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MAGCON STATUS

MAGCON LEVEL 3 ELEVATED

MAGCON holds at Level 3 – ELEVATED per standing direction. This is a short interim cycle (5 days since last publish) driven by a genuine reversal on the maritime front: on 12 Aug, Houthi missiles struck the Egyptian-owned cargo ship Tihamah near Perim Island, killing at least six — Yemen's government and Yemen's Transport Ministry report the first shipping deaths linked to the Houthis since the 28 Feb war began. This directly reverses last cycle's Bab el-Mandeb downgrade; it is being restored to CRITICAL this cycle.

Separately, the Strait of Hormuz picture is more complicated than last cycle's easing framing suggested. Iran-Oman route talks remain in “final stages,” but the US reimposed its naval blockade of Iranian ports on 14 July after the June MOU appeared to collapse, and blockade enforcement has now turned kinetic: a US Navy helicopter disabled the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova with two Hellfire missiles on 11 Aug — the third vessel disabled by direct fire since the blockade resumed (55 vessels redirected, 2 boarded, 3 disabled as of 11 Aug per CENTCOM). Hormuz is being restored to HIGH this cycle.

On 7 Aug — inside last cycle's window but missed in that sweep — Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement, a NATO-like collective-defense pact combining Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, Turkey's NATO-second-largest military, and Saudi economic weight. This is a significant new regional security-architecture development, included this cycle as a correction.

Domestically: a third Delaney Hall ICE-custody-linked death (Jose Chajon-Raxon, medical event 19 Jul, died after release) was disclosed 13 Aug — more than three weeks after the fact, and only after a member of Congress went public. Separately, unsealed court filings (13 Aug) confirm DHS ran undercover surveillance — “Operation Puppet Master” and “Project Whipple Shield” — against labor unions, climate groups, and other left-leaning organizations never accused of a crime, during and after the Minneapolis-St. Paul immigration crackdown. This is the first court-confirmed case matching the surveillance posture MAGNET's standing PACE/OPSEC guidance is designed against.

CISA added four new KEV entries this cycle. PJM, Section 702/FISA, and America 250 show no material change.

TREND VS LAST REPORT (260809-2100Z): WORSENING — MARITIME CHOKEPOINTS REVERSING LAST CYCLE'S EASING CALL / ICE-CUSTODY TRANSPARENCY / DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE CONFIRMED

PRIMARY RISK DRIVERS

- Houthi missiles struck the Egyptian-owned cargo ship Tihamah near Perim Island on 12 Aug, killing at least six — the first shipping deaths linked to the Houthis since the war began 28 Feb. Reverses last cycle's Bab el-Mandeb downgrade; restored to CRITICAL.
- US Navy Hellfire strike disabled the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova in the Gulf of Oman on 11 Aug — the third vessel disabled by direct kinetic fire since the US reimposed its Iran port blockade on 14 Jul (55 vessels redirected, 2 boarded, 3 disabled as of 11 Aug per CENTCOM). Hormuz restored to HIGH.
- Iran-Oman Hormuz route talks remain in “final stages” (Araghchi, 8–9 Aug); IRGC spokesman publicly rejected any US role in the talks — diplomatic movement continues in parallel with, not instead of, kinetic blockade enforcement.
- NEW (missed last cycle) — Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement on 7 Aug, a NATO-like collective-defense pact; Turkey's FM has said the pact is open to expansion to other countries.

- Third Delaney Hall ICE-custody-linked death disclosed: Jose Chajon-Raxon (Guatemalan) had a seizure-like event 19 Jul, one day after intake; was released from custody 22 Jul and later died. DHS did not disclose the death publicly — it surfaced only via Rep. Menendez's 3 Aug press call and a DHS statement 13 Aug, over three weeks after the fact. DHS maintains ICE has no reporting obligation once a detainee is “released.”
- NEW — Unsealed court filings (13 Aug) confirm DHS ran undercover surveillance operations (“Operation Puppet Master,” “Project Whipple Shield”) against labor unions, the Sunrise Movement, DSA chapters, and other non-criminal left-leaning organizations during/after the Minneapolis-St. Paul immigration crackdown. Documented tactics: infiltrated meetings, recorded conversations, infiltrated Signal chats, subpoenaed financial records. Legal basis is NSPM-7 (Sep 2025); 31 members of Congress have raised constitutional objections.
- CISA KEV additions this cycle: CVE-2026-8037 (Progress LoadMaster), CVE-2026-20349 (Cisco Secure Firewall ASA/FTD), CVE-2026-68820 (Windows AFD.sys), CVE-2026-72898 (Metabase SQL injection).
- magnethf.com/reports direct-fetch remains blocked by site robots.txt; no new Flock Safety ALPR flash reports were provided this cycle.

