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Hardliners bury the ceasefire while a diplomatic pulse survives beneath the strikes

Nine Persian front-page scans (Vatan-e Emrooz, Nobonyad, Seda-ye Iran, Jam-e Jam, Sazandegi, Chaharsoo, Jomhuri-ye Eslami, Etemad, Ta'adol), one English print (Iran Daily, 15 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: Vatan-e Emrooz

Executive Summary

Day 135 is the day the hardline press stopped asking whether the ceasefire had collapsed and simply declared it dead. Vatan-e Emrooz's masthead reads 'Full-Scale War' and states that the Islamabad memorandum (the 17 June framework) 'has effectively been set aside'; Nobonyad and Kayhan tell readers to 'consider the memorandum with America finished.' Yet beneath that funeral a diplomatic pulse survives: Etemad's channel relays US Vice President Vance alleging a 'foreign influence campaign funded to derail negotiations' and Trump claiming Iran released a detained American citizen, while US senators question the war's legality. The single most consequential read of the day is this divergence, the hardliners burying the deal in public while both governments still behave as though a track exists, which suggests the 'full-scale war' framing is as much a domestic factional weapon as a description of policy.

The kinetic picture is another night of Iranian-reported strikes along the southern coast, now paired with an unusual walk-back. Channels log projectile impacts near Sirik, explosions east of Bandar Abbas and around Qeshm, a confirmed hit on Semnan airport ('no casualties'), damage forcing a temporary closure of a Baghaei hospital in Ahvaz, and 'six missiles fired from Kuwaiti territory toward Iran.' Iran's answer is the continuing 'Operation Nasr-2' series, with IRGC claims of sixth- and seventh-wave combined strikes on US bases in Jordan (Al-Azraq) and Kuwait (Ali al-Salem) and warning sirens in Bahrain. Notably, the IRGC via Kayhan denies enemy hits at Parchin and the Pasdaran area and attributes those blasts to its own air defenses, a rare deflation of damage that Iranian channels had themselves circulated. Hormuz hardened from a slogan into a stated condition: the Army says the strait 'stays closed until America accepts Iran's lawful framework,' and Parliament, back in session after four months, tabled a Hormuz control bill (Iran Daily). External shipping data still show reduced-not-sealed transit, so treat the exchange of fire as probable and the specific tallies and the 'closed strait' as attacker-sourced messaging.

The war-versus-peace fight turned fully personal and visibly coordinated. A synchronized hardline pile-on cast the 'honorable peace' argument as treason: Chaharsoo ran a photo-montage of a cleric with Israeli and American flags in his sunglasses under 'The Voice of Israel,' Jam-e Jam printed 'Surrender Behind the Mask of Peace-Seeking,' and Nobonyad ran 'Dagger-Blunting in the Name of Honorable Peace.' The same camp weaponized a leaked social-mood report by Ali Rabiei, President Pezeshkian's deputy for social affairs, branding him a 'miscalculation aide,' a fight that inadvertently confirms admitted domestic distress. That distress breaks through even on state fronts: Jam-e Jam leads on scheduled blackouts and a plea for 10 percent conservation and repeats the running roughly 4,200-megawatt grid-loss tally, while Ta'adol frames a fragile banking system and a bourse 'in the middle of war.' On the flanks the Yemen front widened, as the Sanaa airport strike drew Houthi missile-and-drone retaliation on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport and Jomhouriyeh Eslami printed Iran's denial of responsibility, while Sobh-e No kept Lebanon framed as active Israeli aggression ('Zionist phosphorus attacks on south Lebanon').

