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Twelve Persian front pages (nine from the Monday 16 Shahrivar Tasnim batch, three from the Vatan-e Emrooz, Sobh-e No and Jam-e Jam channels), 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; the English kiosk re-posted the 6 September Iran Daily and Tehran Times was unavailable at the time

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Executive Summary

The lead judgment of the cycle is that the naval exchange of 5 September has been promoted from an incident to a doctrine, and that the promotion has been ratified within 24 hours by two civilian authorities rather than by the IRGC alone. Nobonyad leads 'Firing at the carrier: a new phase of the response', Qods 'Warships within range of the missiles', with the deck that the confrontation 'has entered a new stage', Vatan-e Emrooz 'Changing the equation over Iran's successful missile attack', and Jomhuri Eslami prints the IRGC's damage-and-flight claim and the Foreign Ministry's warning as a straight two-claim lead. Around the pages sit the two ratifications: Speaker Ghalibaf's Sunday statement, signed by Kayhan, Iran and Sobh-e No, that 'the era of appropriate responses has ended' and 'the rules of the game have changed', and Mohsen Rezaei's remark, printed by Seday-e Iran and verified against Asr-e Iran and Mashregh, that '48 hours ago, for the first time, we tested the Iranian anti-destroyer missile over the head of an American warship; this special missile created hell for the Americans and they fled', together with his announcement that a prohibited zone (منطقه ممنوعه) will be declared beyond the Strait for sanction-violating ships. Rezaei has been secretary of the Supreme National Security Council since 9 August, so the 'zone' formula that this monitor recorded on 6 September as IRGC-only language now has a civilian-security author. CENTCOM's account, that both ships evaded the missiles and that three Iranian tankers were destroyed or disabled, appears on no Persian front except as the tanker strikes in Qods's body text and in the Foreign Ministry's 'war crime' warning on Jomhuri Eslami.

The most consequential domestic item is Kayhan's unsigned page one lead, 'Westernizers' partnership with Trump in the attack on the people's livelihood and security', translated in full in Appendix B. On 6 September the flagship asked why the security organs had not 'wiped out' the reformist current; today it names no one and instead defines the current's vocabulary: 'honorable peace', 'dignified end to the war' and 'referendum' are 'the enemy's line for continuing the war', the reformists' description of the economy sends 'dangerous and treasonous signals to the Western side' and shares 'a common denominator with the enemy's economic war room in New York and Tel Aviv', and a 'far more toxic' tier exists whose function is 'beautifying America's satanic face'. The boxed kicker gives the day's label, 'a new game against national zeal under the code name referendum'. The contest is explicit because the other side printed the words the same morning: Sazandegi's daily note by the former diplomat Kourosh Ahmadi is titled 'A referendum is not for war' and calls for public dialogue on ending the war; Etemad's interview with Mashallah Shamsolvaezin is headlined 'the collapse of neither war nor peace', a phrase that also headlined a Khabaronline interview the same day; and Vatan-e Emrooz's column rejects the 'bread versus standing firm' binary in Kayhan's own terms. The sequence since 4 September has run from a party secretary to a former president to the current as a whole to the vocabulary; the target has broadened and the ask has softened from action by the organs to 'acceptance of responsibility'.

The argument over ending the war has moved onto scriptural ground. Three papers contest the Treaty of Hodaybiyyah on one morning: Kayhan carries a contributed article, 'Hodaybiyyah: a truth distorted in the name of compromise'; Etemad reports 'the peace of Hodaybiyyah: a historical metaphor on the Islamic Republic's negotiating table', following Ali-Akbar Salehi's interview with IBNA that 'the Prophet reached the conquest of Mecca by way of the peace of Hodaybiyyah'; and Jomhuri Eslami's unsigned house editorial, translated in Appendix C, rebukes clergy of both camps for 'attributing their factional inclinations to the Quran', then states that the treaty was signed from weakness with 1,400 companions, that the Prophet conceded 'even the attributes of God and the title of his own mission' to get it signed, and that the 'manifest victory' of Sura al-Fath is the growth of the faith afterward, not the conquest of Mecca. The editorial's posture is even-handed and its substance favors settlement. Its foot-of-page quotation from Ayatollah Beheshti, that 'political

matters must not be brought into judicial matters', printed the morning after Kayhan asked the organs to act, reads as a deliberate caution. The significance is that the settlement question is now being argued in the register where the Leader's authority sits, and the Leader has not spoken for a sixth edition.

Ghalibaf is carrying three roles at once, and the principlist camp is dividing around him. He is the escalation voice ('faster, heavier, more painful'), the brake on the Paydari camp's counter-infiltration bill (Sazandegi's lead, 'Let us not lock the country': 'we must write a law that does not create harassment, does not enter the domain of individuals' personal security... the country cannot be locked for such a mechanism', said in reply to a Paydari-aligned MP with 'you cannot decide for me'), and the epigraph of the central bank campaign ('the people endure hardship, but not mismanagement and negligence', printed by both Sobh-e No and Chahar Sough). Against him, Nobonyad reports that 'a notable number of MPs' have founded an Assembly of the Nation's Representatives to end the 'closure of the chamber' and 'settle accounts with the weak and inefficient government', a body that held its first session on 1 September with 124 members; and for him, Sobh-e No charges unnamed rivals with 'electoral formation instead of military formation', 'contrary to national cohesion', while the Independents' MP Hamidreza Goudarzi says on the Etemad channel that 'a minority of MPs, contrary to the Leader's instruction, inflame society'. The shape is three-cornered: the flagship attacks reformists, the Speaker's paper attacks the Paydari front, and the Paydari front organizes against the Speaker's management of parliament, all invoking the same 6 Shahrivar cohesion instruction.

Economic pressure has produced its second personnel target in three days. Chahar Sough, which on 4 September montaged the energy official Saghab Esfahani and on 6 September reported him sidelined, today leads with 'Saving the national currency with a house-cleaning at the central bank', a full-height photograph of Abdolnaser Hemmati walking alone and six MPs quoted with portraits, from Haji-Deligani's 'the government has abandoned the currency market' to Zaker's 'market control has been abandoned on the pretext of wartime conditions'; the red box recalls the MPs' 31 August letter asking the heads of the branches to remove him. Vatan-e Emrooz's 'Will market stability be achieved?' makes the campaign cross-outlet, and Sazandegi's 'The end of Saghab?' closes the earlier thread. The gasoline decision, by contrast, was executed with discipline: the third tier goes to 10,000 toman from 17 Shahrivar with the 1,500 and 3,000 quotas untouched, and the fronts divide only in framing, the government daily and Jomhuri Eslami on the President's 'media attachment', Sobh-e No on 'the quota stayed', Qods praising 'a valuable media experience'. Chahar Sough's second item mocks the energy minister's 'I'll say it a hundred more times, the power won't be cut again' against Tavanir's new outage schedule the next day. Ta'adol's Hossein Haghgoo names the underlying choice a 'hard decision' between security and integration into 'global value and power blocs', the technocratic press's implicit vote for settlement.

Lebanon, Hormuz and the exhaustion frame continue on their tracks with one change each. Ali al-Taher has now had three handlings in three days: silence on 5 September, denial on 6 September, and today Sobh-e No's 'Has Israel really taken Ali al-Taher? Retreat toward the border', an asserted Israeli pullback for which no evidence is printed; Israel's 3 September claim of operational control stands, Hezbollah has neither confirmed nor denied, and it has rejected Lebanese government overtures to withdraw. Defa Press's Lebanese commentator Abbas Zalzali calls the ridge 'part of a bigger battle over who owns the security decision in the south'. The channels carry a two-month-old infant killed in Kafr Rumman, a medic killed by a drone, ten wounded pulled from rubble, and a strike on Deir al-Zahrani. No commander repeated the 'if Hezbollah requests it' entry line recorded on 6 September. On Hormuz, Vatan-e Emrooz's channel supplies the verified numbers, Kpler's transit count at its lowest since May and oil at 97 dollars, and Nour News, the SNSC-linked wire, argues that 'Trump's attempt to belittle the Strait and present alternative routes does not negate its strategic importance' and that Iran's responses have moved 'from strategic patience to punishing the aggressor'. The exhaustion frame again rests on checkable American facts: Leon Panetta's 'he has trapped

himself' on Jomhuri Eslami, William Hartung's Forbes column on Kayhan's rail, Gallup's widest party-identification gap since 2008 on the government daily, Chris Murphy and Tammy Baldwin on the Kayhan channel, and Kayhan's banner that 'one Iranian warning was enough' to remove American refuelers from Bulgaria, where the checkable core is that two KC-135s left Bezmer on 21 August and the causal claim is Kayhan's. The escalation ceiling was voiced on state television by Foad Izadi, whose proposal that the twelve SNSC members who voted for the memorandum should decide to 'hit all the region's infrastructure' so that 'Trump ends the war fast' was carried by Etemad's channel as 'strange'.

The Leader is absent for a sixth consecutive edition and the international lanes are quiet. No message accompanies the exchange of fire, the Rezaei claim, the Kayhan lead or the IAEA Board, which opens in Vienna today and is mentioned on one front only, Nobonyad's column dismissing the Board and the Security Council as 'imaginary monsters'. The Leader's 6 Shahrivar cohesion instruction is invoked by three parties in three directions. Sobh-e No prepares the ground for Xi Jinping's 24 September state visit to Washington with 'Iran-China relations: moving forward', warning that Beijing's balancing 'should not be turned into a lever of pressure'. Qods watches the eastern flank with 'the crystallization of political militarism in Pakistan' under Asim Munir's portrait. The English lane is empty: the kiosk re-posted the 6 September Iran Daily and Tehran Times was unavailable, its indexed 7 September items showing no naval story.

