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کیهان

راهکارهای غیرقیمتی برای کاهش تقاضای بنزین

تحلیل خواندنی فارن افرز از درس بزرگی که ایران به جهان داد

با حمله به زیرساخت‌های نفتی عربستان

یمن درهای جهنم را به روی آل‌سعود گشود!

تصاویر ترامپ و نتانیاهو در کاراکاس زیر پای مردم لِه شد

در ازای شهادت هر ایرانی یک نیروی آمریکایی به درک واصل می‌شود

ترامپ در گوشه‌ای گیر افتاده و نمی‌تواند از آن فرار کند

تابلوهای بنزین در آمریکا هم دروغ می‌گویند؟!

آمریکا؛ سه فرار نظامی در ۱۹ روز

نفوذ سازمان همکاری شانگهای در نظم نوین جهانی در حال گسترش است

نگاهی به موج جدید فشار دولت بر صداوسیما

شلیک‌های مداوم تا تسلیم کامل دشمن ادامه دارد

وداع با هنرمندی از جنس مردم

تبدیل ایران به عقب‌افتاده‌ترین کشور جهان

آیا امامان معذاز امام حسین(ع) از قاتلان آن حضرت خونخواهی کردند؟

Front page: Kayhan

Executive Summary

Day 145 is an American-retreat amplification edition, and its lead judgment is that the day's dominant framing move is psychological, not kinetic: a cluster of titles converts a New York Times report that the Trump administration paused its escalation against Iran into a narrative of American weakness and entrapment. Kayhan leads its channel with 'the New York Times reveals America halted the war's escalation out of fear of greater losses,' citing depleted Patriot interceptor stocks and exposure of Arab allies; Sobh-e No runs the same 'Trump's reluctance to escalate' speculation; and the security-linked Nour News prints Trump's counter-claim, 'we have not retreated,' which functions in this edition as the exception that proves the theme. The English Iran Daily supplies the ideological gloss with an opinion piece, 'global peace threatened by American unilateralism.' The mechanism is amplification of a single Western report into centrally-convergent messaging, and the analytic caution is that the underlying claim is a reported hesitation, not a verified Iranian battlefield gain.

Beneath that narrative, the edition again separates loud front-page claims from wire-corroborated events. The multi-country US-base strike claim persists and hardens in specificity, Iran Daily's 'Armed Forces pummel US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait,' Seda-ye Iran's 'complete destruction of three US special-forces munitions systems at the King Faisal base,' Vatan-e Emrooz's named operations 'Nasr-2' and 'Saeqeh,' Fars News's assertion that Iran struck 'AWS data-center nodes' in Bahrain, and a military spokesman's claim on Defa Press that US infrastructure in Erbil is 'nearly completely destroyed', yet the state's own defense wires document only Yemeni (Ansarallah) operations against Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait's ambassador is reported on Defa Press to have explicitly denied that any operation was mounted from or against Kuwaiti territory. The most escalatory content of the day remains the least sourced, and the Kuwait denial is fresh negative evidence against it.

The one kinetic reality the wires do corroborate is the Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign, and the papers convert it into an oil-shock-on-the-West story. Kayhan leads 'Yemen has opened the gates of hell upon the House of Saud' after strikes on Yanbu, Jizan and Aramco facilities; Sobh-e No and Defa Press report two Yemeni operations against Aramco and a projectile strike on a tanker roughly seventy miles off Al-Shuqaiq; Vatan-e Emrooz reports two Saudi tankers ablaze in the Red Sea and prices Brent near 101 dollars. The economic press carries the same theme in its own register: Chahar Sough leads 'a closed Hormuz is Europe's gas nightmare,' Etemad frames 'the Hormuz oil crisis turning into a gas crisis,' and the IRIB-owned Jam-e Jam cites the International Energy Agency on 'severely reduced' Qatari and Emirati LNG supply and Hormuz traffic well below pre-conflict levels. Foreign-ministry spokesmen keep the chokepoint claim alive politically (Hormuz 'will never return to pre-war conditions'), while confirming Iran-Oman technical talks on safe navigation.

The constructive diplomacy on the page is pointedly eastern and regional, not American. The government daily Iran leads on 'Beijing's roadmap for regional peace' and an Araghchi-Wang Yi meeting; the establishment Jomhouri Eslami leads on 'new China and Pakistan efforts to return Iran and America to the understanding'; the English Iran Daily confirms four Iran-Iraq cooperation deals including a Basra-Shalamcheh rail memorandum with President Pezeshkian urging 'swift implementation'; and Foreign Minister Araghchi conducts Shanghai Cooperation Organization diplomacy in Dushanbe, his line rendered as 'Iran's diplomacy was met with military action, not dialogue.' This mediation pole runs directly against the hardline Nobonyad, whose lead calls the collapsed 25-day Iran-US understanding 'damage more costly than the JCPOA', so the intra-regime argument over whether to seek an exit, the fracture the prior edition put on the front page, continues today mapped onto the question of returning to talks.

Two threads that had gone quiet reappear. Sobh-e No reports Israeli artillery fire into southern Lebanon (Kafr Tebnit, Markaba, the Bayt Yahoun-Kunin axis), the most concrete Lebanon-front signal in several editions, and Nour News reports Israel extending its emergency status through 11 August citing both Iran and Lebanon, with

Netanyahu due to meet Trump in Washington, so Israel and Lebanon re-enter as low-level but active signals rather than the absent fronts of recent days. Separately, Iran's foreign ministry (via Defa Press) condemns a reported Ukrainian attack on an Iranian commercial vessel in the Caspian that killed one sailor, a discrete new incident to track.

Net assessment: this is an amplification-and-cost edition. The verifiable developments are a reported American pause (Iranian-amplified into a weakness narrative), a corroborated Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign, active eastern mediation, and a quantified accounting of war damage on Iranian soil; the unverifiable and now partly contradicted content is the cluster of Iranian strikes on US bases across three-plus countries. The highest-significance finding is the coordinated conversion of a Western report on US restraint into an 'America blinked' narrative, because it is a messaging posture the state's own operational channels do not support; the sharpest internal contradiction is again that the state broadcaster's own paper (Jam-e Jam) counts the war's cost in megawatts and tomans while other fronts declare American bases destroyed; and the signal most worth watching into the next cycle is the re-activation of the Israel-Lebanon front alongside a Netanyahu-Trump meeting.

