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DAY 184 – THE IMPASSE PERSISTS INTO THE SEVENTH MONTH; YESTERDAY'S UNVERIFIED CEASEFIRE REPORT HAS NOT MATERIALISED: IRAN AND OMAN HAVE DETAILED A TRANSIT CORRIDOR (SOME 7 MILES WIDE, A 60-DAY INTERIM ARRANGEMENT) BUT IRAN WILL NOT IMPLEMENT IT UNTIL THE US LIFTS THE BLOCKADE, WHICH IT HAS NOT; PEZESHKIAN MARKS SIX MONTHS WITH DEFIANCE NOT ESCALATION, AS THE TOLL MOUNTS (EXPORTS DOWN ~35%, ~6,000 SAILORS STRANDED) – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – MAXIMUM HELD

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MIXED SIGNALS: THE IMPASSE PERSISTS, AND YESTERDAY'S UNVERIFIED CEASEFIRE REPORT HAS NOT MATERIALISED. The impasse has persisted into the war's seventh month, and the unverified ceasefire report noted yesterday has not materialised. Iran and Oman have now detailed their transit corridor – a lane some seven miles wide, envisaged as a 60-day interim arrangement, with inbound traffic through Iranian waters and outbound through Omani waters – but Iran maintains it will not be implemented until the US lifts its naval blockade and fulfils its other commitments, and the US contests Iran's claim to control the Strait, insisting it is an international waterway transited with US assistance. President Pezeshkian marked the six-month point with a statement of defiance rather than escalation, saying Iran does not welcome war but will stand against any aggressor. The war's toll is mounting: Iranian exports have fallen nearly 35%, and the UN's maritime agency reports some 6,000 sailors stranded aboard hundreds of ships in the Gulf, with 19 seafarers killed over the war. No ceasefire has been confirmed, the blockade has not been lifted, and direct talks have not resumed. The direct US-Iran strike pause holds, and there is NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. The momentum continues in the background, but nothing has moved on the decisive step.

⚠ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. The impasse persists, and no breakthrough has been confirmed: the US has not lifted its naval blockade, no ceasefire has been announced, direct talks have not resumed, and the unverified report of an imminent ceasefire has not materialised. The US naval blockade remains in full force, the direct sanctions on Iran stand, the ballistic missile launches toward the UAE have not been repeated but the threat persists, and the regional fronts remain active. Iran's standing threat to retaliate against Gulf energy infrastructure if attacked continues to apply. There is NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY, PORTS OR INFRASTRUCTURE. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended and readiness heightened, and continues to advise clients to complete departures, hold readiness, and suspend all Strait transits until a durable de-escalation is confirmed.

⚠ **ASSESSMENT:** THE CAUTION WAS WARRANTED – AWAIT CONFIRMATION, NOT REPORTS. The non-materialisation of yesterday's reported imminent ceasefire vindicates the caution urged against it: unverified claims from state media citing unnamed sources have repeatedly failed to hold in this war, and the discipline of awaiting confirmation from credible, primary sources remains the correct one. That said, the underlying trajectory is not negative: the corridor has been detailed, the technical talks are maturing toward a permanent arrangement, Iran has reportedly dropped its original demand for full control of shipping, and the mediation continues – the direction of travel remains toward an eventual settlement, even if the timing is unknowable. But the decisive obstacle is unchanged: the US has not lifted its blockade, Iran will not act until it does, and the mounting toll – exports down, thousands of sailors stranded – is a pressure toward settlement but not a guarantee of one. For UAE clients, the posture is unchanged: MAXIMUM, heightened readiness, complete departures, suspend all Strait transits – await a verified de-escalation, not reports. There is no strike on UAE territory.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 184 – THE IMPASSE HOLDS, THE TOLL MOUNTS