Net assessment: this is a codification edition. The exchange of fire that resumed the naval war on 5 September has, within 48 hours, been written into doctrine by the Speaker and the SNSC secretary rather than left to IRGC statements, and the zone regime over the Strait now has a civilian author. At home, the flagship's campaign has reached the level of vocabulary, which broadens the target to anyone who uses the words of settlement, while the principlist camp splits around the Speaker and the establishment paper argues, through the Prophet's treaty, for a peace signed from weakness. The consequential findings are that Rezaei's claim is single-source and contradicted by CENTCOM; that Kayhan's lead names no one and asks for less than it did on 6 September; that the Hudaybiyyah argument places the decision with the silent Leader; that Hemmati is the second official targeted in three days; and that the gasoline decision passed without a front-page revolt. The threads to watch are whether the SNSC or the Foreign Ministry issues a formal zone declaration, whether any official repeats 'referendum equals enemy code', whether the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives forces a vote on open sessions, whether the Leader speaks before the Board closes on 11 September, and whether the tanker war produces a fourth Iranian loss or a second American target.

BOTTOM LINE The Monday fronts convert the 5 September exchange of fire into doctrine, with the Speaker declaring the era of proportionate responses over and the new SNSC secretary claiming a missile 'test' over a US warship and a prohibited zone beyond the Strait, while Kayhan's lead moves the domestic campaign from persons to words by defining 'referendum' and 'honorable peace' as the enemy's line: the escalation is now being written by civilian authorities, and the argument over ending the war has moved onto scripture, where only the silent Leader can settle it.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Twelve Persian fronts were analyzed: nine from the Tasnim kiosk batch for Monday 16 Shahrivar 1405 (Kayhan, Nobonyad, Seday-e Iran, Iran, Ta'adol, Etemad, Jomhuri Eslami, Chahar Sough, Sazandegi) and three fetched from paper channels because the batch omitted them (Vatan-e Emrooz, Sobh-e No, Qods). The English kiosk post carried the 6 September Iran Daily already analyzed yesterday, so no English front is treated as new; Tehran Times could not be reached and its front page was not seen. Six paper channels and three wires were read through the small hours of 7 September only. Verified against outside sources: Ghalibaf's 'proportionate responses' statement, Rezaei's missile claim and his SNSC appointment of 9 August, the MPs' 31 August letter on Hemmati, the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives' first session, Ghalibaf's virtual-session exchange, the gasoline decision, the Sanandaj tanker toll, the Bezmer departure, Panetta, Hartung, Gallup, Kpler,

the IAEA Board dates, Salehi's IBNA interview, Xi's visit date and the Ali al-Taher record. Corrections: Kayhan's channel misnames Senator Tammy Baldwin as 'Tommy'; Sazandegi's '18' on the tanker combines dead and injured; Sobh-e No prints the gasoline change as 'from today' where the government gives 17 Shahrivar. Every Iranian claim of damage to, or flight by, American warships is single-source and reported as a claim; the Hamzeh headquarters item and Sobh-e No's 'retreat' are unverified. khamenei.ir was unreachable, so the Leader's absence rests on the fronts and secondary indexing. Unreadable bylines are stated as such rather than inferred.

Macro Trend Analysis

① From incident to doctrine: the exchange becomes a 'new phase'

Nobonyad's 'a new phase of the response', Qods's 'a new stage', Vatan-e Emrooz's 'changing the equation' over a 'successful' attack, Jomhuri Eslami's straight two-claim lead. Ratified by Ghalibaf ('the era of appropriate responses has ended; the rules of the game have changed') and by Rezaei, as SNSC secretary, claiming a first anti-destroyer missile 'test over the head of an American warship' and announcing a prohibited zone beyond the Strait. CENTCOM's 'evaded' and the three tanker losses are absent from every lead. Continuing the resumption thread of 6 September: the naval war now has civilian authors.

② The vocabulary war: 'referendum' and 'honorable peace' as enemy code

Kayhan's unsigned lead defines 'honorable peace', 'dignified end to the war' and 'referendum' as 'the enemy's line', calls the reformists' economic description 'treasonous signals' and posits a 'far more toxic' tier; its kicker names 'the code name referendum'. The same morning Sazandegi prints Kourosh Ahmadi's 'A referendum is not for war', Etemad prints Shamsolvaezin's 'collapse of neither war nor peace', and Vatan-e Emrooz's column rejects the 'bread versus standing firm' binary in Kayhan's terms. Continuing the Marashi-to-Rouhani thread: the target has broadened from persons to words, the ask has narrowed from action by the organs to 'acceptance of responsibility'.

③ Hudaybiyyah: the settlement argument moves onto scripture

Kayhan's contributed article calls the treaty 'a truth distorted in the name of compromise'; Etemad calls it 'a historical metaphor on the negotiating table' after Salehi's IBNA interview; Jomhuri Eslami's house editorial rebukes both camps for attributing factional positions to the Quran, then reads the treaty as signed from weakness with the 'manifest victory' being the faith's growth, not Mecca's conquest, and prints Beheshti on keeping politics out of the courts. The debate now sits in the register where the Leader's authority lies, and the Leader is silent.

④ The Speaker's three roles and the principlist split

Ghalibaf is the escalation voice, the brake on the Paydari counter-infiltration bill ('Let us not lock the country', 'you cannot decide for me', Sazandegi's lead) and the epigraph of the central bank campaign ('people endure hardship, but not mismanagement'). Nobonyad reports the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives organizing to end virtual sessions and 'settle accounts with the government'; Sobh-e No charges rivals with 'electoral formation instead of military formation'; Goudarzi says 'a minority of MPs' defy the Leader's instruction. Three camps invoke the same 6 Shahrivar cohesion message against each other.

⑤ From Saghab to Hemmati: the personnel campaign reaches the central bank; gasoline passes quietly

Chahar Sough's lead, six MPs with portraits and the 31 August removal letter, plus Vatan-e Emrooz's 'Will market stability be achieved?', make the Hemmati campaign cross-outlet two days after the same paper's Saghab montage preceded his sidelining; Sazandegi closes that thread with 'The end of Saghab?'. The third-tier gasoline price of 10,000 toman from 17 Shahrivar, quotas untouched, drew no front-page revolt: the

government daily and Jomhuri Eslami print the 'media attachment', Sobh-e No 'the quota stayed', Qods praise. The energy minister's blackout promise is mocked as Tavanir re-issues its schedule. Ta'adol's 'hard decision' names the security-versus-integration choice. Continuing the domestic-cost thread.

6 Ali al-Taher from denial to 'retreat'; Hormuz numbers as leverage; exhaustion on verified facts

Sobh-e No asserts an Israeli 'retreat toward the border' without evidence, the third handling of the ridge in three days; Israel's control claim stands and Hezbollah has rejected Lebanese withdrawal overtures; no commander repeats the conditional-entry line. Vatan-e Emrooz's channel carries Kpler's lowest-since-May transit count and oil at 97 dollars; Nour News says Trump's belittling of the Strait 'does not negate its importance'. Panetta, Hartung, Gallup, Murphy and Baldwin supply checkable American facts; Kayhan's Bulgaria banner attaches an Iranian cause to a verified departure. Foad Izadi's 'hit all the region's infrastructure' marks the escalation ceiling on state television.

7 The Leader silent for a sixth edition; the Board opens unremarked; the English lane empty

No Leader text on the exchange, the Rezaei claim, the Kayhan lead or the IAEA Board, which opens in Vienna today and appears on one front only, as Nobonyad's 'imaginary monsters'. Sobh-e No prepares for Xi's 24 September Washington visit; Qods watches Pakistan's 'political militarism'. The kiosk re-posted the 6 September Iran Daily and Tehran Times was unavailable, so the government's English voice on the naval war is unseen for a second day.

Key Judgments

KJ-1 [HIGH] The 5 September naval exchange has been converted into declared doctrine by civilian authorities, not only by the IRGC, and the Iranian press has fixed the reading as a 'new phase' in which the notion of American fleet immunity is broken. Evidence: Nobonyad's and Qods's 'new phase' and 'new stage' leads and Vatan-e Emrooz's 'changing the equation'; Ghalibaf's verified 'era of appropriate responses has ended, the rules of the game have changed', carried on three fronts; Rezaei's verified remark, as SNSC secretary, of a first anti-destroyer missile 'test over the head of an American warship'; Jomhuri Eslami's two-claim lead. Significance: a doctrine declared by the Speaker and the SNSC secretary is harder to walk back than an IRGC statement, which narrows the memorandum's path; overstating it would adopt the 'hit' claim that CENTCOM contradicts, understating it would miss that the political leadership has now signed the naval escalation.

KJ-2 [HIGH] Kayhan's campaign has shifted from named persons to the vocabulary of settlement, designating 'referendum', 'honorable peace' and 'dignified end to the war' as the enemy's line, which broadens the target to anyone who uses the words while softening the ask from security-organ action to 'acceptance of responsibility'. Evidence: the unsigned lead's 'treasonous signals', 'economic war room in New York and Tel Aviv' and 'far more toxic' tier; the kicker 'code name referendum'; the absence of any named target; Vatan-e Emrooz's parallel rejection of the 'bread versus standing firm' binary; Sazandegi's and Etemad's use of exactly those words the same morning. Significance: the contest is now lexical and therefore total; the tracking cue is whether the Speaker, who negotiates, or any official adopts 'referendum equals enemy code', and whether Kayhan returns to names.