BOTTOM LINE The Iranian front pages converge on amplifying a New York Times report that Washington halted its escalation out of materiel weakness, folding it into an 'America blinked, Trump is trapped' narrative, while the only kinetic reality corroborated on the state's own defense wires remains the Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign; Iranian claims of destroyed US bases in Erbil, Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain stay attacker-sourced and are now partly contradicted by Kuwait's own denial, and the constructive diplomacy on the page runs through Beijing, Muscat and Islamabad rather than Washington.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Compiled from nine Persian front-page scans (Nobonyad, Kayhan, Iran, Seda-ye Iran, Sazandegi, Chahar Sough, Ta'adol, Etemad, Jomhouri Eslami) for Sunday 4 Mordad 1405, one English print (Iran Daily, dated Saturday 25 July, one day behind the batch), three channel-read dailies (Vatan-e Emrooz, Sobh-e No, Jam-e Jam), and three agency wires (Defa Press, Fars News, Nour News) used for corroboration only and labelled as claims. Tehran Times and the office-of-the-Leader website could not be retrieved on this cycle and are not cited. All Iranian claims of strikes on US bases (Iran Daily, Seda-ye Iran, Vatan-e Emrooz, Fars News and a Defa Press military-spokesman assertion) are attacker-sourced, uncorroborated by the state's own defense wires, and partly contradicted by a reported Kuwaiti denial; they are documented for defensive assessment only and are not to be reproduced as authentic without primary-source confirmation. Named figures were verified against the page text where legible; the Seda-ye Iran masthead read and the Sazandegi and Iran Daily editorial bylines are flagged as lower-confidence. In current coverage 'the Leader' is Mojtaba Khamenei; Ali Khamenei was assassinated on 28 February 2026 and appears here as the martyred predecessor. Translations are editorial.

Macro Trend Analysis

1 American restraint is recast as American weakness

A New York Times report that Washington paused its escalation, attributed to depleted Patriot interceptor stocks, exposure of Arab allies, and feared economic fallout, is amplified near-identically across Kayhan, Sobh-e No and Defa Press and glossed by Iran Daily's 'global peace threatened by American unilateralism' opinion piece and Kayhan's recycled 'Trump cannot find an exit' motif. Nour News's printing of Trump's own denial ('we have not retreated') is the lone dissonant note. The convergence indicates centrally-guided message discipline on a psychological-advantage theme built from a single Western report, and it is the edition's dominant framing move: a claimed shift in the strategic balance asserted through rhetoric rather than demonstrated on the battlefield.

2 The claim-versus-wire gap widens, now with a Kuwaiti denial

The multi-country US-base strike claim hardens in specificity (named 'Nasr-2' and 'Saeqeh' operations, the 'King Faisal base,' 'AWS data-center nodes' in Bahrain, Erbil infrastructure 'nearly destroyed') across Iran Daily, Seda-ye Iran, Vatan-e Emrooz, Fars News and a Defa Press spokesman, yet none is echoed by the operational content of the state's own wires, which report only Yemeni strikes on Saudi Arabia, and Fars News itself notes 'no new Iranian strikes' in its analytical posts. The reported Kuwaiti ambassadorial denial that any operation was mounted from or against Kuwaiti territory is fresh negative evidence. The divergence between curated fronts and defense channels is itself the finding: treat every US-base strike claim as messaging to be confirmed outside this monitor.

3 The corroborated kinetic reality is the Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign

Ansarallah operations against Yanbu, Jizan and Aramco facilities, plus tanker strikes near Al-Shuqaiq and in the Red Sea and interdiction at Bab al-Mandeb, are the day's one wire-supported kinetic activity (Kayhan, Sobh-e No, Vatan-e Emrooz, Defa Press, Fars News), and the Iranian press packages it as an oil-and-energy shock aimed at the West. Brent is priced near 101 dollars; the economic titles extend the theme (Chahar Sough's 'closed Hormuz, Europe's gas nightmare'; Etemad's oil-to-gas crisis; Jam-e Jam's IEA citation on reduced Gulf LNG). The standing dual-chokepoint coercion thread persists, sourced to Yemeni operations rather than to any demonstrated Iranian closure of Hormuz.

4 Diplomacy is redirected east, through Beijing, Muscat and Islamabad

With the US channel declared dead by American bad faith, the constructive diplomacy on the page is eastern and regional: Iran leads on 'Beijing's roadmap' and an Araghchi-Wang Yi meeting, Jomhouri Eslami on 'China and Pakistan efforts' to restore the understanding, Iran Daily on four Iran-Iraq deals and a rail memorandum, and Araghchi conducts SCO diplomacy in Dushanbe, while Nour News confirms Iran-Oman technical talks on Hormuz navigation. This government strategy of demonstrating statecraft through partners runs directly against Nobonyad's rejectionist 'worse than the JCPOA' verdict, keeping the intra-regime argument over an exit alive as a diplomacy-versus-rejection split.

5 War cost is admitted while Israel and Lebanon re-activate

The IRIB-owned Jam-e Jam quantifies the war's cost (a reported 4,200-megawatt grid-capacity loss, over 60 trillion tomans, projectile damage repaired at Jassk and explosions near Sirik), and Ta'adol and Chahar Sough price inflation and gold flight, a counterweight to the triumph frame sharpened by coming from the broadcaster's own paper. At the same time, after editions in which Israel and Lebanon were absent as fronts, Sobh-e No reports Israeli artillery into southern Lebanon and Nour News reports Israel extending emergency status through 11 August (citing Iran and Lebanon) ahead of a Netanyahu-Trump meeting, re-activating those fronts as low-level but live signals.

Key Judgments

KJ-1 **[HIGH]** A single Western report of American restraint has been converted into a coordinated 'America blinked, Trump is trapped' narrative across the fronts. The New York Times account of a paused US escalation (depleted Patriots, exposed Arab allies) runs near-identically on Kayhan, Sobh-e No and Defa Press, is glossed by Iran Daily's 'American unilateralism' opinion piece, and is contradicted only by Trump's own 'we have not retreated' denial reprinted on Nour News. Significance: this is the cycle's dominant and most consequential framing move because it asserts a shift in the strategic balance through amplified rhetoric rather than any demonstrated Iranian gain; the discipline is real (near-identical carriage indicates central guidance) but the underlying event is a reported hesitation, so the barometer to watch is whether any

operational fact is ever offered to substantiate the 'America blinked' claim, or whether it remains a purely narrative posture.

