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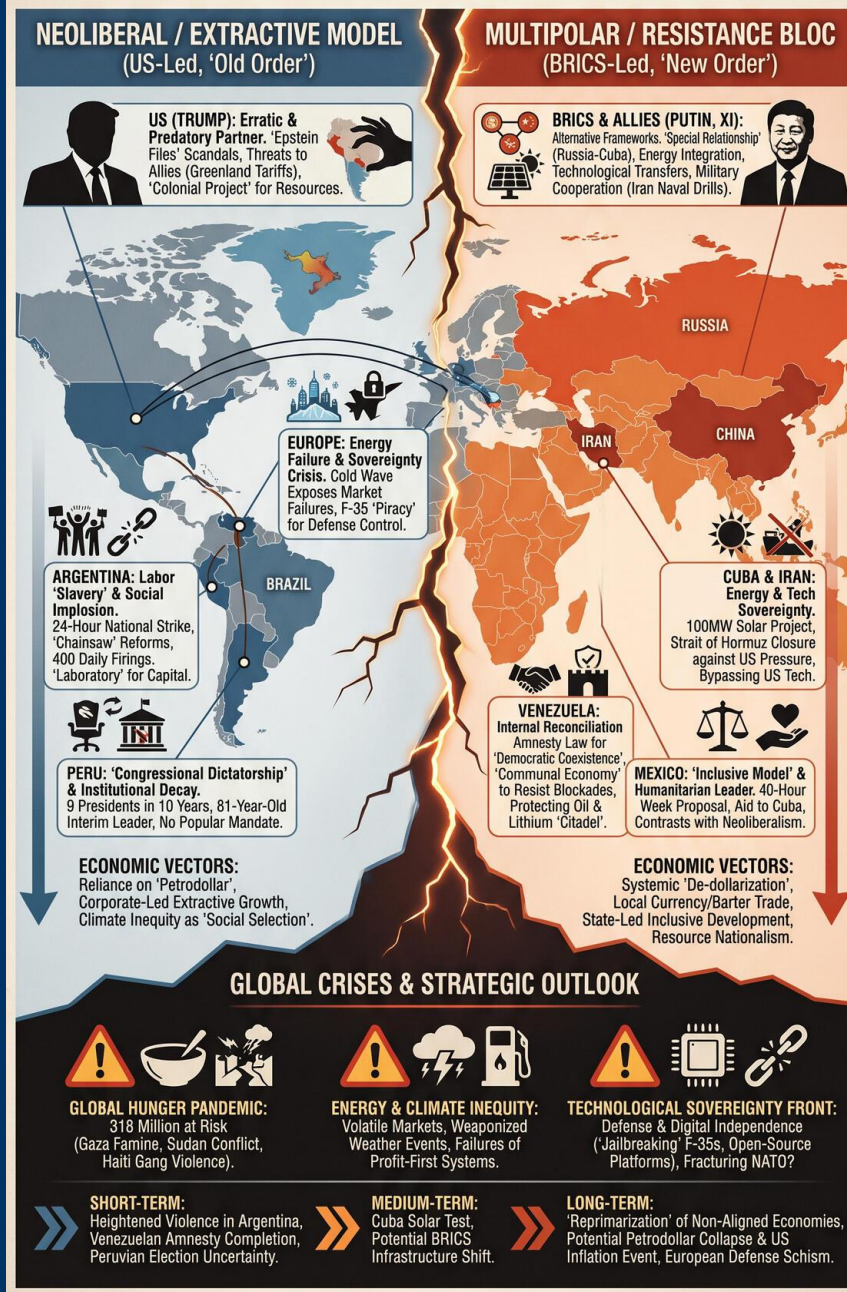
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GEOPOLITICAL REALIGNMENT & GLOBAL FRACTURE: A WORLD IN COLLISION (FEBRUARY 19, 2026)

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VENEZUELAN INTERNAL
RECONCILIATION EFFORTS
FOLLOWING THE JANUARY 3
MILITARY INTERVENTION

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The global landscape on February 19, 2026, is characterized by a violent collision between "anarcho-capitalist" structural reforms in the Southern Cone and a hardening multipolar resistance led by the BRICS bloc. In **Argentina**, the administration of Javier Milei faces its most significant domestic challenge to date as a 24-hour national strike paralyzes the country in response to a labor reform package that critics label "slave-like." This domestic turmoil is framed as a "laboratory" for global capital, while the government threatens to dock pay from striking public workers. Simultaneously, **Peru** has entered a state of "congressional dictatorship" following the ousting of José Jerí and the appointment of 81-year-old José María Balcázar as interim president, an event described as a shift

toward a "provincial conservative" power center that lacks a popular mandate.