KJ-3 [MODERATE-HIGH] The Hormuz zone regime recorded on 6 September as IRGC-only language now has a civilian-security author, and the test set by this monitor yesterday has been met: Rezaei, as SNSC secretary, announced a prohibited zone beyond the Strait for sanction-violating ships. Evidence: Seday-e Iran's front-page Rezaei item; the Mashregh and Asr-e Iran reports of the same remarks with the zone

announcement; IRGC statement No. 11's 'protected zone'; Nour News's insistence on the Strait's 'strategic importance'; against it, no formal SNSC or Foreign Ministry declaration has been seen, and the government daily prints nothing of it. Significance: a formal declaration would change the legal character of the confrontation and the coalition calculus; confidence is moderate-high because the announcement is verbal and single-source, and the next test is a written text from the SNSC or the Foreign Ministry.

KJ-4 [MODERATE-HIGH] The principlist camp is dividing along a Speaker-versus-Paydari line while the flagship attacks reformists, giving the domestic contest a three-cornered shape in which every camp invokes the Leader's cohesion instruction against the others. Evidence: Sazandegi's lead on Ghalibaf's 'Let us not lock the country' and 'you cannot decide for me' (verified); Nobonyad's report of the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives, real and 124 strong, organizing to end virtual sessions and 'settle accounts'; Sobh-e No's 'electoral formation instead of military formation'; Goudarzi's 'minority of MPs against the Leader's instruction'; Kayhan's 'national unity'. Significance: a Speaker who is simultaneously chief negotiator, escalation spokesman and target of his own camp is the single point on which both the settlement track and the domestic balance depend; the tracking cue is a vote on open sessions or on article 12 of the infiltration bill.

KJ-5 [MODERATE] The Hudaybiyyah debate marks the settlement question's migration onto religious ground, and the establishment paper's reading favors a peace signed from weakness while rebuking both camps. Evidence: Kayhan's 'distorted in the name of compromise'; Etemad's 'metaphor on the negotiating table' after Salehi's verified IBNA interview; Jomhouri Eslami's editorial, translated in Appendix C, on the treaty signed with 1,400 against an ambush and the 'manifest victory' as the faith's growth; its Beheshti quotation on politics and courts. Significance: arguments from the Prophet's practice can be closed only by the Leader, who has not spoken; his first intervention on the treaty, in either direction, would be decisive for the memorandum's return. Confidence is moderate because the editorial's closing paragraphs were not retrieved.

KJ-6 [HIGH] Economic pressure from the principlist side has produced a second personnel target in three days, now the central bank governor, and the campaign is cross-outlet, while the gasoline decision was executed without a front-page revolt. Evidence: Chahar Sough's Hemmati lead with six quoted MPs and the verified 31 August removal letter; Vatan-e Emrooz's 'Will market stability be achieved?'; Sazandegi's 'The end of Saghab?'; the verified 10,000-toman third tier from 17 Shahrivar with quotas untouched, framed as 'media attachment', 'the quota stayed' and 'a valuable media experience' on four fronts; Tavanir's schedule against the minister's promise. Significance: the government is losing officials to press campaigns at the rate of one every two days, but it has shown it can pass a price decision when the quota is protected and the Speaker's paper is aboard; the tracking cue is whether the heads of the branches answer the Hemmati letter.

KJ-7 [MODERATE] The resistance lane has moved Ali al-Taher from denial to an asserted Israeli retreat without evidence, and, as negative evidence, no commander repeated the conditional Iranian-entry line of 6 September. Evidence: Sobh-e No's 'Retreat toward the border'; Zalzali on Defa Press calling the ridge 'part of a bigger battle over who owns the security decision in the south'; Israel's standing claim of operational control and Hezbollah's rejection of Lebanese overtures; strikes on Kafr Rumman, Deir al-Zahrani and a medic on every channel; no Iranian-entry formulation on any front or wire. Significance: the 'retreat' claim is the third handling in three days and prepares the ground either for a claimed Hezbollah recovery or for

absorbing a confirmed loss; the entry line's non-repetition lowers, for now, the probability that Iran is preparing a Lebanon move.

KJ-8 [MODERATE] Negative-evidence finding: the Leader remains silent for a sixth edition through the codification of naval doctrine, the flagship's vocabulary campaign and the opening of the IAEA Board, and the American version of the exchange is absent from every Persian lead. Evidence: no message on twelve fronts, six channels or three wires, with khamenei.ir unreachable and secondary indexing showing nothing new; the cohesion instruction of 6 Shahrivar used by three camps in three directions; the Board mentioned only by Nobonyad as an 'imaginary monster'; CENTCOM's 'evaded' and the three tanker losses missing from every Persian lead; the English lane unseen. Significance: consistent with the pattern of the Leader acting through intermediaries, and it leaves the Speaker and the SNSC secretary as the highest authorities on record for the escalation; a Leader text before the Board closes on 11 September would be the first test of whether he owns the doctrine, the zone or the domestic campaign. Confidence is moderate because khamenei.ir was not read directly.

Named-Figure Tracker

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Donald Trump	US President	'Checkmated' by resistance (Kayhan); 'in a virtual strait' (Vatan-e Emrooz); 'trapped himself' via Panetta (Jomhouri Eslami); war as his 'electoral bill' (Nour News)	TARGET FRAMING
Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf	Speaker of parliament, chief negotiator	'Era of appropriate responses has ended' (Kayhan, Iran); 'Let us not lock the country' against the Paydari bill (Sazandegi); 'people endure hardship, not mismanagement' (Sobh-e No, Chahar Sough)	WATCH
Mohsen Rezaei	Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council (since 9 August)	First anti-destroyer missile 'tested over the head of an American warship'; prohibited zone to be declared beyond the Strait (Seday-e Iran)	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Abdolnaser Hemmati	Central bank governor	Subject of MPs' removal demand and 'house-cleaning' lead (Chahar Sough); 'market stability?' (Vatan-e Emrooz)	TARGET FRAMING
Mashallah Shamsolvaezin	Veteran reformist editor	'The collapse of neither war nor peace' (Etemad interview)	WATCH
Kourosh Ahmadi	Former diplomat, columnist	'A referendum is not for war' (Sazandegi daily note), printed the morning Kayhan names 'referendum' an enemy code	WATCH
Ali-Akbar Salehi	Former foreign minister, head of the Iran Culture Foundation	'The Prophet reached the conquest of Mecca by way of Hudaybiyyah' (IBNA), the origin of the three-paper treaty debate	WATCH
Hamidreza Goudarzi	MP, Independents faction	'A minority of MPs, contrary to the Leader's instruction, inflame society' (Etemad channel)	NEW NAMED FIGURE

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Foad Izadi	State television commentator	Proposes that the twelve SNSC members who backed the memorandum decide to 'hit all the region's infrastructure' (Etemad channel, labeled 'strange')	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Major General Abdollahi	Senior commander	'The world of the future will be written with the definite decline of American power' (Kayhan rail)	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Abbas Aliabadi	Energy minister	'I'll say it a hundred more times, the power won't be cut again', mocked against Tavanir's new schedule (Chahar Sough, Jam-e Jam channel)	TARGET FRAMING
Yousef Pezeshkian	President's son	Defended in Etemad's rail note 'criticism yes, destruction and insult no'	TARGET FRAMING
Leon Panetta	Former US defense secretary	'Trump is trapped in the war with Iran' (Jomhuri Eslami), verified 'he has trapped himself'	WATCH
Xi Jinping	President of China	24 September Washington visit framed as 'great-power competition'; Beijing's balancing 'not a lever of pressure' (Sobh-e No)	WATCH
Asim Munir	Field Marshal, Pakistan	'The crystallization of political militarism in Pakistan' (Qods)	WATCH
Benjamin Netanyahu	Israeli Prime Minister	'Electoral motives' behind the Ali al-Taher claims (Zalzali on Defa Press)	TARGET FRAMING
Mojtaba Khamenei	Supreme Leader	No message for a sixth edition; his 6 Shahrivar cohesion instruction invoked by three camps against each other; khamenei.ir box on Seday-e Iran only	absence noted

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Jomhuri Eslami	Firing of Iranian ballistic missiles at American warships, and Tehran's warning on the consequences of continued American aggression	Traditional / establishment	IRGC claims and Foreign Ministry warning printed as claims; Hodaybiyyah editorial; Panetta 'trapped'	MODERATE: claims carried as claims, editorial restraint
Nobonyad	Firing at the carrier: a new phase of the response	Conservative / principlist	Exchange promoted to doctrine; IAEA Board and UNSC as 'imaginary monsters'; MPs' assembly against virtual sessions	HIGH: naval exchange as 'new phase'
Vatan-e Emrooz	Changing the equation	Hardline principlist	'Successful' carrier attack as strategic	HIGH: carrier hit adopted as fact

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
			turn; Hormuz traffic and oil price; Hemmati under review	
Qods	Warships within range of the missiles	Conservative, Astan Quds Razavi	'New stage' with both sides' claims; Pakistan's militarism; gasoline handling praised	MODERATE-HIGH: 'new stage' in wire language
Seday-e Iran	'Small potatoes', and deadly!	Principlist-leaning	America 'downplaying' the war; Rezaei's anti-destroyer missile claim and prohibited zone	HIGH: SNSC secretary claims missile 'test' over a US warship
Kayhan	Westernizers' partnership with Trump in the attack on the people's livelihood and security	Ultra-hardline flagship	'Referendum' and 'honorable peace' as the enemy's line; Bulgaria refuelers; Hodaybiyyah rebuttal	SEVERE: peace vocabulary designated enemy speech
Sazandegi	Let us not lock the country	Reformist / Kargozaran	Ghalibaf against the Paydari infiltration bill; 'A referendum is not for war'; tanker war	LOW: counter-signal, Speaker as brake
Sobh-e No	Iran-China relations: moving forward	Principlist, Speaker's camp	China before Xi's US visit; 'electoral formation' charge; Ali al-Taher 'retreat'; quota preserved	MODERATE: intra-principlist contest
Etemad	A Mehr without bustle	Reformist	'Collapse of neither war nor peace'; Hodaybiyyah as negotiation metaphor; defense of the President's son	LOW-MODERATE: settlement argued through precedent
Chahar Sough	Saving the national currency with a house-cleaning at the central bank	Economic, principlist-leaning	MPs' campaign to remove Hemmati; energy minister's blackout promise mocked	MODERATE: cross-outlet campaign against the central bank governor
Iran	Conquering the 14-million-ton wheat summit	Official government daily	Food security; non-price gasoline package; Ghalibaf	LOW-MODERATE: naval war