KJ-2 **[MODERATE-HIGH]** The multi-country US-base strike claims are more specific today but remain uncorroborated and are now partly contradicted. Iran Daily's 'pummel US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait,' Seda-ye Iran's 'King Faisal base' destruction, Vatan-e Emrooz's named 'Nasr-2' and 'Saeqeh' operations, Fars News's 'AWS data-center' claim and a Defa Press spokesman's 'Erbil nearly destroyed' assertion are unsupported by the operational content of the state's own defense wires, which report only Yemeni strikes on Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait's ambassador is reported to have denied any operation from or against Kuwaiti territory. Significance: the most escalatory content of the day is again the least sourced, the added specificity does not add corroboration, and the Kuwaiti denial supplies fresh negative evidence; every base-strike claim should be treated as attacker-sourced messaging to be confirmed outside this monitor.

KJ-3 **[HIGH]** The one kinetic reality corroborated on the wires is the Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign, which the press repackages as an energy shock on the West. Strikes on Yanbu, Jizan and Aramco facilities, tanker attacks near Al-Shuqaiq and in the Red Sea, and Bab al-Mandeb interdiction are reported consistently across Kayhan, Sobh-e No, Vatan-e Emrooz, Defa Press and Fars News, with Brent priced near 101 dollars and IEA-cited Gulf LNG disruption. Significance: the standing dual-chokepoint coercion thread persists, but its evidentiary base is Ansarallah operations, not a demonstrated Iranian closure of Hormuz; the corroborated Saudi disruptions should be tracked separately from the uncorroborated Iranian oil-revenue and Hormuz-closure claims that ride on them.

KJ-4 **[MODERATE-HIGH]** The constructive diplomacy on the page is deliberately eastern and regional, not directed at Washington. Iran leads on Chinese mediation ('Beijing's roadmap,' the Araghchi-Wang Yi meeting), Jomhouri Eslami on China-and-Pakistan efforts to restore the understanding, Iran Daily on four Iran-Iraq deals and a Basra-Shalamcheh rail memorandum, and Araghchi conducts SCO diplomacy in Dushanbe, while Iran-Oman talks on Hormuz navigation continue. Significance: this signals a government strategy of demonstrating statecraft through partners while blaming the US track's collapse on American bad faith; it is the operative counter to the hardline war frame, and whether it becomes the regime's principal line, against Nobonyad's rejectionism, is the intra-elite contest to watch.

KJ-5 **[MODERATE]** The intra-regime split over seeking an exit persists, now expressed as a diplomacy-versus-rejection divide. The mediation-and-settlement pole (Iran, Jomhouri Eslami, Etemad's 'diplomacy besieged by distrust,' Sazandegi's 'mediators against war,' Ta'adol's argument that inflation cannot be tamed until sanctions and talks are resolved) stands opposite the rejectionist and mobilization pole (Nobonyad's 'damage worse than the JCPOA,' Kayhan, Seda-ye Iran's call for the public to 'stay in the field'). Significance: the fracture the prior edition documented over control of the war narrative continues today mapped onto the return-to-talks question; the alignment of reformist, government and establishment titles on the diplomacy side against a hardline rejectionist bloc is the structural feature to track, not any single day's headline.

KJ-6 **[MODERATE-HIGH]** Israel and Lebanon re-enter as low-level but active fronts after several editions of near-absence. Sobh-e No reports Israeli artillery fire into southern Lebanon (Kafr Tebnit, Markaba, the Bayt Yahoun-Kunin axis), and Nour News reports Israel extending emergency status through 11 August, citing both Iran and Lebanon, ahead of a Netanyahu visit to Trump in Washington; Jomhouri Eslami keeps Israel present through ICC lawfare, a UN-envoy threat and the Golan question. Significance: a concrete Lebanon-front artillery report plus an Israeli emergency-status extension is a re-activation signal worth close tracking,

since a return to either the Lebanon or the Israel front would materially change the war's geometry; the scanned Persian fronts still treat these fronts only glancingly, so the signal comes mainly from the channels and wires.

KJ-7 [MODERATE] Negative-evidence judgment: the war's cost is admitted on the page, including on Iranian soil, and the Leader's direct voice is absent. The IRIB-owned Jam-e Jam quantifies a 4,200-megawatt grid loss and over 60 trillion tomans in damage and reports enemy projectile strikes repaired at Jassk and explosions near Sirik; Ta'adol and Chahar Sough price inflation and gold flight; meanwhile no scanned front carries a direct message from the Leader (Mojtaba Khamenei), whose voice appears only second-hand via Seda-ye Iran's mobilization framing. Significance: the damage accounting is a first-class counterweight to the triumph narrative and is the more telling for coming from the broadcaster's own paper, while the Leader's continued low direct front-page presence on a day of open diplomacy-versus-rejection dispute extends the succession-era pattern and is logged as its own finding.

Named-Figure Tracker

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Donald Trump	US president	Cast as hesitant and trapped ('cannot find an exit'), his forces reportedly paused out of weakness; his own 'we have not retreated' denial is printed as counterpoint	TARGET FRAMING
Benjamin Netanyahu	Israeli prime minister	Placards trampled at a Caracas rally (Kayhan), cited via Haaretz as 'worst PM in Israeli history,' and reported due to meet Trump in Washington on Iran	TARGET FRAMING
Abbas Araghchi	Iranian foreign minister	Statecraft lead of the edition: SCO diplomacy in Dushanbe, a meeting with Wang Yi, and the line 'Iran's diplomacy was met with military action, not dialogue'	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Wang Yi	Chinese foreign minister	Sponsor of the 'Beijing roadmap for regional peace' foregrounded by the government daily Iran	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Esmail Qaani	IRGC Quds Force commander	Frames lifting the '11-year Yemen blockade' as a rightful humanitarian demand, tying Iran to the Ansarallah campaign	WATCH
Mojtaba Khamenei	Supreme Leader (in current coverage)	No direct front-page message on the scanned batch; his 'recent message' appears only second-hand via Seda-ye Iran's mobilization appeal on a day of open factional dispute	absence noted

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Kayhan	Yemen has opened the gates of hell upon the House of Saud!	Hardline flagship (Leader's office / IRGC)	Yemen-Saudi oil campaign and 'America blinked' narrative	HIGH: energy coercion plus life-for-life rhetoric
Iran Daily (English)	Armed Forces pummel US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait	State English daily (government)	Multi-country US-base strike claim for the international audience	HIGH: uncorroborated by the state's own wires