The impasse has persisted into the war's seventh month, the unverified ceasefire report noted yesterday has not materialised, and the war's toll is mounting. Iran and Oman have now detailed their transit corridor through the Strait of Hormuz – a lane some seven miles wide, envisaged as a 60-day interim arrangement that can be extended, with inbound traffic passing through a northern lane in Iranian waters and outbound traffic through a southern lane in Omani waters, and with mine-clearance and a possible coordinated fee system under discussion. But Iran continues to insist the corridor will not be implemented until the United States lifts its naval blockade and fulfils its other commitments under the lapsed June memorandum, and the US contests Iran's claim to control the waterway, insisting it is an international channel transited with US assistance. President Pezeshkian marked the six-month point with a statement of defiance rather than escalation, saying Iran does not welcome war but will stand against any aggressor, and disclosed that Iranian exports have fallen nearly 35% under the sanctions and blockade. The human toll has come into focus: the UN's maritime agency reports some 6,000 sailors stranded aboard hundreds of ships in the Gulf, with 19 seafarers killed and at least 70 attacks on international shipping over the war. No ceasefire has been confirmed, the blockade has not been lifted, and direct talks have not resumed. There has been no strike on UAE territory, and the direct US-Iran strike pause holds. Westminster Security holds the alert at MAXIMUM with readiness heightened, while standing ready to lower it to HIGH promptly once the blockade is lifted, a de-escalation confirmed, and safe passage verified.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Sunday 30 August)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), readiness heightened.** Both phases suspended. Nothing confirmed; the reported ceasefire did not materialise. Suspend all Strait transits.
Ceasefire report	**DID NOT MATERIALISE.** Yesterday's unverified report of an imminent ceasefire has not been borne out – vindicating the caution urged against it.
The blockade	**NOT LIFTED – THE OBSTACLE.** The US has not lifted its blockade, the decisive step; Iran will not implement the corridor until it does.
The corridor	**DETAILED.** ~7 miles wide, a 60-day interim; inbound via Iranian waters, outbound via Omani waters; mine-clearing discussed. Not implemented.
Iran flexibility	Iran has reportedly dropped its original demand for full control of shipping; the talks aim at a shared "middle corridor." Mediation continues.
The toll	**MOUNTING.** Iranian exports down ~35%; UN reports ~6,000 sailors stranded, 19 seafarers killed, 70+ attacks on shipping over the war.

UAE territory	**NO STRIKE; NO ACTION.** No repeat of the missiles; no strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure; no Iranian action against Gulf interests. Airports open.
Direct strikes	**PAUSE HOLDS.** No new US strikes inside Iran, no Iranian strikes on US bases.

WS Assessment: The impasse persists and the reported ceasefire did not materialise, vindicating the caution urged; the underlying trajectory remains toward an eventual settlement – the corridor is detailed, Iran has shown flexibility, the mediation continues – but the decisive step, the US lifting its blockade, has not been taken, and the toll is mounting. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with readiness heightened, and Westminster Security stands ready to lower it to HIGH promptly once the blockade is lifted and a de-escalation confirmed – not on the basis of reports.

2. THE IMPASSE PERSISTS – THE CEASEFIRE REPORT HAS NOT MATERIALISED

- **No ceasefire confirmed:** As of this cutoff, no ceasefire has been announced or confirmed; the unverified report from Russian state media earlier this week, suggesting an imminent ceasefire including freedom of shipping through the Strait, has not been borne out – vindicating the caution urged against treating it as fact.
- **The blockade not lifted:** The decisive step – the United States lifting its naval blockade of Iranian ports – has not been taken; the blockade remains in full force, and Iran continues to insist the corridor will not be implemented until the US lifts it and fulfils its other commitments under the lapsed June memorandum.
- **Direct talks not resumed:** Iran continues to maintain that its only current negotiations are with Oman, and that it is not in direct negotiations with the United States; the mediators' goal of drawing the two sides back into direct talks has not yet been achieved.
- **Competing claims persist:** The US continues to contest Iran's claim to control the Strait: US Central Command has insisted that Iran does not control the waterway and that it is an international channel transited with US assistance – the competing narratives over the Strait remain unresolved even as the corridor is detailed.
- **The pattern of false dawns:** The non-materialisation of the reported ceasefire fits this war's pattern: the April ceasefire and the June memorandum both ultimately collapsed, and reports of imminent deals have recurred without holding; the discipline of awaiting confirmation from credible, primary sources remains essential.

WS Assessment: The persistence of the impasse and the non-materialisation of the reported ceasefire confirm that the encouraging trajectory has not yet translated into the one step that matters – the US lifting its blockade. Clients should continue to hold their posture and await confirmation, not act on reports; the direction of travel is positive, but the timing remains unknowable.