The regional narrative is dominated by the aftermath of the "aggression" of January 3, 2026, during which the United States is alleged to have "kidnapped" Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores. In response, **Venezuela** is fast-tracking a 15-article Amnesty Law intended to foster "democratic coexistence" and repair political wounds, even as "Presidenta Encargada" Delsi Rodríguez oversees a transition to a communal economy designed to resist US-led energy blockades. The **United States**, under the leadership of Donald Trump, is portrayed as an erratic and untrustworthy partner, facing internal scandals regarding the Epstein files and external resistance from European allies seeking to "pirate" F-35 software to regain defense sovereignty.

Geoeconomic vectors indicate a systemic shift toward "de-dollarization" as Venezuela and Iran actively reject US currency for oil transactions, favoring local currencies or barter arrangements within the BRICS framework. This shift is occurring against a backdrop of global crises, including a devastating cold wave in **Europe** that has exposed the failures of neoliberal energy markets, and a looming "global hunger crisis" affecting over 318 million people in conflict zones like Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti. The day's events suggest a world fracturing into two distinct models: an inclusive, person-centered model promoted by Mexico and the BRICS, and an extractive, corporate-led model spearheaded by Washington and its regional allies.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Argentina's National Strike and Labor Reform Conflict:** The CGT and other labor unions have launched a 24-hour strike to halt a labor reform that increases workdays to 12 hours and reduces severance pay. Analysts suggest the strike is the "beginning of the end" for the Milei government's mandate [beginning of the end](#).

- Over 330,000 workers have been displaced as 222 companies closed recently [330,000 workers](#).
- The Senate has approved the reform, which now moves to the Chamber of Deputies [Senate approval](#).
- Government implementation of "anti-picket" protocols has led to reports of repression near the Congress [anti-picket protocols](#).

- **Peruvian Presidential Transition:** José María Balcázar has been sworn in as interim president after the removal of José Jerí due to corruption allegations and "clandestine meetings" with businessmen [clandestine meetings](#).

- Balcázar, representing "Perú Libre," is the ninth president in ten years, highlighting chronic instability [nine presidents](#).
- The interim government aims to lead the country to elections on April 12, 2026 [April 12 elections](#).
- Critics describe the current state as a "parliamentary dictatorship" where power resides in the legislature, not the presidency [parliamentary dictatorship](#).

- **Venezuelan Internal Reconciliation and Legal Reform:** The National Assembly is debating a 15-article Amnesty Law for "Democratic Coexistence" to release political prisoners and foster peace following the Jan 3 events [Amnesty Law](#).

- The law excludes those guilty of crimes against humanity, war crimes, or participating in armed actions against the state [law exclusions](#).
- 896 people have already been released since November 2025 as part of this process [896 releases](#).
- Disputes remain regarding Article 7, which requires beneficiaries to "submit to the law" before being eligible for amnesty [Article 7 discord](#).

- **Global Energy Sovereignty and Technological Independence:** Nations are increasingly seeking to bypass US control over energy and military technology.

- Cuba is accelerating a 100MW solar energy project to reach 15% renewable energy by Q1 2026 [100MW solar](#).
- Reports from the Netherlands suggest the F-35 fighter jet software can be "pirated" to allow sovereign control without US authorization [pirated software](#).
- Iran has partially closed the Strait of Hormuz for naval maneuvers to defend its sovereignty against US pressure [Strait of Hormuz](#).

- **Escalating Global Hunger and Humanitarian Crisis:** The World Food Program warns that 318 million people face critical hunger levels in 2026 [318 million](#).
 - Gaza faces famine risks until mid-April 2026 due to interrupted humanitarian flows [Gaza famine risk](#).
 - In Haiti, 51% of the population suffers from hunger due to gang violence and resource shortages [Haiti hunger](#).
 - Over 21 million people in Sudan are facing acute food insecurity [Sudan food insecurity](#).