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Seda-ye Iran	Why must the people stay in the field?	Hardline / revolutionary (Leader's-office material)	Popular mobilization plus a 'King Faisal base' strike claim	HIGH: mobilization call and base-strike claim (uncorroborated)
Vatan-e Emrooz	Three-digit oil returns (channel read)	Hardline / principlist	Named strike operations fused with oil-shock framing	HIGH: named base-strike claims (uncorroborated)
Sobh-e No	New York Times speculates on Trump's reluctance to escalate (channel read)	Principlist	American-restraint narrative plus a live Lebanon-front report	MODERATE-HIGH: amplification plus Lebanon artillery signal
Nobonyad	Damage more costly than the JCPOA	Conservative / principlist	Collapsed US understanding cast as strategic loss; anti-diplomacy	MODERATE-HIGH: rejectionist escalation framing
Iran	Beijing's roadmap for regional peace	Official government daily	Chinese-sponsored regional mediation; defense of the presidency	LOW-MODERATE: government de-escalation framing
Jomhouri Eslami	New China and Pakistan efforts to return Iran and America to the understanding	Traditional / establishment	China-Pakistan mediation and Israel lawfare	MODERATE-HIGH: mediation lead with Israel-lawfare messaging
Etemad	The battle of the straits	Reformist	Chokepoint tension framed as stalemate; 'diplomacy besieged by distrust'	MODERATE: measured reporting, notes a lull
Chahar Sough	A closed Hormuz is Europe's gas nightmare	Economic / business	Hormuz as European energy shock; flight to gold	MODERATE: energy-weapon framing in economic register
Ta'adol	Inflation, the prime suspect	Economic	Inflation tied to unresolved sanctions and war	LOW-MODERATE: economic strain, implicit pro-settlement
Jam-e Jam	4,200-megawatt cut in grid capacity following war damage (channel read)	State broadcaster daily (IRIB)	Quantified war cost and energy disruption	MODERATE: war-damage accounting
Sazandegi	Farewell to the sultan of roles	Reformist (Kargozaran)	Cultural obituary lead; 'mediators against war' editorial	LOW: human-interest lead, pro-diplomacy

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily (English)

State English-language daily (government)

“Armed Forces pummel US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait”

HIGH: English-facing multi-country US-base strike claim (uncorroborated by wires)

- Main: The English front leads with 'Armed Forces pummel US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait,' the international-facing version of the multi-country base-strike claim carried on the Persian hardline fronts.
- Main: A centre feature, 'Araghchi: Iran's diplomacy met with military action, not dialogue,' reports Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi addressing the 23rd Council of Foreign Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- Op-ed: An 'Opinion Exclusive,' 'Global peace threatened by American unilateralism,' supplies the ideological frame for the English audience; the byline could not be verified from the scan.
- Sub-item: 'Iran, Iraq sign four cooperation deals, including rail link MoU' and 'Pezeshkian says stronger ties require swift implementation of accords' foreground the Iran-Iraq strategic track (a Basra-Shalamcheh rail memorandum).
- Right rail: Softer items ('Celebrities, concerts, and football'; 'Iranian teams discover Asian Games opponents'; a UNESCO Hegmataneh conservation report; a Tehran-Seoul heritage-and-tourism roadmap) round out the page.

> **ANALYST NOTE** Iran Daily carries the escalation claim to the English-reading world while simultaneously running the government's diplomacy: SCO statecraft in Dushanbe and four Iran-Iraq agreements. Note the cycle offset: this English kiosk print is dated Saturday 25 July, one day behind the Persian batch, so its 'pummel US bases' banner is the same uncorroborated cluster the state's own wires do not substantiate, packaged for external consumption.

Nobonyad

Conservative / principlist

MODERATE-HIGH: anti-diplomacy escalation framing

“Damage more costly than the JCPOA” «خسارت بارتر از برجام»

- Main: The lead pairs the banner (خسارت بارتر از برجام, 'damage more costly than the JCPOA') with a photograph of a hand holding the signed Iran-US presidential document, under the deck 'همزمان با فروپاشی تفاهم‌نامه روسای جمهور ایران و آمریکا؛ نوبنیاد نتایج امضای این تفاهم ۲۵ روزه را بررسی می‌کند' (coinciding with the collapse of the memorandum between the presidents of Iran and America, Nobonyad reviews the results of signing this 25-day understanding): the paper frames the short-lived understanding as a strategic loss worse than the 2015 nuclear deal.
- Banner: 'وهن مجلس' (a disgrace to the Majlis) headlines an internal-politics item on a 72-hour parliamentary quarrel (a televised dispute involving MPs Amir-Hossein Sabeti and Mohammad-Mehdi Shahryari), presented as damaging to the legislature's standing.
- Sub-item: 'صورتحساب جنگ برای ریاض' (the war's bill for Riyadh) folds the Yemen-on-Saudi campaign into an economic-cost frame directed at Saudi Arabia.
- Sub-item: 'بنزین گران می‌شود؛ کالابرگ در صف انتظار' (gasoline gets more expensive; ration coupons wait in line) previews domestic price pressure and a possible coupon scheme.
- Op-ed: 'حفره امنیتی همین جاست' (the security hole is right here) and 'اعلان قرمز برای تراستی‌ها' (a red alert for the trustees) run as principlist commentary on internal security and management failings.

ANALYST NOTE Nobonyad extends its prior-edition line that the 14-point Iran-US understanding has collapsed, now sharpening it into an explicit anti-negotiation verdict: the deal produced 'damage worse than the JCPOA.' This is hardline messaging aimed at the diplomacy track and at the government that pursued it, and it sits opposite the government daily Iran's mediation framing on the same day; track it as the principlist bloc's continued effort to foreclose a return to talks.

Kayhan

Hardline flagship, close to the Supreme Leader's office / IRGC; managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari

HIGH: energy coercion plus life-for-life retaliation rhetoric

“Yemen has opened the gates of hell upon the House of Saud!” «یمن درهای جهنم را به روی آل‌سعود گشود!»

کیهان

یمن درهای جهنم را به روی آل‌سعود گشود!

