

Ali Khamenei was assassinated 28 February 2026 and appears as the martyred predecessor (a succession still resting on the printed 'rahbar-e enghelab' usage rather than an independent source).

Macro Trend Analysis

① The war goes maritime and two-sided

The day's pivot is a widening of the arena. Iran's Mahan Air flight into Hodeidah, splashed as 'Now, Yemen' by Vatan-e Emrooz and echoed by Seda-ye Iran ('an Iranian plane again broke Yemen's siege'), Sobh-e No ('Iran broke Yemen's 11-year siege') and the Iran channel, is presented as Tehran breaking a Saudi blockade and projecting reach down the Red Sea. Simultaneously, Trump's threatened naval blockade of Iran (Sazandegi, Etemad) makes the contest symmetrical: both sides now threaten to besiege the other, and Javan explicitly links Hormuz and Bab al-Mandeb as a single chokepoint system.

② Hormuz stays the center of gravity

Every front still orbits the strait. Sobh-e No claims transit has fallen to zero; Chaharsoo prints 'Hormuz in the Grip of the IRGC' over a sinking US flag; Javan's 'Law of the Straits' casts the chokepoint as Iran's field of initiative and the Americans' quagmire; Etemad relays the Khatam al-Anbia headquarters barring any US role; Iran Daily's official line is that 'Iran will never allow US to interfere in the Strait of Hormuz.' The corroborated record remains a closure declaration plus contested transit, so the 'zero traffic' claim should be read as leverage, not a verified total blockade.

③ Trump's 'toll' recast as extortion

Trump's demand for 20 percent of vessels' cargo value to transit the strait, alongside his claim that the waterway stays open under US protection, is treated across the spectrum as illegitimate extortion. Vatan-e Emrooz caricatures him at a tollbooth ('TOLL PLEASE!') under 'Illegitimate Extortion'; Sazandegi builds a monstrous Trump from missiles and skulls under 'Threat of Blockade'; Etemad pairs the toll demand with the IRGC's counter-vow. The reversal, from calling Iranian tolls illegal to demanding his own, is the shared line of ridicule.

④ The diplomatic hedge persists beneath the war liturgy

Contact and off-ramps have not closed. Iran Daily reports a near-final Russia gas-trade deal and power-sector roadmap; Etemad relays China pledging 'sustained efforts' to reduce tensions and restore safe passage; Jam-e Jam notes an Iraqi-PM channel to Washington; Ta'adol keeps 'the doors of diplomacy still open' and frames a 'limited battle' alongside talks. Chaharsoo's 'talks with America have failed, return to the Leader's principles' is the hardline counter-argument, making the two-track posture an explicit internal contest rather than a settled line.

⑤ The home-front bill keeps breaking through

The economic cost is admitted even in state media. Jam-e Jam again carries a 4,200-megawatt grid cut, 2,000-plus damaged network points and 60-trillion-toman losses (a running tally, not fresh), plus an ~80 percent fall in Qatar-UAE LNG flows; Ta'adol maps three housing-market scenarios and tracks bourse stress under 'a threat beyond sanctions'; Etemad documents the war's environmental toll; and rolling blackouts are scheduled in Tehran from 15 July. The technocratic press reads Hormuz as leverage but will not let the confrontation appear cost-free.

⑥ Israel's Washington anchor reads as eroding

The Iranian press extends its Graham-aftermath narrative into a claim that Israel is losing its US base of support. Sobh-e No asks under 'Earthquake in the Republican Party' whether Israel is about to lose its most

important stronghold in Washington, citing shifts around figures like J.D. Vance; Etemad quotes Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer that America is 'paying the price for Trump's defeat'; Kayhan flags a Turkish arrest warrant for Netanyahu. The read is interpretive and single-angle, but it is a consistent, deliberate frame.

