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MAGCON STATUS

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MAGCON HOLDS AT LEVEL 3 – ELEVATED; TREND SHIFTS TOWARD A TACTICAL PAUSE ON THE HORMUZ AXIS WHILE A NEW SPILLOVER RISK EMERGES AT BAB EL-MANDEB. For the first time in two weeks, the US military did not announce new strikes on Iran as of 25 July, and an Omani delegation visited Tehran (24–25 July) to discuss resuming Strait of Hormuz shipping. This is a lull in tempo, not a resolution: sirens sounded across Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan on 20 July as Iran struck a Kuwaiti power/water plant and targeted US bases, and the US struck a site near the Iraq–Iran border crossing and disabled another blockade-running vessel on 24 July; the Army confirmed the identity of a US service member killed in an Iranian attack in Jordan. Status: STRAIT OF HORMUZ REMAINS STABLE — PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED. Separately, Houthi forces attacked Saudi vessels this week enforcing a blockade of Bab el-Mandeb, compounding disruption alongside the still-effective Hormuz closure — a new secondary chokepoint risk. On Israel–Lebanon, the US-brokered trilateral framework moved from fragile-but-holding to active implementation: the Lebanese army deployed into the border village of Zawtar al-Gharbiya (21 July), the first of three villages under the framework, and Lebanese President Aoun traveled to Washington seeking a permanent end to hostilities and a confirmed Israeli withdrawal. Domestically, the House Judiciary Oversight Subcommittee held a hearing (22 July) on conditions and protest disruption at the Delaney Hall ICE facility. Five new CISA KEV entries were added this cycle (DD-WRT, Langflow, WordPress Core x2, Check Point SmartConsole, SharePoint deserialization) — notably including two WordPress Core vulnerabilities relevant to magnethf.com's own publishing platform. Two new MAGNET S2 flash reports on Flock Safety ALPR camera deployment

(Region 8 and Nationwide) were published since the last cycle. The 2026 FIFA World Cup closes out this cycle with a CIS post-event threat report confirming no successful attacks across 11 US host cities. PJM has no active grid alerts this cycle; Section 702/FISA and America 250 remain unchanged.

TREND VS LAST WEEK: PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED (HORMUZ) / NEW SPILLOVER (BAB EL-MANDEB) / DE-ESCALATING (ISRAEL-LEBANON) / CLOSED OUT (FIFA WORLD CUP) / NEW OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY (DELANEY HALL) / FIVE NEW CRITICAL KEYS / NO CHANGE (PJM, SECTION 702, AMERICA 250)

PRIMARY RISK DRIVERS

- **PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED — Strait of Hormuz/Iran War:** No new US strikes on Iran announced as of 25 July, first pause in two weeks; Omani delegation visited Tehran 24–25 July for shipping talks. But 20 July saw sirens across Bahrain/Kuwait/Jordan and a Kuwaiti power/water plant hit; US struck a site near the Iraq–Iran border and disabled a blockade-running vessel on 24 July; a US service member's death in Jordan was confirmed. Iranian military official publicly contradicted Trump's optimistic diplomatic framing.
- **NEW — Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea Spillover:** Houthi forces attacked Saudi vessels this week enforcing a blockade of Bab el-Mandeb, a critical oil corridor already strained by the effective Hormuz closure.
- **DE-ESCALATING — Israel–Lebanon Trilateral Framework Implementation:** Lebanese army deployed into Zawtar al-Gharbiya (21 July), the first of three villages under the US-brokered framework. Lebanese President Aoun in Washington seeking to formalize a permanent end to hostilities and a confirmed Israeli withdrawal.
- **NEW — Delaney Hall Congressional Oversight Hearing:** House Judiciary Oversight Subcommittee held a hearing (22 July) on facility conditions and protest-driven disruption to ICE enforcement operations at Delaney Hall, Newark, NJ.
- **NEW — Five Additional Critical CISA KEV Entries:** DD-WRT (CVE-2021-27137), Langflow (CVE-2026-0770), WordPress Core x2 (CVE-2026-63030, CVE-2026-60137) added 21 July; Check Point SmartConsole (CVE-2026-16232) and Microsoft SharePoint deserialization (CVE-2026-50522) added 22 July.
- **CLOSED OUT — FIFA World Cup 2026 Post-Event Assessment:** CIS released a post-event report (21 July) confirming the 39-day tournament faced 1B+ cyber threats and jihadist calls for violence but no successful attacks across 11 US host cities and 6.25M spectators.
- **NEW — Flock Safety ALPR Flash Reports:** Two new MAGNET S2 flash reports published since last cycle: Region 8 260720-2000Z (MARS Region 8 ALPR deployment) and Nationwide 260720-2000Z (nationwide ALPR expansion and digital footprint exposure risk to MAGNET personnel).
- **NO CHANGE — PJM Grid, Section 702/FISA, America 250:** No active PJM grid alerts this cycle. Section 702 remains lapsed statutorily with FISC certifications continuing collection through ~March 2027. America 250 year-long observance continues through Dec 2026 with no new security incidents.

