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The ceasefire cracks: overnight Iran-US strikes, a 'fourth imposed war' framing, and Moscow calling the deal all but dead

Coverage: nine Persian front-page scans (Asr-e Iranian, Khorasan, Jam-e Jam, Shargh, Sazandegi, Chaharsoo, Jomhouri-ye Eslami, 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); Tehran Times and khamenei.ir unreachable (HTTP 503)



Front page: Shargh

Executive Summary

Day 134 reads as the day the ceasefire visibly cracked. After a night of two-way strikes, Shargh asks on its banner whether this is 'The Start of the Fourth Imposed War?' and Etemad calls the Strait 'at Boiling Point' following a heavy exchange of fire between Iran and America. The single highest-significance development sits underneath the battlefield noise: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, quoted on Sobh-e No's channel, has characterized the American strikes as violations of the 17 June memorandum of understanding that 'close the door to any agreement.' When a friendly guarantor publicly declares the framework breached, the story shifts from the mutual blockade threats of Day 133 to the political collapse of the ceasefire itself.

The kinetic picture is a real escalation reported consistently but corroborated only from Iranian sources. Multiple channels (Iran, Etemad, Sobh-e No, Kayhan) log US projectiles hitting a wheat silo in Hoveyzeh and a site in Dasht-e Azadegan in Khuzestan, a strike on the Kish Island water-and-power plant, explosions around Bandar Abbas and air defenses activating at Bushehr, alongside a CENTCOM announcement that its overnight assault was complete. Iran's answer is the 'Operation Nasr-2' series: IRGC claims of multi-wave strikes on US bases in Jordan (Al-Azraq), Kuwait (Mina Abdullah) and Bahrain (Fifth Fleet), with asserted destruction of F-15/16/35 jets, drones, radars and Patriot systems. Treat the exchange of fire as probable fact and the specific destruction tallies as attacker-sourced and unverified. Hormuz remains the organizing red line, with Jam-e Jam's 'National Consensus Over Hormuz,' the Khatam al-Anbia vow to 'never permit American management' of the strait, and Chaharsoo's read that US oil reserves at a 20-year low leave Washington with 'zero readiness' for a Hormuz shock.

The internal argument over war and peace sharpened into a personal fight. Sazandegi gave its whole front to former president Mohammad Khatami declaring 'I Am an Advocate of an Honorable Peace,' while Asr-e Iranian on the same morning dismissed Khatami's remarks as 'expired' and championed Saeed Jalili against 'political dogmatism'; Jomhuri-ye Eslami printed that 'advocates of war walk the same road that Israel walks,' and Shargh insisted 'patience does not contradict revenge.' Binding every front is the revenge-and-mourning liturgy: memorials for the martyred Leader at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla and in Iraq, and a forwarded message from the Leader (Mojtaba Khamenei) thanking the Iranian and Iraqi publics. On the flanks the Iranian press pushes its 'Israel is losing Washington' narrative (Sobh-e No's 'Earthquake in the Republican Party,' a reported EU split as Germany and the Czech Republic block Israel sanctions, an Israeli raid on Al-Aqsa) while Nabih Berri warns against dragging Lebanon's army into internal conflict. The home-front bill keeps breaking through in the economic and state press: a ~4,200-megawatt grid loss, an ~80 percent fall in Gulf LNG flows, and Ta'adol's '90 percent inflation' squeeze.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Built from nine Persian front-page scans read by vision, one English print (Iran Daily, dated 14 July, one day behind the Persian batch), and six outlet Telegram channels; Tehran Times and khamenei.ir were unreachable this cycle (HTTP 503), thinning the English-web and official-source legs. 'The Leader' in current coverage is Mojtaba Khamenei; Ali Khamenei was assassinated on 28 February 2026 and is the 'martyred' predecessor honored in the memorials. All 'Operation Nasr-2' strike claims on US bases, the claimed destruction of aircraft and air-defense systems, and the specific US-strike locations are Iranian/attacker-sourced and were not independently confirmed; CENTCOM's 'assault complete' line is likewise relayed via Iranian channels. The Leader's message (Appendix A) and the flagged Sobh-e No editorial (Appendix B) are reconstructed from outlet channels rather than verbatim official text and are flagged as partial. Named figures verified against source or web where possible: Mark Lilla (Columbia professor), Nabih Berri (Lebanese Speaker), Sergey Lavrov (Russian FM), Mohammad Khatami (former president), Saeed Jalili (principalist figure).