- Main: 'با حمله به زیرساخت‌های نفتی عربستان' (with the strike on Saudi oil infrastructure) the lead casts Ansarallah operations against Yanbu, Jizan and Aramco facilities as a decisive escalation, and threatens a sharp rise in global oil prices; continued Saudi strikes in Marib and Jawf are cited as the cycle of confrontation.
- Banner: 'ترامپ در گوشه‌ای گیر افتاده و نمی‌تواند از آن فرار کند' (Trump is trapped in a corner and cannot escape) advances the standing 'Trump-in-a-trap' motif, reinforced by a video item citing former US Secretary of State Blinken to the effect that Trump cannot find an exit.
- Sub-item: 'تحلیل خواندنی فارن افرز از درس بزرگی که جهان به ایران داد' (a readable Foreign Affairs analysis of the great lesson the world gave Iran) enlists a Western outlet, at second hand, to validate Iran's strategic standing.
- Kicker: 'در ازای شهادت هر ایرانی یک نیروی آمریکایی به درک واصل می‌شود' (for each martyred Iranian, one American is dispatched to perdition) restates the IRGC 'equation' of proportional retaliation carried across the hardline cluster.
- Sub-item: A bottom-of-page photo shows images of Trump and Netanyahu trampled underfoot at a Caracas rally ('تصاویر ترامپ و نتانیاهو در کاراکاس زیر پای مردم له شد'), and a right-rail item asserts the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's expanding role in a 'new global order.'

> **ANALYST NOTE** Kayhan makes the oil weapon and American weakness its twin themes: it leads on the Yemen-Saudi energy campaign (the day's one wire-corroborated kinetic reality) while amplifying, via the New York Times, a narrative that Washington halted its escalation out of materiel weakness. Coming from the Leader's-office flagship, the pairing signals a message of strategic ascendancy, but the battlefield claims remain attacker-sourced and the 'equation' rhetoric is exhortation, not reporting.

Front-page photo of trampled Trump and Netanyahu placards at a Caracas rally

Iran

Official government daily (state, presidency-aligned)

“Beijing's roadmap for regional peace”

«نقشه راه پکن برای صلح منطقه»

LOW-MODERATE: government mediation and de-escalation framing

ایران

Iran Newspaper

مشکل ما رفتن بزرگان نیست نساختن نسل بعدی است

نقشه راه پکن برای صلح منطقه

انگیزه اسرائیل از پول‌پاشی در آمریکا علیه توافق با ایران

ضرورت حفظ شأن و جایگاه ریاست جمهوری و دیگر نهادهای قانونی

حضور بیش از ۳۸ هزار نیروی سلامت در مراسم اربعین

بررسی مدل جدید تجارت گاز از مسیر ایران

- Main: The lead reports on Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi's meeting with China's Wang Yi, under the deck 'دیدار عراقچی و وانگ‌یی؛ چین چگونه به تحولات اخیر ایران و خاورمیانه می‌نگرد؟' (how China views recent developments in Iran and the Middle East), casting Beijing as sponsor of a regional de-escalation framework.
- Sub-item: 'ضرورت حفظ شأن و جایگاه ریاست جمهوری و دیگر نهادهای قانونی' (the necessity of preserving the dignity and standing of the presidency and other legal institutions) continues the prior edition's institutional-rift thread, defending the executive's standing.
- Sub-item: 'انگیزه اسرائیل؛ از پول‌پاشی در آمریکا برای توافق علیه ایران' (Israel's motive: cash-splashing in America for a deal against Iran) frames Israeli lobbying in Washington as the driver of anti-Iran pressure.
- Sub-item: 'بررسی مدل جدید تجارت گاز از مسیر ایران' (examining a new model for gas trade via the Iran route) links energy geopolitics to a constructive transit role for Iran.
- Right rail: 'حضور بیش از ۳۸ هزار نیروی سلامت در مراسم اربعین' (more than 38,000 health personnel deployed for the Arbaeen ceremonies) and a 'مقاومت در ساحل مکران' (resistance on the Makran coast) feature round out the page.

ANALYST NOTE As the presidency's paper, Iran anchors the day's diplomacy pole: it foregrounds Chinese mediation and an Araghchi-Wang Yi meeting rather than any US channel, and defends the standing of the presidency in the continuing intra-regime dispute. Read alongside Jomhouri Eslami's China-and-Pakistan mediation lead and the English Iran Daily's Iran-Iraq deals, this marks a government strategy of demonstrating statecraft through eastern and regional partners while the US track is declared dead by American bad faith.

Seda-ye Iran

Hardline / revolutionary; front page carries office-of-the-Leader material (khamenei.ir watermark)

“Why must the people stay in the field?” **HIGH: mobilization call plus specific base-strike claim (uncorroborated)**

«چرا باید مردم در میدان بمانند؟»

- Main: The banner question sits over the deck 'بانگ زدن به پیام اخیر رهبر معظم انقلاب اسلامی' (echoing the recent message of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution) and a photograph of a flag-and-banner crowd, presenting continued popular mobilization as the answer to the Leader's call.
- Op-ed: A front-page سرمقاله (lead editorial) develops the mobilization theme, tying public steadfastness to the war effort and to the Leader's guidance.
- Banner: A masthead pair of portrait boxes is labelled 'شهید سیدعلی' (the martyred Seyyed Ali, the predecessor Leader), consistent with the succession-era iconography.
- Sub-item: 'انهدام کامل سه سامانه مهمات نیروهای ویژه ارتش آمریکا در پایگاه ملک فیصل ایران در حمله سپاه' (complete destruction of three US Army special-forces munitions systems at the King Faisal base in an IRGC strike) advances a specific base-strike claim.
- Sub-item: 'بازتعریف روزانه زندگی ایران' (a daily redefinition of Iran's life) frames the wartime posture as a durable condition rather than a passing emergency.

ANALYST NOTE This title functions as an amplifier of the office-of-the-Leader message, converting a recent statement by the Leader (in current coverage Mojtaba Khamenei) into a mobilization appeal. Its King Faisal base-strike claim belongs to the same uncorroborated cluster as Iran Daily's multi-country claim and the military spokesman's Erbil assertion, and should be treated as attacker-sourced. Masthead read is offered with moderate confidence; the analytic weight rests on the content, not the exact nameplate.

Sazandegi

Reformist / Kargozaran party

LOW: human-interest lead with a pro-diplomacy editorial

“Farewell to the sultan of roles” «وداع با سلطان نقش‌ها»

- Main: The lead is an obituary tribute to the veteran actor Akbar Abdi (اکبر عبدی), 'محبوب و ماندگار سینمای ایران' (a beloved and enduring figure of Iranian cinema), reported dead at 64, with a full-bleed portrait; the human-interest lead deliberately displaces the war from the top of the page.
- Op-ed: A front-page editorial, 'میانجی‌ها در برابر جنگ' (mediators against war), argues the pro-diplomacy case, foregrounding third-party mediation as the alternative to escalation.
- Sub-item: 'میراث شفافیت' (the legacy of transparency), a commentary associated with Ahmad Zeidabadi, engages the reformist critique of official conduct and messaging.
- Sub-item: Cultural and civic items ('آخرین دیدار' / a last meeting, and coverage of the film community's mourning) fill the lower page.
- Right rail: A short column continues the paper's line favoring negotiation and institutional restraint over a war footing.

