

MAGNET S2

WEEKLY OSINT INTELLIGENCE SNAPSHOT

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MAGCON STATUS

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LEVEL 3
ELEVATED

MAGCON holds at Level 3 – ELEVATED per standing direction. Since the 260823-1800Z baseline, Iran and Oman announced agreement on a temporary shipping corridor through the Strait of Hormuz (26 Aug), with agreed coordinates for new inbound/outbound routes running partly through Iranian territorial waters. Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister explicitly stated the strait will not be considered open despite the agreement, pending U.S. fulfillment of the lapsed June MOU — this is diplomatic movement, not resolution. A UAE-linked tanker was disabled by an unidentified projectile near the strait's entrance the same day. Status: STRAIT OF HORMUZ REMAINS STABLE — PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED. Israel-Lebanon ceasefire tension has increased, with Israeli strikes intensifying against Hezbollah in the Nabatieh/Ali al-Taher Ridge area amid an unresolved Lebanese Army verification dispute in the ongoing Rome-track talks. CISA added 15 new KEV entries across two batches (24, 26 Aug), including a high-EPSS Windows IKE double-free RCE and a Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway memory-corruption vulnerability. A new MAGNET S2 intelligence report (260828-0400Z) providing comparative context on the 26 Aug A/I Collective SDGT designation against prior MAGNET S2 Antifa-adjacent network reporting is incorporated this cycle. The WordPress Core wp2shell patch confirmation against magnethf.com is now CONFIRMED — the site's platform version (WordPress 7.1) post-dates the fixed releases (6.9.5/7.0.2, 17 Jul), closing a four-cycle open item. Delaney Hall, PJM, Section 702/FISA, and America 250 show no material change this cycle.

TREND VS LAST WEEK: STABLE — HORMUZ PAUSED NOT RESOLVED / LEBANON WORSENING (NEW COVERAGE) / KEV WORSENING / WP2SHELL RESOLVED / NO CHANGE (DELANEY HALL, PJM, SECTION 702, AMERICA 250)

PRIMARY RISK DRIVERS

- **PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED — Strait of Hormuz/Iran:** Iran-Oman announced agreement on a temporary Hormuz shipping corridor (26 Aug); Iran's Deputy FM states the strait remains NOT open pending U.S. compliance with the lapsed June MOU. A UAE-linked tanker was disabled by an unidentified projectile near the strait entrance the same day.
- **WORSENING — Israel-Lebanon:** Israeli strikes on Hezbollah intensified in the Nabatieh/Ali al-Taher Ridge area over the reporting window; Rome-track ceasefire talks remain stalled over Lebanese Army verification requirements at the ridge.
- **NEW — A/I Collective SDGT Designation Comparative Analysis:** MAGNET S2 260828-0400Z incorporated: comparative pattern analysis of the 26 Aug A/I Collective SDGT designation against prior MAGNET S2 Antifa-adjacent network reporting (JBGC, BAMN, D612, Antifa national overview).
- **WORSENING — CISA KEV:** Two batches (24, 26 Aug) added 15 CVEs, including a high-EPSS (~78%) Windows IKE Service Extensions double-free RCE, a Zimbra unauthenticated RCE, an MLflow SSRF, and a Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway memory-corruption flaw.
- **RESOLVED — WordPress Core wp2shell:** magnethf.com's WordPress Core patch confirmation (CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137) is now CONFIRMED — site platform version verified at WordPress 7.1, post-dating fixed releases 6.9.5/7.0.2. Closes a four-cycle open item.
- **NO CHANGE — Delaney Hall, PJM, Section 702/FISA, America 250:** No material change since the 260823-1800Z baseline.

DELTA SUMMARY — CHANGES FROM LAST REPORT (260823-1800Z)

