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EVERY framework moving this week points at one address. The ISF collects bulletproof vehicles for a Gaza disarmament clause Washington will not enforce, the Pentagon studies putting its own boots on the Bint Jbeil line the LAF cannot secure, and NATO opens Monday in Ankara with a gift bag Erdogan is choosing between. At home the coalition writes Basic Law: Torah Study over the Chief of Staff's warning the ranks are at a breaking point, the High Court voids the Comptroller election before the coalition seats the next government's auditor, and Edelstein makes the eleven reserved slots the reason he walks. The paperwork belongs to everyone else. The enforcement is Israel's.

FLASH BRIEF

- **Gaza:** Perez's abductor killed as the ISF collects US-supplied vehicles for a disarmament clause Washington will not enforce. *See The War Today.*
- **Bint Jbeil:** A reservist wounded and the 679th levels the block — Katz says Israel is not leaving the zone. *See The War Today.*
- **Hormuz:** Iran says it will charge fees on transiting ships, Katz orders the IDF ready a solo Iran strike. *See The War Today.*
- **Pickaxe Mountain:** Satellite imagery shows tunnel-entrance work at the Natanz-adjacent complex the IAEA has never seen inside. *See The War Today.*
- **Funeral:** "Kill Bibi" and "Kill Trump" signs at Khamenei's Tehran service, Hamas and Islamic Jihad in delegation. *See The War Today.*
- **Basic Law:** Torah Study passes first reading as the Chief of Staff warns of a manpower breaking point. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Comptroller:** The High Court voids Rabello's election on ballot secrecy and orders a fresh vote. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Likud:** Edelstein quits over eleven reserved slots, Eisenkot launches at Route 4, coalition math worsens. *See Inside Israel.*
- **Ankara:** NATO week opens with Erdogan choosing Trump's gift bag — F-35 track, KAAN engines, Somalia range. *See Israel and the World.*
- **NGO ledger:** EiGHT publishes seventy human-rights insiders naming the editorial pipeline built to hit donor targets. *See Israel and the World.*
- **Roster:** Sydney SUV, Toronto pylon, Brooklyn bat-and-knife — NYPD data hides January's antisemitic spike. *See Israel and the World.*

The through-line runs across theaters. The party whose compliance matters signed nothing, and the movement on the ground belongs to the enforcer with no signature on the page — the demolition charge in Lebanon, the target folder in Gaza, the standalone-strike order for Iran. Inside Israel the coalition writes yeshiva study into constitutional law over the Chief of Staff's testimony that the ranks cannot hold, and the Court voids the Comptroller election before the coalition seats the next government's auditor. Ankara's NATO week is the mirror abroad — Turkey's defense-industrial position rewrites the alliance's stated principles the same way Beirut's rifles rewrite the framework.

The War Today

Perez's Abductor Falls the Same Week Reconstruction Moves Ahead of Disarmament

Muhammad Jandiya, head of military security for Hamas's Shejaiya Battalion, was killed in a strike Wednesday in northern Gaza. On October 7 he commanded the Nukhba cell that overran Kibbutz Nahal Oz and abducted Cpt. Daniel Perez ז"ל after Perez fell defending the perimeter. Jandiya later held Yotam Haim, Samar Talalka, and Alon Shamriz in a tunnel below Shejaiya — the three hostages who escaped captivity in December 2023 and were mistakenly killed by IDF fire — and had recently been organizing plots against troops working the Gaza line. Southern Command's weekly summary logged twenty Gazan terrorists killed with October 7 infiltrators among them, sixty detainees in Judea and Samaria, half a mile of tunnel destroyed, and Khan Yunis carrying the concentration of the next pass. Dozens of bulletproof vehicles moved from IDF depots to the International Stabilization Force at Kiryat Gat over the past twenty-four hours, the Americans receiving equipment for the disarmament clause they have decided not to enforce.

ASSESSMENT

The pattern compounds. Every name the targeting cell reaches keeps turning out to be one roster, the man who breached on October 7 and the man rebuilding for the next one the same man — Sabai Abu Hasna last week, Jandiya this. Washington is moving Gaza's reconstruction ahead of the disarmament clause it will not enforce, leaving Southern Command with the only enforcement the parties recognize. The ISF collecting bulletproof vehicles in Kiryat Gat is the paper the deal will not read.