DELTA SUMMARY — CHANGES FROM LAST REPORT (260719-1200Z)

TOPIC	DELTA FROM 260719-1200Z / STATUS
Strait of Hormuz / Iran War — Status	PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED — No new US strikes on Iran as of 25 July (first pause in 2 weeks); Omani talks in Tehran 24–25 July. Sirens Bahrain/Kuwait/Jordan 20 July, Kuwaiti plant hit, US border-area strike + vessel interdiction 24 July, US KIA in Jordan confirmed.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	NEW — Houthi attacks on Saudi vessels this week enforcing blockade; compounding Hormuz-linked disruption.
Israel–Lebanon Trilateral Framework	DE-ESCALATING — Implementation begins; Lebanese army deployed into Zawtar al-Gharbiya (21 July); Pres. Aoun in DC seeking permanent end to hostilities.
Delaney Hall ICE Facility	NEW — House Judiciary Oversight hearing held 22 July on facility conditions and protest disruption.
CISA KEV Catalog	NEW — 5 additional entries (DD-WRT, Langflow, WordPress Core x2, Check Point SmartConsole, SharePoint deserialization), 21–22 July.
FIFA World Cup 2026	CLOSED OUT — CIS post-event report (21 July) confirms no successful attacks across 11 host cities; de-prioritized as active watch item.
Flock Safety ALPR (Flash Reports)	NEW — Two flash reports published since last cycle (Region 8; Nationwide expansion / digital footprint risk).
PJM Grid Reliability	NO CHANGE — No active alerts this cycle.
Section 702 / FISA	NO CHANGE — Remains lapsed; FISC certifications continue authorizing existing collection.
America 250	NO CHANGE — Year-long observance continues; no new incidents identified.
Domestic Political Continuity	NO CHANGE — No new discrete incident this cycle; baseline elevated political-violence trend persists.

NO CHANGE

- **NO CHANGE — PJM Grid:** No active Maximum Generation / Load Management / Hot Weather alerts this cycle.

- **NO CHANGE — Section 702 / FISA:** Remains statutorily lapsed; FISC certifications continue authorizing existing collection through ~March 2027.
- **NO CHANGE — America 250:** Year-long semiquincentennial observance continues through December 2026; no new security incidents identified this cycle.
- **NO CHANGE — Domestic Political Continuity:** No new discrete incident this cycle; baseline elevated political-violence trend (per Carnegie/Princeton BDI tracking) persists as a standing watch item.

SECTOR THREAT LEVELS

SECTOR	LEVEL	NOTES
Terrorism / Extremism	ELEVATED	FIFA World Cup concluded without incident; Hormuz pause reduces near-term retaliatory risk but Delaney Hall protest friction continues.
Cyber / Infrastructure	ELEVATED	Five new CISA KEV entries this cycle including two WordPress Core vulnerabilities directly relevant to magnethf.com's platform; SharePoint deserialization chain continues to grow.
Energy / Economic	CRITICAL	Carried forward — no fresh pricing data collected this cycle; prior cycle's elevated fuel/shipping/insurance cost impacts presumed to persist pending confirmed easing.
Civil Unrest	HEIGHTENED	Delaney Hall House Judiciary Oversight hearing (22 July) underscores continued baseline ICE-enforcement-adjacent tension.
Transportation / Mass Gatherings	ROUTINE	FIFA World Cup Final concluded last cycle without incident; no new major mass-gathering event flagged this cycle.
Public Health / Environmental	ELEVATED	Carried forward at prior assessment; no fresh wildfire/air-quality reporting collected this cycle pending next OSINT sweep.
Border / Immigration	HEIGHTENED	House Judiciary Oversight hearing on Delaney Hall this

SECTOR	LEVEL	NOTES
		cycle; anticipate continued legislative/media attention.
Domestic Political / Continuity	HEIGHTENED	No new discrete incident this cycle; baseline elevated political-violence trend persists nationally.
Grid / Utilities	ROUTINE	No active PJM alerts this cycle; national reserve-margin tightening remains a longer-term structural watch item.