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Compiled from nine Persian front-page scans read directly with vision, one English print (Iran Daily, dated 15 July, one day behind), and six outlet Telegram channels; Tehran Times and khamenei.ir were unreachable (HTTP 503), so the Leader's message appendix is reconstructed and flagged partial. The stale-batch guard passed (album date 25 Tir 1405 matched the target day). Accuracy notes: 'the Leader' denotes Mojtaba Khamenei, who succeeded his father Ali Khamenei (assassinated 28 February 2026), asserted per standing guidance and reader captions rather than re-derived daily. Ali Rabiei is confirmed (IRNA, president.ir) as Pezeshkian's deputy for social affairs. The Sanaa airport strike and the Houthi retaliation on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport are corroborated by international reporting (13 July). All battlefield tallies (downed aircraft, destroyed Patriots and radars, Nasr-2 wave counts, 'six missiles from Kuwait,' intercepted vessels) are attacker- or Iranian-state-sourced and treated as messaging pending independent confirmation; the IRGC's own denial of hits at Parchin and

Pasdaran is itself a signal of active narrative management. Claims of a fully closed Hormuz are contradicted by external data showing reduced but continuing transits (roughly 14 vessels on 13 July, about a 60 percent week-on-week drop), so transit is read as contested and intermittent, not a total blockade. The Chaharsoo montage attacks a peace-advocating figure whose exact identity could not be verified from the scan, so no name is asserted. Translations are editorial.

Macro Trend Analysis

① The hardline press declares the ceasefire dead

Day 134's question ('The Start of the Fourth Imposed War?') became Day 135's flat verdict. Vatan-e Emrooz's masthead 'Full-Scale War' states the Islamabad memorandum 'has effectively been set aside,' its top strip mocks 'Which memorandum?', and Nobonyad and Kayhan instruct readers to 'consider the memorandum with America finished.' The hardline camp now treats the 17 June framework as a corpse rather than a fragile pause.

② Another night of strikes, now with a damage walk-back

Iranian channels log projectile impacts near Sirik, explosions around Bandar Abbas and Qeshm, a confirmed Semnan airport hit, a Baghaei hospital in Ahvaz temporarily closed, and 'six missiles from Kuwaiti territory,' answered by IRGC 'Operation Nasr-2' sixth- and seventh-wave claims on US bases in Jordan and Kuwait and sirens in Bahrain. The novel element is deflation: the IRGC, via Kayhan, denies enemy hits at Parchin and the Pasdaran area and blames its own air defenses, managing down damage that Iranian sources had circulated.

③ Hormuz moves from red line to codified condition

The strait hardened from slogan toward statute. The Army spokesman says Hormuz 'stays closed until America accepts Iran's lawful framework'; Parliament, convening after four months, tabled a Hormuz control bill (Iran Daily); and Jomhuri-ye Eslami leads on world markets alarmed by a possible closure. Jam-e Jam frames 'the second war is over sovereignty of Hormuz.' External shipping data still show reduced-not-sealed transit, so closure remains leverage and signalling, not a demonstrated blockade.

④ A diplomatic pulse survives beneath the war talk

Even as hardliners bury the deal, a track is still referenced. Etemad's channel relays Vice President Vance alleging a 'foreign influence campaign funded to derail negotiations' and Trump claiming Iran freed a detained American citizen; US senators (Schumer among them) challenge the war's legality; and Iran Daily reassures foreign audiences that oil exports are 'unaffected by the revoked US waiver.' The gap between the funeral rhetoric and this quiet subtext is the day's most telling signal.

⑤ The peace argument is criminalized in a coordinated pile-on

The internal split went personal and synchronized. Chaharsoo's 'Voice of Israel' montage, Jam-e Jam's 'Surrender Behind the Mask of Peace-Seeking,' and Nobonyad's 'Dagger-Blunting in the Name of Honorable Peace' cast the 'honorable peace' camp as pro-Israel on the same morning, while Nobonyad brands Ali Rabiei's leaked social report a 'miscalculation aide' problem. Sazandegi, meanwhile, sidesteps the war entirely to expose a football-bonus scandal, keeping reformist distance from the hardline liturgy.

⑥ The home-front bill keeps breaking through

State fronts admit the cost. Jam-e Jam leads on scheduled blackouts and a 10 percent conservation plea and repeats the running roughly 4,200-megawatt grid-loss tally across 2,000-plus damaged points; Ta'adol headlines banking reform, a construction sector in 'recession fever and energy shortage,' and a bourse 'in the middle of war'; and the leaked Rabiei metrics point to admitted social distress. The technocratic press keeps Hormuz-as-leverage tethered to Hormuz-as-liability.