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
			on rights and trade; Gallup	absent from the official front
Ta'adol	Imbalance in the car market	Economic	Majlis Research Center on the car market; Haghgoo's 'hard decision' on security versus integration	LOW: war as an economic-choice problem
Defa Press / Fars / Nour News (wires)	Trump's attempt to belittle the Strait does not negate its strategic importance; Iran has moved from strategic patience to punishing the aggressor	IRGC-aligned and SNSC-linked wires	Hormuz as leverage; Zalzali on Ali al-Taher as 'a bigger battle'; two Guards killed in Zahedan; no numbered IRGC statement in the window	MODERATE-HIGH: retaliation register sustained

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Kayhan

Ultra-hardline flagship; the Supreme Leader's representative-appointed daily, managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari

“Westernizers' partnership with Trump in the

attack on the people's livelihood and security” «مشارکت غربگرایان با ترامپ در حمله به معیشت و امنیت

مردم»

SEVERE: peace vocabulary itself designated enemy speech



- Main: an unsigned 'Kayhan news-analysis report' (گزارش خبری تحلیلی) (کیهان) fills the lead. Its printed deck: the slogans 'honorable peace' (صلح) and 'dignified end to the war' are 'an invitation to the enemy to continue the war', and 'the claimants of reform, who hold the absolute majority of the government, at the hour of reckoning flee from accountability and from presenting a record on the people's livelihood demands with slogans like holding a referendum'. The full text, carried verbatim on the paper's channel (t.me/kayhan_online/83168), calls the reformist current 'the intimidated and defeated domestic current' that 'has once again tuned the instrument of surrender', says its listing of the country's problems (oil exports, budget deficit, energy imbalances, gasoline supply, the banking network) 'has found a common denominator with Trump's psychological operation and the enemy's economic war room in New York and Tel Aviv', and describes a second, 'far more toxic' tier whose job is 'false polarizations, beautifying America's satanic face and whitewashing the West's unilateral exit from international agreements'. Full translation in Appendix B.
- Kicker: 'Special report: a new game against national zeal (غیرت ملی) under the code name referendum' (بازی جدید علیه «غیرت ملی» با اسم رمز) (رفراندوم), boxed beside the lead, gives the campaign its label for the day: the referendum demand is an enemy code name, as 'despair and division' was on 6 September.
- Yadasht-e Rooz: 'Want peace? Give them no rest!' (صلح می‌خواهید؟ آرامشان) (!نگذارید), the daily note, argues that pressure on the adversary, not restraint, produces peace; the byline is not legible on the kiosk scan and the note was not carried on the channel in the window read, so the author is not asserted.
- Banner: 'One Iranian warning was enough: America's refuelers had to leave Bulgaria' (یک هشدار ایران کافی بود؛ سوخت‌رسان‌های آمریکا از بلغارستان خارج) (شوند), labeled as a report drawn from Al Jazeera. Checkable core: two US KC-135 tankers left Bezmer air base on 21 August, a month into an authorized deployment through 1 October, and Bulgaria's defense minister said they had flown only over allied airspace; the causal claim that Iran's July warning drove the departure is Kayhan's.
- Right rail: Ghalibaf, 'the era of appropriate responses has ended; the responses become heavier and more painful' (verified against the Speaker's Sunday Telegram post: 'the rules of the game have changed'); Major General Abdollahi, 'the world of the future will be written to the Iranian nation's benefit and with the definite decline of American power'; 'Forbes:

the costs of the Iran war will haunt America for decades' (a real 5 September Forbes column by William Hartung); and a contributed article, 'Hudaybiyyah: a truth distorted in the name of compromise' (حديبيه؛ حقيقتی), Kayhan's entry in the day's three-paper argument over the Prophet's treaty.

- Sub-item: 'The empty place of security and national considerations in the resolution returning executive agencies to foreign messengers' attacks the government's lifting of the ban on non-domestic messaging apps for official communication, the same decision Jomhouri Eslami reports neutrally on its front. Also on the page: 'Which strategies and hypotheses did the war with Iran discredit?' (opening on Thomas Schelling's deterrence theory), 'a practical solution for de-dollarizing the economy', and a photo feature on Hormozgan's war-damaged bridges rebuilt 'by zealous Iranian engineers and workers', with the kicker 'a slap in the mouth to America's terrorist government'.

ANALYST NOTE Kayhan does not lead with the carrier strike; the naval exchange appears only through Ghalibaf's rail quotation and the bridge feature, and the front is given instead to the next step of the domestic campaign. On 6 September the flagship asked why the security organs had not acted against the reformist current; today it defines the current's vocabulary, 'honorable peace', 'dignified end', 'referendum', as enemy speech, which criminalizes the terms rather than the persons and pre-empts any settlement argument before the memorandum's return. That Sazandegi prints a referendum column the same morning makes the contest explicit. Continuing the standing Editorial Matrix thread; the tracking cue is whether the Speaker, who is himself the negotiator, adopts or rejects the 'referendum equals enemy code' framing.

"Firing at the carrier: a new phase of the response" «شلیک به ناو؛ فاز جدید پاسخ»

HIGH: naval exchange promoted to a 'new phase'; IAEA Board pre-emptively dismissed



- Main: a full-width aircraft-carrier photograph under the deck 'The targeting of the American vessels broke an old notion about the immunity of Washington's fleet' (هدف قرار گرفتن شناورهای آمریکایی، یک تصور قدیمی) (درباره مصونیت ناوگان واشنگتن را شکست). The 5 September missile firing is treated as a doctrinal 'new phase' (فاز جدید) rather than an incident; CENTCOM's statement that both ships 'evaded' the missiles is not on the page.
- Banner: 'MPs' resolve to end the closure of the chamber' (عزم نمایندگان برای پایان تعطیلی صحن): 'a notable number of MPs, with the founding of the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives (مجمع نمایندگان ملت), have decided to end the atmosphere of lethargy and stagnation governing parliament' after months without in-person open sessions; the virtual sessions are said to suffer 'technical and legal flaws', and the assembly's stated aims include 'the return of oversight and settling accounts with the weak and inefficient government'. The assembly's first general session was held on 1 September with 124 MPs, per Tabnak, so the body is real and organized against the Speaker's virtual-session management.
- Op-ed: 'The Board of Governors and the Security Council: imaginary monsters' (شورای حکام و شورای امنیت: هیولاهای خیالی) by journalist Payam Hosseini, right column: with the IAEA Board's quarterly session 'next week' approaching, the writer anticipates the return of 'international consensus' language from 'the same group' that in past years presented Security Council resolutions as the cause of economic pain, and argues neither body is a real threat. The Board in fact opens in Vienna on 7 September; this is the first front-page treatment of the session in the cycle.
- Sub-item: 'In the government of lesson, facts were sacrificed to promises' (در «دولت عبرت» واقعیت‌ها فدای وعده‌ها شد), a column by Mohammad-Mehdi Esmaili, culture minister in 'the martyr Raisi's government', against the Pezeshkian administration; 'Hole-making after parallel work' (حفره‌سازی) (بعد از موازی‌کاری), 'another action by the special headquarters for organizing cyberspace', on the messenger decision.
- Sub-item: 'Find the launcher is being made' (لانچرا پیدا کنید ساخته می‌شود), the first Iranian war film produced entirely with artificial intelligence, has received a production permit; 'Rental housing: from institutional homes to pilgrim-city', on rental policy amid a 15.8 percent contraction in construction in 1404.

ANALYST NOTE A young principlist title reads the naval exchange as a doctrinal turn and, alone among the Persian fronts, pre-emptively dismisses the IAEA Board that opens today as an 'imaginary monster', which tells the reader how the hardline lane intends to absorb any Vienna outcome. Its parliamentary item matters more: the 'Assembly of the Nation's Representatives' is a principlist bloc organizing to force open sessions and 'settle accounts' with the government, on the morning Sazandegi builds its front on the Speaker's resistance to that

bloc's infiltration bill. Tracking cue: whether the assembly's demand for open sessions becomes a vote against the Speaker's management.

Seday-e Iran

Principlist-leaning daily (masthead carries a khamenei.ir quotation box and a martyr's portrait; editorial identity close to the security establishment)

“Small

HIGH: SNSC secretary claims anti-ship missile 'test' over a US warship and announces a prohibited zone

potatoes', and deadly!” «سبب زمینی‌های کوچک» و گشونده!»