Macro Trend Analysis

① The ceasefire cracks, from threats to strikes

Day 133's two-sided blockade threats became Day 134's kinetic exchange. Shargh's 'Start of the Fourth Imposed War?' and Etemad's 'Strait at Boiling Point' both report a heavy overnight exchange of fire; CENTCOM announced its assault complete while the IRGC rolled out 'Operation Nasr-2' waves against US bases. The framing across the spectrum treats the fighting as a resumption of open war rather than the fragile pause of prior days.

② Moscow calls the deal all but dead

The day's diplomatic hinge is Sergey Lavrov's statement, relayed by Sobh-e No, that the American strikes violate the 17 June memorandum and 'close the door to any agreement.' A friendly guarantor publicly judging the MoU breached is a heavier signal than any single strike claim, moving the ceasefire from fragile to failing. It sits uneasily beside Iran Daily's near-final Russia gas deal, showing Moscow escalating rhetoric while still transacting.

③ Hormuz stays the organizing red line

Every front still orbits the strait. Jam-e Jam prints 'National Consensus Over Hormuz' over a Gulf map with 'we stand along the red line of the system'; the Khatam al-Anbia command repeats it will 'never permit American interference' in managing Hormuz; Chaharsoo argues US strategic oil reserves at a 20-year low leave Washington with 'zero readiness' for a shock. As before, closure and 'ten ships transited' claims read as leverage and signalling, not a verified total blockade.

④ The war-versus-peace fight goes personal over Khatami

The internal split crystallized around one man. Sazandegi's whole front carried Khatami's 'I am an advocate of an honorable peace,' while Asr-e Iranian dismissed his remarks as 'expired' and elevated Jalili against 'political dogmatism.' Jomhuri-ye Eslami's 'war advocates walk Israel's road' and Shargh's 'patience does not contradict revenge' show the establishment center and reformists pressing restraint against the hardline celebration, an explicit contest over whether to escalate.

⑤ Revenge-and-mourning liturgy binds the fronts

The memorial calendar is doing political work. Fronts from Jomhuri-ye Eslami to Etemad, Ta'adol and Jam-e Jam carry the ceremonies for the martyred Leader at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla and in Iraq, and a forwarded message from the Leader (Mojtaba Khamenei) thanks the Iranian and Iraqi publics. The recurring line that grief and patience do not preclude revenge fuses mourning to the case for retaliation, with Khorasan folding the Arbæen march into the same wartime frame.

⑥ The home-front bill keeps breaking through

Even celebratory fronts admit the cost. Jam-e Jam's channel repeats a ~4,200-megawatt grid loss across 2,000-plus damaged points and 60-trillion-toman damage (a running tally, not fresh) plus an ~80 percent fall in Qatar-UAE LNG flows; Sobh-e No logs the Kish power-plant strike and expected blackouts; Ta'adol headlines a '90 percent inflation' squeeze and Chaharsoo notes motor-oil prices up 2.5 to 2.7 times in a year. The technocratic press keeps Hormuz-as-leverage tethered to Hormuz-as-liability.

⑦ Flanks: Israel's Washington anchor, Lebanon and Al-Aqsa

The Iranian press extends its 'Israel is losing the United States' narrative: Sobh-e No's 'Earthquake in the Republican Party' spotlights J.D. Vance's reported openness to talks, and Kayhan flags a reported EU split as Germany and the Czech Republic block new Israel sanctions. An Israeli raid on Al-Aqsa's prayer hall adds a

Jerusalem flashpoint, while Jomhuri-ye Eslami relays Nabih Berri warning against a plot to pull Lebanon's army into internal conflict, keeping the Lebanon front closed to normalization.

Key Judgments

HIGH The 17 June ceasefire framework is breaking. A night of two-way strikes plus Russian FM Lavrov publicly declaring the American strikes an MoU violation that 'closes the door to any agreement' moves the confrontation from the mutual-threat posture of Day 133 to open kinetic exchange and a collapsing political framework. Shargh's 'fourth imposed war?' and Etemad's 'boiling point' are the domestic register of the same shift. This is the operative frame going forward.

MODERATE-HIGH A large overnight exchange of fire most likely occurred, but its scale and results are contested. US strikes on Khuzestan (a Hoveyze wheat silo, Dasht-e Azadegan), the Kish Island power plant, Bandar Abbas and Bushehr air-defense activation, plus a CENTCOM 'assault complete' announcement, are reported consistently across Iranian channels; Iran's 'Operation Nasr-2' counter-strikes on US bases in Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain are attacker-sourced. Treat the exchange as probable fact and the specific destruction tallies (downed F-35s, destroyed Patriots) as unverified messaging.