7 The Yemen front widens; Lebanon stays hot

A new flashpoint opened on the flank: the Sanaa airport strike drew Houthi missile-and-drone retaliation on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport, with Vatan-e Emrooz and Sobh-e No amplifying it and Jomhuri-ye Eslami printing Iran's denial of responsibility for Sanaa. Kayhan pushes a Red Sea 'encirclement' narrative. Sobh-e No keeps Lebanon framed as active Israeli aggression ('phosphorus attacks on south Lebanon'), closing that front to any normalization read.

Key Judgments

HIGH The hardline consensus that the 17 June deal is dead is now the dominant public frame, but it functions partly as factional weaponry rather than a clean policy shift. On the same day the press declared 'Full-Scale War' and 'the memorandum is finished,' both governments still referenced a negotiating track (Vance's 'influence campaign to derail negotiations,' Trump's claimed US-citizen release, senators challenging the war's legality). Read the 'deal is dead' framing as the hardline camp's instrument in an internal fight, not proof that all diplomatic channels have closed.

MODERATE-HIGH A real overnight exchange most likely occurred, but its scale and results are contested and the Iranian side is now actively managing its own narrative. Strikes on Semnan airport, Ahvaz, Sirik, Bandar Abbas and Qeshm and the 'six missiles from Kuwait' are reported consistently; the Nasr-2 wave counts and US-base destruction tallies are attacker-sourced. The IRGC's own denial of hits at Parchin and Pasdaran, blaming air defenses, is the day's clearest sign that Iranian channels are deflating as well as inflating, so treat specific tallies as messaging.

MODERATE-HIGH Hormuz is hardening from signalling toward codification, which is a more durable escalation than a slogan. The Army's 'closed until the US accepts Iran's lawful framework' plus a Parliament control bill move closure from executive posture toward law. The key hedge stands: external shipping data show transit reduced (about 14 vessels on 13 July, roughly a 60 percent weekly drop) but not sealed, so watch whether the bill actually passes and whether transit approaches zero rather than merely thinning.

MODERATE The elite war-versus-peace split has escalated into a coordinated criminalization of the peace camp, and it is a genuine fracture over cost, not stage-managed unanimity. The synchronized Chaharsoo, Jam-e Jam and Nobonyad attacks branding 'honorable peace' as pro-Israel, plus the weaponizing of Ali Rabiei's leaked social report, show the hardline fronts trying to close down debate precisely because reformist and administration voices keep pressing restraint. The Rabiei fight incidentally confirms officially measured domestic distress.

MODERATE The Yemen front is genuinely widening and Iran is deliberately distancing itself from it. The Sanaa airport strike and the Houthi retaliation on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport are corroborated by international reporting, and Jomhuri-ye Eslami's explicit denial of Iranian responsibility signals Tehran wants the escalation without ownership of it. The spillover risk to Gulf aviation and Red Sea shipping is real and rising, independent of the Hormuz question.

LOW-MODERATE The admitted home-front economic damage is mounting but should not be double-counted. The roughly 4,200-megawatt grid loss and 60-trillion-toman figure are a cumulative running tally repeated from prior days, not fresh daily damage; the fresher stress signals are the scheduled blackouts and

10 percent conservation plea, banking fragility, the construction slump, and a bourse under war. Watch the business press for the point at which Hormuz-as-leverage is read domestically as Hormuz-as-liability.