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- Argentina is experiencing massive social pushback against neoliberal policies, with "cacerolazos" (pot-banging protests) and blockades in Buenos Aires and Moreno [social pushback](#).
- In Spain, doctors have entered their fourth day of a national strike against sector regulations, leading to thousands of cancelled appointments [doctors strike](#).
- Environmentalists in El Salvador are protesting the persecution of six land defenders related to civil war-era charges [land defenders](#).

Geopolitical Competition & Bloc Politics

- The BRICS bloc is framed as the primary mechanism for Latin American integration and resistance to "imperialist" tutelage [BRICS integration](#).
- Russia has reaffirmed its "special relationship" with Cuba, receiving Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez in the Kremlin to discuss US energy blockades [Russia-Cuba relations](#).

- The European Union is increasingly isolated from the US under Trump, facing "expansionist threats" in Greenland and threats of 10% tariffs [expansionist threats](#).

Energy & Critical Minerals

- Venezuela is described as a "citadel" protecting its massive oil and lithium reserves from US seizure [seizure of reserves](#).
- Hungary has suspended diesel supplies to Ukraine, citing "technical issues" and Kiev's failure to resume oil flows through the Druzhba pipeline [Hungary suspension](#).
- Iran and Russia are conducting joint naval maneuvers in the Indian Ocean to "blind" the region from US interference [naval maneuvers](#).

Information Warfare & Disinformation

- The "January 3 aggression" is the central meta-narrative, with the broadcast emphasizing a "kidnapping" of Maduro rather than a capture, countering Western media framing [kidnapping vs. capture](#).
- Telesur highlights the "Epstein Files" as a tool to undermine the moral authority of the Trump administration [Epstein files](#).
- Amnesty Law debates in Venezuela are used to contrast "reconciliation" with the "instigation of hatred" attributed to the radical opposition [hatred instigation](#).

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- Mexico's Claudia Sheinbaum is praised for an "inclusive model" that prioritizes the worker over capital, contrasting sharply with Milei [Sheinbaum model](#).

- The Vatican has reportedly refused to participate in "Trump's Peace Council," emphasizing that international crises must remain under the UN framework [Vatican refusal](#).
- Zaluzne, the former Ukrainian commander, has ruled out a presidential run until the conflict ends, citing a desire to avoid internal discord [Zaluzne run](#).

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The "Laboratory of Slavery" and Structural Deconstruction

- A recurring theme is that Argentina is a "laboratory" where the "empire" tests how far a population can be pushed toward "semi-slavery" through labor deregulation [laboratory of slavery](#). This is described as a "rupture of the social fabric" where people are treated as "disposable material" [disposable material](#).
- This deconstruction extends to institutional norms; in Peru, the "interchangeable figure" of the president highlights a system where the legislative elite allocates the state among themselves [interchangeable figures](#).

Technological Sovereignty as the New Front Line

- Defense and digital sovereignty are merging. The Dutch official's claim that F-35s can be "jailbroken" like an iPhone suggests a massive shift in how European allies view US military technology as a form of "limited sovereignty" [limited sovereignty](#).

- Digital independence is also trending in France, which plans to abandon Microsoft Teams and Zoom for a domestic open-source platform ("Vicio") by 2027 to avoid US surveillance [Vicio platform](#).

Climate Inequity and Energy Selection

- The European cold wave is not just a weather event but an "arma de selección social" (weapon of social selection). The inability of households to pay for heating is framed as a failure of a system that prioritized short-term profit over climate resilience [social selection](#).
- This theme is mirrored in the US healthcare sector, where "personalities" and ordinary citizens alike are bankrupted by medical debts, contrasting with the "humanist" healthcare models in Cuba [medical bankruptcy](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Venezuela: The state is in a delicate balance between "reconciliation" and "security." The government is aggressively promoting its communal model and the "Venezuela Resiste" portal to manage the narrative surrounding the Jan 3 incident [Venezuela Resiste](#). However, the National Assembly debate reveals deep splits over how to handle "radical" opposition leaders like Juan Pablo Guanipa, who is accused of returning to "incite hatred" after being released [Guanipa incident](#).

