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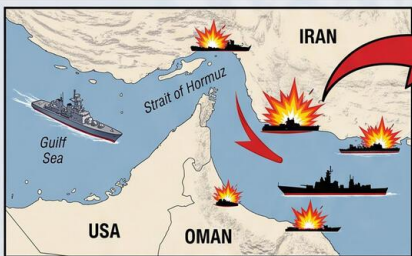
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THE GDELT PROJECT

IMPULSIVE MARITIME STATECRAFT & INSTITUTIONAL FRICTION AMIDST ESCALATING GLOBAL CONFLICTS & DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT CRISIS (JULY 14, 2026)

A REPORT ON CRITICAL VOLATILITY, POLICY REVERSALS, AND SYSTEMIC FRACTURES

GLOBAL CONFLICT & MARITIME CHAOS



24-HOUR POLICY REVERSAL:

President proposes 20% "Protection Fee" then abruptly drops it for vague "Investment Deals".

- US Military enters 3rd night of strikes on Iranian assets.
- Naval Blockade Reinstated.
- IRGC Retaliates with drones/missiles.
- Oil Prices Spike >20% (\$85/barrel).



DOMESTIC CRISIS: ICE & DHS CREDIBILITY DEFICIT



- Second Fatal Shooting in one week (Maine, victim not intended target).
- Nationwide Vehicle Stop Moratorium.
- No Body-Worn Cameras despite funding.
- Public Confidence Plummets, protests erupt.

OPERATIONAL OVERREACH:

Systemic failure, high-risk vehicle stops, "botched operation" culture.

JUDICIAL REBUKE & ELECTORAL SHIFTS

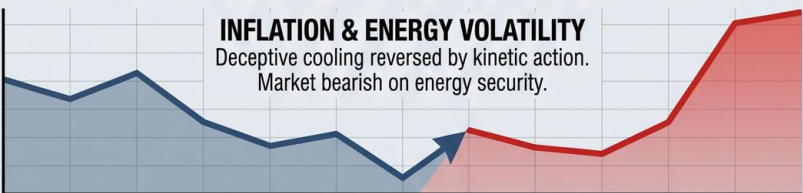


- Judge voids "Bad Faith" IRS Settlement (President's immunity denied).
- Attorneys referred for discipline.
- Sen. Lindsey Graham Dies (71), sister appointed interim. EAC Leadership Fired ahead of major election announcement.

INSTITUTIONAL POLARIZATION:

Deepening rift between executive & judicial branches. Weaponization of Election Machinery feared.

DEEPENING INSTABILITY & ECONOMIC FALLOUT



KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS:

Armed Conflict & Militarization
(Sustained kinetic warfare).
Legal Warfare (Judiciary as check).
Biosecurity (Cyclospora Outbreak).

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & RISK MATRIX:

High Risk: Maritime Attrition, Energy Shock Inflation.
Moderate/High Risk: Institutional Breakdown, Civil Unrest Surge.
Future Midterms defined by ICE conduct & election control.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP & KEY STORIES:

Sunshine Protection Act passed House. Graham **Sanctions Bill** stalled.
SCOTUS security funding request. **Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger** blocked by states.
Cyclospora Outbreak (3,000+ cases). Spain advances in World Cup.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The administration's global and domestic posturing reached a state of critical volatility on July 14, 2026, defined by a 24-hour reversal in major maritime policy, a burgeoning crisis within federal immigration enforcement, and a significant judicial rebuke of executive legal maneuvers. The U.S. military entered its [third consecutive night of strikes](#) against Iranian military assets while simultaneously reinstating a naval blockade. This escalation was punctuated by a startling policy pivot in which the President abandoned a proposed [20% protection fee](#) on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz—previously labeled "international extortion" by his own cabinet—in favor of vague "investment deals" from Gulf allies. This reversal underscores a statecraft strategy that appears to be operating on impulse rather than a cohesive interagency framework.