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Primary Theme
Vatan-e Emrooz	Full-Scale War	Hardline / principlist	Ceasefire declared dead; Islamabad memorandum 'set aside'; Yemen front
Nobonyad	The Miscalculation Aide	Conservative / principlist	Attack on Rabiei's leaked social report; 'consider the memorandum finished'
Seda-ye Iran	The Helpers of Lady Zeinab in the Ashura Battle	Hardline / pro-Leader (khamenei.ir-aligned)	Martyrdom-and-mourning liturgy; Ashura framing of the war dead
Jam-e Jam	Getting Past the Blackouts with 10 Percent Conservation	State broadcaster (IRIB)	Blackouts and war-damage tally; Hormuz sovereignty; anti-peace jab
Sazandegi	A Reward for Nothing!	Reformist (Kargozaran)	Football-bonus scandal; IRIB criticism; reformist distance from the war liturgy
Chaharsoo	The Voice of Israel	Economic / business (hawkish)	Anti-peace montage; case for striking Gulf energy targets
Jomhuri-ye Eslami	World Markets Alarmed by America's Aggression and a Closed Hormuz	Traditional / establishment	Hormuz-closure market alarm; Pezeshkian unity call; Sanaa denial
Etemad	Trump's Lose-Lose Gamble	Reformist	Trump trapped; red-line warning; documented strike damage; diplomatic subtext
Ta'adol	Banks at the Crossroads of Reform	Economic	Banking reform; bourse under war; energy-shortage drag
Iran Daily (English)	Paknejad: Oil Exports Unaffected by Revoked US Waiver	State English daily	Oil exports 'unaffected'; Hormuz control bill; UK IRGC designation op-ed
Kayhan (channel)	IRGC: Combined Strikes on US Bases in Kuwait and Jordan	Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)	Strike claims on Gulf bases; damage-denial at Parchin/Pasdaran; anti-IAEA editorial
Iran (channel)	Army: Hormuz Stays Closed Until the US Accepts Iran's Lawful Framework	Official government daily	Hormuz-as-condition; south-coast strike log; Semnan airport hit
Sobh-e No (channel)	Ten Steps Ahead of the Enemy	Principlist	Momentum messaging; Hormuz closed; Lebanon phosphorus; anti-Trump

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily (English)

State English-language daily

"Paknejad: Oil Exports Unaffected by Revoked US Waiver"



- The English state daily leads with Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad insisting Iran's oil exports are 'unaffected by the revoked US waiver,' a reassurance message pitched at foreign and market audiences.
- Its centrepiece reports that MPs 'put forward a Hormuz control bill as Parliament convenes after four months,' signaling a move to legislate state control over the strait rather than leave it to executive signaling.
- An opinion exclusive, 'Britain's IRGC designation aims to rein in Iran's extraterritorial reach,' engages a Western policy step directly for an English readership.
- Softer items (an Egypt-China 'strategic model' interview, the Volleyball Nations League, a scenic-village travel piece) round out the outward-facing edition, and the masthead notes that 'the martyred Leader founded a Revolution and Resistance Poetry school.'
- The print edition is dated Wednesday 15 July, one day behind the Persian batch.

Vatan-e Emrooz

Hardline / principlist

«جنگ تمام عیار» "Full-Scale War"



- The banner 'Full-Scale War' declares that with America's continued 'criminal attacks' on various parts of Iran and the 'decisive response' of Iran's armed forces, the Islamabad memorandum (the 17 June ceasefire framework) 'has effectively been set aside,' a masthead-level assertion that the pause is finished.
- A top strip asks 'Which memorandum?' and mocks the notion that any agreement still binds, placing the paper squarely with the hardline camp that now treats the MoU as dead.
- The right-hand column runs 'Iran's Oil Governance' and an op-ed 'Trump Got Played by Iran' (by Behrouz Hosseini), casting the confrontation as a strategic defeat for Washington rather than a costly stalemate for Tehran.
- The dominant front image, a night-time explosion at an industrial site captioned 'Al-Hudaydah? The start of a new resistance equation,' folds the Yemeni Red Sea front into Iran's axis narrative.

«دستیار خطای محاسباتی» *“The Miscalculation Aide”*



- The lead attacks a leaked analytical report by Ali Rabiei, President Pezeshkian's deputy for social affairs, on Iran's social and political mood; Nobonyad brands Rabiei a 'miscalculation aide' whose bleak metrics serve the enemy and were released at a damaging moment.
- A banner across the top quotes a cleric urging Iranians to 'consider the memorandum with America finished,' echoing the paper's line that the ceasefire is over.
- The front photo groups reformist-aligned figures and members of the administration under the 'miscalculation' charge, personalizing the assault on the government's social-affairs team.
- Two lower items, 'Dagger-Blunting in the Name of Honorable Peace' and 'The Silence of the Originators over the Memorandum's Fate,' extend the coordinated hardline pushback against Khatami's 'honorable peace' overture and against those who signed the June deal.