Argentina: The country is approaching a boiling point. The government is using the "motosierra" (chainsaw) to cut labor rights, while the opposition claims 400 people are fired daily and 30 companies close every day [400 daily firings](#). The threat of pay cuts for

strikers suggests the administration is willing to risk total social fracture to enforce its reforms.

Peru: Institutional decay is at its peak. With 32 candidates for the upcoming election and a congress that "governs with its back to the people," the interim presidency of Balcázar is seen as a "mere protocol" for a corrupt legislative body [mere protocol](#). The public is reportedly "disgusted" with both candidates for the interim role due to their lack of credentials [public disgust](#).

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The "Outside World" is framed as a predatory matrix led by the Trump administration, which is accused of treating Latin America as a "colonial project" to seize resources like oil, gas, and lithium [colonial project](#). Washington's posture is characterized by "truculence," using trade policy as a weapon for territorial expansion (e.g., Greenland) and threatening Canada's sovereignty [threats to Canada](#).

In response, the Global South is framing its survival around **new alliances**. Mexico is emerging as a regional humanitarian leader, providing aid to Cuba and proposing a labor model that contrasts with US-backed neoliberalism [Mexico aid](#). The Russia-China-Iran axis is positioned as the primary counterweight, offering technological transfers (solar power to Cuba, satellite communication to Venezuela) and military protection (Indian Ocean maneuvers) that the West refuses to provide [technological axis](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The global economic climate is marked by extreme volatility in energy markets due to geopolitical tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and the failure of diplomatic efforts in Geneva. Market sentiment is increasingly nervous as the US dollar loses ground in international oil transactions.

- **Energy Prices:** WTI crude rose 4% to \$64.90/barrel; Brent crude reached \$69.97/barrel [crude prices](#).
- **Commodities:** Colombian cacao exports grew 56% in 2025, reaching \$413 million in value [cacao growth](#).
- **Hyper-Inflation/Currency:** Argentina is seeing "massive devaluation" and business closures (Fate tire factory, Veronica dairy) as consumption collapses [consumption collapse](#).
- **National Economic Measures:** Venezuela's "Communal Economy" saw a 41% increase in electronic transactions during Carnival 2026 [electronic transactions](#).
- **Trade Disputes:** Trump is threatening 10% tariffs on EU members over the Greenland dispute [Greenland tariffs](#).

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The primary leadership shifts occur within the legislative and interim frameworks of South American nations, signaling a move toward survivalist governance models.

- **José María Balcázar:** Sworn in as interim President of Peru; the 81-year-old former congressman is seen as a placeholder for a legislative elite under pressure to deliver elections by April 12 [Balcázar sworn in](#).

- **Delsi/Delcy Rodríguez:** Acting as "Presidenta Encargada" of Venezuela; she is leading the executive response to the "kidnapping" of Maduro and managing the internal amnesty process [encargada role](#).
- **Valerie Zaluzne:** The former Ukrainian military chief has explicitly withdrawn from political contention, positioning himself as a figure of unity rather than a challenger to the current regime [Zaluzne withdrawal](#).
- **Junsup Jeol:** Former South Korean leader sentenced to life in prison for "insurrection," signaling a harsh crackdown on dissent in the Pacific [life sentence](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Telesur's editorial strategy focuses on **Anti-Imperialist Resistance** and **Social Justice**. The "Lead Stories" are the massive strikes in Argentina and the Venezuelan Amnesty Law, both framed as grassroots movements against authoritarian or neoliberal overreach. The network gives significant airtime to humanitarian crises (Gaza, Sudan) to highlight Western hypocrisy, while highlighting BRICS successes (energy integration, technological transfers). **Buried Stories** include any detailed accounting of the Venezuelan opposition's legitimate grievances, which are instead labeled as "instigation to hatred." **Conspicuous Omissions** include the specific whereabouts or status of Maduro after the alleged "kidnapping," as well as any reporting on the potential risks of Russian/Chinese influence in Latin American infrastructure, which is only framed as "solidarity."

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing suggests a world divided into "Friends of Sovereignty" and "Foes of Freedom."

