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ATTACK ON THE BLOCKADE EDITION

Nine front pages (eight Persian, one English) from the Sunday 15 Shahrivar batches, plus the Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Iran, Etemad and Sobh-e No channels and the Defa Press, Fars and Nour News wires; Tehran Times was available only as its 5 September edition

Front pages published the morning of Sunday 6 September 2026, reflecting events through late Saturday 5 September local, including CENTCOM's afternoon statement on the three tanker strikes and the IRGC's late-evening statement No. 10; IRGC statement No. 11 (early Sunday) reached the channels after most pages closed

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Executive Summary



The lead judgment of the cycle is that the naval war in the Gulf has resumed on an exchange of fire, and that the Iranian press has decided in advance how it will be read. On Saturday CENTCOM said an aircraft carrier and a guided-missile destroyer 'successfully evaded multiple unprovoked Iranian attacks' and that US forces then 'permanently disabled' the tankers Downy off Kharg and Stark 1 near Jask and 'completely destroyed' the unladen Kylo in the Gulf of Oman, with Admiral Brad Cooper's line 'if you fire on two of our ships, we will destroy three of yours'. Late that evening IRGC statement No. 10 inverted the sequence: the carrier and destroyer 'had harassed Iranian ships and taken part in the naval blockade', were struck by 'several ballistic missiles', 'sustained damage' and 'fled the area out of fear of a second attack' and CENTCOM's 'confession' was 'a living document of the enemy's strategic defeat'. Vatan-e Emrooz's right rail asks whether the tanker strikes were 'because a missile hit the ship'; the Iran newspaper channel leads on the statement; Jam-e Jam, Fars, Defa Press and Kayhan carry it verbatim. Early Sunday statement No. 11 added an attack on an American unmanned surface vessel 'intending to enter the protected zone of the Strait of Hormuz', with the formula that the Strait 'is under the management of the Islamic Republic'. The Khatam al-Anbiya spokesman warned that strikes on US vessels 'will be more severe than before and may expand' and the Foreign Ministry called the tanker strikes a 'war crime' and part of 'the naval blockade and economic war'. Two facts are established by both sides: missiles were fired at a carrier group, and three Iranian tankers were hit. The damage-and-flight claim is Iranian only, and the protected zone under management language is new.

The single most consequential domestic item is Kayhan's unsigned page-one lead, 'Despair and Division, the code name of America's newest project', which this monitor translates in full in Appendix B. It calls the reformist current 'America's errand boys', says they 'provided the enemy's pretext for the assassination of the Leader' by 'creating the ground for the coup of Dey month', accuses Rouhani of running 'to the aid of Trump and the Epstein gang' with his 'strait without ships' remark, and closes: 'Why do the responsible organs take no step toward wiping out this network of traitors to Iran?' Officials 'must not forget the coup of Dey 1404 and must act on their duty in dealing with its main agents.' On the same page Shariatmadari's signed Nokteh (Appendix C) tells government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani that if she did not know the Dey rioters were CIA and Mossad agents 'your position must be reconsidered'. Javan's front is a full-page cartoon, 'The Scarecrows of the War', in which Trump is the scarecrow and Mohsen Hashemi, Mehdi Pazouki and Mahmoud Sariolghalam sit on his crossbar voicing, in traceable quotations, warnings about a 300,000-toman dollar, 600 percent inflation and post-midterm American operations; the kicker says they 'frighten the people enough that the country is ready for surrender'. Jam-e Jam's state front adds 'America's return to the coup scenario'. Three days ago the campaign's target was a party secretary, two days ago a former president; today it is the current itself, its economists and its academics, and for the first time the flagship asks the state to act. Sazandegi, whose party chairman is on the crossbar, does not reply; it leads with an obituary of Javad Mojabi and lets Marashi criticize the government from the other side.

The American-exhaustion narrative is now the consensus frame and has acquired verified facts. Sobh-e No leads with Bernie Sanders under 'Trump's war destroyed America's economy'; Vatan-e Emrooz runs 'Trump in the flames of diesel' and 'Oil, the fuel of the interest rate'; Javan's sub-lead, 'Lie-detector test for America's generals', reports the polygraphing of some 50 Joint Staff members over munitions-depletion leaks, which the New York Times and CBS confirmed on 4 September; Kayhan cites the NYT's 4 September report on US intelligence assessments of 'a more confident Iran', rendering it as concern at the 'self-confidence of the Iranian people'; Jomhourī Eslami boxes a G20 call for a rapid end to the war and a Telegraph piece on a worn-out US Navy; three channels carry Elizabeth Warren's 'want lower gas prices? end Trump's war in Iran'

and Vatan-e Emrooz a Navigator poll of Trump-voter regret. As on 5 September the facts are checkable and the inference is the outlets'. What changes today is the coupling: Kayhan's lead uses Trump's own 'four more weeks of oil reserves' remark to argue that Iran 'must use all levers to keep the oil price high', which turns the exhaustion frame into a doctrine for continued closure.

Ali al-Taher has moved from absorbed to contested. On 5 September this monitor found the ridge on no Persian lead. Today Kayhan's front declares the hill 'has neither fallen nor been occupied; the fighting continues', Vatan-e Emrooz's top-right item calls the capture 'psychological operations' and cites 'multiple sources in Lebanon' denying Israeli control, and a Jam-e Jam channel commentator, Sadrolhosseini, says Hezbollah 'controls the heights' and adds that 'if Hezbollah requests it, Iran and the other resistance fronts will enter the battle with Israel', the most forward Lebanon language of the cycle and from a commentator, not an official. Jomhuri Eslami's editorial is the exception: the hill 'has not completely fallen and is in the process of falling'. Israel's 4 September announcement stands and Hezbollah has neither confirmed nor denied it. The channels carry the Ghandour hospital in Nabatieh al-Fawqa 'completely destroyed' and strikes on Kafr Rumman and Arab Salim. The handling has changed from silence to denial in two days, which usually precedes either a confirmed counter-attack or an admission.

Hormuz messaging has shifted again, from escort failure to an asserted regime. Statement No. 11's 'protected zone' and 'under the management of the Islamic Republic' are the closest the IRGC has come to declaring a legal order over the Strait; Chahar Sough's MP Peyman Falsafi says 'the Strait will not open without Iran's permission'; Hamshahri repeats Friday's 'failure of the American escort' story as fact; Vatan-e Emrooz's column on South Korea continues the coalition-deterrence thread. The counter-signals are also present: Araghchi's Saturday-night calls with Faisal bin Farhan and Hakan Fidan on 'removing the insecurity imposed on the Strait', carried by the government daily 25 minutes after it posted the IRGC's carrier claim; Sazandegi's 'To Iraq's benefit', asking whether the Hormuz dispute is handing Iran's trade to its neighbors; and Tehran Times's 'flow versus territory' essay, which concedes the argument has moved to whether oil is crossing. Vatan-e Emrooz's lead, 'Confirmation of the New Middle East', places Xi Jinping's Cairo call for a regional security architecture 'without the presence of foreign parties' as the strategic endorsement of the tactical picture; the word 'confirmation' is the paper's.

Economic pressure on the government from its own side has produced its first personnel outcome. Chahar Sough, which two days ago montaged a fuel nozzle over energy official Esmail Saghab Esfahani's face, reports him 'stripped of the right to comment on gasoline' by the Plan and Budget chief, and leads with a chart placing Pezeshkian above Rouhani as the record borrower from the central bank, 'the borrowing governments'. Jomhuri Eslami's lead reports consumption cuts 'with non-price tools' in two provinces, the operational form of the President's 'gradual' instruction. Hemmati's aide insists oil money still arrives, nine billion dollars this year, while the central bank hands gold-platform oversight to the anti-smuggling headquarters. Marashi, from the reformist side, says the government 'at mid-course can no longer pin all its shortcomings on the past'. The government is thus criticized for borrowing by the principlist economic press and for indecision by the reformist party press on the same morning, while Kayhan attacks its spokeswoman: the middle is narrowing.

The diplomatic and legal lanes run on schedule and off the missile story. Iran Daily leads for foreign readers on the judiciary chief's call at the BRICS judicial summit for 'universal jurisdiction' against Iran's aggressors, an item also on Sobh-e No, Jomhuri Eslami and Kayhan; it interviews an analyst on Peru's 1 September severance of relations and Chile's embassy closure, and notes, self-critically, that the SCO's Bishkek declaration condemned strikes on Iran without naming the United States or Israel. The English front carries nothing of the naval exchange. The Leader is absent for the fifth consecutive edition: no message accompanies the carrier claim, the tanker strikes or the Kayhan campaign; the only Leader texts on the fronts

are Ghalibaf's column and a Jam-e Jam rail piece on the martyred predecessor's thought, and Kayhan's lead borrows the Government Week message's 'despair' vocabulary as its code name. Nour News, the SNSC-linked wire, did not carry the carrier claim in the window read but ran a video asking 'how long must Iran wait to respond to the aggressor', and Admiral Sayyari named 'the Hormuz war' alongside the 12-day and Ramadan wars as the Army's learning base.

Net assessment: this is a resumption edition. At sea, both sides now acknowledge an exchange of fire between the IRGC and a carrier group for the first time since the June memorandum, and the Iranian press has fixed the reading as 'attack on the blockade' with a new claim of a legal regime over the Strait. At home, the hardline campaign that this monitor tracked from Marashi to Rouhani has reached the current as a whole and has, for the first time, asked the security organs to act, while the state broadcaster's daily adopts the 'coup' vocabulary. The consequential findings are that the carrier-damage claim is Iranian only and the tanker losses are admitted; that Kayhan's call is institutional and unsigned; that Ali al-Taher has moved from absorbed to denied; that the exhaustion frame is now a doctrine for keeping oil high; that the government is being squeezed from both camps and has begun sacrificing officials; and that the Leader remains silent through all of it. The threads to watch are whether any official repeats 'protected zone under management', whether Sazandegi or the government answers Kayhan and Javan, whether Sadrolhosseini's 'if Hezbollah requests it' is echoed by a commander, and whether the IAEA Board, which meets this week, produces the first front-page lead on the referral.