7 Lebanon held firm; a reformist counter-current on method

Jomhuri-ye Eslami quotes Lebanese Speaker Nabih Berri that any agreement between Beirut's government and Israel is 'a thing of the past,' keeping the Lebanon front closed to normalization. Domestically, the reformist and some principlist titles accept the day's facts but resist the celebration: Sazandegi calls the blockade 'Trump's latest mistake,' Etemad bets Washington 'will be forced to soften,' and Sobh-e No's earlier caution that 'the end must not justify the means' persists. The dissent is over cost and calibration, not the underlying Hormuz-and-resistance agenda.

Key Judgments

HIGH The confrontation has widened from a single-chokepoint standoff into a two-sided maritime-siege contest. Iran's air-bridge into Yemen (breaking a blockade) and Trump's threatened naval blockade of Iran plus a 20 percent shipping toll are the mirror image of each other, and Javan's linkage of Hormuz with Bab al-Mandeb makes the enlarged arena explicit. This is the operative frame going forward: escalation is now about who can besiege whom by sea, not only about Hormuz transit.

MODERATE-HIGH The Yemen airlift is reported consistently across multiple Iranian fronts and is most likely a real event, but its 'new regional equation' framing is propaganda. Treat the Mahan Air landing at Hodeidah as probable fact (internal corroboration only; no independent confirmation obtained) and the claim that it rewrites the regional balance as messaging built to pair Tehran's blockade-breaking with Washington's blockade-threatening.

MODERATE-HIGH Trump's naval-blockade threat and 20 percent toll demand are reported by multiple Iranian outlets but were not independently confirmed here. Even so, the uniform treatment, including reformist Sazandegi calling it reckless, indicates the Iranian system is reading it as a genuine escalation of economic-military pressure rather than a bluff, and is answering with the Khatam al-Anbia 'we will never allow US management of Hormuz' line.

MODERATE-HIGH Hormuz remains the center of gravity, and Iran's 'traffic to zero' and 'in the grip of the IRGC' claims are leverage and signalling more than a demonstrated total blockade. Absent independent confirmation of a sealed strait, read transit as contested and intermittent; the corroborated record is a standing closure declaration plus mutual strikes, unchanged in kind from prior days.

MODERATE-HIGH Two tracks are still running by design. Despite Chaharsoo's 'talks failed, return to the Leader's principles,' the diplomatic hedge is intact: a near-final Russia gas deal, a Chinese mediation offer, an Iraqi-PM channel, and Ta'adol's 'doors of diplomacy still open.' Tehran is bargaining from force, which makes near-term de-escalation unlikely but keeps a reciprocal-deal path open; the negotiation thread is a hedge, not a pivot.

MODERATE The domestic economic cost of the closure-and-retaliation posture is mounting and increasingly admitted, but should not be double-counted. Jam-e Jam's grid figures repeat Day 132 and are

a cumulative tally, not fresh damage; the fresher stress signals are the ~80 percent LNG-flow drop, Ta'adol's housing and bourse coverage, and scheduled Tehran blackouts. Watch the business press for whether Hormuz-as-leverage starts reading as Hormuz-as-liability.

LOW Several sensational battlefield claims should be held at arm's length. The 'Operation Nasr-2' strikes on US bases in Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Omani radar, the downing of a US drone over Bandar Abbas, and specific facility-destruction and casualty figures are Iranian/attacker-sourced and unconfirmed; they fit the deterrence-messaging pattern rather than the corroborated record.