COUNTRIES

- **Argentina** is portrayed as a **chaotic and regressive** nation. Its labor reforms are described as a "retrocession of more than 20 years" and a "model of slavery" [model of slavery](#).
- **Cuba** is framed as **heroic and resilient**, successfully transitioning to solar power despite a "genocidal" energy blockade [heroic Cuba](#).
- **United States** is depicted as a **predatory and corrupt** hegemon, using "trickery and deception" to manipulate its own people and allies [US trickery](#).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump** is characterized as **expansionist and nefasto** (ill-fated). He is described as a "nefarious leader" using military threats to prop up a "decadent petrodollar" [petrodollar threat](#).
- **Javier Milei** is framed as a **payaso** (clown) and a "tool of empire" whose policies are destroying the social fabric [Milei as clown](#).
- **Vladimir Putin** is presented as **principled and solidary**, a leader who "rejects the style of sanctions" and stands firmly with Cuba [principled Putin](#).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **CGT (Argentina):** Framed as the **vanguard of the people**, standing as the only bulwark against Milei's "chainsaw" [CGT vanguard](#).

- **FIFA/UEFA (Infantino/Ceferin):** Accused of being **accomplices to war crimes** for allowing Israeli participation in international tournaments [FIFA complicity](#).
- **Meta (Mark Zuckerberg):** Portrayed as **unprincipled and exploitative**, accused of designing platforms to foster addiction in children for profit [Zuckerberg interrogation](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** The network is actively seeding the concept of a "US-led military kidnapping" of state leaders as a standard operating procedure for the Trump administration, using the Jan 3 event as a constant reference point [Jan 3 reference](#).
- **Propaganda:** The communal economy projects in Venezuela are presented with high-gloss imagery to project stability and "popular happiness" despite the "blockade" [popular happiness](#).
- **Censorship/Media Control:** There is an emphasis on "modernization" being a code word for "precarity," with the network urging viewers to reject "modernity" as defined by the West [modernization code](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The Argentine Pivot:** If the labor strike succeeds in forcing a return to the Senate for revisions, Milei's governability will likely collapse, leading to either a military state of emergency or a massive resurgence of the Peronist movement [governability collapse](#).

- **Petrodollar Collapse:** As Venezuela and Iran strengthen energy ties with China and Russia, the "petrodollar" will cease to be the primary medium for global energy exchange by 2027, potentially triggering a catastrophic inflation event in the US [dollar collapse](#).
- **European Defense Schism:** The "hacking" of F-35 software by the Netherlands and France's push for digital sovereignty suggest that NATO will fracture into "US-dependent" and "European-Sovereign" factions [NATO fracture](#).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Anticipate heightened violence in Argentina as the "anti-picket" protocol meets the reality of sustained strikes [repression risk](#). Venezuela will likely complete its Amnesty Law process, resulting in a propagandized "National Peace" event [amnesty completion](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The Peruvian elections in April will likely be contested or postponed if Balcázar cannot secure the confidence of the military and the fragmented congress [Peru elections](#). A critical test of the 100MW solar project in Cuba will occur, determining the island's energy independence levels [solar test](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years): The BRICS-led infrastructure projects (Belt and Road) in Africa and Latin America will likely displace Western corporate models, leading to a permanent "reprimarization" of economies that do not align with the Russia-China axis [economic shift](#).

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current geopolitical environment is a "tinderbox" where local labor disputes and global energy maneuvers are inextricably linked.

- **Argentine Social Implosion:** Triggers include the deaths of protesters during the strike or the total collapse of domestic consumption. Likelihood: High. Impact: Massive regional instability. Mitigations: Abandoning the labor reform or restoring subsidies [social implosion](#).
- **Strait of Hormuz Escalation:** Triggers include a US attempt to forcibly reopen the strait or an Israeli strike on Iranian nuclear facilities. Likelihood: Medium-High. Impact: Global oil price spike to >\$150/barrel. Mitigations: Resumption of the G5+1 diplomatic track [Hormuz escalation](#).
- **Venezuelan Leadership Vacuum Fallout:** Triggers include the inability of Delsi Rodríguez to maintain the "reconciliation" narrative if Maduro's status remains unknown. Likelihood: Medium. Impact: Re-emergence of internal conflict or US military intervention. Mitigations: Successful implementation of the Amnesty Law [leadership vacuum](#).
- **Global Pandemic of Hunger:** Triggers include a failure of the UN to bridge the \$13 billion funding gap for the WFP. Likelihood: High. Impact: Massive migration waves and regime collapse in sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti. Mitigations: Immediate debt relief for the Global South [hunger pandemic](#).