GLOBAL CHOKEPOINT WATCH

CHOKEPOINT	STATUS	ASSESSMENT
Strait of Hormuz	CRITICAL	Held at CRITICAL. Tempo has slowed — no new US strikes announced as of 25 July, Omani-mediated talks resumed — but this reflects a pause, not resolution. War-risk insurance and shipping costs remain at crisis levels pending confirmed reopening.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	HEIGHTENED	Escalated from ELEVATED. Houthi forces attacked Saudi vessels this week enforcing a blockade, compounding disruption alongside the still-effective Hormuz closure.
Panama Canal	ROUTINE	Stable. Normal operations. No new reporting this cycle.
Strait of Malacca	ELEVATED	No new significant reporting this cycle; carried forward pending fresh OSINT sweep next cycle.

KEY INCIDENTS

STRAIT OF HORMUZ PAUSE AND BAB EL-MANDEB SPILLOVER (20–26 JULY)

The tempo of US-Iran strikes over the Strait of Hormuz slowed markedly this cycle after nearly three weeks of near-continuous escalation. Sirens sounded across Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan on 20 July as Iran launched missile and drone strikes against US military infrastructure, damaging a Kuwaiti power/water plant and prompting Jordanian air-defense intercepts. The US struck a site near the Iraq–Iran border crossing and disabled another vessel attempting to breach its naval blockade of

Iranian ports on 24 July; the Army separately confirmed the identity of a US service member killed in an Iranian attack in Jordan. As of 25 July, the US military had not announced new strikes on Iran for the first time in two weeks, and an Omani diplomatic delegation visited Tehran (24–25 July) to discuss resuming Strait of Hormuz shipping. Messaging remains contradictory: President Trump characterized Iran as “getting more serious” about a deal, while an Iranian military official publicly invited a US ground invasion the same weekend. Per standing MAGNET S2 convention, this is assessed as a pause in kinetic tempo, not a resolution of the underlying crisis. Separately, Houthi forces attacked Saudi vessels this week as part of an effort to enforce a blockade of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait — a secondary chokepoint disruption compounding the still-effective closure of Hormuz and warranting elevation of that chokepoint's status this cycle.

ISRAEL–LEBANON TRILATERAL FRAMEWORK: IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS

The US-brokered trilateral framework between Israel, Lebanon, and the United States moved from a fragile standstill into active implementation this cycle. The Lebanese army deployed into the border village of Zawtar al-Gharbiya on 21 July, the first of three villages designated for phased Israeli withdrawal and Lebanese government control under the framework. Lebanese President Joseph Aoun traveled to Washington, DC, stating his goal is to end the “state of hostility between Lebanon and Israel forever” and seeking US backing to secure a confirmed Israeli withdrawal from remaining occupied areas in the south. This represents a de-escalatory shift from the prior cycle's fragile-but-intermittently-violated posture, though full implementation across all designated areas remains pending.

DELANEY HALL: HOUSE JUDICIARY OVERSIGHT HEARING (22 JULY)

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing titled “False Narratives Surrounding Conditions at the Delaney Hall ICE Detention Center” on 22 July, examining the importance of ICE detention operations and how sustained protest activity at the Newark, NJ facility has disrupted enforcement efforts and, per the subcommittee's framing, put public safety at risk. The hearing follows months of clashes between law enforcement and protesters outside the facility beginning in late May, including allegations of poor detainee living conditions that protesters say motivate their demonstrations. No new incidents at the facility itself were reported this cycle; the hearing itself is the primary development.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026: POST-EVENT THREAT ASSESSMENT

The Center for Internet Security (CIS) released a report on 21 July detailing its embedded threat-monitoring support throughout the 39-day, three-nation 2026 FIFA World Cup, which concluded 19 July. The report confirms the tournament faced more than one billion cyber threats, pro-jihadist calls for knife, vehicle, and arson attacks, and threats of violence against players, referees, and fans across 11 US host cities and roughly 6.25 million spectators — with no successful attacks recorded. This closes out the tournament as an active MAGNET S2 watch item; recommend de-prioritizing absent new scheduled mass-gathering events tied to the tournament's legacy.

CYBER / INFRASTRUCTURE KEV BULLETIN

CVE	VULNERABILITY	SEVERITY	NOTES
CVE-2021-27137	DD-WRT Stack-Based Buffer Overflow	CRITICAL	Added 21 July. Legacy router firmware flaw; frequent attack vector on internet-exposed devices.

CVE	VULNERABILITY	SEVERITY	NOTES
CVE-2026-0770	Langflow Inclusion of Functionality from Untrusted Control Sphere	CRITICAL	Added 21 July. AI workflow platform; patch per BOD 26-04 guidance.
CVE-2026-63030	WordPress Core Interpretation Conflict	CRITICAL	Added 21 July. Directly relevant to magnethf.com's own publishing platform — prioritize.
CVE-2026-60137	WordPress Core SQL Injection	CRITICAL	Added 21 July. Companion WordPress Core flaw — patch alongside -63030.
CVE-2026-16232	Check Point SmartConsole Improper Authentication	HIGH	Added 22 July. Frequent attack vector for malicious cyber actors.
CVE-2026-50522	Microsoft SharePoint Deserialization of Untrusted Data	CRITICAL	Added 22 July. Extends the ongoing on-premises SharePoint exploitation chain (CVE-2026-32201/-45659/-56164/-58644).