MODERATE-HIGH Lavrov's intervention is the most consequential diplomatic marker of the week. Russia, a friendly guarantor of the June MoU, publicly judging it breached signals the ceasefire's political scaffolding is failing, not merely strained. The hedge is not fully gone (Iran Daily's near-final Russia gas deal, a Qalibaf adviser defending negotiations), so read this as the ceasefire moving from fragile to failing rather than a confirmed total rupture, and watch whether Moscow's transacting outlasts its rhetoric.

MODERATE-HIGH Hormuz remains the center of gravity and Iran's chief lever, unchanged in kind. 'National consensus,' the 'red line of the system,' the Khatam al-Anbia 'never permit US management' vow, and Trump's own '~ten ships transited' clip are all leverage and signalling; absent independent confirmation of a sealed strait, read transit as contested and intermittent, not a demonstrated total blockade.

MODERATE The reformist-principlist split over escalation is sharpening into a personal contest over Khatami and is a real internal argument, not stage-managed unanimity. Sazandegi's 'honorable peace' against Asr-e Iranian's 'expired remarks,' Jomhuri-ye Eslami's rebuke that 'war advocates walk Israel's road,' and Shargh's 'patience does not contradict revenge' show establishment-center and reformist voices pressing restraint as the hardline fronts celebrate. The dissent is over calibration and cost, not the underlying Hormuz-and-resistance agenda.

MODERATE The domestic economic cost is mounting and increasingly admitted, but should not be double-counted. The ~4,200-megawatt grid figure and 60-trillion-toman damage are a running cumulative tally repeated from prior days; the fresher stress signals are the Kish power-plant strike and expected blackouts, the ~80 percent Gulf LNG-flow drop, and Ta'adol's '90 percent inflation' framing. Watch the business press for whether Hormuz-as-leverage starts reading as Hormuz-as-liability.

LOW The 'Israel is losing Washington' narrative and the Al-Aqsa flashpoint are interpretive and peripheral to the war's trajectory. Sobh-e No's 'earthquake in the Republican Party' around J.D. Vance and the reported EU split blocking Israel sanctions are single-angle framings extrapolated to a favorable conclusion for Tehran; treat them as deliberate messaging rather than an established shift in US or European policy.

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Primary Theme
Shargh	The Start of the Fourth Imposed War?	Reformist	Ceasefire breaks; 'patience does not contradict revenge'; EU-Israel trade friction
Etemad	The Strait at Boiling Point	Reformist	Heavy Iran-US exchange of fire; 'war in homelessness'; Trump threatens infrastructure
Jam-e Jam	National Consensus Over Hormuz	State broadcaster (IRIB)	Hormuz as sovereignty red line; US warmongering blamed for oil-price shock; candid grid/LNG damage
Jomhuri-ye Eslami	International Bodies Voice Concern Over America's Warmongering and Its Attack on Iran	Traditional / establishment	US strikes as condemned aggression; Berri on Lebanon; 'war advocates walk Israel's road'
Sazandegi	I Am an Advocate of an Honorable Peace	Reformist (Kargozaran)	Khatami's peace overture; national interest over factional reflex
Chaharsoo	America's Zero Readiness for a Hormuz Oil Shock	Economic / business	US oil reserves at 20-year low; Hormuz as economic leverage; continuing IRGC/Army strikes
Ta'adol	Trump in a Self-Made Trap	Economic	Trump strategically trapped; Leader's thanks to Iran and Iraq; 90 percent inflation
Khorasan	Arbaeen or the Street	Conservative, Mashhad-based	Arbaeen-vs-war civic dilemma; 'new war, new model'; American liberalism in crisis (Mark Lilla)
Asr-e Iranian	The Deadlock of Dogmatism	Conservative / principlist	Anti-reformist ideological fight; Khatami's remarks called 'expired'; revenge liturgy
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; Hormuz to define next phase
Kayhan (channel)	Operation Nasr-2: Multi-Wave Strikes on US Bases	Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)	Battlefield strike claims; Hormuz transit near zero; EU split over Israel sanctions
Vatan-e Emrooz (channel)	Playing With Fire Has Consequences	Hardline / principlist	Phased retaliation; Hormuz management red line; Trump 'toll' as extortion; US accused of breaching the MoU
Iran (channel)	US Declares End of Overnight Assault; Guards Claim Counter-Strikes	Official government daily	CENTCOM 'assault complete' vs IRGC counter-claims; defense of negotiations; rumor control
Sobh-e No (channel)	Earthquake in the Republican Party; Lavrov Says Strikes Close the Door to Any Deal	Principlist	GOP 'earthquake' on Israel (Vance); Lavrov kills the deal; Al-Aqsa raid; Kish power plant hit