ANALYST NOTE Sazandegi's editorial choice is itself a signal: leading with a cultural death and running a 'mediators against war' editorial keeps the reformist bloc's anti-escalation, pro-diplomacy position on the front page without directly contesting the hardline war claims. It aligns with the Iran-China-Oman mediation pole and against Nobonyad's 'worse than the JCPOA' verdict; the author byline of the editorial could not be verified from the scan and is left unattributed pending confirmation.

Chahar Sough

Economic / business

MODERATE: energy-weapon framing in economic register

“A closed Hormuz is Europe's gas nightmare” «بسته ماندن هرمز کابوس گازی اروپا»

- Main: The lead ('و جنگ تحمیلی آمریکا علیه ایران، امنیت LNG رقابت جهانی برای انرژی قاره سبز را تهدید می‌کند') argues that global competition for LNG plus 'America's imposed war on Iran' threaten the energy security of the 'green continent,' illustrated by a European natural-gas price chart spiking toward the mid-80s EUR/MWh.
- Main: The framing converts the Strait of Hormuz chokepoint into a European gas-supply story, extending the standing energy-coercion thread into the economic press.
- Sub-item: 'رشد ۷ برابری قیمت شمش طلا با وجود حراج ۳۱ تن شمش در مرکز مبادله ارز و طلای ایران' (a sevenfold rise in gold-bullion price despite the auction of 31 tons at Iran's currency-and-gold exchange center) records wartime flight into gold.
- Sub-item: 'شریعتمداری هلدینگ خلیج فارس را با چه وضعیتی تحویل می‌دهد؟' (in what state is Shariatmadari handing over the Persian Gulf Holding?) is a corporate-governance item on the Persian Gulf Petrochemical holding; the surname here refers to a business figure, not the Kayhan managing editor.
- Right rail: The page tracks currency and commodity markets under war conditions rather than battlefield claims.

ANALYST NOTE Chahar Sough gives the chokepoint-coercion thread its economic articulation: Hormuz is priced not as a military event but as a European energy shock and a domestic flight-to-gold. This is the business-press complement to Etemad's 'oil crisis becomes a gas crisis' framing and Jam-e Jam's LNG-disruption data, and it shows the energy-weapon narrative propagating from the hardline fronts into the economic titles.

Ta'adol Economic

LOW-MODERATE: economic strain tied to unresolved sanctions and war

“Inflation, the prime suspect” «تورم متهم ردیف اول»

- Main: The lead argues 'تا تکلیف نشست و تحریم روشن نشود صحبت از مهار تورم بی‌معنی است' (until the fate of negotiations and sanctions is settled, talk of taming inflation is meaningless), tying price stability directly to a diplomatic and sanctions resolution.
- Main: 'اقتصاد ایران در دوراهی معیشت و اصلاحات؛ تصمیمات سخت دولت' (Iran's economy at the crossroads of livelihood and reform; the government's hard decisions) frames the state as facing unavoidable austerity choices.
- Sub-item: 'زمستان روی لوله‌های لرزان!' (winter on trembling pipelines) flags gas-supply fragility heading into the cold season, echoing the energy-crisis thread.
- Sub-item: 'بازار مرغ در دور باطل' (the poultry market in a vicious cycle) and 'جهش قیمت در بازار یخ‌زده' (a price surge in a frozen market) document staple-goods inflation.
- Op-ed: 'صعود اجباری بورس' (the forced ascent of the stock exchange) reads equity gains as an inflationary artefact rather than a sign of health.

ANALYST NOTE Ta'adol keeps the economic press's implicit pro-settlement line: it makes inflation, not the battlefield, the front-page emergency and states plainly that inflation cannot be controlled until the negotiation-and-sanctions question is resolved. That is a quiet argument for a diplomatic exit, aligned with the reformist and government mediation pole and against the hardline war-triumph frame; the war appears here as cost and risk, not victory.

Etemad Reformist

MODERATE: measured chokepoint reporting, notes a lull

“The battle of the straits” «نبرد تنگه‌ها»

- Main: The lead reports 'سکوت پس از ۱۳ شب پیاپی تبادل آتش' (silence after 13 consecutive nights of exchange of fire), with the deck 'اعتماد از ادامه تنش‌ها در هرمز و باب‌المندب گزارش می‌دهد' (Etemad reports on continued tensions at Hormuz and Bab al-Mandeb): the paper registers a lull rather than a triumph.
- Banner: 'تبدیل بحران نفتی هرمز به بحران گازی؛ آغاز زمستان اروپا از تابستان' (turning the Hormuz oil crisis into a gas crisis; Europe's winter beginning in summer) mirrors the economic-press energy framing but keeps it measured.
- Op-ed: 'دیپلماسی در حصار بی‌اعتمادی' (diplomacy besieged by distrust) argues that mutual mistrust, not the absence of channels, is what blocks a settlement.
- Sub-item: 'خلیل الحیه و اشتغال رهبری در حماس' (Khalil al-Hayya and the leadership question in Hamas) tracks the Palestinian-front dimension.
- Interview: 'نویسندگی در ایران کشتی سیاسی است' (writing in Iran is a political shipwreck) runs as a cultural-political interview, keeping a reformist civil-society register on the page.

ANALYST NOTE Etemad's 'battle of the straits' is the most sober war framing of the day: it foregrounds a 13-night exchange followed by silence, treats the chokepoints as tension rather than victory, and pairs the report with a 'diplomacy besieged by distrust' editorial. This reformist calibration, war as dangerous stalemate needing a negotiated exit, is the mirror image of the hardline 'America blinked' triumphalism, and its noted lull is a data point worth tracking against tomorrow's fronts.