BOTTOM LINE The Sunday fronts record the first missile exchange between the IRGC and a US carrier group since June as an Iranian 'attack on the blockade' that forced two warships to flee, a claim CENTCOM's own statement contradicts, while Kayhan's page-one lead asks why the security organs have not 'wiped out' the reformist current and Javan draws its leading economists and a former president's party chairman as scarecrows preparing surrender: the war at sea has resumed in fact, and the war at home has moved from insult to a demand for action.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Nine scans from the Sunday batches were read by vision at 800-pixel height; headlines and kickers are reliable, body text is not, and the bullets say so where it matters. Kayhan, Iran and Etemad were not in the batch: Kayhan is read from its channel's headline list and full lead and Nokteh texts, Iran from its channel, and Etemad's channel carried no front-page text and so has no entry. Tehran Times could be reached only as its 5 September edition and is dated accordingly. All channels and wires were captured as raw HTML and parsed locally. Corrections baked in: Kayhan's 'Despair and Division' lead is unsigned (political service) and is not attributed to Shariatmadari, whose signed piece today is the Nokteh on the spokeswoman; the three cartoon figures on Javan are identified from the printed labels and each man's published remark; the IRGC's damage-and-flight claim is contradicted by CENTCOM and is reported as a claim; the Iranian inference that the tanker strikes prove a missile hit is unsupported. Named-figure attributions are verified against the pages and, where the page was marginal, marked as printed.

Macro Trend Analysis

1 The naval war resumes and the press fixes the reading

CENTCOM: a carrier and a destroyer 'evaded multiple unprovoked Iranian attacks' and US forces disabled Downy and Stark 1 and destroyed Kylo. IRGC statement No. 10: the ships 'harassed Iranian vessels and took part in the naval blockade', were hit, 'sustained damage' and 'fled'. Vatan-e Emrooz's 'Attack on the Blockade' asks whether the tanker strikes were retaliation for a hit; the Iran channel, Jam-e Jam, Fars and Defa Press carry the statement as their lead. Statement No. 11 adds an unmanned vessel and the formula 'the Strait is

under the management of the Islamic Republic'. Both sides agree missiles were fired and three tankers were hit; the damage claim is Iranian only.

② From discrediting to a demand for action

Kayhan's unsigned lead names the reformist current 'America's errand boys', ties it to the Leader's assassination via 'the coup of Dey', and asks why 'the responsible organs' have not 'wiped out this network of traitors'. Shariatmadari's Nokteh says the government spokeswoman's position 'must be reconsidered'. Javan's 'Scarecrows of the War' puts Mohsen Hashemi, Mehdi Pazouki and Mahmoud Sariolghalam on Trump's crossbar. Jam-e Jam's front carries 'America's return to the coup scenario'. Continuing the Marashi-to-Rouhani thread, the target is now the current itself and the ask is institutional.

③ Ali al-Taher: from absorbed to denied

Kayhan: 'neither fallen nor occupied'. Vatan-e Emrooz: 'psychological operations'. Jam-e Jam's channel commentator: Hezbollah 'controls the heights' and Iran 'will enter the battle if Hezbollah requests it'. Jomhuri Eslami's editorial alone concedes the hill is 'in the process of falling'. Israel's 4 September capture announcement stands; Hezbollah has not confirmed or denied. The hospital in Nabatieh al-Fawqa is reported destroyed on every channel. Two days from silence to denial.

④ Exhaustion becomes doctrine

Sobh-e No's Sanders lead, Vatan-e Emrooz's diesel and interest-rate pieces, Javan's polygraph story (verified), Kayhan's NYT 'more confident Iran' (verified, with 'Iran' rendered as 'the Iranian people'), Jomhuri Eslami's G20 and Telegraph boxes, and Warren's post on three channels. Kayhan converts the frame into instruction: Iran 'must use all levers to keep the oil price high'. The facts are checkable; the doctrine is the flagship's.

⑤ Hormuz: from escort failure to an asserted regime

'Protected zone' and 'under management' in statement No. 11; Falsafi's 'will not open without Iran's permission'; Hamshahri's repeat of the escort-failure story as fact; Vatan-e Emrooz on South Korea. Counter-signals: Araghchi's calls with Riyadh and Ankara on 'removing the insecurity imposed on the Strait', Sazandegi's 'To Iraq's benefit', Tehran Times's 'flow versus territory'. Xi's Cairo architecture is printed by Vatan-e Emrooz as 'confirmation of the new Middle East'.

⑥ The government squeezed from both camps

Chahar Sough's 'borrowing governments' chart puts Pezeshkian above Rouhani; Saghab Esfahani is sidelined 48 hours after the same paper's montage; Jomhuri Eslami's lead is consumption cuts 'with non-price tools'; Marashi says the government 'can no longer pin its shortcomings on the past'; Kayhan targets the spokeswoman. Continuing the domestic-cost thread: the pressure now produces personnel outcomes and comes from both sides of the spectrum on the same morning.

⑦ Legal and diplomatic lanes run clear of the missile story, and the Leader stays silent

Iran Daily leads on 'universal jurisdiction' at BRICS, interviews on Peru's rupture and notes the SCO's refusal to name the attackers; no naval item on the English front. No Leader message for the fifth edition running; Ghalibaf's and Jam-e Jam's Leader texts concern the predecessor; Kayhan borrows the Government Week 'despair' vocabulary as a code name. Nour News keeps distance from the carrier claim while asking how long Iran should wait to respond; Sayyari names 'the Hormuz war'.

Key Judgments

KJ-1 [HIGH] The IRGC and a US carrier group exchanged fire on 5 September for the first time since the June memorandum, and the Iranian press has fixed the reading as an Iranian 'attack on the blockade' that damaged two warships, a claim that CENTCOM's statement contradicts and that no Iranian outlet supports with evidence. Evidence: CENTCOM's 'evaded multiple unprovoked Iranian attacks' and the named tankers Downy, Stark 1 and Kylo; IRGC statement No. 10's 'sustained damage' and 'fled'; Vatan-e Emrooz's 'was CENTCOM's attack because a missile hit the ship?'; the statement carried as lead by the Iran channel, Jam-e Jam, Fars and Defa Press; the Khatam al-Anbiya 'more severe and may expand' warning. Significance: the exchange is real and admitted on both sides, the damage claim is Iranian only, and the Iranian tanker losses are conceded on the channels while absent from the English front; overstating the hit would adopt the IRGC's claim, understating the exchange would miss that the memorandum's naval restraint has ended in fact.

KJ-2 [HIGH] The principlist campaign has escalated from discrediting named reformists to a public demand that the security organs act against the reformist current as such, and the flagship has made the demand in its own unsigned voice. Evidence: Kayhan's lead 'Despair and Division' asking why 'the responsible organs take no step toward wiping out this network of traitors' and telling officials to 'act on their duty in dealing with the main agents' of 'the coup of Dey 1404'; the accusation that reformists 'provided the enemy's pretext for the assassination of the Leader'; Shariatmadari's Nokteh calling for the spokeswoman's position to be 'reconsidered'; Javan's cartoon naming Hashemi, Pazouki and Sariolghalam; Jam-e Jam's 'coup scenario'. Significance: continuing the Marashi-to-Rouhani thread, the ask has changed in kind from argument to institutional action, and the coordinated 'coup' vocabulary across Kayhan and the state broadcaster's daily indicates preparation of a narrative rather than one editor's anger; the absence of a reply from Sazandegi is the tracking cue.

KJ-3 [MODERATE-HIGH] Ali al-Taher is now being contested on the fronts rather than absorbed, and the resistance lane has introduced conditional Iranian entry into the Lebanon fight through a commentator. Evidence: Kayhan's 'neither fallen nor occupied'; Vatan-e Emrooz's 'psychological operations' with unnamed Lebanese sources; Sadrolhosseini on the Jam-e Jam channel: Hezbollah 'controls the heights' and 'if Hezbollah requests it, Iran and the other resistance fronts will enter the battle'; Jomhourī Eslami's editorial conceding the hill is 'in the process of falling'; Israel's 4 September announcement unrebutted by Hezbollah. Significance: the move from silence to denial within two days suggests the loss is being prepared for either a counter-attack narrative or an admission, and the 'if requested' line is the first Iranian-entry formulation of the cycle; it carries weight only if a commander repeats it.

KJ-4 [MODERATE-HIGH] The American-exhaustion narrative has been converted from observation into doctrine: the flagship now instructs that Iran 'must use all levers to keep the oil price high'. Evidence: Kayhan's lead citing Trump's 'four more weeks of oil reserves' and Axios recession remark; Sobh-e No's Sanders lead; Vatan-e Emrooz's diesel and interest-rate pieces; Javan's verified polygraph story; Kayhan's verified NYT 'more confident Iran' item; Jomhourī Eslami's G20 and Telegraph boxes; Warren on three channels. Significance: as long as the frame was descriptive it supported both a deal (Sobh-e No, Iran Daily) and continued closure; Kayhan's formulation binds it to closure, which narrows the space for the memorandum's return that this monitor recorded on 5 September.