Domestically, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) faces a severe credibility deficit following a [second fatal shooting](#) by ICE agents in a single week. The revelation that the victim in Maine was not the intended target, combined with the continued absence of body-worn cameras despite significant congressional funding, has forced a [suspension of vehicle stops](#) nationwide. Simultaneously, the judicial branch asserted its independence as a federal judge [voided a controversial settlement](#) between the President and the IRS, citing "bad faith" and "self-dealing." These events, coupled with the sudden death of Senator Lindsey Graham and the subsequent firing of Election Assistance Commission leadership, suggest a deepening institutional polarization as the nation approaches high-stakes midterm elections.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Escalation of Conflict with Iran

- The U.S. military conducted [major attacks](#) for the third night, targeting coastal surveillance and drone manufacturing capabilities.
- A naval blockade of Iranian ports is [back in effect](#), with U.S. Navy warships and hundreds of aircraft deployed to the region.
- The President initially proposed a [20% cargo toll](#) for "protection" in the Strait of Hormuz before [abruptly reversing](#) the decision 24 hours later.
- The IRGC is retaliating with cruise missile and drone strikes [against civilian vessels](#) and regional U.S. facilities.

ICE Fatal Shooting Crisis and Tactical Moratorium

- A 26-year-old Colombian man, Johan Sebastian Guerrero, was [shot and killed](#) by ICE in Biddeford, Maine; he was not the target of the operation.
- DHS has [suspended vehicle stops](#) nationwide following two fatal incidents in one week where victims were wrongly targeted.
- Widespread outrage over the [lack of body cameras](#) used during these incidents, despite [funding for 5,000 units](#) being allocated.

Judicial Rebuke of Presidential IRS Settlement

- Judge Kathleen Williams [invalidated a settlement](#) that granted the President's family tax immunity and a \$1.8 billion fund.
- The judge referred Acting AG Todd Blanche and other attorneys [to disciplinary boards](#) for "manipulating the judicial process."
- The ruling potentially [imperils the confirmation](#) of Todd Blanche as permanent Attorney General.

Legislative and Electoral Shifts

- The sudden death of [Senator Lindsey Graham](#) (71) has led to the interim appointment of his sister, Darlene Graham Nordone.
- The White House [fired the leadership](#) of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) ahead of a "major announcement" on election security.
- The House passed the [Sunshine Protection Act](#) to make Daylight Saving Time permanent, sending it to the Senate.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization The U.S. is now effectively in a state of sustained kinetic warfare with Iran. Military officials confirm [the first combat use](#) of sea drones to destroy port facilities. Despite the President's characterization of the conflict as a ["military skirmish,"](#) analysts warn the lack of clear objectives is causing the mission to expand into an open-ended campaign for control of the Strait of Hormuz [without a defined end-game](#).

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk The federal judiciary is increasingly acting as the primary check on executive authority. Judge Williams' ruling that the IRS lawsuit was a ["ruse"](#) designed to provide "judicial cover" for self-dealing suggests a breakdown in the adversarial nature of government litigation. Additionally, 12 states have [sued to block](#) the \$81 billion Paramount-Warner Bros. Discovery merger, arguing the deal would hurt competition and quality [under current market conditions](#).

Supply Chain Resilience & Logistics The Strait of Hormuz remains a [critical oil thoroughfare](#) under siege. While global energy markets have shown some resilience, the [resumption of the blockade](#) and ongoing IRGC attacks on tankers have pushed oil to \$85 per barrel, a [21% increase](#) within the month. Maritime insurance rates are expected to soar as shipping companies [re-evaluate the risk](#) of transiting the Gulf.

Global Health & Biosecurity A massive [Cyclospora parasite outbreak](#) has affected over 3,000 people in the Midwest, primarily in Michigan and Ohio. Health officials are [zeroing in on lettuce](#) and salad greens as the likely source. This is one of the largest

outbreaks on record, with cases [exceeding typical annual totals](#) by early July.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Fragmentation of Maritime Statecraft

A chaotic approach to international law is emerging. The President's attempt to treat the Strait of Hormuz as a [revenue-generating asset](#) via cargo tolls directly contradicted his own Secretary of State, who noted [no country is allowed](#) to charge fees on international waterways. Although the President [reversed course](#) after pressure from Gulf nations, the episode has validated Iranian claims that the "guardian" of the Strait [should be compensated](#). This "gangster diplomacy" has eroded U.S. credibility with both [adversaries and allies](#), potentially leading to a multipolar scramble for control of other global chokepoints.