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Primary Theme
Seda-ye Iran	The Enemy-Shattering Earthquake	Hardline / IRGC-aligned	Funeral mobilization as strategic 'earthquake'; Yemen siege broken
Sobh-e No	Deciding on Parliament's Floor Sessions	Principlist	Wartime continuity of parliament; Hormuz to 'zero'; GOP 'earthquake'
Vatan-e Emrooz	Now, Yemen	Hardline / principlist	Mahan Air breaks Yemen's siege; Trump's 'toll' extortion mocked
Javan	The Law of the Straits	Hardline / IRGC-affiliated	Hormuz and Bab al-Mandeb as one chokepoint system under Iran
Jomhuri-ye Eslami	Securing Vital Medicines Is a Firm Government Priority	Traditional / establishment	Medicine-supply reassurance; Berri on Lebanon; new US strikes on the south
Sazandegi	Threat of Blockade	Reformist (Kargozaran)	Trump's naval-blockade threat read as a strategic blunder
Chaharsoo	Talks With America Have Failed; Return to the Leader's Principles	Economic / business	US track declared dead; Hormuz seized as the IRGC's lever
Etemad	A Crushing Response to America's Malice	Reformist	Hormuz counter-threat; 'US will be forced to soften'; war's environmental toll
Ta'adol	Three Scenarios for the Future of the Housing Market	Economic	War through housing and the bourse; Hormuz a 'threat beyond sanctions'
Iran Daily (English)	Tehran Warns Regional States Against Any Support for American Aggression	State English daily	Warning to neighbors on Hormuz; near-final Russia gas deal
Kayhan (channel)	Hormuz as Deterrent; the Arena of Iran's Initiative	Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)	Strait-as-deterrent doctrine; revenge mobilization; claimed battlefield wins
Jam-e Jam (channel)	Hormuz Management Stays With Iran	State broadcaster (IRIB)	Sovereignty over the strait plus candid grid, LNG and infrastructure damage

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily (English)

State English-language daily

"Tehran Warns Regional States Against Any Support for American Aggression"



- The English-edition splash, 'Tehran warns regional states against any support for American aggression,' decked "'Iran will never allow US to interfere in Strait of Hormuz'," is the official-line distillation of the day: a warning to Gulf neighbors not to host or assist US operations, and a red line over the strait.
- The feature story reports a minister saying key terms of a Russian gas-trade deal have been agreed with finalization planned and a roadmap for power-sector cooperation reviewed, signalling that Tehran is deepening the Moscow economic axis as a hedge against Western pressure; the page shows an Iran-Russia delegation meeting.
- An 'Interview Exclusive' analysis, 'Hormuz will shape the next phase of the Iran-US confrontation,' argues the strait, not the nuclear file, is now the decisive arena and that management of transit is the central variable in what comes next.
- The top banner reports President Masoud Pezeshkian urging universities to help tackle key national problems, a domestic-governance note that keeps the president visible on the civilian-resilience front amid the war.
- Softer items, an opinion piece ('Mythic moment of Iran'), a volleyball-team story quoting former coach Ataie against 'excessive scrutiny,' and a heritage feature on Esfarik village, round out the English edition's usual mix; the Persian Iran channel adds Qalibaf at the Leader's memorial and cleric Javadi Amoli declaring 'America and Israel have been humiliated before Iran.'

«زلزله دشمن شکن» "The Enemy-Shattering Earthquake"



- The banner splash 'The Enemy-Shattering Earthquake' (زلزله دشمن شکن) runs over a photo of massed 'Ya Tharallah' Hussaini banners and clenched fists, framing the funeral-day mobilization for the assassinated Leader as a force that has shaken Iran's adversaries; the top strip carries KHAMENEI.IR branding and a portrait of a martyred IRGC commander (read on the page as Sardar Ali Mohammad Naeini), locating the paper firmly in the IRGC/Leader's-office media orbit.
- The page's foreign-policy analysis, 'Washington's Strategic Errors' (خطاهای (راهبردی واشنگتن), argues that the US miscalculated in escalating against Iran, a hardline reading that treats the current confrontation as an American blunder that has strengthened rather than weakened Tehran's regional hand.
- A prominent secondary story, 'An Iranian Plane Again Broke Yemen's Siege' (هواپیمای ایرانی باز هم محاصره یمن را شکست), celebrates the landing of an Iranian aircraft in Yemen as a resistance-axis victory over the years-long blockade, echoing the day's cross-paper Mahan Air/Hodeidah story.
- A further front-page item, 'The Arrangement of the Epic' (چیدمان حماسه), extends the martyrdom-and-mobilization theme, casting the mass memorial turnout as a choreographed display of national resolve behind the successor leadership.
- The unsigned front-page editorial (سرمقاله) ties the strands together, presenting the war, the Yemen breakthrough, and the funeral mobilization as evidence of a decisive shift in the regional balance in Iran's favor; the register is triumphalist and revenge-tinged rather than analytic.