TOPIC	DELTA FROM 260823-1800Z / STATUS
Strait of Hormuz / Iran War — Status	PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED — Iran-Oman announced agreement on a temporary shipping corridor (26 Aug) with coordinates partly through Iranian waters; Iran's Deputy FM explicitly states the strait remains NOT open pending U.S. compliance with the lapsed June MOU. A UAE-linked tanker was disabled by an unidentified projectile near the strait entrance the same day.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	NO CHANGE — No new incident identified this window; holds at CRITICAL following the 12 Aug Tihamah strike.
Israel-Lebanon	WORSENING — Israeli strikes intensified on Hezbollah in the Nabatieh/Ali al-Taher Ridge area over the reporting window; Rome-track ceasefire talks remain stalled over Lebanese Army verification requirements at the ridge.
CISA KEV Catalog	WORSENING — 15 new CVEs across two batches (24, 26 Aug), including a high-EPSS Windows IKE Service Extensions double-free RCE, a Zimbra

	unauthenticated RCE, an MLflow SSRF, and a Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway memory-corruption flaw.
WordPress Core / wp2shell	RESOLVED — magnethf.com's platform version verified at WordPress 7.1, which post-dates the fixed releases (6.9.5/7.0.2, 17 Jul). Closes the four-cycle open item.
A/I Collective / Antifa-Adjacent Networks (New Intel Report)	NEW — MAGNET S2 260828-0400Z incorporated: comparative pattern analysis of the 26 Aug A/I Collective SDGT designation against four prior MAGNET S2 Antifa-adjacent network reports. Treasury's notice names the PKK as a direct A/I service user; State's release separately attributes Hamas/Hezbollah/IRGC references to third-party media publishing on A/I infrastructure — a materially different evidentiary weight.
Delaney Hall	NO CHANGE — No new incident this window.
PJM Grid Reliability	NO CHANGE — No new emergency alert or FERC action this cycle.
Section 702 / FISA	NO CHANGE — Remains statutorily lapsed; FISC certifications continue authorizing existing collection through ~March 2027.
America 250	NO CHANGE — No reinstatement trigger identified; still pending operator direction.

NO CHANGE

- **NO CHANGE — PJM Grid:** No new emergency alert or FERC action this cycle.
- **NO CHANGE — Section 702 / FISA:** Remains statutorily lapsed; FISC certifications continue authorizing existing collection through ~March 2027.
- **NO CHANGE — America 250:** No reinstatement trigger identified; still pending operator direction.
- **NO CHANGE — Delaney Hall:** No new incident this window; ICE facility oversight and litigation tracks continue without new developments.
- **NO CHANGE — Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea:** Holds at CRITICAL following the 12 Aug Tihamah strike; no new incident identified this window.
- **NO CHANGE — Panama Canal:** Remains ROUTINE; normal operations.

SECTOR THREAT LEVELS

SECTOR	LEVEL	NOTES
Terrorism / Extremism	ELEVATED	26 Aug SDGT designation of A/I

		Collective and PKK direct-use finding under Treasury notice; standing pattern of material-support actions against Antifa-adjacent infrastructure providers.
Cyber / Infrastructure	ELEVATED	15 new CISA KEV entries this cycle (24, 26 Aug) including a high-EPSS Windows IKE RCE and a Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway flaw; wp2shell against magnethf.com's own platform is now CONFIRMED patched.
Energy / Economic	HIGH	Hormuz kinetic risk (tanker disabled 26 Aug) offsets corridor-talk optimism; Bab el-Mandeb remains CRITICAL. No fresh pricing data collected this cycle.
Civil Unrest	ELEVATED	New A/I Collective comparative pattern report (260828-0400Z) reinforces standing Antifa-adjacent network coverage; no MAGCON-level trigger identified.
Transportation / Mass Gatherings	ELEVATED	Hormuz diplomatic movement does not reduce operational risk to Gulf shipping; both Gulf chokepoints remain re-escalated.
Public Health / Environmental	ELEVATED	Carried forward at prior assessment; no fresh reporting collected this cycle pending next OSINT sweep.
Border / Immigration	HEIGHTENED	Delaney Hall oversight and litigation tracks continue with no new incident this cycle; carried forward at prior assessment.
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	HIGH	Iran and Oman announced agreement on a temporary shipping corridor (26 Aug) with coordinates partly through Iranian waters; Iran's Deputy FM explicitly states the strait is NOT open pending U.S. compliance with the lapsed June MOU. A UAE-linked tanker was disabled by an unidentified projectile near the strait entrance the same day. TREAT AS STABLE, PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED — never improving, while attacks on commercial shipping continue.
Bab el-Mandeb / Red Sea	CRITICAL	Holds at CRITICAL following the 12 Aug Houthi missile strike on the Tihamah near Perim Island (6 killed). No new incident identified this window; treat as active lethal risk, not de-escalation.
Panama Canal	ROUTINE	Stable. Normal operations; no reporting of disruption 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 — TEMPORARY CORRIDOR AGREED, STRAIT STILL NOT OPEN (26 AUGUST)