3. THE CORRIDOR DETAILED; PEZESHKIAN MARKS THE SIX-MONTH POINT

- **The corridor detailed:** Iran and Oman have detailed their agreed transit corridor: a lane some seven miles wide, envisaged as a 60-day interim arrangement that can be extended, with inbound traffic passing through a northern lane in Iranian waters and outbound traffic through a southern lane in Omani waters, coordinated with Iran.
- **A permanent solution to follow:** The Omani foreign minister said he hoped the two countries would soon announce the corridor, and that the future management of the Strait and a permanent solution would follow in due course; technical talks are planned to develop the long-term arrangement, including information-sharing and navigational and security services.
- **Iran shows flexibility:** Iran has reportedly dropped its original demand for full control over shipping through the Strait, with the talks now aimed at establishing a shared middle corridor that would protect Iran's rights as a coastal state while ensuring safe navigation – a sign of flexibility that has helped the framework advance.
- **Pezeshkian's defiance, not escalation:** Marking the six-month point, President Pezeshkian said Iran does not welcome war but will stand strong against any aggressor, and that no power can force the nation to surrender – a statement of resolve rather than escalation, consistent with his continued backing of a negotiated end.
- **The onus on Washington:** With the corridor detailed and Iran showing flexibility, the onus for the next move remains firmly on Washington: the framework cannot be implemented until the US lifts its blockade, and until it does, the detailed corridor remains on paper and the Strait stays closed.

WS Assessment: The detailing of the corridor and Iran's reported flexibility are constructive, and the maturing of the talks toward a permanent solution is encouraging; Pezeshkian's measured tone reinforces that Iran is not seeking escalation. But the framework's implementation still hinges on the US lifting its blockade, and clients should not read the detail as an imminent reopening.

4. THE MOUNTING TOLL – EXPORTS DOWN, SAILORS STRANDED

- **Iranian exports down sharply:** President Pezeshkian disclosed that Iranian exports have fallen by nearly 35% as a result of the sanctions and the US naval blockade – a measure of the economic pressure biting in Iran, and of the toll that is underlying both the hardline defiance and the engagement with the mediators.
- **Thousands of sailors stranded:** The United Nations' maritime agency reports that some 6,000 sailors remain stranded aboard hundreds of ships in the Persian Gulf six months into the war, unable to complete their voyages amid the closure of the Strait and the blockade – a significant and worsening humanitarian dimension of the crisis.
- **Seafarers killed, shipping attacked:** The agency reports that 19 seafarers have been killed since the conflict began in February, and that at least 70 attacks on international shipping have been recorded in the Persian Gulf over the war – underlining the human cost borne by the maritime workforce and the persistent danger to shipping.
- **The UAE's anchorages:** Some of the stranded vessels are among those anchored off the UAE's east coast at Khor Fakkan, waiting out the closure; the UAE's anchorages have become a holding area for shipping unable to transit, part of the wider regional disruption.
- **A pressure toward settlement:** The mounting economic and human toll – on Iran's economy, on the stranded seafarers, on global energy prices – is a pressure on all parties toward a settlement, and may be contributing to the diplomatic momentum; but it is a pressure, not a guarantee, and the impasse has held despite it.

WS Assessment: The mounting toll – Iranian exports down sharply, thousands of sailors stranded, seafarers killed – is a stark reminder of the war's cost and a genuine pressure toward a settlement, and it may be helping to drive the diplomacy. But it has not yet broken the impasse, and clients should not assume the pressure alone will force a rapid resolution; the decisive step remains the US lifting its blockade.

5. SHIPPING, THE BLOCKADE AND THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **The Strait still closed, corridor detailed:** The Strait remains closed to most shipping, with the blockade in force and traffic well below normal; the corridor – seven miles wide, a 60-day interim – has been detailed but not implemented, and its implementation hinges on the US lifting its blockade.
- **The blockade the decisive obstacle:** The US naval blockade remains the decisive obstacle; its lifting is a core Iranian condition and a necessary element of any durable de-escalation, and it has not been eased, though the reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf suggests a reduced expectation of escalation.
- **The maritime toll:** Some 6,000 sailors are stranded aboard hundreds of ships in the Gulf, 19 seafarers have been killed, and at least 70 attacks on shipping have been recorded over the war – a stark measure of the disruption and danger, with some stranded vessels anchored off the UAE's east coast.
- **Regional fronts active:** The Houthi campaign against Saudi shipping in the Red Sea continues, and the Lebanon front remains active; Israel remains active in Lebanon and Syria – the fronts Iran now insists must all be resolved for a settlement, a reminder the war continues.
- **UAE approaches:** There is no strike on UAE territory or on shipping in UAE waters; vessels remain anchored off the UAE's east coast at Khor Fakkan. UAE-linked operators should continue to treat the Strait as closed and hostile until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.