Operational Overreach and Accountability

Deficits A systemic failure in oversight is evident within DHS. ICE agents, under intense pressure to meet [daily arrest quotas](#) (reportedly 2,000 per day), are engaging in high-risk vehicle stops without basic accountability tools. Despite the allocation of \$20 million [specifically for body cameras](#), agents involved in fatal shootings in Maine and Texas were [not wearing them](#). The subsequent moratorium on vehicle stops [is a tacit admission](#) of a "botched operation" culture where innocent bystanders and legally authorized workers are becoming collateral damage [in a numbers game](#).

The Weaponization of Election Machinery

The administration appears to be actively reshaping the electoral landscape ahead of the midterms. The firing of [EAC leadership](#) and the continued gutting of agencies like

CISA [points to a consolidation](#) of control over the voting apparatus. This occurs as the President prepares a prime-time address to [relitigate the 2020 election](#), a move analysts view as a distraction from the [unpopular war in Iran](#) and a strategy to suppress "low-propensity" voters by making the [process more difficult](#).

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Institutional Polarization and Factionalism

The U.S. is experiencing a deepening rift between the executive and judicial branches. Federal judges are increasingly used to bypass or validate ["sweetheart deals,"](#) while the judiciary is also the site of [raw testimony](#) regarding the physical danger facing public servants. Justice Amy Coney Barrett's account of having to wear a [bulletproof vest](#) and explaining it to her children highlights the "toxic mix" of rhetoric and ["swatting" attempts](#) that are destabilizing the court system. This instability is compounded by the [loss of Lindsey Graham](#), a key bridge-builder, whose death has already sparked a "quiet scramble" [among Republicans](#) to fill the power vacuum.

Public Sentiments and Civil Unrest

Public confidence in law enforcement is hitting historic lows. In Maine, [protesters have taken to the streets](#) calling for ICE to leave the state following the killing of a man authorized to work. Net favorable ratings for ICE have plummeted by [21 points overall](#) and 40 points among independents [since the administration began](#). The perception that the agency is operating with "impunity" in residential neighborhoods [is driving a wedge](#) between local governments and federal agencies, with 53% of voters now [opposing local cooperation](#) with ICE.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Hostile Threat Matrix and Isolationism

The international system is currently framed as a hostile threat matrix where the U.S. is increasingly acting unilaterally. The failure of the [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) with Iran—which the President now dismisses as "[merely a test](#)"—has left the U.S. isolated. Allies in the Gulf are reportedly shocked by [U.S. toiling proposals](#), while European partners have [not stepped up](#) to assist in the maritime blockade. The administration's rhetoric has moved past "democratic transitions" in the Middle East toward a [strategy of "diminishing capacity"](#) to sustain war.

Adversarial Persistence Iran and its proxies (Houthis) are exploiting U.S. tactical impatience. By using [cheap drones \(\\$20,000\)](#) to force the U.S. to expend [multimillion-dollar interceptors](#), Iran is winning an asymmetric war of attrition. They perceive the U.S. as being in a "[economic freefall](#)" and believe [time is on their side](#) as U.S. missile defense [stockpiles are depleted](#) by as much as 30%.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The U.S. economy is showing a deceptive cooling of inflation driven by a temporary cease-fire, which is now being reversed by renewed kinetic action. While the CPI shows the first [one-month decline](#) in six years, the underlying drivers are unstable. Market sentiment is increasingly bearish regarding energy security as the [resumption of the blockade](#) threatens to undo the [6% drop in energy prices](#) seen in June.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Inflation & CPI:** The rate cooled to [3.5% annually](#) (down from 4.2%), but core inflation (ex-food/energy) remains at [2.6%](#).
- **Energy Commodities:** Oil jumped [9-10% in a single day](#) to \$85 per barrel; gas futures are [up 12%](#).
- **Corporate Mergers:** The [\\$81 billion acquisition](#) of Warner Bros. Discovery by Paramount is facing [multi-state legal challenges](#).
- **Government Spending:** Over [\\$100 billion](#) has been spent on the current Middle East conflict, with some lawmakers calling for an additional [\\$1 billion a day](#) if full-scale strikes continue.
- **Pardon Economy:** Allegations of "pay-to-play" for presidential pardons, including a [claimed \\$600,000 payment](#) by rapper Boosie Badazz, suggest a shadow economy within the administration.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The death of a long-standing Republican institutionalist and the purging of election oversight leadership signal a shift toward a more loyalist-driven administrative structure.