«یاوران حضرت زینب در نبرد عاشورایی» *“The Helpers of Lady Zeinab in the Ashura Battle”*



- The whole front is a martyrdom-and-mourning tableau: two rose-petal-covered grave markers of female martyrs ('شهیده') head a reflection on 'the martyrdom of the women of the family in the era of revolution,' fusing the Ashura and Lady Zeinab motif to the current war dead.
- A photo essay 'In Memory of Dad!' shows widows and children holding a martyr's portrait, keeping the war's human cost in a devotional rather than a political register.
- A column 'The Most Iranian Leader' and prominent khamenei.ir branding signal the paper's alignment with the Leader's office (Mojtaba Khamenei).
- A lower piece airs a grievance against international bodies, a thread that surfaces across several establishment fronts today.

Jam-e Jam State broadcaster (IRIB)

«عبور از خاموشی با صرفه‌جویی ۱۰ درصدی» *“Getting Past the Blackouts with 10 Percent Conservation”*



- The state broadcaster's paper leads on the home-front energy squeeze: peak summer heat plus war damage have forced scheduled blackouts in parts of the country, and the paper urges a 10 percent cut in electricity use to ride them out.
- Its Telegram channel repeats the running war-damage tally, a roughly 4,200-megawatt loss of grid capacity across 2,000-plus damaged points and over 60 trillion tomans in damage, and asks 'Will Israel re-enter the war with Iran?'
- On Hormuz the channel runs analyst Nima Akbarkhani's framing that 'the second war is over sovereignty of the Strait of Hormuz,' alongside the Army chief-of-staff's line that 'Iranian arrangements in Hormuz guarantee national security.'
- A front item 'Surrender Behind the Mask of Peace-Seeking' joins today's coordinated attack on the 'honorable peace' argument, while a large culture spread promotes two IRIB mega-series (a Moses production and a new Salman Farsi drama).
- The channel also logged six explosions near Sirik (Taherui village) minutes before posting, part of the night's reported strikes along the southern coast.

Sazandegi Reformist (Kargozaran)

«پاداش برای هیچ!» *“A Reward for Nothing!”*



- Against a war-dominated field the reformist paper gives its whole front to a sports-governance scandal: it reports that Football Federation head Mehdi Taj handed 140 billion tomans of a 350-billion-toman presidential bonus to national-team coach Amir Ghalenoei, questioning a 'reward for nothing.'
- A top strip flags a complaint against state broadcaster IRIB ('Outcry at Seda-o-Sima'), a recurring reformist grievance about IRIB's wartime monopoly on the narrative.
- The editorial ('An Apology Worth Reflecting On, for Iran's Future') keeps the paper's restraint-minded, national-interest framing.
- By foregrounding domestic accountability over battlefield claims on the same morning it is being attacked elsewhere as pro-Israel, Sazandegi signals continued distance from the hardline war liturgy.

Chaharsoo Economic / business (hawkish)

«صدای اسرائیل» "The Voice of Israel"



- A photo-montage of a turbaned cleric whose sunglasses reflect the Israeli and American flags headlines 'The Voice of Israel,' attacking a prominent peace-advocating figure who 'under the banner of peace' criticized Iran's defensive actions and is cast by the paper as aligned with Israel, part of the day's coordinated backlash against the 'honorable peace' line.
- Two hawkish arguments dominate the lower front: 'Striking the energy infrastructure of America's partners is necessary' and 'The imperative of attacking the oil facilities of America's cash cows,' urging escalation against Gulf-state energy targets that supply and fund Washington.
- An image of a burning refinery and an aerial shot of an energy/military site frame Gulf oil infrastructure as the next legitimate target set.
- The page turns Chaharsoo's economic lens into a case for widening the war to the Gulf littoral rather than a case for restraint.