Iran and Oman announced agreement on a temporary shipping corridor through the Strait of Hormuz on 26 Aug, following talks in Tehran between Iranian FM Abbas Araghchi and Omani FM Badr Albusaidi. The two sides agreed on coordinates for new inbound and outbound corridors, with entry and part of the exit running through Iranian territorial waters — a departure from the Omani-hugging southern route established under the now-lapsed June MOU. Iranian Deputy FM Kazem Gharibabadi stated explicitly that the agreement does not by itself reopen the waterway; full reopening remains conditioned on U.S. fulfillment of commitments under the lapsed interim peace deal. Implementation requires a separate decision by Iran's senior leadership. The same day, a tanker linked to UAE operations was disabled by an unidentified projectile near Oman's Ash Shishah, close to the strait's entrance, per UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO). Per standing MAGNET S2 convention, this is assessed as a pause, not a resolution of the underlying crisis. Members should continue to treat Hormuz as STABLE — PAUSED, NOT RESOLVED; diplomatic movement on corridor logistics does not equate to a reduction in operational risk to commercial shipping.

ISRAEL-LEBANON — STRIKES INTENSIFY OVER ALI AL-TAHER RIDGE DISPUTE

Israeli forces increased attacks on Hezbollah positions in south Lebanon over the reporting window, concentrated in the Nabatieh area around the strategic Ali al-Taher Ridge, while Hezbollah has targeted Israeli troops operating in the area. This reflects the central sticking point in the ongoing Rome-track ceasefire talks: Israel has demanded the Lebanese Army verify the absence of Hezbollah operatives and weapons on the ridge as a precondition for further Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon. Military and strategic analysts continue to assess that no significant Israeli withdrawal is likely while Hezbollah's disarmament remains unresolved. This item is reactivated as a standing coverage domain this cycle given the escalation; it was not carried in the prior cycle's report.

NEW INTELLIGENCE REPORT — A/I COLLECTIVE SDGT DESIGNATION: COMPARATIVE PATTERN ANALYSIS

MAGNET S2 published a standalone comparative analysis report (DTG 260828-0400Z) examining the 26 Aug State Department SDGT designation of Autistici/Inventati (A/I Collective), a European digital-infrastructure and secure-communications provider, against four prior MAGNET S2 products on Antifa-adjacent networks (JBGC, BAMN, Defend the 612, and the national Antifa overview). Treasury's designation notice names the PKK — a U.S. and EU-designated terrorist group — as a direct user of A/I's services; separately, State's release attributes use by Hamas/Hezbollah/IRGC/PIJ/PFLP to a third-party media user publishing on A/I-hosted infrastructure, not direct use by those groups — a meaningfully different evidentiary weight the report flags as a key distinction. A/I Collective issued a public denial via its Noblogs platform that does not specifically rebut either claim. The report notes a prior structurally similar action (the German "Antifa Ost" designation, late 2025), suggesting a standing enforcement pattern rather than an isolated action. Full report at magnethf.com/260828-0400z.

CYBER / INFRASTRUCTURE KEV BULLETIN

CVE	VULNERABILITY	SEVERITY	NOTES
Windows IKE Extensions (new)	Double-Free Remote Code Execution	CRITICAL	Added 24 Aug. Unauthenticated RCE affecting Windows 10/11, Server 2016–2025; ~78% EPSS. Patch via Microsoft security update immediately.
Zimbra Collaboration (ZCS)	SNMP/SMTP Command Injection RCE	CRITICAL	Added 24 Aug. Unauthenticated OS command injection on ZCS pre-10.1.20. Update to 10.1.20+. CISA due date 4 Sep.
MLflow	Server-Side Request Forgery	CRITICAL	Added 24 Aug. SSRF enabling IMDS credential theft on cloud-hosted AI workloads. Fixed in MLflow 3.15.0. CISA due date 2 Sep.

CVE-2026-8452	Citrix NetScaler ADC / Gateway Memory-Buffer Flaw	HIGH	Added 26 Aug. Apply vendor patch immediately.
CVE-2026-72529 / - 72530	TrueConf Server Missing Auth + Code Injection	HIGH	Carried forward, added 20 Aug. Patch immediately.
CVE-2026-63030 / CVE-2026-60137	WordPress Core Interpretation Conflict / SQL Injection ("wp2shell")	CRITICAL	RESOLVED THIS CYCLE — magnethf.com confirmed on WordPress 7.1, post-dating fixed releases 6.9.5/7.0.2. No further action required pending routine version re-verification next cycle.