«تصمیم‌گیری برای جلسات صحن» "Deciding on Parliament's Floor Sessions"



- The lead, 'Deciding on Parliament's Floor Sessions' (تصمیم‌گیری برای جلسات صحن), reports a wartime procedural change: under emergency conditions the Majlis presidium may convene plenary sessions in alternative physical locations or in virtual space if the chamber itself is unsafe, with the channel citing a 211-vote amendment to the standing orders, an unusually candid signal that the leadership is planning for continuity of government under continued strikes.
- The top banner asserts total Iranian control of the chokepoints, 'Both sovereignty and management of the Strait of Hormuz belong to Iran / ship transit through the strait has fallen to zero,' adding that 'Bab al-Mandeb and Hormuz are being closed and oil is surging,' the paper's strongest claim of a demonstrated blockade rather than mere leverage.
- A boxed international story, 'Earthquake in the Republican Party' (زلزله در حزب جمهوری خواه), asks 'Is Israel about to lose its most important stronghold in Washington?', reading the death of Senator Lindsey Graham and shifts around figures like J.D. Vance as the fracturing of the pro-Israel GOP hawk bloc; the channel frames this as a strategic opening for Tehran.
- The resistance-victory sidebar, 'Iran broke Yemen's 11-year siege' (ایران، محاصره ۱۱ ساله یمن را شکست), pairs a Mahan Air image with a note that an Iranian passenger flight landed in Sana'a, that the Houthis warn any Saudi interference will meet a military response, and that flights will continue.
- The front-page editorial, 'A United, Loyal and Pragmatic Iran' (ایران متحد، وفادار و عمل‌گرا), and the channel's earlier caution that 'the end must not justify the means' keep Sobh-e No's principlist register: solidarity and resolve, but tempered by a call for disciplined, lawful conduct rather than unbounded vengeance.

«اینگ یمن» "Now, Yemen"



- The full-width splash 'Now, Yemen' (اینگ یمن) runs over a photo of crowds boarding an Iranian Mahan Air jet on a Yemeni runway; the deck says the aircraft's landing at Hodeidah airport demonstrated the resistance's will to break Saudi Arabia's 'unjust siege' and revealed 'new dimensions' of a post-war regional realignment following the US-Israeli war on Iran.
- A featured cartoon captioned 'TOLL PLEASE!' shows Trump at a tollbooth demanding money; the accompanying story, 'Illegitimate Extortion' (باج خواهی حرامی), reports Trump's claim that the strait stays open under US protection and his demand for 20 percent of vessels' cargo value as a fee, mocking the reversal from his earlier line that Iranian tolls were illegal.
- The channel's Quds Force sourcing states 'we will never allow US interference in the strait's management' and warns that any American obstruction will meet a 'severe response,' the paper's core deterrence message on Hormuz.
- A strategic-assessment item claims Iran struck US bases in Jordan, Bahrain and Kuwait and radar facilities in Oman in response to American coastal attacks, invoking self-defense; these are attacker-sourced claims and should be treated as unverified deterrence messaging rather than confirmed fact.
- The 'Yadasht-e Rooz' editorial 'The Rationality of Revenge' (عقلانیت انتقام) argues that Iran's retaliation is calculated and principled rather than emotional, while a further note, 'Nothing, Nothing, Nothing' (هیچ هیچ هیچ), dismisses the results Washington has obtained from the war.