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily (English)

State English-language daily

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



- Iran Daily's English print (dated Tuesday, 14 July, one day behind the Persian batch) leads with 'Tehran Warns Regional States Against Any Support for American Aggression,' strapped 'Iran will never allow US to interfere in Strait of Hormuz,' the official-language version of the sovereignty red line.
- The center feature, 'Minister Says Key Terms of Russian Gas Trade Deal Agreed, Finalization Planned,' keeps a diplomatic-and-economic hedge visible even as the fighting escalates, with a roadmap for power-sector cooperation reviewed alongside the gas deal.
- A front-page analysis, 'Hormuz Will Shape Next Phase of Iran-US Confrontation,' is carried as an 'Interview Exclusive' arguing the strait, not the battlefield, will define what comes next.
- A sidebar reports 'Pezeshkian Urges Universities to Help Tackle Key National Woes,' pairing the president's domestic-resilience message with the war footing.
- Softer items (a 'Mythic Moment of Iran' opinion piece, a former volleyball coach warning against 'excessive scrutiny' of the national team, and an Esfarkin village travel feature) fill the English edition aimed at foreign readers, keeping the outward-facing tone measured.

«The Deadlock of Dogmatism» «بن بست تحجر»



- The masthead reads Asr-e Iranian (عصر ایران); the banner headline 'The Deadlock of Dogmatism' (بن بست تحجر) frames the day around an internal ideological fight rather than the front line, glossing dogmatism (تحجر) as 'insisting on an answer that experience has repeatedly proven wrong' and hanging it on a re-reading of Saeed Jalili's recent remarks.
- A left-column lead, 'Jalili broke his silence to confront political dogmatism,' presents the hardline figure Saeed Jalili as the voice against rigidity, an unusual pairing that signals the paper is using an anti-dogmatism vocabulary to attack the reformist camp rather than the principlists.
- A companion piece, 'A Dogmatic Rebel,' by Parsa Niknia, dismisses former president Mohammad Khatami's latest comments as 'expired,' placing this front in direct opposition to Sazandegi's same-day splash of Khatami advocating 'an honorable peace.'
- Along the foot of the page, a portrait of Sheikh Abdullah (identified as the representative of Bahrain's Shia leader) carries the line 'Avengeing the martyred Leader is not limited to Iran and the Islamic world,' keeping the revenge-and-mourning register that runs across every front today.
- A boxed item 'Unbalanced Activism' credited to Hossein Etemadi and a note by Ayoub Sahabnejad titled 'Revenge: A Service to Iran and the World' round out a page that foregrounds the domestic argument over war, peace and reprisal while the harder war news sits on the margins.

Stylized red-and-blue letter 'T' block (Trump motif) set as the page's central graphic under the dogmatism headline

«Arbaeen or the Street» «اربعین یا خیابان»



- Khorasan's banner 'Arbaeen or the Street' poses a wartime civic question, asking whether Iranians should join the Arbaeen pilgrimage march given the war and the regional situation, a framing that folds the mourning calendar into the conflict rather than reporting fresh front-line news.
- A secondary lead, 'A New War With a New Model,' signals the paper reads the last night's events as a qualitatively different phase of the confrontation, consistent with the wider front-page consensus that the fighting has re-escalated.
- The page's centerpiece is an interview with Columbia University humanities professor Mark Lilla under 'The Gap Between American Liberalism and the People,' discussing his writing on liberalism's estrangement from the majority after Trump's rise, a rare foreign-intellectual feature used to argue that Washington's political model is fracturing.
- Left-rail items mix war-economy and sport: a piece on the currency 'holding the car market hostage,' a note on rationing for subscribers, and football and tennis features (an England-Argentina World Cup semifinal, a new Asian tennis star), showing the paper balancing the war with everyday coverage.
- The overall posture is conservative but analytical, using the Arbaeen question and the Lilla interview to frame the war as both a spiritual test at home and a symptom of American decline abroad.

