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WEEKLY OSINT INTELLIGENCE SNAPSHOT

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MAGCON STATUS

MAGCON LEVEL 3 ELEVATED

MAGCON holds at Level 3 – ELEVATED per standing direction, though this cycle's signals are genuinely mixed. On the Gulf chokepoint front, Iran and Oman have reached agreement on proposed Strait of Hormuz shipping-route coordinates, with Tehran describing a deal as “very close” (Araghchi, 8 Aug) — but Iran is explicit that any Oman framework will not by itself reopen the strait, and continues to deny direct US-Iran talks while demanding US concessions. The UAE reported another Iranian strike on a vessel in the strait as of 8 Aug. Per standing correction: this is diplomatic movement, not resolution.

Bab el-Mandeb/Red Sea traffic has stabilized at 266–275 weekly transits after the initial ~24% drop from the Houthi blockade of Saudi Arabia; VLCC traffic through Suez has quadrupled as tankers reroute around the blockade rather than through it. No new Houthi attacks on Saudi-flagged vessels have been recorded since 25 Jul.

On the domestic front, this cycle registers a hardening: a second ICE-custody death at Delaney Hall (Edwin Lopez-Cornejo, 1 Aug — the 53rd known ICE-custody death under this administration) has renewed protests and family allegations of medical neglect. CISA added four new KEV entries this cycle, and PJM formally filed its Reliability Backstop Procurement proposal at FERC, with a one-time auction set for 30 Sep–21 Oct. The Israel–Lebanon Rome technical round (4–6 Aug) concluded without a breakthrough on Hezbollah disarmament, though limited progress was reported on border and prisoner-exchange issues.

TREND VS LAST REPORT (260802-1200Z): MIXED — EASING ON GULF CHOKEPOINTS / HARDENING ON ICE-CUSTODY & CYBER SECTORS

PRIMARY RISK DRIVERS

- Iran and Oman have reached agreement on proposed Strait of Hormuz shipping-route coordinates; Tehran's FM called a deal with Oman “very close” (8 Aug) but stressed it will not by itself reopen the strait absent US concessions
- Iran continues to deny direct US-Iran negotiations, insisting talks are Iran-Oman only; UAE reported a further Iranian strike on a vessel in the strait as of 8 Aug — attacks have not fully stopped despite diplomatic movement
- Bab el-Mandeb/Red Sea traffic has stabilized at 266–275 weekly transits (Lloyd's List) after the initial ~24% post-blockade drop; VLCC traffic through Suez has quadrupled as vessels reroute rather than transit direct; no new Houthi attacks on Saudi vessels since 25 Jul
- Israel–Lebanon Rome technical round (4–6 Aug, seventh overall) ended without breakthrough on Hezbollah disarmament or an Israeli withdrawal mechanism; continued Israeli strikes in south Lebanon during talks (Tebnine strike: 1 killed, 11 wounded); next round expected early September, no date set
- Edwin Lopez-Cornejo (41, El Salvador) died 1 Aug in ICE custody at Delaney Hall following a medical emergency — 53rd known ICE-custody death under this administration per Physicians for Human Rights; family alleges medical neglect; renewed protests at the facility
- CISA KEV additions this cycle: CVE-2026-18577 and CVE-2026-18556 (N-able N-central auth bypass), CVE-2026-9198 (IBM Langflow code injection, CVSS 9.8, unauthenticated RCE), CVE-2026-34486 (Apache Tomcat missing encryption)
- PJM formally filed its Reliability Backstop Procurement proposal at FERC (31 Jul); one-time auction window set for 30 Sep–21 Oct with a \$555/MW-day price cap, targeting the 6.8 GW shortfall from the 2028/2029 Base Residual Auction
- Senate confirmed Todd Blanche as Attorney General, 50–49 (8 Aug) — noted for institutional/continuity-of-government tracking only

- magnethf.com/reports direct-fetch remains blocked this cycle by site robots.txt (ROBOTS_DISALLOWED); no new Flock Safety ALPR flash reports were provided this cycle for intake

DELTA SUMMARY — CHANGES FROM LAST REPORT (260802-1200Z)