- Main: the lead, signed as the editorial (سرمقاله), sits over a photograph of ballistic missiles and launchers under the kicker 'Why is America trying to downplay the Iran war?' (چرا آمریکا سعی دارد جنگ ایران را کوچک‌نمایی کند؟). The argument, as far as the scan allows: Washington describes the war in diminishing terms ('small potatoes') to manage its own public while the costs mount; the paper reads the downplaying as evidence of losses.
- Sub-item: 'America's warships within Iran's range' (ناوهای آمریکا در تیررس ایران), a report on the 5 September firing that adopts the IRGC's version of a hit and a retreat.
- Sub-item: 'Major General Rezaei: for the first time a special Iranian anti-destroyer missile was tested' (سرلشکر رضایی: برای اولین بار موشک خاص و) (ضدناوشکن ایرانی آزمایش شد), with Mohsen Rezaei's portrait. Verified against Asr-e Iran and Mashregh (16 Shahrivar): Rezaei, secretary of the Supreme National Security Council since 9 August, said '48 hours ago, for the first time, we tested the Iranian anti-destroyer missile over the head of an American warship; this special missile created hell for the Americans and they fled', and, per Mashregh's headline, that a prohibited zone (منطقه ممنوعه) would be declared in the Strait for sanction-violating ships. The 'test over a warship' claim is single-source and contradicted by CENTCOM's 'evaded'.
- Sub-item: '64 percent of Americans against Trump' (درصد آمریکایی‌ها علیه ۶۴) (ترامپ), a polling item whose source is not legible on the scan; treated as an attributed claim.
- Right rail: a khamenei.ir quotation box at top-left and a memorial corner for 'the martyred Guard Hossein Eshaghi'; no new Leader message is quoted.

ANALYST NOTE The paper stacks the carrier claim, Rezaei's 'special missile' and an American poll into a single 'America is hiding its losses' frame. The consequential element is the Rezaei quotation: it is the first time in this cycle that the secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, a civilian-security office, has personally asserted a live-fire 'test' against a US warship and announced a zone regime beyond the Strait, which answers the question this monitor posed on 6 September about whether any authority outside the IRGC would adopt the 'protected zone' formula. The claim itself is unverified and should not be reproduced as fact.

«فتح قله ۱۴ میلیون تنی گندم» "Conquering the 14-million-ton wheat summit"



- Main: the government daily leads on a food-security showcase, 'production of the strategic crop rose despite an unfavorable distribution of rainfall', with the deputy agriculture minister's record figure; there is no naval item anywhere on the front, for the second consecutive edition.
- Banner: 'Review of the non-price gasoline management package' (بررسی بسته غیرقیمتی مدیریت بنزین), from the fuel-consumption coordination meeting: Pezeshkian, 'fuel-consumption management measures must have a precise and transparent media attachment' (پیوست رسانه‌ای). The decision itself, announced by government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani on Sunday evening, sets the third-tier price at 10,000 toman from 17 Shahrivar and leaves the 1,500 and 3,000 quotas unchanged; the paper foregrounds the non-price package, not the price.
- Right rail: 'Ghalibaf, referring to the counter-infiltration bill: people's rights, life and trade must not be affected' (حقوق، زندگی و تجارت مردم نباید تحت تأثیر قرار گیرد), with the sub-line 'the Americans know well that the era of appropriate responses has ended'; 'Republicans on the knife's edge' (جمهوریخواهان بر لبه تیغ), citing Gallup data that the Democrats' party-identification lead is the widest since 2008 (verified: 49 to 39 percent among leaners in the second quarter); 'Ghaempanah's account of the provincial trips and correcting the path of service', an interview with the presidential executive deputy Mohammad-Jafar Ghaempanah.
- Sub-item: '11 victims in the hell a fuel tanker created' (قربانی در جهنمی که ۱۱): the Sanandaj-Hamedan road collision of Saturday afternoon, 11 dead and 7 injured, the President ordered follow-up and Kurdistan declared two days of mourning (verified against Mehr and provincial statements).
- Sub-item: 'A technologist generation is on the way' (نسل فناور در راه است), photo feature on an exhibition of 155 knowledge-based products; culture items on Nima Yushij and a sculpture festival.

ANALYST NOTE The division of labor recorded on 6 September holds: the IRGC's carrier claim ran on the government's channel, while its printed page carries wheat, gasoline management and a Gallup item, and the only trace of the naval war is Ghalibaf's 'appropriate responses' sentence folded into a rail item about the infiltration bill. The government is presenting itself as the administrator of the home front and letting the Speaker carry the war rhetoric, which is consistent with a settlement posture but leaves the hardline lane unanswered on the page.

«ناترازی در بازار خودرو» "Imbalance in the car market"



- Main: a Majlis Research Center report traces the car market's imbalance (ناترازی) from falling production and exports to the collapse of purchasing power; the paper prints the center's figures for the 1404 decline in output.
- Op-ed: 'A hard decision!' (تصمیم سخت), Hossein Haghighi analyzing the war economy: 'the governance system must take a sensitive and historic decision about the relationship between security and national interests and economic development, and about the place of the economy in the domestic order (securing health, work and welfare and reducing poverty and inequality) and in international interactions (joining production chains and global value and power blocs)'. The text is the technocratic press's clearest statement that the war has forced a choice between security autarky and integration.
- Banner: 'Iran's economy against sanctions, in the words of Madanizadeh' (economy minister Ali Madanizadeh); 'The AI Iranianization resolution under the private sector's lens', on a new state directive for domestic artificial-intelligence platforms; 'From resistance to multilateral diplomacy' (از مقاومت تا دیپلماسی چندجانبه).
- Sub-item: 'The bourse indifferent to the risks' (بورس بی‌اعتنا به ریسک‌ها), on a market that rose through the naval exchange; 'Tenants speak of billion-rial deposits'; a note on 'the necessity of supporting the deprived deciles'.

ANALYST NOTE The business press does not print the carrier claim; it prints the bill. Haghighi's 'hard decision' is an implicit vote for the settlement track from the technocratic side, and the bourse item records that markets treated the exchange of fire as noise, a data point against the hardline reading of a strategic turn. Continuing the domestic-cost thread.

“A Mehr without bustle” «مهر بی رونق»

LOW-MODERATE: reformist counter-signal; settlement argued through religious precedent



- Main: the school-supplies market on the eve of the Mehr reopening: 'although the market faces higher production and import costs, the existing recession does not allow all the costs to be passed to the consumer'; a livelihood lead, with the war below the fold.
- Op-ed / interview: 'Etemad's conversation with Mashallah Shamsolvaezin: the collapse of neither war nor peace' («فروپاشی «نه جنگ، نه صلح»)، the veteran reformist editor arguing that the 5 September exchange ends the limbo the memorandum created and forces a choice; the same phrase headlined a Khabaronline interview the same day ('the necessity of a national campaign to pass beyond no-war-no-peace'), which indicates a coordinated reformist line rather than one editor's turn of phrase.
- Sub-item: 'Thrust and counter-thrust in Hormuz' (تک و پاتک در هرمز), Etemad's own report on the exchange, framed as tit-for-tat rather than as a victory; and 'America's multi-layered formation' (آرایش چندلایه آمریکا), an interview with the analyst Majid Mohammad-Sharifi on the US force posture.
- Kicker: 'The peace of Hodaybiyyah: a historical metaphor on the Islamic Republic's negotiating table' (صلح حدیبیه؛ استعاره تاریخی روی میز مذاکره), reporting the metaphor's spread after Ali-Akbar Salehi's interview with IBNA ('the Prophet reached the conquest of Mecca by way of the peace of Hodaybiyyah').
- Right rail (six notes): 'For a prosperous Iran'; 'The Third Republic: the end of an era, the start of a road'; 'The sacred union from the founder's view (9)'; a memorial for Javad Mojabi; 'Yousef Pezeshkian: criticism yes, destruction and insult no!'; defending the President's son against the hardline campaign; and 'When negotiation is itself a battlefield'. Culture: an interview with the anthropologist Naser Fakouhi on the boom in fortune-telling, 'In search of happiness'.

ANALYST NOTE Etemad does not answer Kayhan's referendum charge directly; it answers through Shamsolvaezin and the Hodaybiyyah metaphor, arguing that the exchange of fire ends the no-war-no-peace state and that the Prophet's precedent licenses a settlement from a position of weakness. The defense of Yousef Pezeshkian shows the campaign against the government's circle has reached the President's family. Counter-signal to the hardline lane; the tracking cue is whether 'collapse of no-war-no-peace' is picked up by the government's own outlets.

"Firing of Iranian ballistic

MODERATE: IRGC claims carried as claims; editorial restraint on the peace debate

missiles at American warships, and Tehran's warning on the consequences of continued American aggression" «شلیک موشک‌های بالستیک ایرانی به ناوهای آمریکایی و هشدار تهران درباره پیامدهای تداوم تجاوز آمریکا»



- Main: four printed sub-decks, all attributed. 'The IRGC Navy attacked with several ballistic missiles a US aircraft carrier and destroyer that had harassed Iranian ships and taken part in the naval blockade'; 'the two warships, after sustaining damage, left the area out of fear of a repeat attack'; 'in another statement the IRGC announced it attacked an American unmanned vessel that intended to enter the protected zone of the Strait of Hormuz'; and the Foreign Ministry's warning that the American attacks on Iranian vessels are a continuation of the resort to force and that Washington bears the consequences of continued aggression. The paper prints the IRGC's damage-and-flight claim as the IRGC's, in the wire register, without endorsement.
- Op-ed: the unsigned house editorial, 'The peace of Hudaybiyyah and factional readings' (صلح حدیبیه و برداشت‌های جناحی), rebukes clergy of both camps for 'attributing their factional inclinations to religion, the Quran and the school': one side says the Prophet signed Hudaybiyyah from strength and so peace must be accepted today, the other that he fought as soon as a clause was breached and so peace must not be spoken of; the editorial replies that the treaty was signed from weakness, with 1,400 companions against Khalid ibn al-Walid's ambush, that the Prophet conceded even the divine attributes and his own title to get it signed, and that the 'manifest victory' of the Sura al-Fath is the growth of the faith afterward, not the conquest of Mecca. Full translation in Appendix C.
- Sub-item: 'Former US defense secretary: Trump is trapped in the war with Iran' (وزیر دفاع سابق آمریکا: ترامپ در جنگ با ایران گرفتار شده است): Leon Panetta's 'he has trapped himself' and his forecast of another six months of war, verified; 'The head of the judiciary: the resilience of the people and the Islamic system has become proverbial in the world'.
- Banner: 'Fuel-consumption management needs a precise media attachment' (the President at the coordination meeting); 'Ban lifted on the use of non-domestic messengers for the official communication of agencies', reported straight; 'Wheat production record broken in Iran'.
- Sub-item: photo, 'Funeral of 100 newly recovered martyrs from under the rubble of Gaza's buildings'; the Sanandaj tanker fire with the President's and First Vice President's orders; Ghalibaf, 'we must take care that people's lives and trade are not affected by the infiltration bill'; 'Kabul Shiites gather against the Taliban's raid on a seminary'; and the bottom quotation from Ayatollah Beheshti: 'political matters must not be brought into judicial

matters; decisive handling of the Revolution's judicial cases with honest decision-making will be a sign of the judiciary's authenticity'.