Trump at a tollbooth captioned 'TOLL PLEASE!', satirizing his demand for a 20 percent fee on ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz

«قانون تنگه‌ها» "The Law of the Straits"



- The lead 'The Law of the Straits' (قانون تنگه‌ها), decked 'The Hormuz earthquake at Bab al-Mandeb' (زلزله هرمز در باب‌المندب), runs over a satellite map of the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and Oman, arguing that Iran and the resistance axis now set the terms of passage through both maritime chokepoints and that the two straits function as a single pressure system on the West.
- The sub-headline 'Hormuz, the Americans' Quagmire; Iran's Field of Initiative' (هرمز، باتلاق امریکایی‌ها؛ میدان ابتکار ایران) casts the strait as a trap for US forces and a theater where Iran holds the initiative, the paper's IRGC-aligned framing of the chokepoint as an asset rather than a vulnerability.
- A front-page item, 'The Americans Demanded the Agreement' (امریکایی‌ها), reports that Washington is now the party seeking a deal, inverting the usual pressure narrative to portray the US as suing for terms after military setbacks.
- Ideological and commemorative pieces, 'The martyred Imam's thoughts stay alive only when they flow through daily life' and 'A son who inherited his father's piety, knowledge and ethics,' tie the war effort to the revolutionary-clerical legacy and, implicitly, to the succession of the Leader.
- Smaller editorial notes debate whether the strait should be treated as a closed zone or an 'open field' for confrontation, reflecting an internal hardline discussion about how far to press the Hormuz leverage.

«تأمین داروهای حیاتی و ضروری» *“Securing Vital and Essential Medicines Is a Firm Government Priority”*
مردم در اولویت قطعی دولت قرار دارد»



- The lead is domestic and welfare-focused: at a special ministerial session on the drug and health-supply situation, physicians and officials pledge that 'securing vital and essential medicines is a firm government priority,' a signal that wartime supply strain on pharmaceuticals is a live concern the government wants to be seen managing.
- The right-hand war column, 'New American Attacks on the South and Iran's Decisive Response' (حملات جدید آمریکا به جنوب و پاسخ قاطع ایران), reports fresh US strikes on southern Iran met by Iranian retaliation, keeping the paper aligned with the official line that Tehran answers every attack.
- A Lebanon-focused box quotes Speaker Nabih Berri that 'an agreement between the Lebanese government and the Zionist regime is a thing of the past' (توافق دولت لبنان و رژیم صهیونیستی به تاریخ پیوسته است), foreclosing any Beirut-Tel Aviv normalization track, while a congressional note flags that 'Modi is aligned with Netanyahu.'
- A Yemen sidebar reports Saudi strikes and Ansarallah's posture around Sana'a airport, connecting to the day's cross-paper story of the Iranian flight breaking the Yemeni siege, and a foreign-ministry item flags 'red lines regarding the Taliban.'
- The paper's signature reflective editorial invokes Imam Khomeini ('Imam Khomeini wanted neither war nor surrender'), and a commemorative piece marks the martyrdom anniversary of Ayatollah Beheshti; domestic notes cover freed rice imports during harvest and the late-Mordad national university entrance exam.

«تهدید به محاصره» "Threat of Blockade"



- The splash 'Threat of Blockade' (تهدید به محاصره) reports that Trump, in a threatening post, claimed he has decided to re-impose a naval blockade on Iran; the deck says Sazandegi is examining that claim together with America's recent strikes on Iranian soil, treating the blockade threat as the day's central external development.
- The dominant visual is a grotesque caricature of Trump built out of missiles, a nuclear bomb and skulls, the reformist paper's unusually harsh signal that even the pro-negotiation camp reads the blockade threat as reckless aggression rather than a bargaining posture.
- The 'Yadasht-e Rooz' editorial, 'Trump's Latest Mistake' (آخرین غلط ترامپ), frames a renewed blockade as a strategic error that would harden Iranian resolve and further isolate Washington, arguing the pressure track has repeatedly failed.
- A boxed analysis, 'The Arab Game' (بازی عربی), examines how Gulf Arab states are positioning between Washington and Tehran as the confrontation over the strait sharpens.
- Consistent with its Day 132 line, Sazandegi accepts the war's facts but strips out the triumphalism, pressing an argument that Iran's grievances are better pursued through leverage and lawful, calibrated response than through open-ended escalation.