TOPIC	DELTA FROM 260802-1200Z
Strait of Hormuz / Iran Talks	EASING — NOT RESOLVED. Iran-Oman reached agreement on proposed route coordinates; Tehran says deal “very close” (8 Aug) but explicitly not sufficient to reopen the strait; demands US concessions. Iran denies direct US talks. UAE reports a further Iranian strike on a vessel 8 Aug. Retain “paused, not resolved” language per standing correction.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	STABILIZING. Traffic down ~24% initially, now stable at 266–275 weekly transits (vs. 354 pre-blockade). VLCC traffic through Suez quadrupled via lightening/rerouting. No new attacks on Saudi vessels since 25 Jul. Blockade remains formally in effect — this is adaptation, not lifting.
Israel–Lebanon Framework	ONGOING — STALLED. Rome round 7 (4–6 Aug) ended without breakthrough on Hezbollah disarmament or withdrawal mechanism. Mixed reporting on border/prisoner-exchange progress. Continued Israeli strikes in south Lebanon during talks. Next round expected early September, no date set.
CISA KEV Catalog	NEW. Four additions this cycle: N-able N-central auth bypass x2 (3, 4 Aug), IBM Langflow code injection CVSS 9.8 unauthenticated RCE (4 Aug), Apache Tomcat missing encryption (4 Aug). magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against last cycle's wp2shell chain remains unconfirmed.
PJM Grid Reliability	NEW. Reliability Backstop Procurement formally filed at FERC (31 Jul); one-time auction 30 Sep–21 Oct, \$555/MW-day price cap, targeting 6.8 GW shortfall. Separate PJM proposal to curtail large loads without own supply filed 7 Aug.
Flock Safety ALPR (Flash Reports)	NO CHANGE. No new regional flash reports were provided for intake this cycle. Standing digital-footprint guidance from prior regional reports remains in effect.
Delaney Hall (Newark ICE Facility)	WORSENING. Second ICE-custody death: Edwin Lopez-Cornejo (1 Aug), 53rd known ICE-custody death under this administration. Family alleges medical neglect; renewed protests. NJ DOH inspection-access litigation remains separately ongoing.
Section 702 / FISA	NO CHANGE. No material legislative movement identified this cycle. Certifications remain valid through March 2027 regardless of statute sunset timing.

NO CHANGE

- Section 702 certifications remain valid through March 2027 independent of statute sunset status
- FIFA World Cup 2026 remains closed as an active watch item (closed since 260802 cycle)
- Panama Canal transit remains ROUTINE; normal operations
- America 250 watch-item status unchanged pending direction on reinstatement; no reinstatement trigger identified this cycle (Freedom 250 Grand Prix, IndyCar/DC, runs 22–23 Aug)
- magnethf.com/reports direct-fetch remains blocked by site robots.txt; flash-report intake continues via direct file provision
- Terrorism/Extremism and Education sector levels unchanged from last cycle

SECTOR THREAT LEVELS

SECTOR	LEVEL	NOTES
Terrorism / Extremism	ELEVATED	No new incidents identified this cycle; standing posture carried forward.
Cyber Activity	ELEVATED	4 new CISA KEV additions this cycle, including a

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		CVSS 9.8 unauthenticated RCE in IBM Langflow.
Critical Infrastructure	ELEVATED	PJM Reliability Backstop Procurement formally filed at FERC; one-time auction set for late Sep/Oct.
Energy / Fuel Sector	ELEVATED	Downgraded from HIGH. Hormuz diplomatic movement and Red Sea traffic stabilization ease near-term pressure, though neither chokepoint is resolved.
Education Sector	ROUTINE	No significant developments identified this cycle.
Civil Unrest	ELEVATED	New driver: second Delaney Hall ICE-custody death (1 Aug) has renewed protests and family allegations of medical neglect.
Transportation Systems	ELEVATED	Downgraded from HIGH. Red Sea transit volumes have stabilized; Hormuz attacks continue but diplomatic track is progressing.
Supply Chain / Logistics	ELEVATED	Downgraded from HIGH. VLCC rerouting/lightering via Suez has absorbed much of the Bab el-Mandeb disruption.
Food / Fertilizer Security	ELEVATED	Gulf shipping disruption continues to affect fertilizer/ag trade lanes transiting the region; unchanged.

GLOBAL CHOKEPOINT WATCH

CHOKEPOINT	STATUS	ASSESSMENT
Strait of Hormuz	ELEVATED	Downgraded from HIGH. Iran-Oman route-coordinate agreement and “very close” deal language mark real diplomatic movement, but Iran denies direct US talks, demands concessions, and a further vessel strike was reported 8 Aug. “Paused, not resolved” — not to be characterized as resolved this cycle or any cycle until kinetic activity actually ends and the strait reopens to normal traffic.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	HIGH	Downgraded from CRITICAL. Weekly transits stabilized at 266–275 (vs. 354 pre-blockade); no new attacks on Saudi vessels since 25 Jul. Formal Houthi blockade remains in effect — this reflects traffic adaptation, not blockade lifting.
Panama Canal	ROUTINE	Stable. Normal operations; no reporting of disruption this cycle.
Strait of Malacca	ELEVATED	Stable. SE Asia energy stress from Hormuz/Bab el-Mandeb disruption persists; no direct incidents this cycle.