ANALYST NOTE The only Persian broadsheet that prints the naval story as a straight two-claim lead, IRGC claim plus Foreign Ministry warning, while its editorial scolds both camps for weaponizing the Hudaybiyyah precedent: the establishment paper is holding the middle that Kayhan's lead is trying to close, and its choice of a Beheshti quotation about keeping politics out of the courts, on the morning after the flagship asked the security organs to act, reads as a deliberate caution. The Panetta item feeds the exhaustion frame from the settlement side.

"Saving the national currency with a

MODERATE: cross-outlet campaign to remove the central bank governor

house-cleaning at the central bank" «نجات پول ملی با خانه‌تکانی در بانک مرکزی»



- Main: over a full-height photograph of central bank governor Abdolnaser Hemmati walking alone behind a rope line, the deck reads 'some MPs in yesterday's criticisms declared their prescription for saving the currency market to be a change of the central bank's management'. The red box recalls that 'last week a group of MPs asked the heads of the three branches to remove Hemmati' (the letter of 9 Shahrivar announced by Hosseinali Haji-Deligani, verified against Mehr and SNN) and that Sunday's chamber 'again saw sharp criticism' of the currency market, against Hemmati's own recent statements on the dollar's rise.
- Sub-item: six MPs quoted with portraits. Haji-Deligani: 'the government has abandoned the currency market'; Seyyed Javad Hosseini-Kia: 'the central bank needs new life'; Ghasem Ravanbakhsh: 'does the central bank have any will to stop the rise in the currency price?'; Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf: 'the people endure hardship, but not mismanagement and negligence'; Seyyed Salman Zaker: 'market control and price management have been abandoned on the pretext of wartime conditions'; Hossein Samsami questioning the central bank's handling of the official exchange rate.
- Sub-item: 'The power went, the promise stayed' (برق رفت، وعده ماند): energy minister Abbas Aliabadi, drawn holding a candle with the speech bubble 'I'll say it a hundred more times, the power won't be cut again', against Tavanir's publication of a new outage schedule the next day; the Jam-e Jam channel carried the same contradiction (t.me/jamejamdaily/26817).
- Kicker: the paper's masthead line 'half of the economy, half of the market' and the price of 10,000 toman; no naval item on the front.

ANALYST NOTE Two days after the same paper's montage of Saghab Esfahani preceded his sidelining, the principlist economic press has moved to the central bank governor, and it uses the Speaker's own 'mismanagement' sentence as cover for the MPs' removal demand. Vatan-e Emrooz's 'Will market stability be achieved?' item on Hemmati the same morning makes the campaign cross-outlet. Continuing the domestic-cost and personnel-outcome thread: the target has moved from an energy official to the head of monetary policy, and the ask is now removal by the heads of the branches rather than resignation.

«کشور را قفل نکنیم» "Let us not lock the country"

LOW: counter-signal; Speaker as brake on the security bill



- Main: 'In the parliament's virtual session, Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf, while supporting the counter-infiltration bill in principle, declared:' followed by the Speaker's words, 'we must write a law that does not create harassment, does not enter the domain of individuals' personal security, and does not mean that all the people's activities and communications are pursued under this heading. To expect that permission be taken from us for every activity at every moment is not possible, and the country cannot be locked for such a mechanism.' Byline Atefeh Shams. Verified against ANA and Khabaronline: the remarks were made on Sunday in reply to an MP close to the Paydari front, to whom Ghalibaf said 'you cannot decide for me'; the disputed provision is article 12.
- Op-ed (Yadasht-e Rooz): 'A referendum is not for war' (همپرسی برای جنگ نیست) by the former diplomat Kourosh Ahmadi, on 'the necessity of public dialogue about ending the war and the policies that prepared the ground for war'. Printed on the same morning that Kayhan's lead calls 'referendum' an enemy code name.
- Banner strip: 'The end of Saghab? The authority that announces the gasoline price changes' (پایان سقاب؟), carrying forward the 6 September story of the energy official stripped of the right to comment; 'The tanker war: Iran-US confrontation in the Persian Gulf' (جنگ نفتکش‌ها); 'A tanker disaster', 18 dead and injured on the Sanandaj-Hamedan road (consistent with 11 dead and 7 injured); a memorial column on Javad Mojabi.
- Photo: the control-room monitors of the Majlis virtual session, with the Speaker and clerical MPs on the feeds, an image that itself argues the Nobonyad point that parliament is being run from a broadcast desk.

ANALYST NOTE Sazandegi builds its front on Ghalibaf against the Paydari camp, continuing the special of 6 September on the Speaker's two-front defense of negotiation and the Majlis, and it puts the word 'referendum' on its page in the same edition, which is precisely the pairing Kayhan's lead attacks. The reformist paper is amplifying the Speaker as the brake on the security bill while offering no reply to Javan's scarecrow cartoon of its own chairman; the referendum vocabulary contest, rather than the cartoon, is now the tracking cue.

«تغییر معادله» "Changing the equation"



- Main: a black-and-white aircraft carrier fills the page under the deck 'Vatan-e Emrooz's report on Iran's successful missile attack on the American warships and its effect on field developments between Tehran and Washington'. The word 'successful' (موفقیت آمیز) is the paper's; the American statement that both ships evaded the missiles is not carried. The headline promotes the 5 September exchange from an incident to a change in the strategic equation.
- Right rail: 'Trump in a virtual strait' (ترامپ در تنگه مجازی), on American analysts' reading of the President's claims that Hormuz is open and alternative routes exist; 'Gray war' (جنگ خاکستری); and 'Delusional solitude' (تنهایی متوهم), on Washington's isolation. On the channel overnight the paper posted Kpler's finding that Hormuz traffic is at its lowest since May, oil at 97 dollars, satellite imagery of a fire at the Yanbu refinery, and a Hindustan Times piece on Gulf states' loss of confidence in American protection (t.me/vatanemrooz/24339, 24340, 24327, 24332).
- Banner: 'Will market stability be achieved?' (ثبات بازار محقق می شود؟), a report on the central bank chief's stated readiness to use foreign-exchange capacities for stability, the hardline political paper's contribution to the Hemmati campaign; and 'A key blow to the western separatists' (ضربه کلیدی), a Hamzeh Seyyed al-Shohada headquarters claim of a strike on a separatist team in the north-west, single-source.
- Op-ed: 'Why the bread-versus-standing-firm binary is a wrong address' (چرا «دوقطبی نان / ایستادگی» آدرس غلط است؟), which rejects the 'concessions or war' framing in the same terms as Kayhan's lead, and a second column on the gray war.
- Sub-item: on the channel, the paper carried the US approval of smart-bomb sales to Israel, the death of a two-month-old infant in Kafr Rumman and a medic in a drone strike in the south of Lebanon, and the five-day South Korea-US-Japan exercise (t.me/vatanemrooz/24336, 24338, 24342, 24343).

ANALYST NOTE Vatan-e Emrooz adopts the carrier hit as fact and names it a change of equation, and its column rejects the 'bread versus standing firm' binary in the same breath as Kayhan's lead, which indicates a shared talking point across the hardline lane rather than independent editorial judgment. The paper's channel supplies the verified underpinning, Kpler's traffic data and the oil price, that lets the closure-as-doctrine argument of 6 September stand on real numbers. Continuing the exhaustion-doctrine thread.



- Main: an interview with the analyst Rahman Ghahremanpour on 'what China looks at in Iran', reviewing the relationship 'after the 40-day war'; the deck reads 'the Chinese president's trip to America is at the level of great-power competition', a reference to Xi Jinping's state visit to Washington set for 24 September. The pull quote at the foot credits China's 'most important stance' in the war as its refusal to join sanctions and warns that Beijing's balancing 'should not be turned into a lever of pressure' on Tehran.
- Banner: 'Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of parliament, pre-session speech: the people endure hardship, but not mismanagement and negligence' (مردم سختی را تحمل می کنند اما سوءمدیریت و کم کاری را نه), the same sentence Chahar Sough uses as the epigraph of its central bank lead.
- Sub-item: 'The 1,500-toman gasoline quota stayed' with a nozzle graphic: 'the third tier rises to 10,000 toman', printed as 'from today' although the government's announcement gives 17 Shahrivar as the start; the Speaker's paper frames the decision as protection of the quota rather than as a price rise.
- Sub-item: 'Has Israel really taken Ali al-Taher? Retreat toward the border' (آیا واقعا اسرائیل علی الطاهر را گرفته است؟ عقب نشینی به سمت مرز), asserting an Israeli pullback from the ridge. Israel's 3 September claim of operational control stands, Hezbollah has neither confirmed nor denied, and Hezbollah has rejected Lebanese government overtures to withdraw, so the 'retreat' is the paper's claim.
- Op-ed: 'Electoral formation instead of military formation' (آرایش انتخاباتی به جای آرایش نظامی), with the kicker 'a group, in the middle of the war, has electoral concerns', and two accompanying columns, 'An electoral outlook is contrary to national cohesion' and 'Self-defeating' (نقص غرض). The target is not named but the argument, positioning for elections against the Leader's cohesion instruction, is the one the Independents' MP Hamidreza Goudarzi made on the Etemad channel the same morning about 'a minority of MPs' (t.me/EtemadOnline/532172).