«اجماع ملی بر سر هرمز» "National Consensus Over Hormuz"



- Jam-e Jam leads with 'National Consensus Over Hormuz,' arguing that America's attempt to encroach on Iran's sovereignty over the southern waters has produced greater unity between the public and officials in defense of national integrity, over a large satellite image of the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf.
- A red banner across the map declares 'We stand along the red line of the system,' presenting Hormuz as a sovereignty red line rather than a bargaining chip.
- A yellow strip, 'The Cost of Warmongering Comes From the Pocket of the American People,' claims America's renewed adventurism in the strait drove a second rise in oil prices and higher prices worldwide, tying US escalation to inflation inside the United States.
- The state broadcaster's channel adds candid home-front damage: Tavanir's chief reporting more than 2,000 points of the electricity network hit and roughly 4,200 megawatts of lost capacity with damage above 60 trillion tomans, an IEA figure of an ~80 percent fall in Qatar-UAE LNG supply, a denial that Bushehr's perimeter was struck, and six explosions heard near Taherville in the Sirik area shortly before publication.
- Right-column features keep the mourning theme ('A Gathering of Longing for the Martyr,' a memorial for the martyred Leader) alongside service and sport items, while a military analyst on the channel characterizes the night's exchange as 'a second war over Hormuz sovereignty.'

«آغاز جنگ تحمیلی چهارم؟» "The Start of the Fourth Imposed War?"



- Shargh's banner question 'The Start of the Fourth Imposed War?' is the day's sharpest statement that the ceasefire has broken and a new round of open war has begun, placing the current fighting in a lineage of 'imposed wars' on Iran.
- Over a photograph of a black-clad mourning crowd the paper prints 'Patience Does Not Contradict Revenge,' a reformist attempt to reconcile restraint with the retaliation mood, signalling support for reprisal without endorsing uncontrolled escalation.
- A foreign-policy item, 'Confrontation in the European Union?,' reports friction inside the EU over restrictions on trade with Israel, a thread that pairs with the hardline channels' claim that Germany and the Czech Republic blocked new EU sanctions on Israel.
- Domestic-stress pieces run down the page: 'Tehran Under the Fire of Heat,' 'Oil in the Throat of the Middle East,' a port-congestion item, and an essay pairing 1968 with 'the events of 2026,' keeping the war's economic and social costs in view.
- Two analytical columns, 'The Ethical Puzzle of Helping the Poor in Today's Iran' and 'The Experienced Human Against Chronic Inflation,' frame the war as compounding an existing social and economic crisis, the reformist counter-register to the hardline celebration.

«طرفدار صلح شرافتمندانه‌ام» "I Am an Advocate of an Honorable Peace"



- Sazandegi devotes its front to former president Mohammad Khatami, printing 'I Am an Advocate of an Honorable Peace' above the strapline that Khatami emphasized the point in a gathering of his advisers, the clearest pro-negotiation voice on any front page today.
- The report frames Khatami's message as a call for a dignified settlement rather than capitulation or endless war, positioning the reformist camp as the home of a peace-with-honor line at the moment the fighting has re-escalated.
- The day's note, 'The Priority of National Interests at a Critical Juncture,' argues that national interest, not factional or ideological reflex, should govern decisions during the confrontation.
- Smaller items report reformist-aligned parliamentary moves ('Purging the Hardliners by the Deputies') and everyday coverage, sustaining an internal-politics focus even as the war dominates rival fronts.
- Placed against Asr-e Iranian's same-day attack on Khatami's remarks as 'expired,' this front makes the reformist-principlist split over war and peace explicit and personal.

«آمادگی صفر آمریکا برای شوک نفتی هرمز» "America's Zero Readiness for a Hormuz Oil Shock"



- Chaharsoo's economic front argues 'America's Zero Readiness for a Hormuz Oil Shock,' reporting that US strategic petroleum reserves have fallen to their lowest level in twenty years, illustrated with a chart and a graphic of a spilled oil barrel.
- The paper's read is that Washington lacks the buffer to absorb a sustained disruption at Hormuz, turning the strait into economic leverage against the United States rather than only a military flashpoint.
- A middle block, 'The Strikes of the IRGC and Army on America and Its Allies,' relays the claim that with the ceasefire's collapse Iranian counter-strikes on US facilities and bases across the region are continuing, echoing the Nasr-2 wave claims on the hardline channels.
- A companion image shows an armed figure with an Iranian flag over the Gulf, reinforcing the message that Iran holds the initiative in the strait.
- A bottom item, 'Iranol Raised Motor-Oil Prices 2.5 to 2.7 Times in a Year,' keeps a domestic-inflation thread running beneath the strategic framing, a reminder that the war's costs are landing on Iranian consumers too.