KEY INCIDENTS

Strait of Hormuz — diplomatic track advances, kinetic risk persists

Iran and Oman have agreed on geographic coordinates for a proposed interim shipping route through the Strait of Hormuz, with Iranian officials describing a framework agreement as awaiting “final approval” as of 8 August. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tehran is “very close” to a deal but stressed that any Iran-Oman arrangement would not by itself reopen the strait to normal traffic — Iran wants US “amends” for what it characterizes as a violation of the June memorandum of understanding before granting broader access. Iran continues to deny that it is negotiating directly with Washington. President Trump said on 5 August that reopening was possible “soon” and described “very good discussions” with Tehran, a characterization Iranian officials have not confirmed. The UAE reported on 8 August that Iran struck another vessel in the strait, underscoring that attacks have not stopped even as the diplomatic track progresses. Per standing MAGNET S2 correction, this sequence is being tracked as a genuine easing signal, not as resolution — the strait remains functionally constrained pending an actual signed framework and demonstrated normal transit.

Bab el-Mandeb — traffic adapts around the blockade rather than through it

Lloyd's List Intelligence's 6 August Red Sea brief shows weekly Bab el-Mandeb transits stabilizing at 266–275 following the initial ~24% decline after the Houthi blockade of Saudi Arabia was declared in mid-to-late July. Mainstream tanker traffic (excluding shadow-fleet vessels) fell more sharply, down 42% in the week immediately following the blockade, before partial recovery. VLCC traffic through the Suez Canal has quadrupled as vessels loading at Yanbu reduce cargo volumes or partially discharge at Ain Sukhna to meet Suez draft limits — a workaround pattern rather than a resolution of the underlying blockade, which remains formally in effect. No new Houthi attacks on Saudi-flagged or Saudi-linked tankers have been recorded since the 25 July strikes on two VLCCs.

Delaney Hall — second ICE-custody death in nine months

Edwin Lopez-Cornejo, a 41-year-old Salvadoran national, died 1 August at University Hospital in Newark after a medical emergency in ICE custody at Delaney Hall. He had been detained since 18 June pending removal under a reinstated prior removal order. ICE stated he “received proper medical care”; his family, joined by immigration advocates, alleges medical negligence, saying he managed seizures, diabetes, and blood pressure with medication. Physicians for Human Rights identifies this as the 53rd known ICE-custody death under the current administration — a mortality rate PHR characterizes as nearly four times the rate under the prior administration. This is the second Delaney Hall death since Jean Wilson Brutus in December 2025. Newark Mayor Ras Baraka renewed calls citing the facility's oversight record; protests at the facility resumed but have remained peaceful to date. This is tracked separately from the NJ Department of Health's ongoing inspection-access litigation against GEO Group, which shows no new court action this cycle.

Israel–Lebanon — Rome round seven ends without breakthrough

The seventh round of US-mediated Israel-Lebanon talks, held in Rome 4–6 August, concluded Thursday without a breakthrough on the core disputes: a verification mechanism for Hezbollah disarmament in pilot zones, and an Israeli withdrawal timeline from remaining positions in south Lebanon. Reporting is mixed — Al Jazeera and Israel Hayom characterized the sessions as tense with no practical progress, while later reporting (Vatican News, The New Arab) indicated some movement on border-dispute issues and a preliminary prisoner list, with ICRC involvement in a potential exchange. Israeli airstrikes continued in south Lebanon during the talks, including a strike on Tebnine that killed one person and wounded eleven; Israel separately ordered residents of Mansouri to evacuate, describing subsequent strikes there as a response to a ceasefire violation. A further round is expected in early September; no date has been set.

CYBER / INFRASTRUCTURE KEV BULLETIN — PATCH IMMEDIATELY

CVE	VENDOR / PRODUCT	SEVERITY	NOTES
CVE-2026-9198	IBM Langflow	CRITICAL	Code injection allowing unauthenticated full RCE on default deployments (CVSS 9.8). Fixed in v1.10.1 (Jul 2026). 650+ exploitation attempts recorded from 244 unique IPs across 41 countries since 6 Jul. Added to KEV 4 Aug.
CVE-2026-18556	N-able N-central	HIGH	Authentication bypass via alternate path/channel (CVSS 8.2). Added to KEV 4 Aug. Apply vendor patch immediately.
CVE-2026-18577	N-able N-central	HIGH	Related authentication bypass vulnerability (alternate path/channel). Added to KEV 3 Aug — first of two N-central entries this cycle. Apply vendor patch immediately.
CVE-2026-34486	Apache Tomcat	ELEVATED	Missing encryption of sensitive data; bypasses EncryptInterceptor pre-shared-key protection between cluster nodes (CVSS 7.5). Fixed in 11.0.21 / 10.1.54 / 9.0.117 (Apr 2026). Added to KEV 4 Aug.