ANALYST NOTE The Speaker's paper fights on two fronts. Outward, it prepares the ground for Xi's Washington visit by arguing that Beijing's balancing is not abandonment. Inward, it charges its rivals with 'electoral formation' in wartime, invoking the Leader's cohesion instruction rather than treason vocabulary; it is the mirror image of Kayhan's lead, aimed at the Paydari camp from the principlist side. Its Ali al-Taher 'retreat' claim moves the resistance lane from denial (6 September) to an asserted Israeli pullback, the third handling of the ridge in three days.

“Warships within range of the missiles” «ناوها در تیررس موشک‌ها» **MODERATE-HIGH: exchange framed as a 'new stage' but with both sides' claims printed**



- Main: the deck states 'for the first time in the new round of confrontation, Iran directly targeted America's aircraft carrier and destroyer with ballistic missiles; now the confrontation has entered a new stage' (مرحله جدید). The body recounts the IRGC statement and the American strikes on the three tankers in wire language, and closes on the question of what the next American step will be.
- Sub-item: 'The crystallization of political militarism in Pakistan' (تبلور نظامی‌گری سیاسی در پاکستان), over a portrait of Field Marshal Asim Munir: on the new law that extends the army chief's powers and immunity, read as the consolidation of military rule on Iran's eastern flank.
- Sub-item: 'Coins with bonds and guarantee' (سکه با اوراق و گارانتی), the central bank's pre-sale of coin certificates with a 7 percent guaranteed return; 'Influencers: players without rules in the advertising market'.
- Op-ed: 'Gasoline and a valuable media experience' (بنزین و یک تجربه) (رسانه‌ای ارزشمند) by Mehdi Hassanzadeh, praising the handling of the third-tier price decision, the shrine daily's endorsement of the government's 'media attachment' approach.
- Culture: an interview with the writer Seyyed Hamidreza Mohajerani ('to write of pain one must be at the center of pain'), and '35 years at one vow', a Mashhad devotional feature.

ANALYST NOTE The shrine foundation's daily frames the exchange as 'a new stage' like the principlist titles, but in restrained wire language and with the American tanker strikes on the page, which places it between Jomhuri Eslami's two-claim lead and Vatan-e Emrooz's 'successful attack'. The Pakistan item is a reminder that the eastern flank is being watched as the western one flares. Its gasoline column is the clearest conservative endorsement of the government's price handling this cycle.

Appendix A: The Leader's register, 16 Shahrivar 1405 (no new message)

Front pages of 16 Shahrivar; t.me/EtemadOnline/532172; khamenei.ir (unreachable from the compile environment)

No new message, statement or speech by the Leader (رهبر انقلاب, Mojtaba Khamenei) dated 14, 15 or 16 Shahrivar 1405 appeared on any of the twelve Persian fronts, the six paper channels or the three wires read for this edition, and web indexing of khamenei.ir shows nothing newer than the standing messages. khamenei.ir itself could not be reached from the compile environment, so this finding rests on the front pages and on secondary indexing; confidence is moderate. This is the sixth consecutive edition without a Leader text on the naval exchange, the tanker strikes, the domestic campaign or the IAEA Board.

The Leader's presence on the day's fronts is indirect. Seday-e Iran carries its standing khamenei.ir quotation box at the top of the page. The instruction that both camps invoked on 16 Shahrivar is the Leader's message of 6 Shahrivar 1405 (28 August) on social cohesion, which the Independents' MP Hamidreza Goudarzi paraphrased on the Etemad channel as follows: 'The Leader's emphasis on unity is directed at a political and social necessity, not a merely moral invitation' (تأکید رهبر انقلاب بر وحدت، ناظر بر ضرورت سیاسی و اجتماعی) (است، نه یک دعوت اخلاقی صرف), adding that 'a minority of MPs, contrary to the Leader's instruction, inflame society'. The sentence from that message quoted in secondary reporting at the time was: 'I categorically declare: committing anything detrimental to social cohesion is forbidden.' This rendering is second-hand and partial and is not reproduced here as an authenticated text.

Analyst flag: the same cohesion instruction is being used in three directions on one morning: by Sobh-e No against principlist rivals ('an electoral outlook is contrary to national cohesion'), by Kayhan as 'national unity' in a lead that designates the peace vocabulary as enemy speech, and by Goudarzi against 'a minority of MPs'. A Leader statement that adjudicated any of these uses, or that addressed the naval exchange or the Board, would be the first test of whether the silence is deliberate distance or absence of decision. Source line: front pages of Doshanbeh 16 Shahrivar 1405; Etemad channel item 532172.

Appendix B: Kayhan page-one lead, 'Westernizers' partnership with Trump in the attack on the people's livelihood and security' (full translation)

Kayhan, Monday 16 Shahrivar 1405, page 1, 'Kayhan news-analysis report' (unsigned); full text on t.me/kayhan_online/83168; kayhan.ir/fa/news/337424

Printed deck: 'The slogans of honorable peace (صلح شرافتمندانه) and a dignified end to the war (پایان عزتمندانه جنگ) are an invitation to the enemy to continue the war. The claimants of reform, who hold the absolute majority of the government, at the hour of reckoning flee from accountability and from presenting a record on the people's livelihood demands with slogans such as holding a referendum (برگزاری رفراندوم).'

In conditions where the nation's matchless resistance has driven Trump's military campaign and maximum pressure into a dead end, the claimants of reform, by raising repetitive key-words such as 'honorable peace', 'dignified end to the war' and 'referendum', have shrugged off the burden of their responsibility and are officially re-reading the enemy's line for continuing the war.

While dear Iran has for more than six months stood chest-forward against a full-scale war and with its admirable resistance has checkmated Trump, the intimidated and defeated domestic current (جریان مرعوب و شکست خورده داخلی) has once again tuned the instrument of surrender. A spectrum that is the principal author of today's imbalances and livelihood knots, instead of accountability, is sledding on the nerves and psyche of society. The same current that once shrank the people's table with fantasy promises and 'smile therapy' now, under the cover of repetitive key-words such as 'honorable peace', 'dignified end to the war' and 'referendum', re-reads exactly the enemy's analytical and operational line, so that yesterday's losers may once again write the prescription of surrender.

At the sensitive juncture when the enemy, after failure on the battlefield and in the campaign of economic pressure, has concentrated all its capacity and media capital on cognitive warfare, on pumping despair, and on linking 'domestic turmoil' to 'foreign pressure', the inventory of problems that this current lines up in its media and speeches is deeply thought-provoking. Listing the country's problems, among them the fall in oil exports, the budget deficit, deep energy imbalances, gasoline supply problems, the complex challenges of the banking network and the constant insinuation of the country's inability to provide the people's basic livelihood, and that without offering even one rational, indigenous and operational prescription, has found exactly a common denominator with Trump's psychological operation and the enemy's economic war room in New York and Tel Aviv.

This ceaseless pumping of the 'narrative of weakness', and the reduction of a complex, all-encompassing and strategic conflict to a naive and fantastical choice between 'giving concessions' or 'fighting', equals giving a wrong address to public opinion and sending dangerous and treasonous signals (سیگنال‌های خطرناک و خائنه) to the Western side. The message of these repeated simplifications and superficial analyses to the White House is entirely clear and direct: 'the pressures have worked, Iranian society has fallen into a deep polarization, and the country is in a position of weakness!' A message that not only does not prevent war and reduce pressures, but precisely whets the enemy's appetite for imposing heavier sanctions, more economic pressure, and raising newer and more excessive demands.

Alongside the naive, far more toxic currents are present in the political arena: those who in the hard days of national resistance and the people's all-round steadfastness against aggressions and oppressive sanctions are absent and keep a fast of silence, but precisely at the junctures when society more than at any other time

needs calm, empathy and internal cohesion, enter the fray. The principal function of this spectrum is the creation of false polarizations, beautifying the satanic face of America, and whitewashing the Westerners' unilateral exit from international agreements.

The great nation of Iran has shown repeatedly in contemporary history that it well understands the difference between 'authoritative diplomacy relying on power' and 'the prescription of surrender and passivity'. Today the time has come for the authors of the present situation and the holders of burned economic and diplomatic records, instead of fleeing accountability, giving diversionary addresses and playing with threadbare cards such as the referendum, to accept responsibility for their past performance and allow the country, in the shade of rationality, national unity and an intelligent economic formation, to travel with firmness the path of authority, of passing through the siege, and of solving the people's real problems.

Analyst flag: the text is the institutional, unsigned lead of the flagship, not a signed Shariatmadari note, and it names no individual. Its operative escalation is lexical: 'referendum', 'honorable peace' and 'dignified end to the war' are defined as the enemy's line, and the reformists' description of the economy is called 'treasonous signals'. Compared with the 6 September lead, which asked why the security organs had not 'wiped out' the current, today's text is broader in scope and narrower in ask: it demands 'acceptance of responsibility', not action by the organs. The 'more than six months' of war dates the conflict from 28 February. Translation is editorial; the Persian original is retained in the raw file. Source line: Kayhan, page 1, Doshanbeh 16 Shahrivar 1405; channel item 83168.