Bint Jbeil Wounds a Reservist and the 679th Levels the Block

On Thursday evening in Bint Jbeil, a reservist of the 679th "Yiftah" Armored Brigade was severely wounded in a clash with a Hezbollah gunman who opened fire on the unit. The IDF struck about ten Hezbollah infrastructure sites in response, including a weapons truck moving near the security zone. Company 679 then demolished the neighborhood where the wounded soldier was hit. Saturday reservists of the 551st Brigade identified an armed operative infiltrating the buffer zone at Majdal Zoun, opened fire, and killed him after a manhunt — the IDF calling the infiltration a "blatant violation" of the framework. Katz declared Israel will not withdraw from its security zones in Lebanon, Syria, or Gaza until Hezbollah is disarmed throughout Lebanon. The Pentagon is preparing contingency plans that could place US ground forces in southern Lebanon alongside the IDF and the LAF to monitor implementation, and Aoun endorsed the framework in the same hours he urged Washington to "keep standing by" his country.

ASSESSMENT

The framework is doing what its classified annex was written to do. The pullout turned on a disarmament clause no rifle in Beirut ever intended to honor, and the security zone stays while the sappers keep working. [The Pentagon studying whether to put American boots on the same ground names what everyone in Beirut already knows: the LAF cannot deliver the clause the deal was sold on.] The demolition charge is the only enforcement the rifles ever agreed to.

Tehran Charges Hormuz Fees, Digs at Pickaxe, and Marches for Khamenei

Iran's ambassador to China told a Beijing forum Iran will "definitely" charge fees on ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz once the sixty-day free-transit clause of the memorandum ends, with "friendly" nations promised exceptions. Four vessels diverted or reversed course on the Oman-coast route this weekend, and the US Navy resumed convoying commercial ships along that route. "Pickaxe Mountain" — the secret underground complex adjacent to Natanz — shows vehicle traffic and tunnel-entrance reinforcement in new satellite imagery from late June. IAEA inspectors have never been permitted inside, and the visible enrichment halls at Natanz remain damaged and untouched. Katz publicly disclosed an order to the IDF to prepare a standalone strike on Iran should Tehran fire on Israeli territory. Khamenei's Tehran funeral drew signs reading "Kill Bibi" and "Kill Trump," the Hamas political bureau attending in delegation and Islamic Jihad Secretary-General Ziad al-Nakhalah surfacing after months out of sight to lead the PIJ presence. Netanyahu and Trump agreed on a call ahead of America's 250th Independence Day to meet at the September UN General Assembly, the PMO issuing an English denial of a New York Times report that Israel had planned to kill Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi and Parliament Speaker Ghalibaf during the memorandum talks.

ASSESSMENT

Tehran ratifies nothing beneath the headline and collects the concession clauses out front. The strait Iran can close appears on the paper twice — once as free transit, once as fee-eligible service — and the second reading is the one Tehran is enforcing. Underneath, the enrichment stockpile stays on Iranian soil while Pickaxe Mountain takes its next several tons of concrete. [The signs held up at the funeral are the honest version of every diplomatic line the regime has ratified this month.] Katz's standalone-strike order is the floor Jerusalem has been forced to write for itself since Washington refused to let it read the deal binding its own northern border.

Dossier: *Field Dossier: The Permission Layer* — Katz's publicly-disclosed standalone-strike order — a floor Jerusalem has been forced to write for itself because Washington has kept the decision on Iran off Israel's desk — is the outsourced-initiative and negotiated-veto argument this Dossier builds in full: the memorandum in Doha is the fire-control regime the Iran file has been slotted into, and the standalone order is the escape clause a country whose patron guarantees have narrowed writes into its own contingency.