- **Darlene Graham Nordone:** Appointed to fill [Lindsey Graham's Senate seat](#) for the next six months. She is seen as a "[placeholder](#)" who will support the President's agenda.
- **Todd Blanche:** Currently Acting AG, his path to permanent confirmation is [severely hindered](#) by a judge's referral to [disciplinary boards](#). His role has shifted from defender of the law to "[different person](#)" since taking office, according to former colleagues.

- **Thomas Hicks:** Fired as a [commissioner of the EAC](#) without cause, part of a broader [purge of election oversight](#).
- **Kevin Warsh:** Appearing for the [first time as Fed Chairman](#), Warsh is attempting to maintain a [resolute commitment](#) to price stability amidst intense political pressure to cut rates.
- **Luis de la Fuente & Didier Deschamps:** Leading the top two teams in the World Cup semis, with Deschamps [stepping down](#) after the tournament.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's lead focus is divided between the kinetic escalation in Iran and the humanitarian/operational fallout of the fatal ICE shootings. There is a palpable skepticism toward the President's maritime policy reversals, with anchors framing the "protection fee" as [legally questionable](#). The fatal ICE shooting in Maine is treated with high urgency, using [disturbing video](#) to emphasize a "botched" operation. Domestic politics, specifically the legacy of Lindsey Graham and the upcoming prime-time speech, are given significant airtime as key midterm indicators. The Cyclospora outbreak is the lead health story, presented with an alarmist but factual tone. Conspicuous by its absence is any deep analysis of the [Russian energy facility strikes](#) beyond a brief Matthew Chance report; the internal stability of the Iranian regime is also largely ignored in favor of tactical military details.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The geopolitical narrative is defined by a U.S. administration that is "casting about" for

solutions while adversaries remain "emboldened."

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Portrayed as an "irrational" but [tactically proficient](#) adversary. They are seen as [un-terrorized](#) by U.S. talk and capable of holding the world's [economy hostage](#).
- **Iraq:** Framed as a [potential partner](#) and a "buddy" of the U.S., with its leadership described as ["young and handsome"](#) (central casting). They are seeking [trade over military intervention](#).
- **Russia:** Depicted as increasingly vulnerable at home. Ukrainian strikes have ["dented the Kremlin's war effort,"](#) causing [fuel shortages](#) and bringing the war home to Russians.

LEADERS

- **The President (Trump):** Portrayed as erratic and impulsive. His ["daily reversals"](#) and "bluster" are seen as evidence of a leader ["at a strategic crossroads"](#) with no clear end-game.
- **Senator Lindsey Graham:** Posthumously framed as an ["American story"](#) and a ["fierce hawk"](#) whose absence is a "huge loss for [institutional memory](#)."
- **Vladimir Putin:** Characterized as a leader facing [unsustainable pressure](#), with his "special military operation" [increasingly ignored](#) by his own state media.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **IRGC (Revolutionary Guard):** Framed as the [true power in Tehran](#), determined to use [maritime leverage](#) to extract concessions.

- **ICE:** Portrayed as a ["rogue agency"](#) lacking discipline and ["weaponizing vehicles"](#) as a standard narrative for botched operations.
- **Meta:** Seen as a corporate giant deepening [local dependency](#) with a [\\$50 billion project](#) in Louisiana.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

Narrative seeding is highly active regarding both the 2020 election and current law enforcement activities. The President's prime-time address is labeled by critics as a ["preemptive strike"](#) and an attempt to ["relitigate"](#) debunked fraud claims. Simultaneously, the DHS/ICE use of the term ["weaponized the vehicle"](#) is identified as a recurring ["narrative of choice"](#) used to justify the use of force [without evidence](#). Information is being weaponized to ["sabotage" midterm prospects](#), while the lack of body cam footage [is used by the agency](#) to maintain a [lack of transparency](#).

