

# **Israel-Iran Attacks Extend to Fourth Day With No Deal in Sight**

Conflict no sign of de-escalation or a ceasefire agreement, tensions high

Potential for broader escalation and international intervention

# **Trump Blocked Israeli Plan to Kill Iranian Leader Khamenei**

Trump wants to avoid further conflict

Willing to step in to stop the war

# **Trump Returns to G-7 He Once Loathed as Iran Crisis Intensifies**

Crisis is forcing Trump's hand, now seeking coordinated strategies with other country leaders

Possibly a shift in his approach, but probably js a temporary alignment

# **Iran's Leaders Face a Reckoning as Israeli Strikes Intensify**

Iran gov divided, aggressive retaliation vs those fearful of the consequences

Western and regional powers weigh responses to prevent a wider war

## **Trump Says ICE Ordered to Expand Deportations in Largest Cities Including New York and Chicago**

Sparked further unrest and chaos in US, with more protests coming

Trump authoritarian tendencies?

## **Trump Says US ‘Could Get Involved’ in Iran-Israel Conflict**

US is ready to go to war with its military

Russia may step in also

## **China-US Deal Didn't Address Some Rare Earths Controls: Reuters**

failed to address existing Chinese export controls on rare earth minerals

Further negotiations will impact ev, defense and renewable energy

US is still reliant on China

# Stocks Climb, Oil Jumps on Israel-Iran Conflict: Markets Wrap

Stock prices rise, oil prices surged, Gold and USD rise

Energy Stock rise from higher oil prices

Defense and Cybersecurity shares also climbed -> market bets on prolonged geopolitical unrest.

## New World Faces Key Test With Bond Interest Payment Due Monday

concerns over its liquidity and financial health

may influence confidence in other Chinese developers, which already under pressure from slumping sales and tight financing conditions

## Google's Plan to Buy Security Firm Wiz Gets Antitrust Review

signaling regulators' heightened focus on Big Tech expansion

Review could last months, and not getting approval could cause stock to drop

# Amazon Plans \$13 Billion Investment in Australia Data Centers

support the growth in demand in Australia for cloud computing and AI

also investing in three new solar farms in Victoria and Queensland to support the expanded infrastructure

Long term positive for the stock but volatility may arise.

# Global Rate Limbo Reigns After 150 Days of Trump

Central bank is expected to keep interest rate frozen.

High uncertainty around trade disruption and inflation risks and effects from Trump actions are not reflected yet.

# Japan's Bond Chaos Heralds More Volatility Across Global Markets

Japan bond market more Volatile, spiking in super-long yields

Affecting other debt markets outside japan.

Treasuring looking closely at Jpn.

# China Reviews Impact of US Data Curbs Due to Trump's Budget Cuts

China needs to find alternative data sources, raising concerns over state of current self-sufficiency

Possibly accelerate efforts to develop their data networks.

Retaliate with more restrictions onto the US

# Yuan May Extend Drop Versus Peers as Beijing Seeks Exports Boost

China to boost exports amidst global trade turmoil and US tariffs

Yuan looking to weaken

Estimated 3-4% short term

# Taiwan Imposes Technology Export Controls on Huawei, SMIC

Taiwan to limit exports to Huawei and SMIC, limiting their access to building AI semiconductors

Aligning with the US

# **Polls Show Support for Japan's Ishiba Recovering Before Election**

Due to addressing concerns over rising rice prices in Japan

Looking to progress in trade talks with US, esp on the tariff on auto exports

# **Gold Edges Toward Record High as Mideast War Drives Haven Bids**

Spot gold rose 0.3% to \$3,441.35 an ounce as of 9:14 a.m.

# **Fed on Hold Leaves Wall Street Asking What It Will Take to Cut Interest Rates**

Fresh economic forecasts and rate projections this week

May cut rates before 4th quarter if officials predict unemployment rising above the 4.4% they forecasted in March

Also largely depends on when the impact from Trumps actions are reflected into the data.

# Iran's Nuclear Sites Hobbled But Not Destroyed, Experts Say

Destroyed surface facilities

Did not breach the primary underground halls where uranium enrichment takes place

# Iran Conflict Ensnares Energy as Israel Hits Giant Gas Field

Destroyed which provided roughly two-thirds of Iran's gas supplies

may provoke further swings in oil futures.