DELTA SUMMARY — CHANGES FROM LAST REPORT (260809-2100Z)

TOPIC	DELTA FROM 260809-2100Z
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	WORSENING — REVERSES LAST CYCLE. Houthi missile strike on cargo ship Tihamah (12 Aug) killed at least 6 — first shipping deaths linked to Houthis since war began. Restored from HIGH to CRITICAL. Last cycle's “stabilizing” call is superseded.
Strait of Hormuz / Iran Blockade	WORSENING. US blockade enforcement turned kinetic: Vela Nova disabled by Hellfire missiles 11 Aug, third vessel disabled since blockade resumed 14 Jul. Iran-Oman route talks continue in parallel but do not offset the enforcement escalation. Restored from ELEVATED to HIGH.
Mecca Joint Defence Agreement	NEW (dated 7 Aug, missed last cycle). Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan signed a NATO-like collective-defense pact. Open to potential expansion per Turkish FM. Included this cycle as a correction to the record.
Delaney Hall (Newark ICE Facility)	WORSENING. Third ICE-custody-linked death (Jose Chajon-Raxon) disclosed 13 Aug, over three weeks after the 19 Jul medical event and 22 Jul release. DHS disputes any reporting obligation post-release; Rep. Menendez disputes DHS's framing.
DHS Domestic Surveillance (Minnesota)	NEW. Court filings (13 Aug) confirm DHS undercover surveillance of unions, climate groups, and other non-criminal left-leaning organizations under NSPM-7 authority. Matches MAGNET's standing OPSEC threat model; first court-confirmed instance.
CISA KEV Catalog	NEW. Four additions: Progress LoadMaster (7 Aug), Cisco ASA/FTD, Windows AFD.sys, Metabase SQLi (all 11 Aug).
PJM Grid Reliability	NO CHANGE. Bilateral matching window opened in August as scheduled; central auction still tracking for 30 Sep–21 Oct. No new FERC action this cycle.
Section 702 / FISA	NO CHANGE. Certifications remain valid through March 2027 regardless of statute status.

NO CHANGE

- Section 702 certifications remain valid through March 2027 independent of statute sunset status
- America 250 watch-item status unchanged; no reinstatement trigger identified this cycle
- Panama Canal transit remains ROUTINE; normal operations
- PJM Reliability Backstop Procurement proceeding on schedule; no new FERC action
- magnethf.com/reports direct-fetch remains blocked by site robots.txt; flash-report intake continues via direct file provision — none provided this cycle
- Terrorism/Extremism, Education, and Critical Infrastructure 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 across Progress LoadMaster, Cisco ASA/FTD, Windows AFD.sys, and Metabase.
Critical Infrastructure	ELEVATED	PJM Reliability Backstop Procurement proceeding on schedule; no new developments this cycle.
Energy / Fuel Sector	HIGH	Restored from ELEVATED. Bab el-Mandeb lethal attack and continued kinetic Hormuz blockade enforcement both directly affecting Gulf crude flows.
Education Sector	ROUTINE	No significant developments identified this cycle.
Civil Unrest	ELEVATED	New drivers: third Delaney Hall death disclosure and confirmed DHS domestic surveillance of non-criminal advocacy groups.
Transportation Systems	HIGH	Restored from ELEVATED. Bab el-Mandeb transit risk re-escalated to lethal; Hormuz blockade enforcement now includes direct kinetic strikes on commercial shipping.
Supply Chain / Logistics	HIGH	Restored from ELEVATED. Both Gulf chokepoints re-escalated this cycle; VLCC rerouting patterns from last cycle no longer sufficient to offset renewed disruption risk.
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	HIGH	Restored from ELEVATED. Iran-Oman route talks remain in “final stages,” but US blockade enforcement has turned kinetic — Vela Nova disabled by Hellfire missiles 11 Aug, third vessel disabled by direct fire since blockade resumed 14 Jul. Diplomatic movement does not offset an active kinetic enforcement escalation. “Paused, not resolved” — not to be characterized as improving while direct weapons strikes on commercial shipping continue.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	CRITICAL	Restored from HIGH. Houthi missile strike on cargo ship Tihamah (12 Aug) killed at least 6 — first shipping fatalities linked to Houthis since the war began. Reverses last cycle’s stabilization assessment; treat as active lethal risk, not adaptation.
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