KJ-5 [MODERATE] IRGC statement No. 11's 'protected zone' and 'under the management of the Islamic Republic' language marks a drift from coercive closure toward an asserted regime over the Strait, not yet adopted by any civilian authority. Evidence: the identical text on four channels; Falsafi's 'will not open

without Iran's permission'; Hamshahri's escort-failure repetition; against it, Araghchi's same-night calls to Riyadh and Ankara on 'removing the insecurity imposed on the Strait by America's aggressive actions', Etemad's transit-fee promo of 5 September and Rouhani's 'strait of security and prosperity'. Significance: a formal regime claim would change the legal character of the confrontation and the coalition calculus of South Korea and others; the test is whether the Foreign Ministry or the SNSC uses the phrase.

KJ-6 [HIGH] Economic pressure on the government from within the principlist camp has produced its first personnel outcome and is now matched by criticism from the reformist party press, narrowing the government's position from both sides. Evidence: Chahar Sough's 'borrowing governments' chart and 'Saghab stripped of the right to comment on gasoline', the latter verified against Alef and Entekhab; Jomhuri Eslami's non-price consumption cuts; Hemmati's aide on oil revenue; the central bank's withdrawal from gold-platform oversight; Marashi's 'only a listening ear is not enough'; Kayhan's attack on the spokeswoman. Significance: the transmission chain toward instability still shows no observable link, but the government is losing officials to press campaigns and is being described as Rouhani's continuation by the economic press on the same day the political press calls Rouhani an errand boy.

KJ-7 [MODERATE] Negative-evidence finding: the Leader remains silent through the resumption of naval fire and the flagship's call for action, and no official has repeated either the undersea-cable proposal of 3 September or the 'protected zone' formula in a civilian voice. Evidence: no message on nine scans, six channels or three wires; the khamenei.ir index showing nothing newer than the standing messages; the only Leader texts on the fronts concerning the predecessor; Nour News omitting the carrier claim while sustaining the retaliation question; no cable reference anywhere. Significance: consistent with the pattern of the Leader appearing through intermediaries, and it leaves Kayhan free to use the Government Week 'despair' vocabulary as authority for its campaign; a Leader statement before the IAEA Board meets, or on the naval exchange, would be the first test of whether he endorses either the regime claim or the domestic purge language. Confidence is moderate because khamenei.ir was read only through a cache.

KJ-8 [MODERATE] The English and diplomatic lanes are being kept deliberately clear of the naval war so that the legal case at BRICS and the mediation track can proceed, and they are admitting costs the Persian fronts do not. Evidence: Iran Daily's universal-jurisdiction lead with no naval item; its Peru-rupture interview and Bishkek-omission note; Tehran Times's acknowledgment of six Navy deaths; Araghchi's calls; Jomhuri Eslami's G20 box. Significance: the division of admission between lanes is stable across editions, and the self-critical items on Peru and the SCO show the government's English title arguing for diplomatic adaptation at the moment the hardline lane argues for purge; an official acknowledgment of the four-country consultation reported on 5 September remains outstanding.

Named-Figure Tracker

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Donald Trump	US President	'Trump has failed' (Kayhan); scarecrow (Javan); 'in the flames of diesel' (Vatan-e Emrooz); his 'four weeks of oil' remark	TARGET FRAMING

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
		used as proof closure works	
Adm. Brad Cooper / Pete Hegseth	CENTCOM commander / US Secretary of War	'If you fire on two of our ships we destroy three of yours'; 'we will destroy their tanker fleet' (Sobh-e No channel, as renderings)	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Hassan Rouhani	Former president	'Ran to the aid of Trump and the Epstein gang'; 'below 7 percent' (Kayhan); record borrower paired with Pezeshkian (Chahar Sough)	TARGET FRAMING
Mohsen Hashemi, Mehdi Pazouki, Mahmoud Sariolghalam	Kargozaran chairman; economist; political scientist	The war's 'scarecrows' on Trump's crossbar (Javan), quoted accurately	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Fatemeh Mohajerani	Government spokeswoman	Position 'must be reconsidered' for calling a Dey rioter 'our child' (Shariatmadari)	TARGET FRAMING
Xi Jinping	President of China	His Cairo 'security architecture without foreign parties' printed as 'confirmation of the new Middle East' (Vatan-e Emrooz)	WATCH
Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei	Judiciary chief	'Universal jurisdiction' against Iran's aggressors at BRICS; lead on Iran Daily, items on four Persian fronts	WATCH
Abbas Araghchi	Foreign Minister	Calls with Faisal bin Farhan and Hakan Fidan on 'removing the insecurity imposed on the Strait'	WATCH
Esmail Saghab Esfahani	Energy-strategy official	'Stripped of the right to comment on gasoline' two days after Chahar Sough's montage	WATCH
Mojtaba Khamenei	Supreme Leader	No message on the naval exchange, the tanker strikes or the Kayhan campaign;	absence noted

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
		Government Week 'despair' vocabulary borrowed by Kayhan	
Hezbollah leadership	Lebanese resistance	No confirmation or denial of the Ali al-Taher capture; Iranian outlets deny on its behalf	absence noted

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Iran (channel)	IRGC: an aircraft carrier and a destroyer of the aggressor American army were attacked	Official government daily	IRGC statements No. 10 and 11 as the official lead; Araghchi's Riyadh and Ankara calls the same night	HIGH: carrier-damage claim; 'protected zone under management'
Vatan-e Emrooz	Confirmation of the New Middle East	Hardline principlist	Xi's 'no foreign parties' architecture as endorsement; 'Attack on the Blockade'; Ali al-Taher 'psychological operations'	HIGH: naval retaliation framed as success; coalition partners warned
Defa Press / Fars / Nour News (wires)	IRGC Navy commander: do not be fooled by America; every suspicious movement will be targeted	IRGC-aligned and SNSC-linked wires	Commander warnings; Sayyari names 'the Hormuz war'; Nour News keeps distance from the carrier claim	HIGH: retaliation question sustained
Kayhan (channel)	'Despair and Division', the code name of America's newest project: Trump has failed, America's domestic errand boys are scrambling	Ultra-hardline flagship	Reformists as an American project; call for the security organs to act; Ali al-Taher 'neither fallen nor occupied'	SEVERE: explicit call for state action against a political current
Javan	The Scarecrows of the War	Hardline, IRGC-affiliated	Hashemi, Pazouki and Sariolghalam as fear-mongers preparing surrender; Pentagon leak hunt	HIGH: named critics cast as enemy instruments
Sobh-e No	Trump's War Destroyed America's	Principlist, Speaker's	Sanders as witness to exhaustion;	MODERATE-HIGH:

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
	Economy	camp	judiciary at BRICS; principlist 'front within the front'	exhaustion frame; intra-camp friction
Jomhuri Eslami	Reducing Gasoline Consumption in Two Provinces with Non-Price Tools	Traditional / establishment	Gasoline managed without a price rise; Ali al-TaHER 'in the process of falling'; G20 end-the-war call	LOW-MODERATE: off-ramp framing; candid Lebanon assessment
Chahar Sough	The Borrowing Governments	Economic, principlist-leaning	Pezeshkian and Rouhani as record borrowers; Saghab sidelined; gold storm	MODERATE: government attacked from its own side
Hamshahri	Fully Electric Tehran	Tehran municipality, centrist	Municipal showcase; escort failure repeated as fact; war absent from the top	LOW-MODERATE: normalcy framing
Jam-e Jam	A New Road: Showcasing Iran's Mega-Projects	State broadcaster daily	Morale programming; 'America's return to the coup scenario'; channel commentator's conditional Lebanon entry	MODERATE-HIGH: coup vocabulary; 'if Hezbollah requests it'
Sazandegi	The Artist Intellectual	Reformist / Kargozaran	Mojabi obituary; Hormuz benefiting Iraq; Marashi on a government 'at mid-course'; no reply to the cartoon	LOW-MODERATE: cultural lead; silence on the campaign
Iran Daily	Judiciary chief urges BRICS to seek legal action against Iran's aggressors	Official English-language daily	Universal jurisdiction; Peru rupture and SCO omission as lessons; no naval item	MODERATE: legal-lane pressure
Tehran Times (web, 5 Sept edition)	Iran-Russia alliance grows despite US pressure	English-language state daily	Great-power backing; six Navy deaths acknowledged; Hormuz as 'flow versus territory'	MODERATE-HIGH: atrocity and backing narratives

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily

Official English-language daily of the government (IRNA group)

"Judiciary chief urges BRICS to seek legal action against Iran's aggressors"

MODERATE: legal-lane pressure; naval war absent from the English front



- Main: 'Judiciary chief urges BRICS to seek legal action against Iran's aggressors', the English rendering of Mohseni-Ejei's Bishkek and New Delhi remarks that the bloc should pursue 'universal jurisdiction' against the perpetrators of 'two wars against Iran' and condemn violations of Iranian sovereignty (from the Sobh-e No channel record of his speech).
- Second lead: 'Pezeshkian calls students Iran's main national asset', a school-opening photograph with the President flanked by the police chief and the acting education minister; sub-head 'modern education set to focus on practical skills, creativity, problem-solving'.
- Interview: 'Iran needs to adapt to Latin America's political shifts', staff writer Delaram Ahmadi with analyst Hadi Ashani Fariman on Peru's 1 September severance of diplomatic relations (accusing Iran of 'creating insecurity in the region and disrupting maritime traffic') and Chile's earlier closure of its Tehran embassy; the analyst says the economic impact is small but 'the symbolic message is significant' and that Iran must keep ties with political factions so relations 'do not suffer when power changes hands'. The rupture is on the record (Peruvian Foreign Ministry communique 014-26).
- Perspective strip: 'Bishkek declaration omits naming US, Israel as aggressors in Iran', a self-critical note on the SCO text that condemns 'military strikes on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran' without naming the attackers (verified against the declaration's reported language).
- Top left: 'Oman's exports to Iran surge amid trade restrictions'; other strips on taekwondo and Anbaran kilim tradition.