EMERGING INDICATORS

- **WATCH — Hormuz Corridor Implementation:** Whether the Iran-Oman temporary Hormuz corridor is formally implemented, and whether Iran's senior leadership approves the arrangement (a separate decision per Iranian officials).
- **WATCH — Hormuz Attack Attribution:** Independent corroboration of the identity/actor behind the 26 Aug projectile attack on the UAE-linked tanker near Hormuz.
- **WATCH — Israel-Lebanon Ridge Dispute:** Whether Rome-track talks resolve the Ali al-Taher Ridge verification dispute, or whether strikes continue to escalate.
- **WATCH — A/I Collective Rebuttal:** Whether A/I Collective issues a specific rebuttal to the PKK direct-use claim or the third-party-media (Hamas/Hezbollah/IRGC) claim in Treasury/State's designation.
- **WATCH — SDGT Designation Precedent:** Whether additional decentralized-movement digital-infrastructure providers face similar SDGT-style designations following the A/I Collective precedent.
- **WATCH — wp2shell Re-Verification:** Confirmation that magnethf.com's WordPress Core patch level (7.1) fully resolves both wp2shell CVEs; recommend periodic re-verification given continued active exploitation reports elsewhere.
- **WATCH — America 250 Reinstatement:** Operator direction still pending on watch-item reinstatement.

VERIFIED STATUS

- ✓ **CONFIRMED** Iran-Oman temporary Hormuz shipping corridor agreement (26 Aug). (Al Jazeera, CNN citing Iranian Deputy FM Gharibabadi — 26 Aug 2026)
- ✓ **CONFIRMED** UAE-linked tanker disabled by projectile near Hormuz entrance (26 Aug). (UK Maritime Trade Operations — UKMTO — 26 Aug 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** Israeli strikes intensified on Hezbollah, Nabatieh/Ali al-Taher Ridge. (The Times of Israel — 29 Aug 2026)

✓ **CONFIRMED** A/I Collective SDGT designation and Treasury PKK direct-use claim (26 Aug). (U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of the Treasury/OFAC official releases)

✓ **CONFIRMED** magnethf.com WordPress Core patch level vs. wp2shell. (Site meta-generator tag verified at WordPress 7.1, post-dating 6.9.5/7.0.2 fixed releases)

✓ **CONFIRMED** CISA KEV additions, 24 and 26 Aug batches (15 CVEs total). (CISA.gov official KEV catalog alerts)

✗ **NOT CONFIRMED** Whether the 26 Aug Iran-Oman corridor announcement will be formally implemented by Iran's senior leadership — a separate decision per Iranian officials, not yet made as of DTG.

✗ **NOT CONFIRMED** Independent (non-Iranian, non-UAE) attribution of the actor responsible for the 26 Aug projectile attack on the tanker near Hormuz.

OPERATOR GUIDANCE

- **Maritime / Shipping:** Continue avoiding Strait of Hormuz transit without current TRANSCOM/JMIC guidance; do not treat the Iran-Oman corridor announcement as reducing operational risk — a UAE-linked tanker was disabled by projectile the same day the agreement was announced.
- **Cyber:** Patch Windows IKE Extensions, Zimbra Collaboration, and MLflow immediately — all three carry CVSS/EPSS profiles consistent with active or imminent exploitation. wp2shell against magnethf.com is now CONFIRMED patched (WordPress 7.1); recommend periodic version re-verification each cycle going forward.
- **Diplomatic Tracking:** Treat the Ali al-Taher Ridge dispute as the key indicator for Israel-Lebanon ceasefire stability; monitor Rome-track talks for resolution or further breakdown.
- **General:** Provide direction on America 250 watch-item reinstatement — still pending operator call as of this cycle. No change to standing guidance for Section 702, Delaney Hall, or PJM grid conditions at this time. Report cyber incidents to cisa.gov or IC3.gov; CI Fortify guidance at cisa.gov.

SOURCE LIST

All sources open-source. Admiralty rating: letter = reliability, number = confidence (e.g. A1 = fully reliable, confirmed).

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