Jomhouri-ye Eslami Traditional / establishment

«نگرانی بازارهای مالی و انرژی جهان از تجاوزات آمریکا به ایران و بسته شدن تنگه هرمز» "World Financial and Energy Markets Alarmed by America's Aggression Against Iran and the Closure of the Strait of Hormuz"



- The lead pins global market anxiety on US 'aggression' and the prospect of a closed Hormuz, an establishment framing that presents the strait as leverage whose costs fall on the world economy, not on Iran alone.
- A prominent second story carries President Pezeshkian's message that 'national unity is Iran's most important backing' in overcoming problems and neutralizing the enemy's aims.
- The paper prints Iran's denial of responsibility for the attack on Sanaa airport ('We are not responsible'), distancing Tehran from the Yemen escalation that drew Houthi missile-and-drone strikes on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport.
- A domestic note reports that Tehran's water 'will not be rationed if people cooperate,' and the back page marks the martyrdom anniversary of Ayatollah Beheshti.

«قمار دوسر باخت ترامپ» "Trump's Lose-Lose Gamble"



- The reformist daily frames the escalation as a trap for Washington, 'Trump's lose-lose gamble,' with a warning 'about Iran's red line' as the Persian Gulf crisis intensifies.
- A signed feature, 'Difficulty and Duty,' an interview with two war photographers, foregrounds the human and journalistic cost of covering the conflict rather than triumphal strike tallies.
- Etemad's channel logs concrete war damage: the status of Ahvaz's Shahid Baghaei hospital after a nearby US strike, 'six missiles fired from Kuwaiti territory toward Iran,' explosions around Bandar Abbas and Qeshm, and an intercepted MQ-9 drone.
- The channel also relays US Vice President Vance alleging a 'foreign influence campaign funded to derail negotiations' and Trump's claim that Iran released a detained American citizen, both pointing to a still-live diplomatic subtext beneath the fighting.
- Reflective sidebars ('Alexander Dugin and We Iranians,' 'Philosophy Against Trump,' 'A Hard Week for the Bourse') keep the paper's cost-aware, skeptical register.

«بانکها در دو راهی اصلاح» "Banks at the Crossroads of Reform"



- The business daily leads on structural banking reform, arguing Iran's economic future is 'tied to the decisions of the banking system,' and runs a market feature headlined 'The Bourse in the Middle of War.'
- A top item relays a German warning about the effect of disruption and sanctions on Europe's gas market, and flags a construction sector caught in 'recession fever and energy shortage.'
- The framing keeps Hormuz-as-leverage tethered to Hormuz-as-liability: the war's economic drag (energy shortfalls, a stressed bourse, banking fragility) is the story, not battlefield claims.
- A sidebar casts the moment as a 'strategic opportunity for the Islamic world,' a rare hawkish note in an otherwise cost-focused page.

Iran (channel) Official government daily

"Army: Hormuz Stays Closed Until the US Accepts Iran's Lawful Framework"

- The government daily's channel carries the Army spokesman's line that 'the Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until America accepts Iran's lawful sovereignty framework,' the firmest official statement of Hormuz-as-condition.
- It logs the night's reported strikes along the south coast: a second projectile impact near Sirik around 01:25, two explosions east of Bandar Abbas, and a confirmed hit on Semnan airport with 'no casualties.'
- It reports 'six missiles fired from Kuwaiti territory toward Iran via Iraqi airspace' and the temporary closure of a Baghaei hospital in Ahvaz after nearby blasts, with patients transferred safely.
- As the government outlet it pairs the strike log with rumor-control caveats and, unlike the hardline channels, keeps a factual, damage-acknowledging tone.