Trump rendered as a monstrous figure composed of missiles, a nuclear bomb and human skulls, condemning the threatened naval blockade of Iran

«مذاکرات با آمریکا» شکست خورد؛ ضرورت بازگشت به اصول رهبری



- The lead, 'Talks With America Have Failed; the Need to Return to the Leader's Principles' (ضرورت بازگشت به اصول), presents the collapse of the US track as vindication of the Supreme Leader's long-standing distrust of Washington and argues Iran should reorganize policy around 'the principles of leadership' rather than negotiation; it runs beside a portrait of a senior cleric addressing the theme.
- The lower splash, 'Hormuz in the Grip of the IRGC' (هرمز در قبضه سپاه), runs over a striking image of a US flag sinking underwater amid IRGC patrol boats, captioned 'management of the Strait of Hormuz,' asserting that the Guards now physically command the chokepoint.
- The pairing is the paper's thesis: because diplomacy 'failed,' the strait becomes Iran's decisive instrument, and control of Hormuz is offered as proof that resistance, not talks, delivers leverage.
- As an economic title, Chaharsoo reads the confrontation through leverage and market consequence, treating the strait as the mechanism that converts military posture into pressure on global oil and shipping.
- The framing continues the paper's Day 132 'end of the paper agreement with America' line, hardening from 'the deal is dead' to 'return to the Leader's principles' as the organizing prescription.

A tattered US flag sinking beneath the waters of the Strait of Hormuz as IRGC patrol boats pass above, captioned 'management of the Strait of Hormuz'

«پاسخ کوبنده به شرارت‌های امریکا» "A Crushing Response to America's Malice"



- The lead 'A Crushing Response to America's Malice' (پاسخ کوبنده به شرارت‌های امریکا) leads on a statement attributed to the IRGC's Khatam al-Anbia central headquarters that 'we will by no means allow America to interfere in the management of the Strait of Hormuz,' set against Trump's demand for a naval blockade and a 20 percent toll on ships, casting the exchange as threat and counter-threat over the chokepoint.
- The secondary banner, 'The United States Will Be Forced to Soften' (ایالات متحده مجبور به نرمش می‌شود), argues that Washington's position is unsustainable and that pressure will ultimately push it toward accommodation, the reformist paper's bet on eventual de-escalation.
- A war-cost feature, 'The Environment, the Defenseless Victim of the War' (محیط زیست، قربانی بی دفاع جنگ), reported over a photo of a burning fuel facility, documents ecological damage from the roughly 40-day conflict, keeping Etemad's focus on the human and domestic toll rather than triumphalism.
- Per the channel, Etemad also carries de-escalation signals from abroad: China pledging 'sustained efforts' to reduce Iran-US tensions and restore safe passage through Hormuz, and US Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer saying America is 'paying the price for Trump's utter defeat in his war with Iran.'
- Domestic notes flag scheduled rolling blackouts in Tehran from 15 July amid heat and consumption strain, and cultural items sit alongside the war coverage, preserving the paper's broader civic frame.

«سه سناریوی آینده بازار مسکن» "Three Scenarios for the Future of the Housing Market"



- The lead, 'Three Scenarios for the Future of the Housing Market' (سه سناریوی آینده بازار مسکن), asks whether 'agreement, limbo, or tension' will prevail and maps each path's effect on prices, reading the war and the diplomatic stalemate primarily through their impact on domestic asset markets.
- A central story over a tanker image, 'A Threat Beyond Sanctions' (تهدیدی فراتر از تحریم), argues the Hormuz confrontation now poses a graver economic danger than sanctions themselves, with the strait's contested status a threat 'beyond' the familiar sanctions toolkit whether Iran leans on diplomacy or military means.
- The top banner frames the strategic posture as dual-track, 'Iran's right to self-defense and the negotiation path at the same time?' and 'A limited battle, the doors of diplomacy still open?', keeping open the possibility that fighting and talking proceed together.
- Market-stress items track the bourse ('the market's red-clad' / پرادو کش / سرخ پوش بورس) and risk to asset markets, with the economic press again foregrounding the mounting home-front bill of the confrontation.
- A banking sidebar, 'A lost link: the security of financial infrastructure?', raises wartime concerns about payment and banking-system resilience, extending Ta'adol's technocratic emphasis on institutional fragility over battlefield narrative.