ANALYST NOTE For foreign readers the government's English title runs the judicial and diplomatic lanes only: no missile exchange, no tanker strikes, no IRGC statement. The two most candid items are the ones that admit cost, Peru's rupture and the SCO's refusal to name the attackers, and both are framed as lessons for Iranian diplomacy rather than as setbacks. That is the continuation of the 'deal is the third option' posture of 5 September: the English lane is being kept clear of the naval war so that the legal and mediation case can be made without it. Absence noted: no reference to the IRGC's carrier claim on the official English front printed after it was issued.

New Road: Showcasing Iran's Mega-Projects» «راه تازه؛ نمایش ابرپروژه‌های ایران»



- Main: 'A New Road: Showcasing Iran's Mega-Projects' over a photograph of a documentary crew at a container port; kicker: the producer of a new Channel 3 documentary tells Jam-e Jam about 'the security challenges of production and the way national pride is represented'. The lead is a promotion of the broadcaster's own morale programming, not news.
- Sub-item: 'The Milk Cow's New Mission' (ماموریت جدید گاو شیرده), kicker: America, with a multi-billion-dollar contract with the Saudis, is 'among those paying the costs of the war' (the figure printed appears to be 5 billion; the page is not legible enough to confirm it, so it is reported as the paper's claim).
- Sub-item: 'America's Return to the Coup Scenario' (بازگشت آمریکا به سناریوی کودتا): 'Washington, after failing on the military field, in economic pressure and in arming rioters, is pursuing a coup in Iran'. The item aligns the state daily with Kayhan's 'Dey coup' vocabulary on the same morning.
- Sub-items: 'Iran, a pioneer in laboratory sciences'; 'What is the shock absorber of currency fluctuations?' (experts on managing the dollar); 'Mehr arrives with the students present' (the Education Ministry spokesman on in-person schooling from the new school year); 'Farewell to a loyal companion of the Revolution's cultural front' (the Shahrud funeral of Mostafa Vahedi, head of the city's Hozeh Honari, who died suddenly with two colleagues; verified against IRNA and Mehr).
- Right rail (seven columns): 'Examples of justice in wartime' (Mohammad Bagher Khorramshad); 'Resisting the enemy's arrogance is a national slogan' (a cleric); 'From the no-statement to the world, the problem is not just the idea'; 'China studies through American glasses!'; 'Quiet market with oversight of the supply chain'; 'A look at the martyred Leader's system of thought in the field of culture'; 'Iranian wisdom and American ignorance'.
- Channel (t.me/jamejamdaily/26692 to 26699, 26705, 26706): IRGC statements No. 10 and No. 11; four video clips of analyst Sadrolhosseini arguing that Hezbollah 'controls the heights of Ali al-Taher', that it has limited itself to that sector 'to prove to the Lebanese people that negotiations cannot provide security', and that 'if Hezbollah requests it, Iran and the other resistance fronts will enter the battle with Israel'; former economy minister Khandouzi: 'China still stands behind Iran, but we are hesitant'; former commerce minister Al-Eshaq: 'those without the spirit of crisis management should not accept responsibility'.

ANALYST NOTE The state daily's front is the most detached from the overnight naval exchange of any title: mega-projects, morale documentary, and columns on the martyred Leader's cultural thought. Its channel does the political work, carrying the IRGC texts and a commentator who moves the Ali al-Taher story from denial to a conditional Iranian entry into the Lebanon fight, which is the most forward-leaning Lebanon language of the cycle and comes from a commentator, not an official. The 'coup scenario' item is the second title today to use

'coup' for domestic unrest, which suggests the vocabulary is being coordinated ahead of the anniversary season. Watch whether the 'if Hezbollah requests it' line is repeated by any commander.

Hamshahri Tehran municipality daily (Mayor Alireza Zakani's platform)

«تهران تمام برق»

LOW-MODERATE: normalcy framing; escort-failure claim repeated as fact

برقی»



- Main: 'Fully Electric Tehran', kicker 'Zakani: we have an idea to electrify the whole capital'; sub-head 'the capital moves toward complete electrification relying on solar energy, gas-to-power conversion and nuclear power'. Figures strip: 510 electric buses on Tehran routes, 1,924 electric taxis, 4 new solar plants ready to open, 25 charging stations installed. A municipal showcase printed on a day of missile exchanges and scheduled power cuts.
- Bottom: 'Failure of the American Escort' (شکست اسکورت آمریکایی): 'American military escorts could not open the route for the Qatari ship and the ship retreated before entering the Strait', repeating the Al Ghashamiya diversion story that Vatan-e Emrooz and Etemad Online carried on 5 September; no new sourcing.
- Sub-items: 'Deceased people's social pages are inherited' (a platform update that 'raises the debate on digital inheritance and its legal vacuum in Iran'); 'Supporters and opponents of Masoud Shastchi' (the first episode of a new series); column 'The chess-board manipulators' (منج بازهای میدان) by Dania Moammer on the war's regional players.

ANALYST NOTE Hamshahri continues the municipal-normalcy register this monitor has tracked through the war: infrastructure and lifestyle on top, a single war item at the foot of the page, and that item a day-old escort-failure story rather than the IRGC's own claims. The absence of the missile exchange from the front of a page printed after CENTCOM's statement is a choice, and it fits a paper that serves a mayor with national ambitions who benefits from projecting a functioning city. Low signal, but the escort-failure repetition shows how quickly a tracking-data claim becomes cross-title fact.

HIGH: naval retaliation framed as success; China invoked as strategic cover; coalition partners warned

«Confirmation of the New Middle East» «تأیید خاورمیانه جدید»



- Main: 'Confirmation of the New Middle East' (تأیید خاورمیانه جدید) over a full-width photograph of Xi Jinping and Abdel Fattah al-Sisi at the Cairo welcome ceremony. Kicker: a Vatan-e Emrooz report on the Chinese president's remarks in Cairo and 'his important message to the leaders of the Arab states about building a new security architecture in the region without the presence of foreign parties' (بدون حضور طرف‌های خارجی). The paper adopts Xi's 1-2 September formula (verified against Xinhua and Reuters) as validation of Tehran's aim of a Gulf without the US; the word 'confirmation' is the paper's, not Xi's.
- Right rail, 'today's headlines': 'Attack on the Blockade' (حمله به محاصره), kicker 'speculation about the success of Iran's missile operation against American ships in the region', sub-head 'Was CENTCOM's attack on Iran's tankers because of a missile hitting the ship?'. The page went to press after CENTCOM's afternoon statement and treats the American tanker strikes as evidence that the IRGC's ballistic missiles connected; CENTCOM says both warships 'evaded' the attack with no injuries, and the paper offers no independent evidence for a hit.
- Top right: 'Psychological Operations about Ali al-Taher' (عملیات روانی درباره علی الطاهر), kicker 'multiple sources in Lebanon reject the Zionists' complete control over the Ali al-Taher hill'. The Israeli capture claim of 4 September, declared complete by Defense Minister Katz, is now contested on a front page rather than absorbed in columns.
- Top left: 'Trump in the Flames of Diesel' (ترامپ در شعله‌های گازوئیل), a report on 'the unprecedented rise in fuel prices in America under the effect of the war against Iran'; companion item 'Oil, the Fuel of the Interest Rate' (نفت، سوخت نرخ بهره) links the recent US attacks to oil above 100 dollars and a bond sell-off.
- Column: 'Washington's Loneliness' (تنهایی واشنگتن) by Reza Bagheripour, an analysis of South Korea's possible presence in the Strait of Hormuz as 'the continuation of the pattern of American pressure on allies', continuing the coalition-deterrence thread of 5 September.
- Channel (t.me/vatanemrooz/24239, 24242, 24247, 24248, 24253): Navigator poll claim that 45 percent of Trump voters regret their vote with the war 'the most important factor'; the three tanker strikes off Kharg and Jask reported 'without casualties'; the Khatam al-Anbiya spokesman's warning that strikes on US naval vessels 'will be more severe than before and may expand'; the Foreign Ministry statement; the Ghandour hospital in Nabatieh al-Fawqa 'completely destroyed' by Israeli aircraft.

ANALYST NOTE The hardline paper's decision to lead on Xi rather than on the overnight missile exchange is itself the signal: it presents China's 'no foreign parties' security architecture as the strategic endorsement of what the IRGC is doing tactically in the Strait. The 'Attack on the Blockade' framing inverts CENTCOM's

sequence (missiles first, tankers second) into tankers first, missiles as answer, and reads the American strikes as proof of an Iranian hit; that inference is unsupported and should not be reproduced. The Ali al-Taher denial moving onto the front, one day after this monitor recorded the loss being absorbed off-page, marks a change of handling from silence to contestation. Track whether any Chinese official language is cited beyond Xinhua's, and whether the 'hit' claim is repeated with imagery.