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- The confirmation of Todd Blanche as AG is [unlikely to survive](#) the committee vote if [even one Republican](#) (likely Tillis or Cornyn) defects.
- The Iran war will transition from a "skirmish" to an [unconventional war of attrition](#) centered on civilian infrastructure (power plants/bridges).
- The 2026 midterms will be defined by [referendums on ICE conduct](#) and [election machine control](#), rather than the economy.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks):

- Likely increase in [retaliatory strikes](#) from Iran against Gulf desalination plants or oil rigs.
- A [sharp spike in fuel prices](#) as the U.S. blockade goes into full effect at 4 P.M. today.
- Intense [civilian protests](#) in immigrant-heavy voting blocs ahead of the midterms.

Medium Term (1-6 Months):

- A [regulatory overhaul](#) of ICE operational policies (MOU or laws) to mandate body cameras.
- Potential [U.S. stock market volatility](#) if the Paramount merger is definitively [blocked by the courts](#).

Long Term (1-5 Years):

- A structural shift in the [Republican Party](#) as "Hawks" like Graham are replaced by [isolationist loyalists](#).
- The [de-normalization](#) of international waters as free transit zones if U.S. toiling persists.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Maritime Conflict Attrition:** The U.S. Navy risks depleting its stockpile of [high-end interceptors](#) against low-cost Iranian drones. **Triggers:** Massed drone swarm attacks. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Critical (loss of regional defense). **Mitigations:** Fast-tracking licensing for [local Patriot production](#) in Ukraine/Europe.

- **Institutional Breakdown:** The open conflict between the **federal judiciary** and the **executive** leads to a constitutional crisis. **Triggers:** Dismissal of federal judges or ignoring [referrals to disciplinary boards](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** High. **Mitigations:** Bipartisan [support for judicial ethics](#) reform.
- **Energy Shock Inflation:** Surging oil prices [destabilize the domestic economy](#) and derail the "mission accomplished" inflation narrative. **Triggers:** Complete closure of the Strait of Hormuz. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Critical (Global recession). **Mitigations:** Immediate [backchannel diplomacy](#) with Iran.
- **Civil Unrest Surge:** Fatal law enforcement incidents [mobilize radical factions](#) on both sides of the immigration debate. **Triggers:** A third fatal shooting without body cam footage. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Moderate/High. **Mitigations:** Nationwide [mandate for body cameras](#).
- **Electoral Delitigation:** Executive interference in EAC [undermines the legitimacy](#) of the 2026 midterms. **Triggers:** De-certification of [voting machine guidelines](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Critical (Domestic stability). **Mitigations:** Congressional [re-funding of election security](#).

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The broadcasts fail to provide details on the [actual status of the Iranian regime's nuclear enrichment](#), focusing only on tactical power plant strikes.
- There is no mention of [allied counter-proposals](#) for the maritime blockade beyond "investment deals."

- The [Colombian victim's visa status](#) is cited but [not independently verified](#) through federal records.
- The impact of the [Houthi threat in the Red Sea](#) on the broader Hormuz blockade is mentioned [only in passing](#).

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Strait Gambit":** The President's toll proposal and subsequent "investment" pivot is not impulsive, but a [coordinated play](#) to force Gulf nations into massive [infrastructure spending](#) in the U.S. while offloading the political cost of high oil prices to [external factors](#).
- **The "ICE Distraction":** The focus on tactical failures (body cams/moratoriums) is being leveraged by the administration to [hide the sheer scale](#) of a deportation campaign that is [moving toward its 1 million-per-year goal](#) regardless of individual shooting incidents.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Transition toward a [non-belligerent coalition](#) for maritime escort to prevent a full-scale regional war.
- **Economic:** Implement [aggressive energy diversification](#) to reduce dependency on the Strait of Hormuz chokepoint.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize [judicial ethics codes](#) to restore the perceived independence of the Department of Justice.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chain:** Diversify away from [energy-heavy logistics](#) routes that pass through the Persian Gulf.
- **Compliance:** Anticipate [stricter antitrust enforcement](#) from state-level attorneys general regardless of federal policy.
- **Allocation:** Re-evaluate capital placement in [Middle Eastern infrastructure](#) projects given the risk of direct kinetic damage to power grids.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Congressional activity is dominated by funding requests for security and a major shift in Daylight Saving Time policy. The Senate is in mourning following the [death of Lindsey Graham](#), which has stalled a key [Russian sanctions bill](#). High-profile hearings are underway for [Supreme Court funding](#) and [Federal Reserve oversight](#).