BAB EL-MANDEB — First Houthi-Linked Shipping Deaths of the War

On 12 August, Houthi forces fired missiles at the Egyptian-owned cargo ship Tihamah as it transited near Perim Island in the Bab el-Mandeb strait. Yemen's internationally recognized government said the attack killed at least six people and wounded ten in a double-tap strike; Yemen's Transport Ministry identified three Pakistani nationals and one Indonesian national among the dead, with the Houthi-run Saba news agency separately claiming the vessel was carrying Saudi military equipment, a claim not corroborated by Saudi authorities. NBC News reported the toll as four crewmembers and two rescuers killed, indicating some casualty-count uncertainty across sourcing that should be treated as unresolved pending further confirmation. This marks the first shipping fatalities directly attributed to the Houthis since the US-Israeli war on Iran began 28 February, and comes amid the collapse of the years-long UN-backed Yemen truce following a 13 July Saudi strike on Sanaa airport. Separately, UKMTO reported a cargo ship struck by an unidentified projectile near Oman the same week. This directly reverses last cycle's assessment that Bab el-Mandeb traffic had stabilized without new attacks — that assessment is superseded.

STRAIT OF HORMUZ — Blockade Enforcement Turns Kinetic

The US reimposed its naval blockade of Iranian ports on 14 July after the June memorandum of understanding appeared to collapse. Enforcement has escalated in method: on 11 August, a US Navy MH-60 helicopter fired two Hellfire missiles into the engine room of the Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova in the Gulf of Oman after its civilian crew ignored repeated warnings, disabling its steering. CENTCOM confirmed this is the third vessel disabled by direct weapons fire since the blockade resumed, following the Curaçao-flagged Belma (17 Jul) and Mozambique-flagged Lavine (24 Jul); as of 11 August CENTCOM has also redirected 55 commercial vessels and boarded 2. No casualties were reported in the Vela Nova strike; the crew was transferred to another vessel. This occurs in parallel with continued Iran-Oman diplomatic movement — Iran's FM again described a route-coordinate deal as in its “final stages” on 8–9 August, while an IRGC spokesman publicly rejected any US role in the talks. The diplomatic and kinetic tracks are running simultaneously, not sequentially — members should not read talks progress as reducing operational risk in the strait.

MECCA JOINT DEFENCE AGREEMENT — New Regional Security Architecture

On 7 August, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement, a collective-defense pact stipulating that an attack on any one signatory will be treated as an attack on all three — built on a prior bilateral Saudi-Pakistan defense agreement from September 2025. The three countries combine roughly 1.4 million active military personnel, Pakistan's status as the only nuclear-armed Muslim-majority state, and Turkey's NATO-second-largest conventional military. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said the pact is intended to expand beyond the founding three. Analysts characterize it as a regional security-cooperation framework rather than a direct NATO analog, and Pakistani officials have stated it is not aimed at Iran specifically — but the timing, amid the ongoing Iran war and Gulf chokepoint disruption, has drawn broad regional and analyst attention as a potential inflection point in Middle East/South Asia security alignment. This item fell inside last cycle's reporting window (3–9 Aug) but was not captured in that sweep; it is included now as a correction.