“The Scarecrows of the War” **HIGH: named domestic critics cast as instruments of enemy fear; surrender framing**

«لولوهای سرخرمن جنگ»



- Main: 'The Scarecrows of the War' (لولوهای سرخرمن جنگ), a full-page political cartoon with a signed commentary. Kicker: 'those who for years held direct or advisory posts at the highest levels of government are now caught in a deadly paradox: how to frighten the people about the consequences of the present situation enough that the country is ready for surrender, and how to arrange that this surrender is not blamed on them; these people now play the role of the war's scarecrows'.
- Cartoon: Trump drawn as a scarecrow in a straw hat; three men sit on the crossbar with speech bubbles. Right, labeled 'Hashemi': 'a 300,000-toman dollar, inflation, disorder and street riots lie ahead because Trump does not know...' (Mohsen Hashemi, chairman of the Kargozaran central council; his 'three-digit inflation and a 300,000-toman dollar' remark is on the record at Asr-e Iran). Center, labeled 'Pazouki in the newspaper Shargh': 'if the present trend continues, Iran may move toward annual inflation above 600 percent' (economist Mehdi Pazouki; the 600 percent warning is on the record at Shargh). Left, labeled 'Sariolghalam': 'the Americans, after the congressional elections, whichever party wins, will come for wide military operations against Iran' (Mahmoud Sariolghalam; the remark circulated on video this week). All three identifications rest on the printed labels and the matching published quotes.
- Sub-item: 'Lie-Detector Test for America's Generals' (تست دروغ‌سنجی از ژنرال‌های آمریکا), kicker 'the Pentagon hunts the leakers of the news of the weapons decline in the war with Iran' (page 15). The story is real: the New York Times and CBS reported on 4 September that about 50 Joint Staff members were polygraphed in August over leaks on depleted munitions.
- Sub-item: 'Aref: we will defeat the enemy on the economic front too' (عارف: دشمن را در جبهه اقتصادی هم شکست می‌دهیم), First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, page 2.
- Editorial column (sarmaqaleh): 'Iran is alive by its identity borders' (ایران به مرزهای هویتی‌اش زنده است) by Mohammad Javad Akhavan, a cultural-front argument that the enemy's war is aimed at the nation's identity boundaries.

ANALYST NOTE Javan widens the target set of the principlist campaign recorded on 3 and 5 September (Marashi, then Rouhani) to a reformist party chairman, an academic economist and a political scientist, and it does so by quoting them accurately enough to be traceable. The charge is not that they lie but that their warnings prepare surrender: this is the 'despair and division' frame of Kayhan's lead rendered as caricature. Unlike Kayhan, Javan does not call for institutional action, and the page pairs the attack with Aref's economic-front assurance, which keeps the IRGC lane inside the government's vocabulary. The polygraph item shows the American-exhaustion narrative now feeding on a verified story rather than a rendering. Watch whether these three names recur in Kayhan or Fars as 'the network'.



Trump as a scarecrow; Mohsen Hashemi, Mehdi Pazouki and Mahmoud Sariolghalam sit on the crossbar voicing warnings about the dollar, inflation and post-midterm US operations (identifications from the printed labels).

Destroyed America's Economy" «جنگِ ترامپ اقتصاد آمریکا را ویران کرد»



- Main: 'Trump's War Destroyed America's Economy' over a full-column photograph of Bernie Sanders; kicker 'what effect has warmongering against Iran had on America's domestic situation'. Pull quote: 'the war against Iran, which began with the aim of displaying power and imposing America's will, has now become one of the biggest domestic challenges of Trump's presidency; a war that has not only led to thousands of casualties but has put the American economy on a dangerous path'; Sanders quoted that 'continuing this war is not only inhumane but stupid and against America's national interests'. The 'thousands of casualties' is the paper's own phrasing, not Sanders's.
- Top right: 'The chief justice at the BRICS judicial heads' meeting: judicial systems must not be indifferent to the crimes of America and Israel' (نظام‌های قضایی در برابر جنایات آمریکا و اسرائیل بی تفاوت نباشند), with the photograph of Mohseni-Ejei at the summit table.
- Right: 'Let us not build a front within the front' («نسازیم»), an interview with Farshad Ebrahimpour on the flaws of forming a new assembly (مجمع جدید) inside the principlist camp; two supporting voices, Rastegar Yousefi ('forming parallel organizations at this sensitive juncture creates duality') and Vahid Ahmadi ('any organization that acts against unity is definitely trouble-making'). The identity of the new body is not stated on the page; the item records an intra-camp organizational dispute.
- Sub-item: 'The defeat of Yemen's puppet government against Ansarallah: the battle over the Taiz heights' (نبرد بر سر ارتفاعات تعز), continuing the paper's Yemen-front coverage.
- Column (yaddasht): 'The legacy of the Revolution's martyred Leader is a system of thought and a practical conduct' (میراث رهبر شهید انقلاب، منظومه) by Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf; and 'The silent dangers of culture' (مخاطرات بی‌صدای فرهنگ) by Fatemeh Torkashvand.
- Channel (t.me/sobhe_no/115704 to 115709): CENTCOM's confirmation of the three tanker strikes 'in response to missile fire at two American ships'; Hegseth's 'if Iran shoots at our ships we will destroy their tanker fleet'; the IRGC Navy's tanker report; the Foreign Ministry statement calling the strikes a 'war crime' and part of 'the naval blockade and economic war'; the Khatam al-Anbiya warning.

ANALYST NOTE The Speaker's paper stays on the American-exhaustion frame it shared yesterday, and chooses Sanders over the IRGC's missile claim for its lead, which is consistent with a camp that defended the memorandum against hardline critics on 5 September and would rather argue that Washington is being pushed to a deal by its own costs than that Tehran is winning at sea. The 'front within the front' item is the second intra-principlist fracture line in two days, after the attack on 'creditors without an idea'; the camp is arguing about its

own organization while Kayhan calls for action against the reformists. Ghalibaf's column on the martyred Leader's 'legacy' is the only Leader-related text on any front, and it is about the predecessor.

Chahar Sough

Economic daily, principlist-leaning

"The Borrowing

MODERATE: government fiscal record attacked from the principlist side; blockade minimized

Governments" «دولت‌های استقراری»



- Main: 'The Borrowing Governments', kicker 'Hassan Rouhani and Masoud Pezeshkian, record-holders of borrowing from the central bank'. A bar chart of 'average monthly growth of government borrowing from the central bank (percent)' by administration: Pezeshkian 4.95, Rouhani 2.48, with the Raisi, Khatami, Ahmadinejad and Mousavi eras far lower (1.96, 1.43, 1.38, 1.02, 0.33 as printed). Photographs of Rouhani and Pezeshkian in armchairs face each other across the chart.
- Sub-item: 'Saghab stripped of the right to comment on gasoline' (خلف سدسابق از اظهار نظر درباره بنزین): the head of the Plan and Budget Organization has ruled that the government's fuel position is stated only by the spokeswoman, sidelining energy-strategy official Esmail Saghab Esfahani (verified against Alef and Entekhab, 14 Shahrivar). Two days ago this paper montaged a fuel nozzle over his face.
- Sub-item: 'The Exchange Center, spectator of the gold storm' (مرکز مبادله، نظاره‌گر طوفان طلا): a chart contrasting the free-market gold coin price with the exchange center's, over a photograph of the center's managers with raised arms.
- Interview: MP Peyman Falsafi: 'We have no proper economic formation against America' (آرایش اقتصادی مناسب در برابر آمریکا نداریم). Bullet points as printed: 'people should not worry about the naval blockade'; 'the Strait of Hormuz will not open without Iran's permission'; 'America is using psychological war to prevent an oil price rise'; 'we can move 10 million tons of goods through Russia'; 'the government's currency policies are the cause of the recent price rises'; 'the Pezeshkian government must learn running the country from the government of the 1360s'; 'interest on production loans must be zero'; 'a digital national currency will untie the central bank's knot'.

ANALYST NOTE Chahar Sough moves from 'gasoline sedition' to a fiscal indictment that pairs Pezeshkian with Rouhani, the same pairing Kayhan and Nobonyad use politically. The chart is the point: it places the sitting president above the JCPOA president as the worst borrower, which is the principlist economic lane's way of saying the current government is Rouhani's continuation. Falsafi's bullets combine the standard deterrence lines (Hormuz opens only with Iran's permission) with a demand that the government run the economy like the war-economy 1980s; the Saghab item confirms that the campaign against him produced a result within 48 hours. Continuing the domestic-cost thread: the pressure on the government from its own side is now producing personnel outcomes.

«روشنفکر هنرمند» "The Artist Intellectual"



- Main: 'The Artist Intellectual', a full-page obituary of Javad Mojabi, 'writer, painter, satirist and journalist', who died at 87 after a period of illness (verified: ISNA and BBC Persian, 14 Shahrivar). The family will receive mourners at his home for seven days after the burial. The cover is his portrait beside a white cast of his face with his spectacles.
- Top strip: 'To Iraq's benefit' (به کام عراق), kicker 'has the dispute in the Strait of Hormuz created an opportunity for Iran's neighbors?' (page 6), a continuation of the paper's argument that Hormuz closure transfers Iran's trade to competitors.
- Column (yaddasht-e rooz): 'Only a listening ear is not enough' (فقط گوش شنوا کافی نیست) by Hossein Marashi, Kargozaran secretary-general: 'the government at mid-course can no longer pin all its shortcomings on the past and the crises'; the text argues that with the war, oil-revenue losses and inflation the government is at a turning point and must choose a course rather than absorb blame. Marashi's third front-page appearance in four days, after being the target of the 3 September campaign.
- Strip items: 'Four frames from one route' (Mohammad Jafarian-far); 'A bad start: on the man of three thousand faces'; 'Government decree: the latest developments in women's motorcycling'; a note on the late Mojabi by Mojtaba Sohrab-Moshtagh (name as printed, not verified).