Spilled/leaking oil barrel graphic feeding a descending price chart under the 'zero readiness' headline

“International Bodies Voice Concern Over America's Warmongering in the Region and Its Military Attack on Iran” «ابراز نگرانی مجامع بین‌المللی از جنگ‌افروزی آمریکا در منطقه و حمله نظامی به ایران»



- Jomhuri-ye Eslami leads with 'International Bodies Voice Concern Over America's Warmongering and Its Military Attack on Iran,' framing the renewed US strikes as an internationally condemned aggression rather than a limited or defensive action.
- A top item reports a special order from the president exempting industry from power-cut priority, tying the leadership's economic management directly to the grid damage running through the state press.
- A prominent report relays that Lebanese Speaker Nabih Berri warned against a plot to drag the Lebanese army into internal conflicts, keeping Lebanon on the page and signalling Beirut's resistance to being pulled apart amid the wider war.
- A photograph of President Masoud Pezeshkian accompanies 'Advocates of War Walk the Same Road That Israel Walks,' a pointed line casting Iranian war enthusiasts as mirroring the enemy and a hedge toward restraint from the establishment center.
- The page carries the memorial coverage for the martyred Leader at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla and a note on the martyred Ayatollah Beheshti, blending the mourning calendar with the establishment's warnings against both American escalation and domestic warmongering.

«تنگه در نقطه جوش» "The Strait at Boiling Point"



- Etemad's banner 'The Strait at Boiling Point' reports that a heavy exchange of fire between Iran and America has occurred, the reformist paper confirming the escalation while its channel logs a running list of overnight strikes and denials.
- Beneath a photograph of a girl standing amid rubble, the paper runs 'War in Homelessness,' an Etemad report on how the specter of war has reached ordinary lives and Iranshahr, foregrounding civilian cost over battlefield claims.
- A top strip records that the memorial ceremony for the martyred Leader was held under the Islamic Revolution's leadership and that the leadership's message of thanks was conveyed, situating the day within the mourning-and-continuity liturgy.
- An Etemad interview with journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi anchors a 'Changing the Security Arrangement of Parliament' report, examining wartime shifts in how the legislature is secured and managed.
- The channel's overnight feed corroborates the escalation with specific claims and denials: US projectiles hitting a wheat silo in Hoveyzeh and a site in Dasht-e Azadegan, air defenses activating around the Bushehr plant, a denial of explosions in Chabahar, blasts on Hormuz-area islands, and a Foreign Ministry statement calling strikes on Hormozgan environmental rangers a war crime, plus Trump's Fox News threat to hit power plants and bridges.

«ترامپ در تله خودساخته» *“Trump in a Self-Made Trap”*



- Ta'adol's banner 'Trump in a Self-Made Trap' argues that the US president has boxed himself in, moving from 'failure on the battlefield to ambiguity in the future confrontation with Iran,' an economic paper reading the war as a strategic dead end for Washington.
- A large photograph of seated clerics anchors 'The Leader of the Revolution Thanks the People of Iran and Iraq,' reporting the memorial for the 'martyred mujahid imam' and folding the mourning ceremony into the front page.
- A top item, 'When 90 Percent Inflation Is Not Offset by a 10 Percent Discount,' keeps the paper's core focus on the cost-of-living squeeze that the war is deepening.
- Left-column items ('The English Are Perennial Losers,' a bourse note, a 'caught in the war' economic piece) mix sport and market coverage, showing the business press tracking the war primarily through prices and markets.
- The overall line pairs confidence that Trump is trapped strategically with candor about Iran's own inflation, the economic-desk version of the day's leverage-versus-cost tension.