WS Assessment: The maritime picture remains one of a closed Strait, a blockade in force, and a mounting human toll; the corridor is detailed but not implemented. For UAE-linked operators, all Strait transits should remain suspended until a confirmed de-escalation and verified safe passage.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **The trajectory stays positive, the pressure eased – but nothing confirmed, and no strike on UAE territory.** The detailed corridor, Iran's flexibility, the reported return of US diplomats, and the US holding back on secondary sanctions keep the trajectory positive and the pressure on the UAE eased. But nothing is confirmed, the blockade stands, and the reported ceasefire did not materialise. There has been no repeat of the missiles, no Iranian action against Gulf interests, and no strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure.
- **USE THE PAUSE – COMPLETE OUTSTANDING DEPARTURES.** With the direct US-Iran strike pause holding and airports open, complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights. The trajectory has improved but nothing is confirmed; completing departures while the pause holds remains prudent.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HEIGHTENED LEVEL – AWAIT CONFIRMATION, NOT REPORTS.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a heightened level; no de-escalation is yet confirmed, and clients should await verified confirmation rather than acting on unverified reports. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert.
- **Review Iran-related sanctions exposure – the third-party risk remains receded.** The US continues to hold back on secondary sanctions, keeping the immediate third-party risk to UAE businesses receded; but the direct sanctions on Iran and the standing threat remain. Review exposure through exchange houses, trade finance, shipping and re-export; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS – UNTIL A DE-ESCALATION IS CONFIRMED.** The Strait remains closed, the blockade in force, the corridor not implemented, and the maritime toll mounting. Suspend all transits, hold vessels clear of the Strait and the Bab al-Mandeb, and treat the Strait as hostile until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified – not on the basis of unverified reports.
- **Utility and shelter measures should remain in place, with attention to water and energy.** Keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; UAE strategic water reserves are reported at roughly two days at current consumption, and Iran's standing threats make resilience a priority until de-escalation is confirmed. Follow official UAE and NCEMA guidance.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held – Heightened Readiness, the Trajectory Positive but Nothing Confirmed

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness heightened. The trajectory stays positive – the corridor detailed, Iran flexible, the mediation continuing – but nothing is confirmed, the blockade stands, direct talks have not resumed, and the reported ceasefire did not materialise; clients should complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and await a verified de-escalation rather than acting on reports.

- **All returns – SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation is confirmed; a positive trajectory and unverified reports are not a settlement.
- **Non-essential personnel – COMPLETE DEPARTURES:** Use the pause and open airports to finish any deferred departures now, on scheduled commercial flights.
- **Essential personnel – heightened readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a heightened level, review shelter locations, keep documentation and go-bags current, and monitor whether the blockade is lifted, direct talks resume, a ceasefire is confirmed, and any strike on UAE territory.
- **Business/compliance clients:** The immediate third-party sanctions risk remains receded with the US holding back on secondary sanctions, but review exposure given the direct sanctions and the standing threat; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.

- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM → HIGH):** The lifting of the US blockade, a confirmed de-escalation or ceasefire, the implementation of the corridor, a genuine reopening of the Strait with verified safe passage, and a de-escalation of the missile and economic threats would allow the alert to come down. The trajectory is positive and there is a June precedent for the blockade being lifted within minutes of a completed deal; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once these conditions are confirmed.
- **Further escalation – still possible:** The momentum could still reverse: a collapse of the mediation, an Iranian action against Gulf interests, a strike on UAE territory, or a resumption of direct US strikes would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, heightened readiness – the trajectory positive but nothing confirmed, the blockade still in force, the toll mounting; protect people first, complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, and await a verified de-escalation.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD – the trajectory stays positive, but nothing is confirmed.** Iran and Oman have detailed their corridor and Iran has shown flexibility, but the US has not lifted the blockade, direct talks have not resumed, there is no agreement yet, and yesterday's reported ceasefire did not materialise. The toll is mounting – exports down ~35%, ~6,000 sailors stranded. There is no strike on UAE territory.
- **THE CAUTION WAS WARRANTED – AWAIT CONFIRMATION.** The reported imminent ceasefire has not materialised, vindicating the caution urged against it. Do not act on unverified reports; watch for confirmation from credible, primary sources, and note this war's pattern of collapsed breakthroughs.
- **THE DECISIVE STEP REMAINS THE US LIFTING THE BLOCKADE – WATCH FOR IT.** The corridor cannot be implemented until the US lifts its blockade, and direct talks have not resumed. Watch for whether Washington moves; there is a June precedent for the blockade being lifted fast once a deal is struck.
- **HOLD READINESS; COMPLETE DEPARTURES; SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** No de-escalation is yet confirmed, and the maritime toll is mounting. Complete deferred non-essential departures on scheduled flights, keep shelter readiness current, and suspend all Strait transits until a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.
- **THE THIRD-PARTY SANCTIONS RISK REMAINS RECEDED – BUT REVIEW EXPOSURE.** The US continues to hold back on secondary sanctions, but the direct sanctions and the standing threat remain. Review exposure; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **Monitor for:** (1) whether the US lifts the blockade and direct talks resume; (2) whether a ceasefire is confirmed by credible sources; (3) any strike on UAE territory or Iranian action against Gulf interests; (4) the Red Sea and Lebanon fronts; (5) whether the direct pause holds.
- **A positive trajectory, but nothing confirmed – updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any lifting of the blockade, confirmed ceasefire, resumption of direct talks, strike on UAE territory, or major escalation, and will lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.
- **This is the one hundred and seventy-first edition.** Day 184 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **THE IMPASSE PERSISTS – THE REPORTED CEASEFIRE DID NOT MATERIALISE.** Yesterday's unverified report of an imminent ceasefire has not been borne out, vindicating the caution urged against it. The US has not lifted its blockade, direct talks have not resumed, and there is no agreement yet. The discipline of awaiting confirmation from credible sources – not acting on unverified reports – remains essential, given this war's pattern of collapsed breakthroughs.
- **THE CORRIDOR DETAILED; IRAN SHOWS FLEXIBILITY.** Iran and Oman have detailed their transit corridor – some seven miles wide, a 60-day interim, with inbound via Iranian waters and outbound via Omani waters – and Iran has reportedly dropped its original demand for full control of shipping. The framework is maturing toward a permanent solution, but it cannot be implemented until the US lifts its blockade; the onus is on Washington.
- **PEZESHKIAN MARKS SIX MONTHS WITH DEFIANCE, NOT ESCALATION.** Marking the six-month point, President Pezeshkian said Iran does not welcome war but will stand against any aggressor – a statement of resolve rather than escalation, consistent with his backing of a negotiated end. He disclosed that Iranian exports have fallen nearly 35% under the sanctions and blockade, a measure of the pressure biting in Iran.
- **THE MOUNTING TOLL – SAILORS STRANDED, SEAFARERS KILLED.** The UN's maritime agency reports some 6,000 sailors stranded aboard hundreds of ships in the Gulf, 19 seafarers killed since February, and at least 70 attacks on shipping over the war – a stark human toll, with some stranded vessels anchored off the UAE's east coast. The mounting economic and human cost is a pressure toward settlement, but has not broken the impasse.
- **THE PRESSURE ON THE UAE REMAINS EASED – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY.** The reported return of US diplomats to the Gulf, the US holding back on secondary sanctions, and the maturing talks keep the pressure on the UAE eased. There has been no repeat of the missiles, no Iranian action against Gulf interests, and no strike on UAE land, ports or infrastructure. The direct US-Iran strike pause holds. But nothing is confirmed, and the blockade stands.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, TRAJECTORY POSITIVE – NO STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST EDITION. DAY 184.** The trajectory stays positive but nothing is confirmed: the blockade stands, direct talks have not resumed, and the reported ceasefire did not materialise. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures, hold readiness, suspend all Strait transits, review sanctions exposure, and await a verified de-escalation rather than acting on reports. Westminster Security stands ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a de-escalation is confirmed and safe passage verified.

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BLOCKADE. WESTMINSTER SECURITY STANDS READY TO LOWER THE ALERT TO HIGH PROMPTLY ONCE A DE-ESCALATION IS CONFIRMED AND SAFE PASSAGE VERIFIED. PROTECT PEOPLE FIRST; UPDATES TO FOLLOW. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST EDITION. DAY 184.