DELANEY HALL — Third Death Disclosed After Weeks of Non-Reporting

Guatemalan national Jose Chajon-Raxon was processed into Delaney Hall on 18 July. The following day, a nurse responding to another emergency observed him experiencing seizure-like activity; he was hospitalized and, per DHS, released from ICE custody on 22 July. He later died. DHS did not publicly disclose the death — it first became known when Rep. Rob Menendez (D-NJ) revealed it during an 3 August press call, and DHS did not confirm it in an on-record statement until the night of 13 August, more than three weeks after the medical event. DHS's position is that ICE bears no responsibility for monitoring or reviewing deaths once an individual is no longer in custody, characterizing this as “common sense.” Menendez and immigration advocates dispute this framing, noting Chajon-Raxon was in custody for roughly 24 hours before the medical event and that the University Hospital ambulance response for both this incident and the 1 August Lopez-Cornejo death reportedly took over 30 minutes — a claim University Hospital has disputed without providing further detail, citing patient confidentiality. This is the third confirmed death connected to Delaney Hall, following Jean Wilson Brutus (Dec 2025) and Edwin Lopez-Cornejo (1 Aug 2026, reported last cycle).

DHS DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE — Confirmed Targeting of Non-Criminal Advocacy Groups

Court filings unsealed 13 August in the federal case against 15 people charged over the Minneapolis-St. Paul immigration crackdown reveal that DHS ran two undercover surveillance programs — “Operation Puppet Master” and “Project Whipple Shield” — targeting labor unions (CWA, SEIU, AFL-CIO), the Sunrise Movement climate group, Twin Cities DSA chapters, and other left-leaning organizations never accused of a crime. Documented tactics include undercover agents infiltrating meetings at churches and libraries, covert recording of conversations, infiltration of Signal group chats, and administrative subpoenas used to obtain financial records; defense attorneys additionally allege Clearview AI facial-recognition use, which has not been independently confirmed by DHS. The operation followed a roughly three-month, ~3,000-officer DHS deployment to the Twin Cities — described by DHS as its largest immigration enforcement operation ever — which produced two fatal shootings of US citizens by federal agents, including nurse Alex Pretti, shot in late January while filming officers. Operation Puppet Master reportedly opened four days after the Pretti shooting, but its investigative target was the protest-adjacent advocacy organizations rather than the agents involved in the shooting. The legal basis is National Security Presidential Memorandum-7 (NSPM-7, signed 25 Sep

2025), which directs DOJ/DHS/FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces to investigate “domestic terrorism and organized political violence” using a definition that names “anti-capitalism,” “anti-Christianity,” and opposition to administration policy as threat indicators; 31 members of Congress have formally raised constitutional concerns about the memo’s scope. This is the first court-confirmed instance matching the surveillance posture MAGNET’s standing digital-footprint and PACE-tier guidance is designed to defend against, applied domestically against non-criminal organizations.

CYBER / INFRASTRUCTURE KEV BULLETIN — PATCH IMMEDIATELY

CVE	VENDOR / PRODUCT	SEVERITY	NOTES
CVE-2026-8037	Progress LoadMaster	HIGH	Command injection vulnerability. Added to KEV 7 Aug. Apply vendor patch immediately.
CVE-2026-20349	Cisco Secure Firewall ASA / FTD	HIGH	Heap inspection vulnerability affecting Adaptive Security Appliance and Firewall Threat Defense. Added to KEV 11 Aug.
CVE-2026-68820	Microsoft Windows (AFD.sys)	ELEVATED	Ancillary Function Driver for WinSock use-after-free; post-compromise privilege-escalation vector. Added to KEV 11 Aug.
CVE-2026-72898	Metabase	ELEVATED	SQL injection vulnerability; treat as potential credential/data exposure event, not just an application patch. Added to KEV 11 Aug.