Inside Israel

Basic Law on Torah Study Advances as IDF Warns of Breaking Point

The Basic Law: Torah Study passed its first reading. The Constitution Committee moved the bill to a fast-track through the House Committee. Knesset legal adviser Afik has ruled on the record that the transfer has no legal footing. Chief of Staff Zamir told the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee soldiers must be the priority. Senior defense officials told the same committee the military is near a manpower breaking point. Finance and Defense reached a deal giving the IDF an extra NIS 15 billion. Netanyahu visited the Hashmonaim Brigade, the IDF's haredi combat unit, for its first officer graduation. The IDF cleared female soldiers from a Lebanon position ahead of the visit.

ASSESSMENT

The coalition is spending Israel's highest legislative form on the exemption question. Zamir put his objection on the record before the Basic Law lands [the last altitude at which the objection has legal weight]. The Hashmonaim ceremony is the proof of concept the exemption law walks around: a haredi cohort that could serve, does, and produces officers. The female soldiers cleared to spare the audience name the community the coalition legislates for.

The High Court Voids Rabello's Election and Orders a New Vote

The High Court voided Michael Rabello's election as State Comptroller. The ruling cited a violation of ballot secrecy. MKs had photographed their ballots and shared the images to party WhatsApp groups. The bench ordered a fresh vote. Israel now goes without a Comptroller into an increasingly probable October dissolution.

ASSESSMENT

The office that spent three years filing against this government now reaches for its own bench. The guild's preferred candidate lost the vote and joined the petition to annul the result. The Court's remedy for photographed ballots is to void the seat before the coalition seats the next government's auditor [ballot secrecy nobody cared about until the vote went the wrong way]. As we've tracked, the Court reached for the seat when the ballot delivered the wrong name.

Edelstein Quits Likud as Netanyahu Reserves Half the List

Yuli Edelstein, senior Likud MK and former Knesset Speaker, announced he is leaving the party. He said he could not defend the coalition's agenda and would seek a "broad" coalition alternative. The exit lands the week Netanyahu demanded eleven reserved slots inside the top twenty of the Likud list. Gadi Eisenkot launched his centrist campaign from Route 4. Haredi protesters have shut that highway down repeatedly against draft-evader arrests. Netanyahu's own polling on the "unity government" pitch shows Likud and the PM winning more seats apart than together.

ASSESSMENT

The senior figure needed to say Likud is intact is out. The reason is the arithmetic. Eleven reserved slots is a list Edelstein no longer plans to lose the primaries on. Eisenkot at Route 4 is the security candidate the 1977 pattern produces once the security event has happened [the unity pitch asks for a merger the polling says costs the seats it means to consolidate]. The coalition fights on the axis it cannot win, and now without Edelstein to defend the record.

Israel and the World

Ankara Hosts NATO Week and Erdogan Chooses Trump's Gift Bag

Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan called Israel a "burden humanity can no longer bear." He urged international sanctions and tied the demand to the Armenian genocide recognition. Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar named the charge as incitement to genocide and asked the world to condemn Fidan by it. Erdogan followed at a joint Istanbul appearance with Pakistan's Shehbaz Sharif. Israel, he warned, "must not be allowed to spread the smell of gunpowder and blood in our region." The NATO summit opens in Ankara on Monday. Trump arrives with a gift bag Erdogan is choosing. Engines for Turkey's TF Kaan fighter are likely on the list. The F-35 track that the S-400 sale had closed is on the table again. A bipartisan House letter Thursday asked Trump to refuse the sale. Turkey's Somalia spaceport under construction has the geometry of a two-thousand-kilometer missile range. Israel sits just outside the arc; Somaliland, which Jerusalem quietly backs, sits inside it. Netanyahu wanted the Trump meeting before Ankara. Trump said it comes after and told Axios Netanyahu "knows who the boss is."

ASSESSMENT

The alliance's arithmetic beats its stated "principles" again. Turkey's defense-industrial base is inside NATO's supply chain. That keeps the fifth-generation sale open, regardless of Fidan's genocide vocabulary. The bipartisan House letter is the tell. The coalition against the sale runs on the Hill because it does not run in the Oval Office. Ankara's Somalia range mirrors Jerusalem's Somaliland partnership — same chokepoint, two capitals, one veto. Netanyahu meets Trump after the gift bag has been handed over, which is the running order Israeli foreign policy now lives inside.