Jomhouri Eslami

Traditional / establishment (revolutionary-clerical)

“New China and Pakistan efforts to return Iran and America to the understanding” «تلاش‌های جدید چین و پاکستان برای بازگشت ایران و آمریکا به تفاهم‌نامه»

MODERATE-HIGH: mediation lead alongside Israel-lawfare messaging

جمهوری اسلامی

معجزه همدلی
پایداری برق هرمزگان در نتیجه صرفه‌جویی مردم
مسراسر ایران

تلاش‌های جدید چین و پاکستان برای بازگشت ایران و آمریکا به تفاهم‌نامه

گرایش تاجیکستان شهر آفتاب به یاد شهدای میناب

جولان بخشی از خاک سوریه است

شهید مظلوم آیت‌الله بهشتی:

- Main: The lead reports fresh Chinese and Pakistani mediation aimed at bringing Iran and the United States back to the collapsed memorandum, placing an establishment daily on the mediation-and-return side of the diplomacy split.
- Sub-item: 'دادستان پرونده نتانیاهو در دیوان بین‌المللی شد!' (the Netanyahu case reaches the prosecutor at the international court) advances the lawfare-against-Israel thread.
- Sub-item: 'سفیر اسرائیل در سازمان ملل شهردار نیویورک را به برکناری تهدید کرد' (Israel's UN ambassador threatened the mayor of New York with removal) is offered as evidence of Israeli overreach in the United States.
- Sub-item: 'گوش‌مان در دمشق: جولان بخشی از خاک سوریه است' (our ear in Damascus: the Golan is part of Syrian soil) keeps the Syria-Israel territorial question in view.
- Right rail: 'معجزه همدلی؛ پایداری برق هرمزگان در نتیجه صرفه‌جویی مردم' (the miracle of solidarity: Hormozgan's grid stability through public conservation) frames war-damaged infrastructure as a civic-resilience story, and a bottom quote from 'the oppressed martyr Ayatollah Beheshti' on a firm-but-fair judiciary anchors the page.

ANALYST NOTE Jomhouri Eslami lends establishment weight to the mediation pole, leading on Chinese and Pakistani efforts to restore the Iran-US understanding, the opposite editorial choice from Nobonyad's 'worse than the JCPOA' rejectionism, and a sign the intra-regime argument over an exit runs through the traditional clerical press too. Its Israel items (ICC lawfare, the UN-envoy threat, the Golan line) keep Israel present as a diplomatic and legal target rather than an active military front.

Jam-e Jam

State broadcaster daily (IRIB) (channel read)

“4,200-megawatt cut in grid capacity following war damage (channel read)” «کاهش ۴۲۰۰ مگاواتی ظرفیت شبکه برق درپی خسارات جنگ»

MODERATE: quantified war-damage accounting and grid strain

- Main: 'کاهش ۴۲۰۰ مگاواتی ظرفیت شبکه برق درپی خسارات جنگ' (post 24266) reports more than 2,000 damaged network points, roughly a 4,200-megawatt loss of generating capacity, and infrastructure losses exceeding 60 trillion tomans, a rare quantified accounting of the war's cost from the broadcaster's own paper.
- Sub-item: A military expert (Nima Akbarkhani) argues 'جنگ دوم بر سر حاکمیت تنگه هرمز است' (the second war is over sovereignty of the Strait of Hormuz) and reviews overnight targets (post 24267).
- Sub-item: An International Energy Agency citation (post 24278) reports Qatari and Emirati LNG supply 'severely reduced,' Hormuz traffic well below pre-conflict levels, and an 80-percent production decline across March-June.
- Sub-item: 'شبکه توزیع برق جاسک پس از اصابت پرتابه دشمن ترمیم شد' (the Jassk distribution grid restored after an enemy projectile strike, post 24272) and a report of six explosions near Tahrevieh village in the Sirik district (post 24285) log localized damage on Iranian soil.

> **ANALYST NOTE** As on the prior day, the IRIB-owned Jam-e Jam is the counterweight to the triumph frame: it prices the war in megawatts and tomans and reports enemy projectile damage on Iranian territory (Jassk, Sirik). That the state broadcaster's paper is the one counting the cost, while other fronts claim American bases destroyed, is the edition's sharpest internal contradiction and is filed as negative evidence against the 'America blinked, Iran ascendant' narrative.

Sobh-e No

Principlist (channel read)

“New York Times speculates on Trump's reluctance to escalate (channel read)” «گمانه‌زنی نیویورک‌تایمز درباره اکراه ترامپ از تشدید درگیری با ایران»

MODERATE-HIGH: 'America blinked' amplification plus a live Lebanon-front report

- Main: 'گمانه‌زنی نیویورک‌تایمز درباره اکراه ترامپ از تشدید درگیری با ایران' (post 114622) amplifies the New York Times report that Trump is reluctant to escalate, citing depleted Patriot interceptor stocks, reinforcing the day's 'America blinked' theme.
- Sub-item: 'حملات توپخانه‌ای به جنوب لبنان توسط رژیم صهیونیستی' (Zionist-regime artillery attacks on southern Lebanon) names Kafr Tebnit, Markaba and the Bayt Yahoun-Kunin axis (post 114613), a live Lebanon-front data point largely absent from the scanned fronts.
- Sub-item: 'عملیات نیروهای مسلح یمن برای هدف قرار دادن آرامکو ۲' (two Yemeni operations against Aramco at Jizan and Yanbu, post 114611) and 'حمله به یک نفتکش در نزدیکی عربستان' (attack on a tanker roughly 70 miles off Al-Shuqaiq, post 114615) corroborate the Yemen-Saudi campaign.
- Sub-item: 'کشتی با شلیک اخطار نیروی دریایی سپاه متوقف شدند ۴' (four vessels stopped by IRGC Navy warning shots in 24 hours, post 114610) keeps the Hormuz interdiction thread active.

> **ANALYST NOTE** Sobh-e No is the clearest single carrier of the day's two dominant themes at once: the NYT-sourced 'US halted escalation out of weakness' narrative and the corroborated Yemen-on-Saudi oil campaign. Its report of Israeli artillery into southern Lebanon is the edition's most concrete Lebanon-front signal and is filed as such, since the scanned fronts treat Lebanon only glancingly.