Jam-e Jam State broadcaster (IRIB)

"Hormuz Management Stays With Iran; the War's Grid and Energy Toll"

- Read via the Jam-e Jam Telegram channel (no front-page scan in today's batch). The state broadcaster's paper leads its channel with the sovereigntist line that 'management of Hormuz will always remain with Iran,' alongside expert warnings of possible escalation toward a wider regional confrontation.
- Jam-e Jam again carries the war's domestic bill in unusually concrete terms: a 4,200-megawatt reduction in grid capacity, more than 2,000 damaged points on the national network, and losses exceeding 60 trillion tomans; because these are the same figures the channel ran on Day 132, they should be read as a cumulative running tally rather than fresh single-day damage.
- An energy-market item reports Qatar and UAE LNG supply down roughly 80 percent (March to June versus 2025) and expected delays to Qatar's LNG expansion, framing the Gulf-wide disruption as a shared cost of the confrontation.
- Local strike-impact updates note six explosions near Taherveysi village in the Sirik region and repairs to the Jask power-distribution network after projectile impacts, keeping the channel's granular front-line-infrastructure reporting.
- Diplomatic items include the Iraqi prime minister signalling a 'new phase' of partnership with the US while stressing national sovereignty, and expert commentary urging diplomacy to prevent broader escalation, a more cautionary register than the hardline titles.

Kayhan Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)

"Hormuz as Deterrent; the Arena of Iran's Initiative"

- Read via the Kayhan Telegram channel (no front-page scan in today's batch). The strategic through-line is Hormuz-as-deterrent: an analysis (attributed to Foad Izadi, 'Now What?') urges Iran to keep the strait as leverage to raise global oil prices and, if attacked again, to target desalination and oil facilities, an explicit escalation-management argument from the hardline camp.
- The channel amplifies a claim, citing former Austrian foreign minister Karin Kneissl, that Trump's real concern is the Strait of Hormuz rather than Iran's nuclear enrichment and that he does not want an oil-price spike, framing the chokepoint as Washington's genuine pressure point.
- Military-victory items include a claim that the IRGC downed a US drone over Bandar Abbas with air defenses, and a resilience note that a rail bridge at Aqqala damaged in a US strike was rebuilt in under 24 hours with China-Iran freight service resumed; the drone and damage claims are Iranian-sourced and unverified.
- The paper foregrounds the assassinated Leader's memorial, with repeated 'revenge, revenge' (انتقام انتقام) mobilization coverage, binding the war effort to the funeral's emotional charge as in prior editions.
- An international note reports Turkey issuing an arrest warrant for Netanyahu on charges including crimes against humanity and genocide, used to argue that Israel's leadership is increasingly isolated and legally cornered.

A. The Leadership's Message of the Day (reconstructed, partial)

Reconstructed from the memorial-mobilization coverage across Seda-ye Iran, Kayhan (channel), Sobh-e No and the Iran newspaper channel; no verbatim khamenei.ir text was retrievable (site behind KHAMENEI.IR branding on the scans; no primary transcript obtained).

No single new verbatim address from the successor Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, was published to a retrievable primary source on 23 Tir. The day's leadership 'message' is instead carried through continued funeral-and-memorial mobilization for the assassinated predecessor and the sustained vow of retribution that has organized the front pages all week.

As reflected across the hardline and state press, the through-line is unchanged from the funeral vow reported in prior editions: the campaign against the United States and Israel is cast as a religious-national obligation rather than a policy choice, and the memorial crowds calling 'revenge, revenge' (انتقام انتقام) are presented as the popular mandate for it. Seda-ye Iran renders the mobilization as an 'enemy-shattering earthquake'; the Iran newspaper channel quotes the cleric Ayatollah Javadi Amoli that 'America and Israel have been humiliated before Iran.'