The Human Rights Sector's Own Workers Name the Anti-Israel Laundry

EiGHT, an Israeli watchdog formed after October 7 to audit humanitarian NGOs, published a 63-page report from more than 70 current and former staffers at the major human rights organizations. The named organizations include Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Oxfam, and adjacent groups. The report catalogs dismissed antisemitism complaints inside the workplace and editorial policies that shaped pro-Palestinian Gaza narratives for donor conversion. Leadership treated Jewish staffers raising the pattern as career problems to be managed out. EiGHT submitted the file to Australia's federal antisemitism commission and to European lawmakers who fund the

sector's grants. A former Human Rights Watch editor called it human rights vocabulary captured to launder activist claims into Western media.

ASSESSMENT

Western capitals treat this sector as their neutral referee on Israel. Its own workforce now describes it as an editorial pipeline shaped to raise money [the reports European ministries submit as evidence against Israel were built by the writers to hit donor targets]. The report lands after CPJ began reviewing the "deadliest war for journalists" database that carried Hamas combatants as reporters. The libel machine's own staff is filing the correction the machine spent two years refusing to file.

Entebbe at Fifty Meets an American Jewry Rechecking the Bargain

The former Entebbe hostages returned to Uganda this week for the fiftieth-year reunion. They said October 7 broke the state's promise to reach every Jew, wherever they are. Freed hostage Alon Ohel played Superman on the USS Nimitz deck at America's 250th. Miss Israel was crowned in Miami. The Maccabiah opened in Jerusalem this week — smaller, scarred, and held for the athletes who still came. Jewish leaders published a declaration celebrating America turning 250. Australian Jews said they now fear listing 'Jewish' on hospital admission forms after October 7.

ASSESSMENT

Entebbe was the state answering for a diaspora with none of its own. October 7 broke that answer. The reunion reads a promise the center has to earn back [same flags on both anniversaries, different ledger]. Western aliyah rose to 38 percent last year — American Jews doing the math from the other side.

Sydney, Toronto, and Brooklyn Grow the Weekend Roster

In Sydney's Double Bay on Shabbat morning, two men aimed an imitation gun at Musaf worshippers from an SUV. One of the men targeted was a Bondi Beach survivor. In Toronto a self-identified 'Houthi' swung a parking pylon at a Jewish man. The attacker yelled that Jews are 'baby killers committing genocide.' A Jewish realtor was separately attacked in the same city this week. A man entered the Chabad World Headquarters in Brooklyn carrying a baseball bat and a knife. Interpol issued a red notice for the Monaco bomber who wounded the Jewish-Ukrainian oligarch Vadym Iermolaiev. In London two Romanians were jailed for the 2024 stabbing of Iran International host Pouria Zeraati. The court said evidence 'overwhelmingly' shows Tehran directed the attack. NYPD data placed Jews at 55 percent of New York's hate crimes this year, on 10 percent of the population. California put Jews at more than 70 percent of the state's religion-based hate crimes. The CAM survey found that 57 percent of American Jews experienced antisemitism over the past year.

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Briefly Noted

Frontline & Security

- *Jerusalem Post*: The 202nd Battalion ran the first paratrooper drill in two and a half years to land with heavy equipment via Karnaf and Shimshon transports directly into a combat zone.
- *JNS*: Israel's Defense Ministry designated crypto wallets holding more than eight million dollars, tied to Iranian terror financing.
- *JNS*: A joint police and Shin Bet probe of a Kafr Kanna weapons ring seized seven firearms and produced eleven indictments.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Prosecutors indicted a Dimona resident for the sophisticated IED found near an Ashkelon playground, citing fingerprints and location data; the suspect denies planting the device.

Diplomacy & Geopolitics

- *Ynet*: Ambassador Yoad Magen, the foreign ministry's Venezuela desk, held the first working call with Caracas's foreign minister in seventeen years, arranging the twenty-eight-person Home Front Command delegation now assessing hospital and housing damage.
- *Algemeiner*: Leaders of Azerbaijan's three Jewish communities sent a joint letter urging Knesset members to reject the Armenian Genocide recognition bill the cabinet approved last week, warning of strategic damage to a Baku-Jerusalem partnership Israel needs more against Tehran than against Ankara.
- *JNS*: A US court gave Lebanese trafficker Antoine Kassis thirty years for cocaine-for-weapons deals through the Port of Latakia, a scheme he ran through Maher Assad and senior Syrian officers. His network laundered a hundred million dollars in eighteen months for Sinaloa and Hamas among others, the Assad-clan clearinghouse legally documented after al-Sharaa closed it on the ground.