Appendix C: Jomhouri Eslami editorial, 'The peace of Hudaybiyyah and factional readings' (translation, partial)

Jomhouri Eslami, Monday 16 Shahrivar 1405, page 1 house editorial (unsigned); text as syndicated by Shafaqna (fa.shafaqna.com/news/2351999)

One of the epistemic deviations to which our political activists are afflicted is that they attribute their factional inclinations on various subjects to religion, the school and the Quran. This deviation, which in some cases is unintended and carries no purpose or motive, issues more often from men of religion, and for that reason its negative effect on the body of society is great. In the last decade the extraordinary strengthening of soft war, backed by cyberspace, gave this deviation more room, such that numerous matters, passing through the channel of the intended or unintended, knowing or unknowing pronouncements of men of religion, met the fate that this one and that one, and above all foreigners, had written for them.

The latest example, raised these days in our war-stricken society, to which again a number of men of religion have turned with rare haste and on which they are pronouncing according to factional inclinations, is the question of war and peace from the Quran's point of view. After the 40-day war and the raising of the Islamabad memorandum, the market of opinion about negotiation and peace with America, and about matters such as 'revenge', 'ceasefire' and finally 'ending the war', grew hot. There is no objection to such debates being raised and to various people voicing opinions on them; the deviation begins where some, under the title of religious experts, attribute their own opinion to the Quran and speak with such certainty that no one may allow himself to doubt it. If these people say 'this is our reading of the Quran' there is no fault, but they must not say 'the Quran's view is certainly this and nothing else'.

In the matter of peace, people inclined to one faction said that the Prophet of God signed the peace of Hudaybiyyah, although he was in a position of strength, by giving greater concessions, and that this became a prelude to the conquest of Mecca; therefore, if we want to act on the Quran, we must accept peace today. Against them, people inclined to the other faction, rejecting this theory, said that the Prophet, as soon as one of the clauses of Hudaybiyyah was breached, fought the polytheists and conquered Mecca, and concluded that therefore we must not speak of peace today.

Our experience of people inclined to factions is that they always interpret and construe the Quran, the Sunna and the traditions according to the demands of the policy their favored faction holds, and the dangerous epistemic deviation we point to in this article is exactly this. What is regrettable is that these same people, if the policy of their favored faction changes and says today exactly the reverse of what it said yesterday, also interpret the Quran contrary to what they said yesterday. This method strikes a heavy blow at people's beliefs and turns religious knowledge, which ought to be the axis, into an instrument that political players misuse.

In the matter of the peace of Hudaybiyyah, which took place in the sixth year of the Hijra, the front of Islam was in a position of weakness, such that when the Prophet invited the Muslims to go to Mecca most of them refused to accompany him and said this army would all be killed and would not return to Medina. For this reason only 1,400 people set out for Mecca and, near Mecca in the area of Hudaybiyyah, were forced to halt, while Khalid ibn al-Walid with 200 of the foremost warriors of Quraysh lay in ambush to assault the army of Islam. The Prophet of God sent word to the polytheists that they had come only to visit the House of God, but the polytheists did not accept, and when it was decided that the peace treaty be written, the Prophet in many instances overlooked even the attributes of God and the title of his own mission so that the other side would consent to sign the peace, to the point that some of the Prophet's companions protested to him over these concessions; but the public turning to Islam increased. The 'manifest victory' (فتح مبین) at the opening of Sura

al-Fath does not mean the conquest of Mecca but the turning toward Islam that occurred after this peace treaty, such that, despite the Muslims being deprived of visiting the House of God on that journey and their forced return to Medina, believers in Islam increased and the number of the Prophet's companions for the conquest of Mecca in the eighth year of the Hijra reached 10,000, and the hypocrites, the polytheists and the weak in faith, who in the Hdaybiyyah affair were among the pressure groups, were placed in a position of weakness. The great commentators regard this success of the Prophet of God, expressed as 'and God will help you with a mighty help' in the third verse of Sura al-Fath, as the manifest victory, not the conquest of Mecca.

Analyst flag: the closing paragraphs were not retrieved and the translation is marked partial. The editorial is the paper's unsigned house voice (Jomhuri Eslami is edited by Masih Mohajeri). Its rhetorical posture is even-handed, rebuking both camps, but its historical reading, that the treaty was signed from weakness with humiliating concessions and that the 'manifest victory' was the growth of the faith rather than the later conquest, is in substance the reading Ali-Akbar Salehi offered to IBNA and the one Etemad calls 'a metaphor on the negotiating table'; Kayhan's contributed article the same morning, 'Hdaybiyyah: a truth distorted in the name of compromise', is the rebuttal. The three texts show the settlement question migrating onto scriptural ground, where the only authority that can close the argument is the Leader, who has not spoken. Source line: Jomhuri Eslami, page 1, Doshanbeh 16 Shahrivar 1405.

Appendix D: Methodology and sourcing notes

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Sources. Nine Persian front pages were taken from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk batch for Monday 16 Shahrivar 1405 (t.me/NewspaperTasnim/44381, posted 03:11 UTC): Kayhan, Nobonyad, Seday-e Iran, Iran, Ta'adol, Etemad, Jomhuri Eslami, Chahar Sough and Sazandegi. Three further fronts were fetched by the analyst from paper and kiosk channels because the batch omitted them: Vatan-e Emrooz (t.me/vatanemrooz/24334), Sobh-e No (t.me/sobhe_no/115753) and Qods (from the Jam-e Jam channel's kiosk post, t.me/jamejamdaily/26810). Text channels read: Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran and Sobh-e No (daily papers), and Defa Press, Fars and Nour News (agencies, used for corroboration and threat-signaling context only, never as front pages). The Telegram web preview exposes roughly the newest twenty posts per channel, so the channel window covers the small hours of 7 September only.

English lane. The Newspapers_Iran kiosk post retrieved for the English scan (t.me/newspapers_iran/3555) was the 15 Shahrivar batch and carried the Iran Daily edition of Sunday 6 September, already analyzed in the previous edition; no 7 September English front was available and Iran Daily is therefore not treated as a paper in this edition. Tehran Times could not be reached from the compile environment; web indexing of its 7 September items shows an Iran-South Korea chamber-of-commerce feature, a university-ranking item and a wheelchair-basketball visa story, and no naval item, but the front page was not seen.

Scan quality and reading method. The kiosk scans are Telegram preview images of 400 to 800 pixels; lead headlines, decks and item titles are legible, body text mostly is not. Each page was read at native size and again in upscaled halves. Where a byline or a figure could not be read with confidence it is stated as not legible rather than guessed (the Kayhan Yadasht-e Rooz author, the source of Seday-e Iran's 64 percent poll, Etemad's rail bylines). Mastheads were identified against the reference list; Seday-e Iran and Nobonyad are newer titles not on that list and were identified from their printed nameplates and web presence.

Verification performed. Ghalibaf's 'era of proportionate responses is over' (Sunday Telegram post, carried by PressTV and Business Recorder); Mohsen Rezaei's anti-destroyer missile claim and his appointment as secretary of the Supreme National Security Council on 18 Mordad 1405 (Asr-e Iran, Mashregh, Mehr); the MPs' letter of 9 Shahrivar to the heads of the branches on Hemmati (Mehr, SNN); the first session of the Assembly of the Nation's Representatives on 1 September with 124 MPs (Tabnak); Ghalibaf's 'let us not lock the country' exchange in the virtual session (ANA, Khabaronline); the third-tier gasoline price of 10,000 toman from 17 Shahrivar with quotas unchanged (Fararu, Bourse Press); the Sanandaj-Hamedan tanker toll of 11 dead and 7 injured (Mehr, provincial statements); the departure of two US KC-135 tankers from Bezmer on 21 August (BTA, Defense News); Leon Panetta's 'he has trapped himself'; William Hartung's 5 September Forbes column; Gallup's second-quarter party-identification gap; Kpler's Hormuz transit figures; the IAEA Board's 7 to 11 September session; Ali-Akbar Salehi's IBNA interview on Hudaybiyyah; Xi Jinping's 24 September state visit; and Israel's 3 September claim of operational control of Ali al-Taher with Hezbollah's rejection of Lebanese withdrawal overtures.

Corrections and flags. Kayhan's channel names Senator Tammy Baldwin as 'Tommy Baldwin'. Sazandegi's 'tanker disaster, 18' combines dead and injured. Sobh-e No prints the third-tier gasoline price as effective 'from today' where the government's announcement gives 17 Shahrivar. Every IRGC and Rezaei claim of damage to, or flight by, American warships is single-source and contradicted by CENTCOM's statement that both ships evaded the missiles; it is reported here as a claim. Vatan-e Emrooz's Hamzeh headquarters item and Sobh-e No's Ali al-Taher 'retreat' are single-source and unverified. Quotations rendered from channel

posts or secondary reporting are marked as such and are not to be reproduced as authentic without primary-source confirmation.

Single-source items and the succession record. The 'protected zone' and 'prohibited zone' formulas rest on IRGC statements No. 11 (5 to 6 September) and on Rezaei's 16 Shahrivar remarks as reported by Iranian outlets; no formal SNSC or Foreign Ministry text declaring a zone has been seen. The identification of 'the Leader' with Mojtaba Khamenei rests on the printed appointments and messages of the period (including his 18 Mordad appointment of Rezaei as his representative on the SNSC) and on the front pages' use of the title; no page today prints his name in a new message. Translations are editorial; Persian originals of the two translated texts are held in the raw directory of the digest.

Open-source material only. All translations from Persian/Arabic originals. Iranian claims are labelled as claims. Prepared for analysis and early warning; hostile content is documented for defensive assessment only, not endorsed.