ANALYST NOTE On the morning Kayhan and Javan attack the reformist current as an American project, the reformist party paper leads with a cultural obituary and lets its secretary-general criticize the government from the other direction: not for talking to Washington but for failing to choose a course at mid-term. The pairing matters: Marashi's line and Chahar Sough's chart converge on the government's performance from opposite camps, which isolates Pezeshkian in the middle. Sazandegi does not answer the 'scarecrows' cartoon, in which its own party chairman appears; the absence of a reply is the day's notable non-response and should be watched for tomorrow.

"Reducing Gasoline

LOW-MODERATE: off-ramp and de-escalation framing; candid Lebanon assessment

Consumption in Two Provinces with Non-Price Tools" «کاهش مصرف بنزین در دو استان با ابزارهای

غیر قیمتی»



- Main: 'Reducing gasoline consumption in two provinces with non-price tools': a report that consumption-management measures without a price rise have begun in two provinces, the operational form of the President's 'gradual, with the people's cooperation' instruction that this monitor recorded on 5 September.
- Editorial (sarmaqaleh): 'Lebanon and the sensitive days of the resistance front' (لبنان و روزهای حساس جبهه مقاومت): 'amid the contradictory news about the fall of the strategic Ali al-Taher hill to the Zionist army, one can conclude that the hill has not completely fallen and is in the process of falling'; it says the Israeli propaganda about the hill is aimed at 'political goals, victory in the coming Knesset elections' and warns that Lebanon faces decisive days. This is the only front today that concedes the hill may be falling.
- Top right: the judiciary chief at BRICS: 'we want an order in which no power places itself above the law' (photograph of Mohseni-Ejei); side box: 'UN: there is no safe place in the Gaza Strip'; the British foreign secretary: 'what is happening in Gaza is horrific'; 55 bodies recovered from under rubble in Gaza.
- Boxes: 'G20 members demanded a rapid end to the war between America and Iran' (اعضای گروه ۲۰ خواستار پایان سریع جنگ آمریکا و ایران شدند); 'Telegraph: the war against Iran has worn out America's naval force'; 'Pakistan's parliament granted Asim Munir the authority to command all three services' (verified against Iranian economic press reporting the same day).
- Other: the President opening a school named for martyr Mohammad Bagheri with commanders present; teachers' hourly pay details from Mehr; a question to the communications minister on the Majlis agenda; the Alavi Foundation's 150,000-job plan; a Beheshti quotation at the foot of the page ('teacher, cleric, school director, director of society: never resort to violence and dictatorship to cover your own shortcomings').

ANALYST NOTE The establishment title is again the place where the off-ramp shows: yesterday's four-country consultation lead becomes today's G20 box and a gasoline lead about managing consumption without a price shock. Its editorial is the most candid Lebanon text in the batch, conceding that Ali al-Taher 'is in the process of falling' while the hardline titles deny it; the Beheshti quotation on not using violence to cover shortcomings reads, on the morning Kayhan asks the security organs to act against the reformists, as a deliberate placement. Continuity: the mediation thread survives, at reduced prominence; the gasoline sequencing choice identified on 3 September has been made in the direction of non-price tools.

Defa Press, Fars, Nour News (agency wires)

IRGC-aligned and SNSC-linked wire services; used for corroboration and threat-signaling context, not as front pages

"IRGC

HIGH: commander warnings; 'Hormuz war' named; retaliation question sustained by the SNSC-linked wire

Navy commander: *do not be fooled by America; every suspicious movement will be targeted*» هشدار

قاطع فرمانده نیروی دریایی سپاه: فریب آمریکا را نخورید؛ هر تحرک مشکوک هدف قرار می‌گیرد»

- Defa Press (66893, 66896): the IRGC Navy commander's warning after the tanker strikes, 'do not be fooled by America; every suspicious movement will be targeted', framed as the answer to 'the terrorist American army's aggression against three tankers belonging to the Islamic Republic'; (66897) the IRGC missile statement with 'this aggressor enemy must await heavy responses from Iran's armed forces'; (66900) statement No. 11 with the 'under the management of the Islamic Republic' line; (66911) Admiral Habibollah Sayyari, the Army's coordinating deputy: 'if they had the ability to confront Iran they would have shown it thousands of times', citing 'the 12-day war, the Ramadan war and the Hormuz war' as the lessons behind higher deterrence.
- Defa Press (66899): 'The Saudi puzzle at Bab al-Mandab': the Saudi-led maritime coalition for the Red Sea, with a Pakistani major general at its command center, read as Riyadh managing a shifting balance in western Yemen; (66898) the killing of a UAE-aligned commander by Yemeni forces; (66894) a third Israeli strike into Syria near Quneitra.
- Fars (460401, 460407): the IRGC carrier statement, twice; (460404) five Yemeni missiles at Taiz and Mokha; (460408) the Saudi friendly-fire report; (460410, 460413) Israeli strikes on Nabatieh al-Fawqa and Kafr Rumman; (460416) a long piece on Reza Shah's cruelty, 'the dogs were killed so Reza Khan would not sleep badly', framed as a response to Western 'whitewashing of the Pahlavi dictatorship'. No memorandum, IAEA or Leader content.
- Nour News (391529): 'Our specialty? Killing civilians!', on the Kuhestak strike as a challenge to 'America's claim of military precision'; (391538) the Bulgaria item; (391539) a video 'Diplomacy Orbit: how long must Iran wait to respond to the aggressor?'; (391519) the Nabatieh hospital. Nour News did not carry the IRGC carrier claim in the window read.

ANALYST NOTE The wires corroborate the two IRGC statements and add the Army's deterrence framing through Sayyari, who names three wars as the learning base: this is the first time in this monitor's window that the Army's number two has used 'the Hormuz war' as a proper noun. The absence of the carrier claim from Nour News, the SNSC-linked wire, while it runs a video asking how long Iran should wait to respond, is a mild divergence worth noting: the security council's outlet is keeping distance from a battle-damage claim while sustaining the retaliation question. Fars's Reza Shah piece is the monarchy-counter-narrative lane reactivated, which usually follows diaspora mobilization abroad.

Iran (channel)

Official government daily; front page not in the day's scan batch, read from the paper's channel

HIGH: carrier-damage claim as lead; 'protected zone under management' language; diplomatic track running alongside

"IRGC: an aircraft carrier and a destroyer of the child-killing aggressor American army were attacked"

«سپاه: ناو هواپیمابر و یک ناوشکن ارتش کودک کش متجاوز آمریکا مورد حمله قرار گرفت»

- Lead post (504778, 03:10): IRGC public relations statement No. 10 in full: the Aerospace Force 'with several ballistic missiles attacked an aircraft carrier and a destroyer of the child-killing aggressor American army which had harassed Iranian ships and taken part in the naval blockade'; 'after sustaining damage and out of fear of a second attack the two warships were forced to flee the area of engagement'; CENTCOM's 'confession' confirming the operation is 'a living document of the enemy's strategic defeat'. The damage-and-flight claim is Iranian and is contradicted by CENTCOM's statement that both ships evaded the missiles with no injuries.
- Post 504780 (03:20): statement No. 11: the IRGC Navy attacked an American 'shampad' (remotely managed vessel) 'that intended to enter the protected zone of the Strait of Hormuz'; 'the Strait of Hormuz, this strategic waterway, is under the management of the Islamic Republic'; 'aggressor America must know it has no way but to leave the region'. The 'protected zone' and 'under management' phrases are the closest the IRGC has come this week to declaring a formal regime over the Strait.
- Post 504784 (03:35): Foreign Minister Araghchi's Saturday-evening calls with Faisal bin Farhan and Hakan Fidan on 'the latest course of diplomatic efforts to establish stability in the region and remove the insecurity imposed on the Strait of Hormuz by America's aggressive actions'. The government's diplomatic lane thus moves on the same night as the IRGC's naval claims.
- Post 504781 (03:17): the ban on using foreign messaging apps for official government communications 'was lifted by complete consensus of the cyberspace steering headquarters'; post 504785: Tanker Trackers data claim that regional oil exports fell 39 percent in August against January-February; post 504791: Iran's warning to Bulgaria 'mobilized thousands' against US tanker aircraft at Bezmer, which then departed (an Iranian framing of a Bulgarian local protest).

ANALYST NOTE The official daily's channel is the clearest record of the government's two-track night: it carries the IRGC's carrier claim as its lead and, 25 minutes later, the Foreign Minister's calls to Riyadh and Ankara about removing insecurity from the Strait. The pairing is not contradiction but division of labor, and it repeats the pattern of 5 September when the same channel carried the South Korea warning in the Foreign Ministry's lane. The 'protected zone under Islamic Republic management' language from statement No. 11 is the item to track: if it is repeated by the Foreign Ministry or the SNSC it would mark a move from coercive closure to an asserted legal regime.