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Sunshine Protection Act:** Passed the House ([308-117](#)) to make Daylight Saving Time permanent; intent is to reduce economic friction and [workplace injuries](#).
- **Graham Sanctions Bill:** A [bipartisan package](#) targeting Russian oil/natural gas imports; President Trump now [publicly supports](#) its passage.
- **Save America Act:** A [federal elections bill](#) requiring proof of citizenship for voting; currently facing [significant opposition](#).
- **Massie Amendment:** A proposal to [cut off U.S. aid](#) to Israel, highlighting [intra-party fractures](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **SCOTUS Budget Hearing:** Justices Kagan and Barrett requested a [\\$29 million increase](#) for security; Barrett detailed a [swatting incident](#) at her home.
- **Warsh Fed Testimony:** The new Chairman faced questions on [rate cuts](#); he maintained that "inflation is a choice" and curbing [enthusiasm for rate cuts](#) is necessary.
- **Iraqi Bilateral Meeting:** The President hosted PM Ali al-Zaidi, discussing [energy partnerships](#) and Iraq's [tremendous potential wealth](#).

KEY STORIES

- **ICE Fatal Shooting in Biddeford:** A 26-year-old Colombian man, [Johan Sebastian Guerrero](#), was shot and killed while driving to work. He was [wrongly targeted](#) in a surveillance operation. The shooting [sparks local protests](#) and a DHS vehicle-stop moratorium.
- **Strait of Hormuz Policy Reversal:** President Trump [proposed a 20% toll](#) on cargo, then [dropped it](#) in favor of investment deals from [Gulf states](#) after international shock and [cabinet friction](#).
- **Voiding of IRS Settlement:** Judge Williams [blew up a settlement](#) granting the President immunity. She [sanctioned attorneys](#) for "manipulating the judicial process."
- **Lindsey Graham Death and Succession:** The senator died at 71 of an [aortic dissection](#). His sister, [Darlene Graham Nordone](#), was sworn in as an [interim senator](#).

- **Cyclospora Parasite Outbreak:** Over [3,000 people sicken](#) in a multi-state outbreak linked to [salad greens](#) from Michigan and Ohio.
- **Supreme Court Security Testimony:** Justices [testified publicly](#) for the first time in seven years to [request \\$1 billion](#) for overall security [amidst soaring threats](#).
- **Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger Suit:** 12 states [sued to block](#) the merger, claiming [competition would be crushed](#) and [prices would rise](#).
- **Election Assistance Commission Firing:** Leadership was [fired by the White House](#) without cause, raising [alarms among Democrats](#) ahead of a [prime-time address](#).
- **Ukraine Sea of Azov Offensive:** Ukrainian drones hit [a dozen Russian vessels](#), including oil tankers, in a [significant expansion](#) of their drone campaign.
- **Tylenol Autism Lawsuits:** A federal appeals court [revived 500+ lawsuits](#) linking acetaminophen use during pregnancy [to autism/ADHD](#).
- **Beluga Whale Rescue:** 30 whales [stranded at a Canadian park](#) were rescued, with [28 moving to the U.S.](#) and 2 to Spain.
- **Sully Sullenberger Diagnosis:** The "Miracle on the Hudson" pilot [revealed he has Alzheimer's](#) in its [early stages](#).
- **World Cup Semifinal:** Spain defeated France [2-0](#) to advance to the final in [New York/New Jersey](#).
- **Bison Attack Recovery:** Grandfather Carl McDaniel is recovering after being [tossed 10 feet](#) in the air at [Yellowstone](#).
- **Florida Car Explosion:** A 28-year-old welder [walked away](#) after his car [exploded](#) due to a [leaking cylinder](#).

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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