Kayhan (channel) Hardline (Leader's office / IRGC)

"IRGC: Combined Strikes on US Bases in Kuwait and Jordan"

- Kayhan's channel drives the battlefield-claims register: the IRGC says a 'combined drone-and-missile operation' hit the C-RAM early-warning radar at Kuwait's Ali al-Salem base and communications and fuel depots at Jordan's Al-Azraq base, and reports warning sirens sounding in Bahrain.
- The IRGC explicitly denies enemy hits at Parchin and the Pasdaran area, attributing the explosions there to Iranian air-defense fire, a rare walk-back of damage that Iranian channels themselves had circulated.
- Its spokesman warns the adversary 'should not imagine it can sustain the current equation of battle,' signaling further phases to come.
- The day's 'Yadasht-e Rooz' editorial by managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari, 'The Agency or the War Room?', attacks IAEA director Rafael Grossi as complicit with Israel and the United States.

Sobh-e No (channel) Principlist

"Ten Steps Ahead of the Enemy" «ده قدم جلوتر از دشمن»

- The principlist channel projects momentum: 'Ten Steps Ahead of the Enemy' and 'The Strait of Hormuz Remains Closed,' claiming naval enforcement intercepted vessels with warning fire in the past 24 hours.
- It opens the Lebanon front with 'Zionist Phosphorus Attacks on South Lebanon,' keeping Lebanon framed as active Israeli aggression rather than a normalization track.
- A commentary, 'The Final Nail in Trump's Coffin,' recasts Trump's threats against Iran's nuclear sites as psychological warfare rather than imminent action.
- On Yemen it notes the Sanaa 'neither-war-nor-peace' phase has ended after the airport strike, tying the Houthis-Saudi exchange into the wider confrontation.

A. The Leader's Message (Partial / Reconstructed)

Front-page scans (Nobonyad, Seda-ye Iran); khamenei.ir unreachable (HTTP 503)

No single new lead message from the Leader (Mojtaba Khamenei) dominated the 25 Tir front pages, and khamenei.ir and its English mirror were unreachable (HTTP 503) at the time of compilation, so this appendix is reconstructed from the scans and flagged as partial.

The Leader's presence on the day is carried in two registers. First, the mourning-and-martyrdom liturgy: Seda-ye Iran, a khamenei.ir-aligned front, devotes its whole page to 'The Helpers of Lady Zeinab in the Ashura Battle,' honouring female war martyrs and running a column titled 'The Most Iranian Leader.' This fuses the Ashura and Lady Zeinab motif to the current war dead and to loyalty to the Leader's office.

Second, the political line that the ceasefire is finished: Nobonyad's top banner carries a cleric's exhortation to 'consider the memorandum with America finished,' referencing the Leader's guidance, and Vatan-e Emrooz's masthead declares the Islamabad memorandum 'effectively set aside.' Read together, these amount to a message that the June framework no longer binds and that mourning does not preclude retaliation, rather than a discrete new statement.

Caveat: because the primary source (khamenei.ir) could not be reached, no direct quotation of the Leader is asserted here; the above summarizes how the Leader's authority and messaging are represented across today's fronts.

B. Flagged Editorial - Kayhan, 'The Agency or the War Room?' by Hossein Shariatmadari

Kayhan Telegram channel (t.me/s/kayhan_online); author verified as Kayhan managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari

The day's flagged editorial is Kayhan's 'Yadasht-e Rooz' (Note of the Day), 'The Agency or the War Room?' (Part 1), written by the paper's managing editor and representative of the Leader, Hossein Shariatmadari. The following is a faithful summary of its argument, reconstructed from the channel post; it is not a verbatim transcription, and no direct quotations are asserted.

The editorial attacks the International Atomic Energy Agency and its director general, Rafael Grossi, alleging that the Agency has behaved as a 'war room' aligned with Israel and the United States rather than as a neutral technical body. It claims confidential IAEA information on Iran's nuclear facilities was passed to hostile states and used to enable strikes on those sites.

It folds this into Kayhan's wider wartime line that Western institutions are instruments of the aggression against Iran, and that the 17 June memorandum offers Iran no real protection - reinforcing the hardline camp's 'the deal is dead' framing that runs across Vatan-e Emrooz and Nobonyad today.

C. Methodology and Sourcing Notes

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