Kayhan

Ultra-hardline flagship close to the Leader's office (managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari); front page not in the day's scan batch, read from the paper's own channel

“Despair and **SEVERE: explicit call for security organs to act against the reformist current and a former president**

Division', the code name of America's newest project: Trump has failed, America's domestic errand boys are scrambling” «یأس و تفرقه» اسم رمز تازه‌ترین پروژه آمریکا / ترامپ شکست خورد، پادوهای داخلی آمریکا به دست‌وپا افتاده‌اند»

- Main (unsigned, political service, 'Titr-e Yek'): 'America's errand boys (پادوها) and those responsible for the war have launched their new mission': 'extremists with a mission who claim reform' are running an American project of 'trampling the blood of the martyred Imam and the people, discrediting the resistance, acquitting the enemy and creating despair and division to prepare the ground for a wider attack on Iran'. On Hormuz: 'America is distressed by its closure and seeks an escape route; Trump's games are for lowering the oil price, and Iran must use every lever to keep the oil price high', citing Trump's 'if we had not agreed with Iran our oil reserves would have run out in four weeks' and his Axios remark on global recession.
- Main, continued: Rouhani, 'president of the JCPOA government whose popularity fell below 7 percent', 'ran to the aid of Trump and the Epstein gang' by saying the Strait must be prosperous and 'a strait without ships is of what use'. The closing paragraph asks 'how long must this illegitimate spectrum be treated with kindness and appeasement? Why do the responsible organs take no action to wipe out this network of traitors to Iran?' and tells officials not to forget 'the coup of Dey 1404' and to 'act on their duty in dealing with its main agents'.
- Nokteh (signed, Hossein Shariatmadari): 'Madam Spokeswoman! Why from the second step?!' attacks government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani for saying of the Dey 1404 unrest that 'the one who set the rubbish bin alight is also our child'. He asserts the rioters were trained by the CIA and Mossad, 'martyred nearly 3,000 people of the street and bazaar with weapons donated by the Zionist regime' and burned mosques and Qurans, and concludes that if she did not know this 'your position as government spokeswoman must be reconsidered'. The casualty figure is Kayhan's claim.
- Other front items (from the headline list): 'Cyberspace governance must be based on national interests' (the day the ban on foreign messaging apps for official communications was lifted); 'New York Times reported: intense concern of America's intelligence agencies at the high self-confidence of the Iranian people' (the NYT's 4 September report on US assessments of 'a more confident Iran' exists; Kayhan's 'people' substitutes for the NYT's 'Iran'); the judiciary chief at BRICS; 'The Ali al-Taher hill has neither fallen nor been occupied; the fighting continues'; teachers' hourly pay doubled from Mehr.
- Channel (t.me/kayhan_online/83046 to 83050, 83065): IRGC statements No. 10 and No. 11 in full; Petraeus video claiming Gulf bases are 'no longer usable'; Al Jazeera analysts on 'an earthquake in the Pentagon'; the Saudi friendly-fire report from Taiz; Elizabeth Warren's 'want lower gas prices? end Trump's war in Iran'.

ANALYST NOTE This is the sharpest domestic escalation of the week. Two days after the Rouhani items and one day after the 'ladle' lead, Kayhan's page-one lead names the reformist current as an American project, ties it to the assassination of the Leader ('by creating the ground for the Dey coup they provided the enemy's pretext for the assassination'), and asks the security organs why they have not 'wiped out' the network. That is a call for institutional action, not commentary, and it is printed unsigned as the paper's own voice. The Nokteh extends the same logic to a sitting government spokeswoman. The cable proposal of 3 September remains unrepeated,

but the register has shifted from external kill-chain to internal purge, which is the more consequential direction. Attribution caution: the 'Despair and Division' lead is not signed by Shariatmadari; treat it as the paper's political desk.

Tehran Times (web)

English-language state daily; the site returned only its 5 September edition at compile time

"Iran-

MODERATE-HIGH: great-power backing narrative; 'flow versus territory' Hormuz doctrine; atrocity framing

Russia alliance grows despite US pressure"

- Lead (Shahrokh Saei): 'Iran-Russia alliance grows despite US pressure': 'Russia's robust and uncompromising support for Iran in the face of US military adventurism and all-out economic warfare' shows the partnership 'will never be swayed, deterred, or disrupted by outside pressure'.
- News: 'Six Iranian Navy personnel martyred in US strikes in southern Iran', sourced to Tasnim, for strikes 'two nights ago' (3 to 4 September); 'Trump turns Iranian wedding bloody' (the Kuhestak strike this monitor has tracked since 1 September); 'Qatari ITU submission confirms Iran's retaliatory operations hit only US military assets' (an Iranian reading of a Qatari telecoms filing, unverified).
- Analysis: 'Flow vs. territory: the real battle for the Strait of Hormuz' (Madrid byline): the Trump administration 'is trying to convince the world that Iran has lost control over the Strait' while claiming large volumes are crossing it; 'From naval blockade to land corridors: Iran's strategic pivot'; 'Advanced enemy technology failed to shield aircraft from indigenous air defenses'.
- Diplomacy: 'Iran uses BRICS judicial diplomacy to deepen ties with China, Russia and Belarus'; 'Why did Beijing reject the G20 statement?'; 'Ben Gvir unveils seven-year blueprint to ethnically cleanse Gaza'; 'What has Trump gained following Netanyahu's lead?'.

ANALYST NOTE Read with the one-day lag caveat, the English state title is assembling the same three arguments the Persian fronts carry: great-power backing (Russia, China at BRICS), the Strait as a contest of 'flow versus territory' in which American control claims are propaganda, and American strikes as civilian atrocities. The 'land corridors' piece is the English-lane version of Ta'adol's re-export prescription and Chahar Sough's '10 million tons through Russia'. The Navy personnel deaths are acknowledged in the English lane while the Persian fronts carry only the tanker strikes, a division of admission that is consistent with prior editions.

Appendix A: The Leader's lead message (none issued this cycle; the standing text)

khamenei.ir index of 1405 statements; Tejarat News reproduction of the Government Week message; Sobh-e No page 1 (Ghalibaf column); Defa Press t.me/defapress_ir/66912

No message, speech or statement from the Leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, was published on any of the nine scanned fronts, the six daily channels or the three wires read for 15 Shahrivar 1405, and the khamenei.ir index of 1405 statements returned nothing newer than the messages already recorded by this monitor. The overnight IRGC statements No. 10 and No. 11, the Foreign Ministry statement on the tanker strikes and the Khatam al-Anbiya warning all issue from the armed forces and the government, not from the Leader's office.

The standing latest text remains the Government Week message, whose operative lines, as reproduced by Tejarat News and read in translation here, are: 'In the present period and the grave and complex conditions facing the goal of an ever-stronger Iran, one of the necessities for reaching this goal, in addition to round-the-clock effort and continuous initiative, is the explanation and narration of the power and strength of Iran and its dear nation.' And: 'Weakness, defect and shortage do not need narration and highlighting; they need planning and action to remove and solve the problem.' And the warning, quoted by the same source: 'I declare decisively: committing anything to the detriment of cohesion...' (the sentence is truncated in the available reproduction and is flagged partial).

The only Leader-related texts on today's fronts concern the martyred predecessor: Speaker Ghalibaf's signed column in Sobh-e No, 'The legacy of the Revolution's martyred Leader is a system of thought and a practical conduct', and a Jam-e Jam rail column, 'A look at the martyred Leader's system of thought in the field of culture'. The sitting Leader's full style, 'Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei (may his shadow be extended)', appears in the window only inside a Defa Press congratulation message from the head of the Sacred Defense heritage foundation to the new head of the State Inspection Organization.

Analyst flag: this is the fifth consecutive edition in which the Leader is absent from the fronts in his own voice while the armed forces make their most consequential claims of the war at sea and the flagship daily calls for action against the reformist current. The Government Week message's instruction to avoid 'despair-inducing' speech and 'imaginary dualities' is now being cited by the hardline lane as authority for its campaign (Kayhan's lead uses 'despair and division' as the project's code name), which is a use of the Leader's words that the Leader himself has not endorsed on the record. Single-source caution: khamenei.ir could not be reached directly; the index was read through a search cache.

Appendix B: Kayhan lead, 'Despair and Division, the code name of America's newest project' (unsigned, political service)

Kayhan, Sunday 15 Shahrivar 1405, page 1 lead (Titre-e Yek, political service); channel text t.me/kayhan_online/83063; kayhan.ir/001Pm7

Headline: 'Despair and division' («يأس و تفرقه»), the code name of America's newest project. Trump has failed; America's domestic errand boys (پادوهای داخلی آمریکا) have started scrambling.

America's errand boys and the causers of the war have launched their new mission. The extremists-with-a-mission who claim reform, in this American project, in the shadow of the responsible organs' failure to do their duty in wiping out America's network of infiltration, have begun the project of trampling the blood of the martyred Imam and of the people, of discrediting the resistance, acquitting the enemy and creating despair and division, in order to prepare the ground for a wider attack on Iran.

The domestic support network for unrest and war, just as it previously sought to trade away all of Iran's levers of power to realize the project of normalization and the slaughter of the Revolution, is today distressed by the Strait of Hormuz, the missile capability, the regional role and the commercial diplomacy with the non-Western world, and wants, to the enemy's benefit and to give it breath and renewed power, to recite the funeral prayer over these components.

For example, on the question of the Strait of Hormuz, America is distressed by its being closed and seeks an escape route. Trump's games are for lowering the price of oil, and Iran must use all levers to keep the price of oil high. Trump says that if we had not reached agreement with Iran our oil reserves would have run out in four more weeks, or in an interview with Axios he says that prolonging the war with Iran would have caused a global recession. (This paragraph appears twice in the channel text; it is rendered once here.)

In these conditions Rouhani, the president of the JCPOA government, whose popularity fell below 7 percent at the end of the twelfth government, in his recent meeting ran to the aid of Trump and the Epstein gang and said that the Strait of Hormuz should be prosperous and a lever of security for us; a strait without ships is of what use? We do not want to disrupt world trade(!)

America could not reach its goals of overthrowing the system, partitioning Iran and seizing Iran's oil, and with the closure of the Strait of Hormuz the war reached the dimension of the world economy. America had to be made to answer for its renewed evil in attacking Iran and assassinating the Leader of the Revolution and the people, and closing the Strait of Hormuz was a punishment in the economic arena and an act in the line of deterrence. In this atmosphere, the support of the president of the JCPOA government for Trump and the American regime is not surprising. Rouhani's work resembles that of errand boys who have no direct link with the regime they favor but have a mission to work to its benefit and, inside the environment, to change fundamental priorities and policies.