Standing open item: *magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against the wp2shell chain (CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137) flagged in the 260802 cycle remains unconfirmed. No new information located this cycle — direct confirmation from the approving authority is requested before next publish cycle.*

FLASH REPORT DIGEST

No new Flock Safety ALPR regional flash reports were provided for intake this cycle. Standing digital-footprint reduction and PACE-tier operator guidance from the Nationwide and Regions 1, 5, 7, 8, and 10 baselines (last incorporated 260802 cycle) remain in effect — see Operator Guidance below. If additional regional reports have been published since the last cycle, they were not accessible via direct site fetch (robots.txt) and should be provided directly for the next cycle.

EMERGING INDICATORS — WATCH ITEMS FOR NEXT CYCLE

- Whether the Iran-Oman Hormuz framework receives “final approval” and, separately, whether that translates into any actual change in transit volumes or continued Iranian strikes on shipping
- Outcome of the next Israel–Lebanon round expected early September; watch for a firmer date and any movement on the Hezbollah disarmament verification mechanism
- Official cause-of-death determination for Edwin Lopez-Cornejo and any DHS Office of Inspector General findings
- Confirmation of *magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137*
- PJM Reliability Backstop Procurement auction proceedings (window opens 30 Sep) and any FERC order modifying the proposal before then
- Whether Bab el-Mandeb traffic stabilization holds or reverses if Houthi enforcement activity resumes
- Any new Flock Safety ALPR regional flash reports published since the last cycle

VERIFIED STATUS

CONFIRMED ✓

- Iran and Oman have agreed on proposed Strait of Hormuz shipping-route coordinates [Bloomberg, Al Jazeera]
- Iran's FM Araghchi stated 8 Aug that a Hormuz deal is “very close” but not sufficient by itself to reopen the strait [Bloomberg, US News/Reuters]
- Bab el-Mandeb weekly transits stabilized at 266–275 after initial ~24% decline [Lloyd's List Intelligence]
- Edwin Lopez-Cornejo died 1 Aug in ICE custody at Delaney Hall following a medical emergency [ICE official statement, CNN, ABC News]
- PJM's Reliability Backstop Procurement was formally filed at FERC 31 Jul, with auction window 30 Sep–21 Oct [Utility Dive, Foley Hoag, PJM]
- CISA added four new KEV entries this cycle across N-able N-central (×2), IBM Langflow, and Apache Tomcat [CISA official alerts]
- Israel–Lebanon Rome round 7 concluded 6 Aug without a breakthrough on Hezbollah disarmament [The New Arab, Al Jazeera]

NOT CONFIRMED ✗

- Whether *magnethf.com's own WordPress Core installation has applied the wp2shell patch — pending direct confirmation from the approving authority*
- Whether the Iran-Oman framework agreement has received the stated “final approval” as of this cycle's cutoff
- Extent of “progress” reported at the Rome talks — sourcing is genuinely split between outlets reporting stalemate and outlets reporting border/prisoner-exchange movement
- Official cause of death for Edwin Lopez-Cornejo — pending medical examination per ICE's own statement

OPERATOR GUIDANCE

- Standing MAGNET-wide digital-footprint reduction guidance remains in effect: migrate primary MAGNET-activity devices to de-googled/de-Applied builds, avoid cellular payments, use offline login-free navigation (e.g., Magic Earth), and restrict background location permissions on non-essential apps.

- PACE tier guidance: continue treating smartphone-based Primary/Alternate coordination as more exposed than MAGNET HF/NBEMS, JS8Call, and VarAC BBS channels; favor Contingency/Emergency-tier radio coordination where operational sensitivity is a factor.
- Members transiting Gulf-shipping-adjacent supply chains should treat the Hormuz diplomatic movement as a leading indicator only — continue planning for price volatility and do not treat the chokepoint as reopened until normal transit is independently confirmed.
- Confirm magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137 before next publish cycle — this is now a second-cycle open item.
- Report any new Flock Safety ALPR regional flash reports through standard S2 intake channels for the next cycle; direct site fetch remains blocked by robots.txt.

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