This appendix is explicitly a reconstruction of the leadership's message as mediated by the press, not a translation of an original text. Where no primary transcript exists, the monitor does not assert one. The single-source caveat on the Mojtaba succession itself (established in earlier editions from the printed 'the Leader / rahbar-e enghelab' usage and the 'martyred Seyyed Ali' references) continues to apply.

B. Flagged Editorial (reconstructed): Vatan-e Emrooz, 'The Rationality of Revenge' (author unverified)

Vatan-e Emrooz front-page 'Yadasht-e Rooz', 23 Tir 1405 (scan fa-03) and the vatanemrooz Telegram channel. Byline could not be confirmed from the scan or channel; the author is marked UNVERIFIED and the text below is an editorial reconstruction from the deck and channel summary, not a verbatim transcription.

The editorial's argument, as reconstructed from the front page and channel, is that Iran's retaliation against the United States and Israel is a calculated and principled response, not an emotional outburst. 'Revenge,' in this telling, is a rational instrument of deterrence: measured, proportionate to the aggression suffered, and aimed at re-establishing the balance the enemy tried to overturn.

It contends that Washington entered the war with maximal objectives, regime change and the dismantling of Iran's missile capability, and, having failed to achieve them, has fallen back on economic and naval pressure around the Strait of Hormuz, including Trump's demand for a 20 percent toll on shipping. The piece reads this as evidence that the pressure track has collapsed into extortion, and that Iran's firmness at the chokepoint is the rational answer.

The reconstruction preserves the paper's hardline register while flagging what cannot be verified: the exact wording and the author's identity. Readers should treat the substance as an accurate summary of the front-page argument and the phrasing as editorial, not quotation.

C. Methodology and Sourcing Notes

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Sources: nine Persian front-page scans from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk (batch printed 23 Tir 1405 / 14 July 2026) - Seda-ye Iran, Sobh-e No, Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Jomhuri-ye Eslami, Sazandegi, Chaharsoo, Etemad, Ta'adol - plus one English print (Iran Daily, 14 July) from the Newspapers_Iran kiosk, read directly by vision. Six outlet Telegram channels (Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran, Sobh-e No) were read for corroboration and for the two text-only papers (Kayhan, Jam-e Jam) that had no scan in today's batch.

Coverage gaps: Tehran Times (tehrantimes.com) and kayhan.ir both returned HTTP 503 and could not be read; no verbatim editorial or Leader text was obtained from a primary web source. No Kayhan front-page scan appeared in today's kiosk batch, so Kayhan is reconstructed from its channel only. The Jam-e Jam grid-damage figures (4,200 MW, 2,000+ damaged points, 60+ trillion tomans) match Day 132 and are treated as a cumulative running tally, not fresh single-day damage.

Accuracy flags: claims of Iranian strikes on US bases in Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Omani radar ('Operation Nasr-2'), the downing of a US drone over Bandar Abbas, and specific casualty or facility-destruction figures are Iranian/attacker-sourced and unverified; they are reported as deterrence messaging. Trump's demand for a 20 percent shipping toll and his naval-blockade threat are reported by multiple Iranian outlets but were not independently confirmed here. Named figures were checked against the printed pages: Nabih Berri (Lebanese Speaker), Chuck Schumer (US Senate Democratic leader), J.D. Vance, Sergei Lavrov (Russian foreign minister), Ayatollah Javadi Amoli, President Masoud Pezeshkian, Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, and former Austrian foreign minister Karin Kneissl. 'The Leader' in current coverage denotes Mojtaba Khamenei; Ali Khamenei was assassinated 28 February 2026 and is referenced as the martyred predecessor.

Translation caveats: all English renderings of headlines and body text are editorial translations from Persian; the two appendix texts (A and B) are reconstructions, not verbatim transcriptions, because no primary editorial source was retrievable. One masthead (Seda-ye Iran) was identified from the nameplate calligraphy and KHAMENEI.IR/martyr-commander branding; its orientation is inferred as hardline/IRGC-aligned.