Public Diplomacy & Media

- *JNS*: Ambassador Huckabee and Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana marked America's 250th with a Fourth of July guitar duet of the Star-Spangled Banner, Ohana closing with a video message thanking Washington for the "iron-clad alliance."
- *TheJC*: Wimbledon's tournament director said the pro-Palestine watermelon symbol does not meet the "threshold" for disruption, after Turkish player Zeynep Sonmez taped a watermelon-shaped vibration dampener to her racket in place of the pin the tournament had barred.
- *JNS*: An NYPD data tool showed a 42 percent June drop in hate crimes, four months after the Mamdani administration switched the department to publishing only "confirmed" not "reported" incidents — the January baseline, before the methodology change, ran a 182 percent anti-Jewish spike.

Domestic & Law

- *Arutz Sheva*: Defense Minister Katz has asked the President to erase Elor Azaria's criminal record, nine years after Hebron. The clearance opinion routes through a legal establishment where Sharon Afek — the MAG who prosecuted the case — now sits as Deputy Attorney General.
- *Walla*: Prosecutors indicted Reut Ben-Haim, chair of the aid-convoy-blocking movement Order 9, over a road-sit near Ashdod port a year ago that stopped a truck bound for Gaza.
- *Ynet*: The Constitution Committee stripped from the elections bill the Central Elections Committee's recommendation to place polling stations in non-nursing retirement homes — some 37,000 votes' worth of elderly turnout Likud read as leaning Yisrael Beiteinu.

Economy, Tech & Infrastructure

- *Globes*: Israeli startups raised \$3.3 billion in June — \$200 million shy of the all-time single-month record — with AppsFlyer's \$1.3 billion, Cyera's \$600 million, and DriveNets' \$410 million carrying the H1 2026 tally to \$8.45 billion.
- *Times of Israel*: The Israel Growth Forum study finds Israeli developers now cost 8.2 percent more than their US counterparts for the first time on record, the strong shekel translating dollar-denominated funding into a wage floor the tech lobby says jeopardizes the country's innovation edge.
- *Jerusalem Post*: Elbit Systems plans to hire another 2,000 workers by year-end for a 4,000 headcount jump across 2026, CEO Bezalel Machlis citing “a different industrial readiness” that the length of conflicts and scale of munitions consumption is forcing at rates the sector has “not known before.”
- *JNS*: US Marines fielded Rafael's Iron Dome-derived MRIC — the Tamir-based, Raytheon-built SkyHunter launcher — at the Valiant Shield exercise in Guam, the platform's first stationing off the American mainland and its first rehearsal against a Pacific China scenario.

Culture, Religion & Society

- *Times of Israel*: The Tekuma Directorate marked 1,000 days since October 7 with a progress report — 5,000 new residents into Gaza-border communities, Kibbutz Kissufim at 92 percent return this week, and more than 1,000 rehabilitation projects completed across the region.
- *Times of Israel*: The National Library of Israel is marking America's 250th with a Jerusalem exhibit of rare artifacts — including the pen President Truman used to sign the announcement of de jure US recognition of Israel.
- *Walla*: Kibbutz Sde Nechemia is restoring the 1979 stained-glass mural of Jewish history that hangs in its dining hall — assembled once by the community from thousands of shards over six weeks — with a French preservation team, two and a half years into the Hezbollah shelling of the Hula Valley.

Developments to Watch

Judea & Samaria

- **The PA intelligence officer who took the soldier** — Investigators named Waleed Farukh, an employee of the Palestinian Authority's General Intelligence Service, as the man who abducted an off-duty IDF soldier from Be'er Sheva last week and moved him into PA-controlled Tarqumiyah before the soldier freed himself. A Be'er Sheva magistrate extended Farukh's remand four days, and the security coordination file now carries a court case in Israel with a PA-employee finding at its center — the item every future coordination call has to walk around.