“US Declares End of Overnight Assault; Guards Claim Counter-Strikes”

- The government daily's channel logs both sides of the overnight escalation: CENTCOM announcing the completion of its overnight assault on Iranian military sites and coastal defenses, and IRGC statements claiming destruction of satellite-communications centers, air-defense radars and Patriot systems at a US base in Kuwait.
- It confirms US projectiles hit a grain-storage silo in Hoveyzeh and a location in Dasht-e Azadegan in Khuzestan with no reported casualties, and relays renewed explosions in Kuwait and Jordan.
- As the official paper, it foregrounds the government line: an adviser to Speaker Qalibaf responds to hardliners criticizing negotiations, challenging opponents to publish the evidence behind their claims, a defense of the diplomatic track.
- A memorial notice announces a gathering for the martyred Leader at Tehran's Imamzadeh Ali Akbar shrine, organized by the Leader's office, keeping the mourning calendar prominent.
- A Kish prosecutor's warning that media and social networks should publish only verified official information during operations signals the state's concern about wartime rumor control.

Kayhan (channel)

Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)

"Operation Nasr-2: IRGC Claims Multi-Wave Strikes on US Bases"

- Kayhan's overnight channel feed is dominated by IRGC 'Operation Nasr-2' battle claims across several waves: 'messages to the people of Jordan and Kuwait' asserting the destruction of F-15, F-16, F-35 jets and MQ-9 drones at Jordan's Al-Azraq base and of a satellite-communications center, missile-defense radar and Patriot systems at a Kuwait base, with calls for Kuwaitis to expel American forces.
- The channel relays reported explosions in Kuwait, Jordan and Bahrain in the early hours and claims footage of an Iranian missile impact on the US Fifth Fleet base in Bahrain, all attacker-sourced and unverified.
- A Trump video excerpt on the Strait of Hormuz is used to argue that only about ten ships transited on Monday against normal volumes, folding the US president's own words into Iran's closure-leverage narrative.
- On the diplomatic flank, Kayhan highlights a European foreign ministers' meeting at which Germany and the Czech Republic reportedly blocked new sanctions on Israel, a line the Israeli foreign minister praised, presented as evidence of Western division.
- No 'Yadasht-e Rooz' editorial was recoverable from the channel this cycle; the overall register is triumphal battlefield messaging paired with the claim that Washington's regional position is crumbling.

Sobh-e No (channel)

Principlist

"Earthquake in the Republican Party; Lavrov Says Strikes Close the Door to Any Deal"

- Sobh-e No's channel leads its analysis with 'Earthquake in the Republican Party,' a piece by Fatemeh Keyhani on shifts inside US conservative circles over Israel policy and what it casts as J.D. Vance's unprecedented openness to negotiating with Iran, extending the paper's 'Israel is losing Washington' narrative.
- It relays Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov characterizing the American strikes as violations of the memorandum of understanding that 'close the door to any agreement,' the day's clearest signal that the June ceasefire framework is unraveling.
- The channel reports an Israeli raid on the main prayer hall of Al-Aqsa Mosque, forcibly removing worshippers, adding a Jerusalem flashpoint to the war coverage.
- It logs a US missile strike damaging the water-and-power plant on Kish Island with rolling blackouts expected, plus successive IRGC 'Nasr-2' waves against US bases in Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan targeting ammunition stores, radars and aircraft.
- Iran's UN representative is quoted rejecting claims that Tehran directs Ansarullah and insisting the United States is 'the aggressor, not the victim,' the diplomatic counter to Washington's framing of the strikes.

Vatan-e Emrooz (channel)

Hardline / principlist

"Playing With Fire Has Consequences"

- Vatan-e Emrooz's channel frames the escalation as 'Playing With Fire Has Consequences,' describing Iran's phased response to US aggression and stern warnings to regional allies over management of the Strait of Hormuz, with claimed strikes on American bases in Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait and an Omani radar facility.
- A Khatam al-Anbia Command spokesperson video repeats the day's core line that Iran will 'never permit American interference in managing the Strait of Hormuz.'
- The paper carries the Yemen thread forward, presenting an Iranian aircraft's landing at Hodeidah as resistance resolve against the Saudi blockade and a shift in regional power dynamics after the recent conflict.
- Two argument pieces, 'Extortion' and 'Nothing, Nothing, Nothing,' cast Trump's claim of a 20 percent transit fee as illegitimate and accuse Washington of failing to implement the recent agreement while Iran had begun complying, using the alleged US breach to justify resuming closure.
- A forwarded video of the Leader's message thanking the Iranian and Iraqi publics for participating in the memorial ceremonies anchors the channel's mourning-and-continuity register alongside the battle claims.