Standing open item, now THIRD CYCLE: magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against the wp2shell chain (CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137), originally flagged 260802, remains unconfirmed. 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 remain in effect — reinforced this cycle by the confirmed DHS Minnesota surveillance findings above. 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 Bab el-Mandeb Tihamah casualty count (6 per Yemen's government vs. 4+2 per NBC) is resolved by further reporting
- Whether Houthi attacks on Saudi/Saudi-linked shipping continue or the 12 Aug strike was an isolated escalation
- Further US blockade-enforcement kinetic actions in the Gulf of Oman, and any Iranian response to the Vela Nova strike
- Whether the Iran-Oman Hormuz framework reaches actual signature, and whether that changes blockade enforcement posture
- Mecca Joint Defence Agreement expansion — which additional states, if any, join per Turkish FM's stated openness
- Official cause-of-death determination for both Lopez-Cornejo and Chajon-Raxon, and any DHS Office of Inspector General findings
- Further developments in the DHS Minnesota surveillance case — additional court filings, congressional response, or DHS on-record confirmation/denial of Clearview AI use
- Confirmation of magnethf.com's own WordPress Core patch status against CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137 — now a third-cycle open item

VERIFIED STATUS

CONFIRMED ✓

- Houthi missiles struck the cargo ship Tihamah near Perim Island on 12 Aug; Yemen's government reports at least 6 killed [Al Jazeera, NBC News]
- US Navy Hellfire missiles disabled the Vela Nova in the Gulf of Oman on 11 Aug; CENTCOM confirms 3 vessels disabled and 55 redirected since the blockade resumed 14 Jul [CENTCOM official statement, Al Jazeera, Stars and Stripes]
- Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement on 7 Aug [Al Jazeera, Atlantic Council, PBS]
- Jose Chajon-Raxon died following a 19 Jul medical emergency at Delaney Hall and 22 Jul release from custody; DHS confirmed the death 13 Aug [Gothamist, The Hill, The City Reporter]
- DHS ran undercover surveillance of non-criminal left-leaning organizations in Minnesota under NSPM-7 authority [NYT via multiple outlets, court filings]
- CISA added four new KEV entries this cycle across Progress LoadMaster, Cisco ASA/FTD, Windows AFD.sys, and Metabase [CISA official alerts]

NOT CONFIRMED ✗

- Exact Tihamah casualty count — Yemen's government/Transport Ministry report 6 killed; NBC News reports 4 crew + 2 rescuers; sourcing not yet reconciled
- Whether the Tihamah was carrying Saudi military equipment, as claimed by Houthi-run Saba news agency — not corroborated by Saudi authorities
- Whether magnethf.com's own WordPress Core installation has applied the wp2shell patch — pending direct confirmation from the approving authority, now a third-cycle open item
- Defense attorneys' allegation that DHS used Clearview AI facial recognition in the Minnesota surveillance operations — not independently confirmed by DHS
- University Hospital's disputed characterization of ambulance response times for the Lopez-Cornejo and Chajon-Raxon medical emergencies

OPERATOR GUIDANCE

- DIGITAL FOOTPRINT REDUCTION — Standing MAGNET-wide guidance remains in effect and is reinforced this cycle by the confirmed DHS Minnesota findings: migrate primary MAGNET-activity devices to de-googled/de-Applied builds, avoid cellular payments, use offline login-free navigation, and restrict background location permissions on non-essential apps.
- SIGNAL / COMMS OPSEC — The confirmed infiltration of Signal group chats in the Minnesota operation is a direct validation of MAGNET's PACE tier guidance. Continue treating any smartphone-based group messaging as inherently more exposed than MAGNET HF/NBEMS, JS8Call, and VarAC BBS channels for anything operationally sensitive.
- FINANCIAL RECORDS EXPOSURE — Members affiliated with advocacy organizations, unions, or mutual-aid groups should be aware that administrative subpoenas for financial records have been confirmed as an active DHS tactic under NSPM-7, applied without a criminal predicate.
- GULF-ADJACENT SUPPLY CHAINS — Do not treat Hormuz diplomatic movement as reducing operational risk; blockade enforcement has turned kinetic. Plan for continued price volatility and shipping disruption on both Gulf chokepoints.
- CONFIRM WORDPRESS PATCH STATUS — magnethf.com's own patch status against CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137 remains unconfirmed for a third consecutive cycle — priority action before next publish.
- 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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