Northern Front (Lebanon / Syria)

- **EASA extends the Iraq-Lebanon airspace advisory to July 8** — The EU Aviation Safety Agency told commercial carriers to keep avoiding Iraqi and Lebanese airspace, extending its conflict-zone advisory another week and naming "rapid escalation" as the reason. A civil-aviation regulator running one-week clocks on the same theater the political page insists it has settled is the ceiling holding in place inside 72 hours.
- **Damascus cafe bomb hits steps from the Palace of Justice** — A planted explosive killed nine and wounded twenty at a cafe in central Damascus Thursday, the deadliest attack in the capital since last year's church bombing, with no group claiming responsibility. Every attack without a claimant narrows the range of authors al-Sharaa can afford to say did not do it while he asks Washington to keep standing by his government.

Regional Axis (Iran, Houthis, Militias)

- **Tehran's power struggle breaks into the open at Khamenei's funeral** — The New York Times reports Iranian security officials barred Mojtaba Khamenei from his father's funeral fearing an Israeli hit, and President Pezeshkian threatened to resign as the internal succession fight escalated in front of the crowd. A regime managing a leadership crisis in public while it bargains Hormuz in Doha is a weaker counterparty than the funeral choreography implies, and the fracture is the read that governs the next round.
LIKELY TO ESCALATE
- **Pakistan takes the venue for the next US-Iran round** — Reports out of Doha say Islamabad will host the next mediated session, moving the negotiating floor away from the Gulf capitals Washington has leaned on and toward a Sunni nuclear power now openly bridging both sides. The venue shift widens the concession structure to include the Pakistan that signed the Islamabad Memo remotely, a seam Jerusalem cannot see into cleanly.
- **The Houthis point at Riyadh over a blocked Iranian flight** — Sanaa said it "confronted" Saudi warplanes and would strike the kingdom "by land and sea" after Riyadh allegedly barred an Iranian aircraft from landing in Yemen. The Yemen-Riyadh front has been quiet since March, and a Houthi threat pattern that names Saudi assets rather than Israeli ones is the axis reaching back to the Gulf front the Doha talks were meant to close.

Diplomatic & Legal

- **The ICC sets a July 24 vote on Khan's removal** — MEE reports the ICC Bureau collapsed the two-stage misconduct-and-removal ballot into a single vote and scheduled it for July 24 at UN headquarters — the same office that issued the Netanyahu warrant now heading to a one-shot decision on the prosecutor who signed it. The Assembly of States Parties either replaces Khan or ratifies him inside a fortnight, and each outcome resets the warrant machinery Jerusalem's diplomats have been arguing against for a year.
- **Ireland takes the EU Council presidency, sanctions options land July 13** — Dublin began its six-month rotation on July 1, and the Commission is expected to present the Foreign Affairs Council on July 13 with collective-measures options against Israel — personal sanctions on the National Security Minister, suspending settlement-product trade preferences under the Association Agreement, opening the wider trade-file review. Personal sanctions require the unanimity Dublin cannot yet find, but the presidency sets the agenda, and July 13 decides which items graduate.

Home Front & Politics

- **Edelstein enters advanced union talks with Shaked as Hendel presses Gantz** — Ynet reports the outgoing Likud senior is in advanced merger talks with Ayelet Shaked, and Yoaz Hendel is separately conditioning cooperation with Benny Gantz on specific policy commitments — the “broad” coalition alternative Edelstein named on the way out taking counterparty shape inside the week. The 72-hour question is whether the center-right lands one bloc or two, because a fragmented pitch is the arithmetic Netanyahu wins by default.

The pattern the day leaves in place is the one the system produces reliably now — a paper that signals compliance and an enforcement that lives outside the signature. Israel demolishes the Lebanon block because the LAF will not, works the Gaza roster because Washington has decided not to, and readies the northern approach against an Ankara whose defense-industrial position rewrites the alliance's stated principles for the trade. The coalition answers by legislating around the army that carries every one of those enforcement bills — the harder question is whether the citizens who still serve can keep holding the depth on their own.

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