Referenced 'toll booth' / extortion motif around Trump's 20 percent transit-fee claim (channel text, image not in scan set)

Appendix A - The Leader's Message of Thanks (reconstructed, partial)

Forwarded video attributed to the Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, via the Vatan-e Emrooz, Iran and Jam-e Jam channels; memorial coverage on the Jomhuri-ye Eslami, Etemad and Ta'adol front pages

The day's lead message from the Leader (in current coverage, Mojtaba Khamenei; his father, Ali Khamenei, was assassinated on 28 February 2026 and is referred to as the martyred predecessor) is a short address of thanks conveyed after the memorial ceremonies for the martyred Leader of the Revolution.

Per the outlet channels, the message thanks the peoples of Iran and Iraq for their participation in the funeral and memorial gatherings, which were held both at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla and in Iraq, and casts the scale of the mourning as a demonstration of national and cross-border unity in the face of the war.

The message links the mourning to the theme carried across the front pages, that patience and grief do not preclude revenge, and presents the public turnout as evidence of resolve rather than exhaustion.

This is a reconstruction from the outlet channels and front-page memorial reports; khamenei.ir and Tehran Times were not reachable this cycle (HTTP 503), so no official verbatim text was obtained. Treat wording as summarized, not quoted, and the attribution to Mojtaba Khamenei as consistent with standing coverage rather than independently confirmed for this specific message.

Appendix B - Flagged Editorial: 'Earthquake in the Republican Party' (reconstructed)

Sobh-e No, analysis attributed to Fatemeh Keyhani (author named on the Sobh-e No channel)

Sobh-e No's flagged analysis of the day argues that the American right is undergoing an internal upheaval over its relationship with Israel, a shift the paper labels an 'earthquake in the Republican Party.'

The piece centers on figures it presents as newly willing to question reflexive support for Israel and to entertain negotiation with Iran, singling out Vice President J.D. Vance's positioning as, in the author's telling, unprecedented for a senior Republican.

The author reads these fissures as vindication of Tehran's standing narrative that Israel's most important stronghold, its bipartisan anchor in Washington, is eroding, and that the war has accelerated a realignment already underway in US conservative politics.

The analysis is interpretive and single-angle, extrapolating from selected US political signals to a favorable strategic conclusion for Iran; it should be read as opinion framing rather than reported fact. This rendering is reconstructed from the Sobh-e No channel summary, not a verbatim translation of the printed column; the author's name (Fatemeh Keyhani) is taken from the channel byline and was not independently cross-checked.

Appendix C - Methodology and Sourcing Notes

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Coverage: nine Persian front-page scans from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk batch for Wednesday 24 Tir 1405 (Asr-e Iranian, Khorasan, Jam-e Jam, Shargh, Sazandegi, Chaharsoo, Jomhuri-ye Eslami, Etemad, Ta'adol) read directly by vision; one English print (Iran Daily, dated 14 July, one day behind the Persian batch) from the Newspapers_Iran album; and six outlet Telegram channels (Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran, Sobh-e No) read via web preview.

Tehran Times (tehrantimes.com) and khamenei.ir were unreachable this cycle (HTTP 503), so the English-web and official-source legs are thinner than usual; the Leader's message and the flagged editorial are reconstructed from outlet channels and front-page reports rather than official verbatim text, and are flagged as such in Appendices A and B.

Standing-context corrections baked into this edition: 'the Leader' in current coverage is Mojtaba Khamenei; Ali Khamenei was assassinated on 28 February 2026 and is the 'martyred' predecessor referenced in the memorials. The 17 June 2026 ceasefire MoU is the framework whose apparent breach is the day's central development.

Single-source and attacker-sourced flags: all 'Operation Nasr-2' strike claims on US bases in Jordan (Al-Azraq), Kuwait (Mina Abdullah/KJL) and Bahrain (Fifth Fleet), the claimed downing of aircraft and destruction of Patriot/radar systems, and specific facility-damage counts are Iranian/IRGC-sourced and were not independently confirmed. CENTCOM's 'assault complete' announcement and the specific US-strike locations (Hoveyze silo, Dasht-e Azadegan, Kish power plant, Bandar Abbas, Bushehr air-defense activation) are relayed via Iranian channels and likewise not independently verified here.

Named-figure checks: Mark Lilla (Khorasan interview) is a Columbia University humanities professor and author on American liberalism; Nabih Berri is the Speaker of Lebanon's parliament; Sergey Lavrov is Russia's foreign minister; Mohammad Khatami is a former president of Iran; Saeed Jalili is a hardline principlist figure. Translations are editorial; where a name or quote could not be verified against the source page or the web, it is summarized rather than quoted.