EMERGING INDICATORS

- **WATCH — Hormuz Ceasefire Trajectory:** Monitor whether the 25 July pause and Omani-mediated talks produce a durable de-escalation, or whether the contradictory US/Iran messaging this cycle signals only a tactical lull before renewed strikes.
- **WATCH — Bab el-Mandeb / Houthi-Saudi Escalation:** Track further Houthi targeting of Saudi vessels and any broadening of the blockade effort; assess compounding effect on Gulf-linked shipping already strained by Hormuz.
- **WATCH — Israel–Lebanon Framework Village-by-Village Implementation:** Monitor whether Israeli withdrawal and Lebanese army deployment proceeds to the remaining two designated villages, and outcomes of Pres. Aoun's Washington talks.
- **WATCH — Delaney Hall Hearing Follow-On Action:** Track any legislative, policy, or protest-related developments stemming from the 22 July House Judiciary Oversight hearing.
- **WATCH — WordPress Core KEV Exploitation:** Given magnethf.com's own WordPress platform, monitor for exploitation attempts against CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137 and confirm internal patch status.
- **WATCH — National Grid Reserve Margins:** Carried forward — analysts continue to flag tightening national reserve margins (projected below 20% safety threshold by 2027) as a standing structural risk despite no active PJM alerts this cycle.

VERIFIED STATUS

✓ **CONFIRMED** Sirens sounded across Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan on 20 July; a Kuwaiti power/water plant was hit by Iranian strikes. (RFE/RL via GlobalSecurity.org; Al Jazeera — 20 July 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** The US military did not announce new strikes on Iran as of 25 July — the first such pause in two weeks. (CNN — 25 July 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** An Omani diplomatic delegation visited Tehran 24–25 July for Strait of Hormuz shipping talks. (IRNA via CNN, ABC News — 25 July 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** The Lebanese army deployed into the border village of Zawtar al-Gharbiya on 21 July under the trilateral framework. (Al Jazeera — 21 July 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** The House Judiciary Oversight Subcommittee held a hearing on Delaney Hall conditions and protest disruption on 22 July. (House Judiciary Committee; PBS News — 22 July 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** Five new CISA KEV catalog entries were added 21–22 July 2026. (CISA — 21–22 July 2026)

✗ **NOT CONFIRMED** Whether the 25 July Hormuz pause reflects durable ceasefire progress or a tactical lull — an Iranian military official publicly contradicted President Trump's optimistic framing the same weekend. (CNN — 25 July 2026)

✗ **NOT CONFIRMED** Current fuel, shipping, and marine-insurance pricing trend this cycle — no fresh quantified data point was collected; prior cycle's crisis-level figures are carried forward as a presumption only.

OPERATOR GUIDANCE

- **Maritime / Shipping:** Continue avoiding Strait of Hormuz transit without current TRANSCOM/JMIC guidance. Monitor Bab el-Mandeb closely given new Houthi targeting of Saudi vessels this week; anticipate continued elevated freight and insurance costs across all Gulf-linked supply chains.
- **Cyber:** Prioritize immediate patching of the five new CISA KEV entries per BOD 26-04, with particular attention to the two WordPress Core vulnerabilities (CVE-2026-63030, CVE-2026-60137) given magnethf.com's own WordPress platform. Confirm SharePoint deserialization chain remediation status.
- **Border / Immigration:** Operators near Newark, NJ should monitor Delaney Hall for possible protest activity in response to the 22 July House hearing; anticipate continued media and legislative attention to the facility.
- **Diplomatic Tracking:** Track Israel–Lebanon village-by-village withdrawal implementation and Pres. Aoun's Washington talks for signs of durable de-escalation versus stalled progress.
- **General:** No change to standing guidance for Section 702, America 250, or PJM grid conditions at this time.

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PATCH WORDPRESS ITEMS PRIORITY GIVEN MAGNETHF.COM PLATFORM. 6. FIFA WC 2026 CLOSED OUT: CIS POST-EVENT RPT CONFIRMS 1B+ CYBER THREATS, PRO-JIHADIST CALLS, NO SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ACROSS 11 US HOST CITIES. 7. 2 NEW MAGNET FLASH RPTS: FLOCK SAFETY ALPR REGION 8 + NATIONWIDE. PJM/SEC702/AMERICA250 NO CHANGE. REF FULL REPORT: MAGNETHF.COM/REPORTS // NEXT REPORT: 260802-1200Z END FLMSG END FLMSG

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