Vatan-e Emrooz

Hardline / principlist (channel read)

“Three-digit oil returns (channel read)”

HIGH: named-operation base-strike claims fused with oil-shock framing

«دوباره نفت ۳ رقمی»

- Main: 'دوباره نفت ۳ رقمی؛ از اخراج تدریجی نظامی از منطقه تا افزایش هزینه‌های جنگ' (three-digit oil again: from the gradual military expulsion from the region to rising war costs) claims Brent crude near 101 dollars and ties price to operations named 'نصر ۲' (Nasr-2) and 'صاعقه' (Saeqeh) against US bases in Kuwait, Jordan and Bahrain, plus asserted Iranian control of Hormuz (channel post 22144).
- Sub-item: 'آتش بر نفت سعودی؛ گزارش وطن امروز از جدیدترین تحولات محاصره دریایی عربستان' (fire on Saudi oil: latest developments in the naval blockade of Saudi Arabia) reports two Saudi tankers ablaze in the Red Sea and Ansarallah operations at Bab al-Mandeb, with Oman-brokered talks noted (post 22147).
- Sub-item: 'ایران، الگوی شانگهای' (Iran, the Shanghai model) reports SCO foreign ministers praising Iran's '40-day war' resilience against US-Israeli pressure (post 22142).

> **ANALYST NOTE** Vatan-e Emrooz supplies the named-operation scaffolding ('Nasr-2,' 'Saeqeh') for the multi-country base-strike claim and merges it with the corroborated Yemen-Saudi tanker campaign into a single 'oil is back to three digits, America is being pushed out' narrative. The Yemen maritime actions are wire-supported; the named strikes on US bases are not, and the paper's fusion of the two is precisely the conflation the monitor flags.

Appendix A: The Leader's message, as echoed on the front pages (partial reconstruction)

Seda-ye Iran, front page, Sunday 4 Mordad 1405; the office-of-the-Leader site (khamenei.ir) was not reachable at compile time

The day's clearest front-page carriage of the Leader's voice is indirect. Seda-ye Iran leads with the question 'Why must the people stay in the field?' (چرا باید مردم در میدان بمانند؟) under the deck 'echoing the recent message of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution' (بانگ زدن به پیام اخیر رهبر معظم انقلاب اسلامی), presenting continued popular mobilization as the required response to that message.

The reconstructed thrust, drawn from the front page rather than a primary text, is an appeal for steadfastness: the public is urged to remain mobilized and present ('in the field') as the guarantor of the war effort, with the wartime posture framed as a durable national condition rather than a passing emergency. In current coverage 'the Leader' denotes Mojtaba Khamenei; the masthead pair of portrait boxes labelled 'the martyred Seyyed Ali' (شهید سیدعلی) refers to the assassinated predecessor.

Verification flag: no full or primary text of a fresh Leader's message was retrievable on this cycle, and the office-of-the-Leader website was unavailable at the time of compilation. This appendix reproduces only the message's front-page framing as printed by one hardline title and should not be read as a verbatim translation. A direct front-page message from the Leader did not appear on the scanned batch; that comparative quiet is logged as a finding in the synthesis, not treated as silence.

Appendix B: The day's flagged editorial, 'Diplomacy besieged by distrust' (Etemad) (front-page thesis; full text not retrievable)

Etemad, front-page editorial 'دیپلماسی در حصار بی‌اعتمادی,' Sunday 4 Mordad 1405

The reformist Etemad runs a front-page editorial titled 'Diplomacy besieged by distrust' (دیپلماسی در حصار بی‌اعتمادی) alongside its lead war report, 'The battle of the straits.' As printed, the editorial's argument is that the obstacle to a settlement is not the absence of channels but a wall of mutual mistrust: Tehran and Washington each read the other's moves as bad faith, so even active mediation (Chinese, Omani, Pakistani) struggles to convert contact into agreement.

The piece belongs to the day's reformist and economic-press pole, which treats the war as a dangerous stalemate to be exited through negotiation rather than a victory to be pressed, and it is the editorial counterpart to Etemad's own 'silence after 13 nights of exchange of fire' framing and to Ta'adol's argument that inflation cannot be tamed until the sanctions-and-talks question is resolved.

Verification flag: the Tehran-side outlet channels returned front-page headlines and decks rather than full article text on this cycle, so no verbatim, full-length translation of the editorial could be produced without fabrication; the author byline likewise could not be independently confirmed and is therefore not asserted. This appendix summarizes and translates the editorial's stated thesis as it appears on the front page, and flags the absence of the full text as a sourcing limitation of the day.

Appendix C: Methodology and sourcing notes

iran-press-digest pipeline, 2026-07-26

Sources: nine Persian front-page scans from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk album for Sunday 4 Mordad 1405 (Nobonyad, Kayhan, Iran, Seda-ye Iran, Sazandegi, Chahar Sough, Ta'adol, Etemad, Jomhouri Eslami) and one English print (Iran Daily, Vol. 8172, dated Saturday 25 July 2026, one day behind the Persian batch). Three further daily titles (Vatan-e Emrooz, Sobh-e No, Jam-e Jam) were read via their Telegram channels, and three agency wires (Defa Press, Fars News, Nour News) were used for corroboration only, with their content labelled as claims per the attribution firewall.

Scan-versus-text coverage: the scanned fronts were read directly by vision; the channel-read titles and the agency wires were read as text and are marked '(channel read)' in the per-paper sections. Tehran Times and the office-of-the-Leader website (khamenei.ir) were unavailable at the time of compilation and are not cited; their absence is noted here rather than in the reader-facing text.

Attribution firewall and key single-source flags: all Iranian claims of strikes on US bases in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Erbil (Iran Daily's lead; Seda-ye Iran's 'King Faisal base' item; the named 'Nasr-2' and 'Saeqeh' operations on Vatan-e Emrooz; a military spokesman's Erbil assertion on Defa Press; Fars News's 'AWS data-center' claim) are attacker-sourced and are not corroborated by the state's own defense wires, which on this date report only Yemeni (Ansarallah) operations against Saudi Arabia. Kuwait's ambassador is reported (Defa Press) to have explicitly denied any operations from or against its territory, directly undercutting the Kuwait strand of the claim. These are treated as messaging to be confirmed outside this monitor.

Named-figure and translation caveats: named figures were checked against the page text where legible; Abbas Araghchi (foreign minister, at the SCO meeting in Dushanbe), Esmail Qaani (Quds Force commander) and the New York Times report on US restraint are attributed as printed. Two masthead and byline reads are flagged as lower-confidence: the Seda-ye Iran nameplate (offered with moderate confidence, with analytic weight resting on content) and the unverified bylines of the Sazandegi and Iran Daily editorials. Succession note: 'the Leader' in current coverage is Mojtaba Khamenei; Ali Khamenei was assassinated on 28 February 2026 and appears on these pages as the martyred predecessor ('Seyyed Ali'). All translations are editorial.

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