- **NATO Strategic Rupture:** Triggers include the Netherlands or France officially providing "pirated" software to non-NATO partners. Likelihood: Low-Medium. Impact: End of the transatlantic security alliance. Mitigations: US de-escalation of "tutelary" technology policies [NATO rupture](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts mention the "kidnapping" of Maduro as a settled fact but provide no verification of the event's logistics or proof of life from the US side [unverified kidnapping](#).
- There is no mention of the inflationary impact within the "communal economy" of Venezuela; transactions are shown as increasing, but purchasing power is not analyzed [missing economic data](#).
- The role of the military in the Peruvian interim government is conspicuously absent, despite the history of military intervention in Lima's politics [military absence](#).
- The broadcast fails to address the potential environmental impact of lithium extraction in South America, framing it only as a "strategic resource" to be protected [lithium framing](#).
- Details on the "crimes against humanity" exclusions in the Venezuelan Amnesty Law are vague, leaving room for selective interpretation by the state [vague exclusions](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Managed Disappearance"**
Hypothesis: Rather than a US kidnapping, Maduro's disappearance could be a strategic internal move by the "communist" wing of the PSUV (led by the Rodríguez) to consolidate power without a figurehead who was increasingly a liability to BRICS integration [managed disappearance](#).
- **The "Milei Strategy" as Shock Therapy**
Success: While the broadcast frames Argentina's reforms as "slavery," a contrarian view suggests that the 41% increase in electronic transactions could signal a rapid move toward a formal, digital economy that will eventually stabilize the peso, meaning the strike is a "last gasp" of a dying union model [shock therapy success](#).
- **The Black Swan - "The AI Sovereignty War":** A highly unlikely but catastrophic scenario where the "pirating" of F-35 software triggers an automated US defense response (Logic Bomb) that shuts down the airspace of any country attempting to regain control, leading to a total grounding of global aviation [AI sovereignty war](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Review all US-made military hardware for "kill-switch" software in light of the F-35 hacking revelations [kill-switch risk](#).
- **Economic:** Diversify national reserves into non-dollar assets and commodity-backed currencies to mitigate petrodollar volatility [currency diversification](#).

- **Diplomatic:** Leverage the BRICS framework for integration, focusing on regional solar and lithium infrastructure to bypass blockades [diplomatic leverage](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Shift sourcing from Argentina and Peru to more stable jurisdictions like Mexico or Colombia (cacao sector) [sourcing shift](#).
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Prepare for new EU-led digital sovereignty regulations that will mandate local data hosting and non-US software usage [digital compliance](#).
- **Capital Allocation:** Invest in Global South renewable energy projects, particularly solar and grid-scale storage in non-aligned nations [renewable investment](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity on February 19 centers on the deconstruction of traditional labor protections and the construction of new reconciliation and economic frameworks.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Argentina Labor Reform Bill:** Reduces severance, extends workdays to 12 hours, and creates a "CS Labor Fund" to replace traditional insurance [Labor Reform](#).
- **Venezuelan Amnesty Law (Democratic Coexistence):** A 15-article bill aiming to repair political wounds and release political prisoners while excluding those guilty of state aggression [Amnesty Law](#).
- **Mexico Labor Reform:** Proposes reducing the work week to 40 hours (8 hours less than currently) at a constitutional level [Mexico 40 hours](#).