The claimants of reform, by creating the ground for the coup of Dey month, provided the enemy's pretext for the assassination of the Leader of the Revolution; now too they are creating an atmosphere for giving up retribution (قصاص) and revenge (انتقام) so that the road to Imam-killing stays open and the funeral prayer is recited over the Revolution, and they will not let go until Iran is partitioned. How far must this illegitimate spectrum be treated with kindness and appeasement? Why do the responsible organs take no step toward wiping out this network of traitors to Iran? Did the martyred Imam not repeatedly stress the need to deal with those who disturb the psychological security of society and with the spectrum that gives the people wrong

analyses? Officials must not forget the coup of Dey 1404 and must act on their duty in dealing with its main agents.

Analyst flag: the piece is the paper's unsigned page-one lead, tagged 'political service', not a signed Shariatmadari editorial; it should be cited as Kayhan's institutional voice. Its 'errand boys' (پادو), 'Imam-killing' (امام‌کشی) and 'coup of Dey 1404' (the December 2025 to January 2026 unrest) are loaded regime vocabulary and are retained as printed. The 'below 7 percent' popularity figure, the 'four weeks' Trump quotation and the Axios remark are Kayhan's renderings and are not verified here; the claim that reformists 'provided the pretext for the assassination' is an accusation, not a finding. The operative sentence for early warning is the question to 'the responsible organs' about 'wiping out this network': it is a public call for state action against a named political current and a former president. Source: Kayhan, 15 Shahrivar 1405, page 1; kayhan.ir/001Pm7.

Appendix C: Hossein Shariatmadari, 'Madam Spokeswoman! Why from the second step?!' (signed Nokteh)

Kayhan, Sunday 15 Shahrivar 1405, Nokteh column, signed Hossein Shariatmadari; channel text t.me/kayhan_online/83062

1. Ms. Mohajerani, the respected government spokeswoman, in part of a conversation with the communications and information deputy of the President's office referred to the events of Dey 1404 and said: 'The one who set the rubbish bin on fire is also our child!' It is unlikely that the Madam Spokeswoman is aware of the tricks of psychological operations, but probably without meaning to she has used the trick of 'starting from the second step', which is one of the techniques of psychological operations for distorting realities(!), and in the remarks in question has ignored and left out the first step of the story! She has not explained that, first, setting the rubbish bin on fire was part of the program dictated by the Zionist regime to its errand boys and, second, that the story of burning the rubbish bin was only one of the missions of these mercenaries. Besides the rubbish bin they also set people's houses on fire; with firearms donated by the Zionist regime they martyred nearly 3,000 people of the street and the bazaar; they attacked Basij and police forces who were not using weapons and, after martyring those dear ones, burned their pure bodies and trampled them underfoot. They set several mosques on fire. They piled up Qurans and after burning them danced and stamped around them and hurled abuse and insult at all that is sacred, and...

2. Madam Spokeswoman! The mercenaries whom you call the children of the nation(!) made films and photographs of the horrifying crimes they had committed and sent them to Mossad officers in Germany and Turkey, and these films and images were broadcast with relish by the television networks of America, the Zionist regime and some European countries. The errand boys in question, after their arrest, first confessed to having been trained by CIA and Mossad officers; second, the documents obtained also clearly tell of their training and receipt of weapons from the enemy's intelligence officers; third, official American and Zionist-regime figures have repeatedly and explicitly confessed to their dependence and hire and still do. 'Yossi Cohen', then head of Mossad, spoke with pride of the rioters as trained agents of the Zionist regime. 'Mike Pompeo' in several interviews stressed that they are our agents. Trump repeatedly supported his errand boys and even threatened the Islamic Republic that in support of them he would attack Iran militarily! And...

3. Ms. Mohajerani! How do you allow yourself to introduce the mercenaries and errand boys of Mossad and the CIA, the massacrers of the people of the street and the bazaar, the burners of mosques and Qurans, the agents of the martyrdom of Basij and police forces, and those who committed dozens of horrifying crimes against the oppressed and noble people of this land, as the children of Iran?! The crimes of these errand boys of America and the Zionist regime were not hidden. They continued for several consecutive days, all the people know of them, and all domestic and foreign media covered them. Therefore, if you were not aware of their crimes, with apologies, your position as government spokeswoman must be reconsidered! And if you were aware, as you certainly were, by what explanation, justification and religious and national criterion do you refer to these germs of corruption and filth as the children of the nation?! Please reflect on this matter.

Analyst flag: the author is verified (the channel post carries the *#حسین_شریعتمداری* tag and the Nokteh mark). The 'nearly 3,000' casualty figure attributed to rioters, the Mossad-in-Germany-and-Turkey chain, and the Cohen and Pompeo quotations are Kayhan's claims and renderings; they are not to be reproduced as authentic without primary-source confirmation. The significance is structural: the same editor who two days ago proposed cutting the Gulf's undersea cables now demands that a sitting government spokeswoman be 'reconsidered' for a conciliatory remark about the Dey unrest, which places the government's own

communications inside the target set of the 'despair and division' campaign. Source: Kayhan, Nokteh, 15 Shahrivar 1405.

Appendix D: Methodology and sourcing notes

digests/2026-09-06/sources.json; raw channel captures in digests/2026-09-06/raw/

Sources. Nine front-page scans were retrieved: eight Persian titles from the NewspaperTasnim batch for Sunday 15 Shahrivar 1405 (t.me/NewspaperTasnim/44356, posted 23:06 UTC on 5 September) and one English title from the Newspapers_Iran batch (t.me/newspapers_iran/3555). The stale-batch guard matched the batch's printed Jalali date to the target date on the first attempt. Persian scans identified by masthead: Jam-e Jam, Hamshahri, Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Sobh-e No, Chahar Sough, Sazandegi and Jomhuri Eslami; the English scan is Iran Daily. Kayhan, Iran and Etemad were not in the batch: Kayhan was read from its own channel's headline list and full lead and Nokteh texts; Iran from its channel; the Etemad channel carried the day's front-page compilation image but no front-page text of its own, so Etemad has no per-paper entry. Six daily channels and three wires (Defa Press, Fars, Nour News) were captured in full as HTML and parsed locally after the summarizing fetch tool proved unreliable for Persian text. Tehran Times returned only its 5 September edition through a cache; the 6 September edition could not be retrieved, and its entry is dated accordingly.

Scan resolution and translation caveats. The batch images are 800 pixels tall; headlines, kickers and sub-heads were legible after zoomed crops, but body text was not. Bullets therefore rest on headline-level text and, where a channel carried the same item, on the channel text. Persian headlines are retained in original script; loaded terms are glossed inline. Where a number on a page could not be read with confidence (Jam-e Jam's 'milk cow' contract figure, Chahar Sough's smaller bars) it is flagged. Names of column authors are given as printed and marked unverified where the print was marginal (Sazandegi's Sohrab-Moshtagh).

Identification and verification. The three figures in Javan's 'scarecrows' cartoon are identified from the printed labels (Hashemi, Pazouki, Sariolghalam) and cross-checked against each man's published remark: Mohsen Hashemi's 'three-digit inflation and a 300,000-toman dollar' (Asr-e Iran), Mehdi Pazouki's '600 percent inflation' warning (Shargh), Mahmoud Sariolghalam's 'after the congressional elections' video. Xi Jinping's Cairo remarks were verified against Xinhua as carried by Reuters and Al Jazeera (1 to 2 September); the CENTCOM tanker strikes (M/T Downy off Kharg, M/T Stark 1 near Jask, M/T Kyo/Noxen in the Gulf of Oman) and the 'evaded multiple unprovoked attacks' language against CENTCOM's own statement as carried by CNN and Al Jazeera; the Pentagon polygraph story against the New York Times and CBS (4 September); Peru's rupture against the Peruvian Foreign Ministry communique as reported; the SCO Bishkek declaration's wording against The Wire and Al Jazeera; Javad Mojabi's death against ISNA; the Shahrud funeral against IRNA and Mehr; Saghab Esfahani's sidelining against Alef and Entekhab; the NYT 'more confident Iran' report against the NYT of 4 September. Kayhan's 'Despair and Division' lead was found to be unsigned (political service) and is attributed accordingly, correcting the summarizing tool's initial attribution to Shariatmadari.

Attribution firewall. The IRGC's claim that a carrier and a destroyer were damaged and fled is an Iranian claim contradicted by CENTCOM's statement that both ships evaded the missiles without injury; the Iranian press inference that the tanker strikes prove a hit is unsupported. Hezbollah's control of Ali al-Taher, asserted by Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz and a Jam-e Jam commentator, is contradicted by Israel's 4 September capture announcement and is unresolved; Jomhuri Eslami's 'in the process of falling' is the one Iranian concession. Battle-damage and casualty figures on both sides are labeled as claims. Second-hand quotations (Trump via Kayhan, Sanders via Sobh-e No, Warren via three channels, Hegseth and Admiral Cooper via Sobh-e No) are flagged as renderings.

Single-source flags. The Leader's absence rests on the fronts, channels and a cached khamenei.ir index, not on a direct read of the site. The 'protected zone under Islamic Republic management' language rests on IRGC statement No. 11 as carried identically by four channels. Nour News's omission of the carrier claim is an observation over the posts visible in the channel preview window and could reflect the preview's limits rather than editorial choice. Mojtaba Khamenei's succession continues to rest on the standing evidence recorded in prior editions and on today's Defa Press honorific usage.

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