- **Mexico Penal Code Reform:** Broadens the definition of sexual abuse to strengthen victim protection [abuse reform](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **National Assembly of Venezuela (Session 2):** Debate on Article 7 and 10 of the Amnesty Law, resulting in unanimous approval of several clauses [reconciliation debate](#).
- **Peruvian Congress Vote:** A two-round voting process to choose an interim president, culminating in the selection of José María Balcázar [Peru vote](#).
- **Meta Interrogation (Los Angeles):** Mark Zuckerberg questioned over addictive design practices in Instagram and YouTube affecting youth mental health [Zuckerberg hearing](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Argentina National Strike:** A 24-hour total stoppage of transport, ports, and aerospace to protest labor reforms [total strike](#).
- **Peru's New President:** José María Balcázar takes office amidst claims of an unconstitutional legislative power grab [Balcázar presidency](#).
- **Venezuelan Amnesty Law:** Rapid legislative progress toward a general amnesty to stabilize the country after Jan 3 [amnesty progress](#).
- **Cuba Energy Pivot:** Successful deployment of solar modules to mitigate the US fuel blockade [solar deployment](#).
- **Epstein/Trump Revelations:** New files linking Trump to sexual predators used to pressure the current US administration [Epstein files](#).
- **Hacking the F-35:** European allies exploring ways to remove US "black boxes" from sovereign defense equipment [F-35 hacking](#).
- **Global Hunger Report:** WFP warning of 318 million people facing starvation, particularly in Gaza and Sudan [WFP warning](#).
- **European Cold Wave:** Record lows of -20C in Poland and -12C in France causing a health crisis [Europe cold](#).
- **Colombian Cacao Boom:** Massive 56% growth in exports as a sign of agricultural diversification [cacao boom](#).
- **Hormuz Tensions:** Iran naval drills in response to US carrier deployments [Hormuz drills](#).
- **France's Digital Exit:** Transitioning from US software to domestic code by 2027 [digital exit](#).
- **FIFA/UEFA War Crimes Charges:** Human rights groups suing soccer executives at the ICC [ICC lawsuit](#).
- **Guyana Esequiba Forum:** Venezuela reaffirming the 1966 Geneva Agreement as the only path to resolving border disputes [Esequiba forum](#).
- **Spanish Healthcare Strike:** Fourth day of strikes by 175,000 doctors against "Status Marco" rules [doctors strike](#).
- **Iranian Strait Closure:** Partial closure for "security and sovereignty" [partial closure](#).
- **Russia-Cuba Strategic Visit:** Bruno Rodríguez received at the Kremlin by Putin [Kremlin visit](#).
- **Argentina Factory Closures:** Fate tire factory shuts down after 80 years of operation [Fate factory](#).

- **Venezuela Communal Carnival:** Reports of 7.4 million travelers and economic dynamism [communal carnival](#).
- **Mexico Labor Progress:** Sheinbaum administration's successes in minimum wage and poverty reduction [Mexico progress](#).
- **Zuckerberg Mental Health Interrogation:** US hearing on addictive digital products [Zuckerberg trial](#).
- **Kazakhstan Diversification:** Tokayev plan to adapt to "radical new global processes" [Tokayev plan](#).
- **South Korea Life Sentence:** Junsup Jeol sentenced for insurrection [South Korea sentence](#).
- **Gaza Mural Project:** Palestinian girls painting on ruins to celebrate Ramadan [Gaza mural](#).
- **China's R&D Surge:** Investment reached 1.1 trillion yuan in 2025 [China R&D](#).
- **Nicaragua Transport Renewal:** 1,164 modern buses from China, Mexico, and Russia deployed [transport renewal](#).
- **Haiti Gang Displacement:** 1.3 million people displaced in recent years [Haiti displacement](#).
- **Sudan Acute Insecurity:** 21 million people affected by conflict [Sudan insecurity](#).
- **Ramadan in Sidon:** Traditional celebrations in Lebanon despite the regional war [Ramadan Sidon](#).
- **Peru Cajamarca Carnival:** Neighborhood costumes taking up to a year to produce [Cajamarca carnival](#).
- **Russian Spring Festival:** Maslenitza celebrations in Moscow [Maslenitza festival](#).

- **Venezuelan Chess Plan:** Mass ajedrez (chess) initiative for basic education students [chess plan](#).
- **Costa Rican Women's Table Tennis:** Selection for London 2026 World Championships [table tennis](#).
- **US Carrier Movements:** Direction toward "Western Asia" (Middle East) raising fears of war [US carrier moves](#).
- **Petro-Bolivian Controversy:** Dispute over irregular contracts for crude oil at IPFB [IPFB controversy](#).
- **Ecuador Yasunidos Alert:** Criminalization of groups that won the oil drilling referendum [Yasunidos alert](#).
- **Brazil-Russia Strategic Integration:** Discussions on aeronautics and industrial exchanges [Brazil-Russia talks](#).

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