

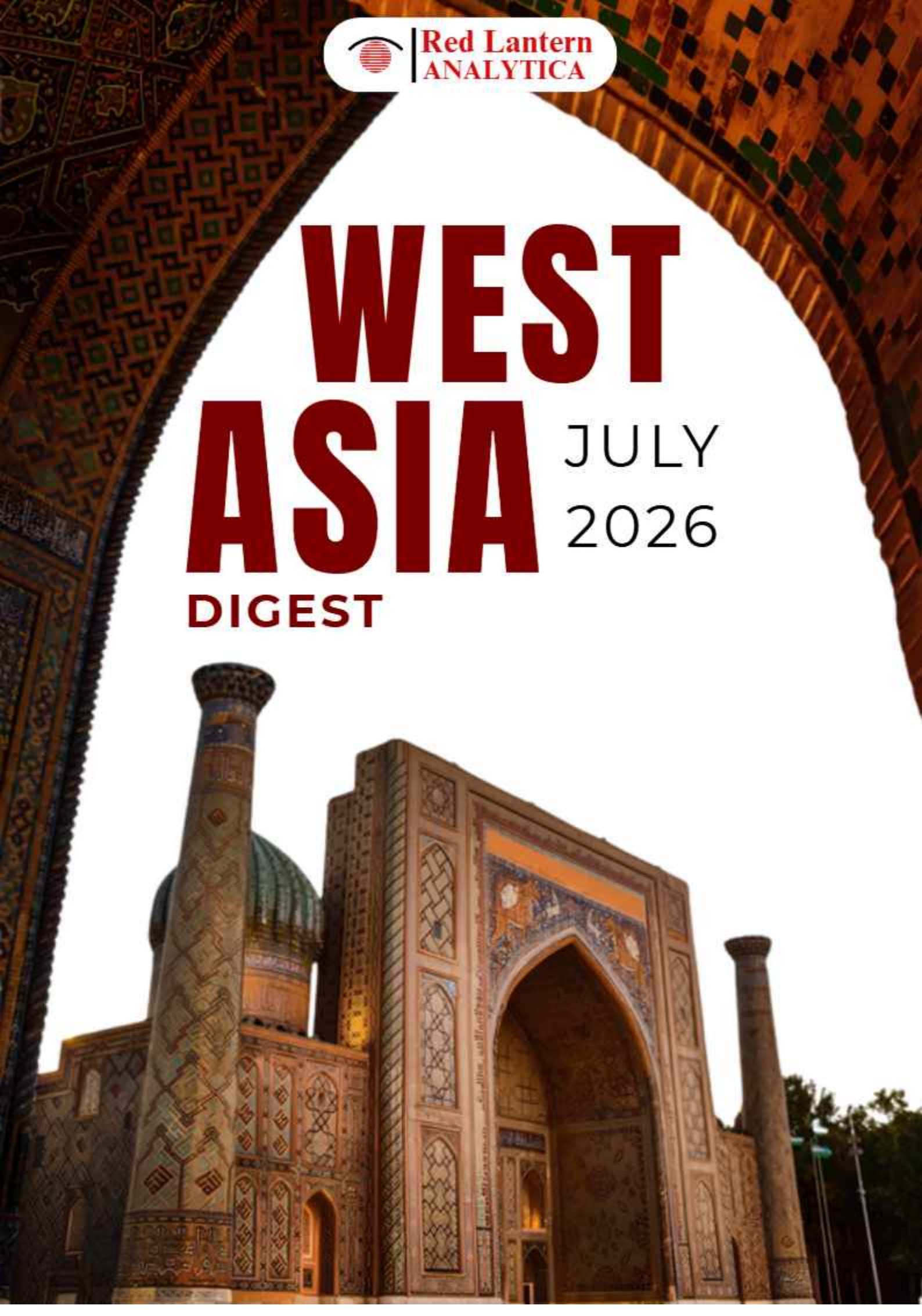


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US-Iran Talks Delayed Amid Fragile Ceasefire

Planned technical talks between the United States and Iran in Doha were postponed after Tehran stated that no negotiations were scheduled. The delay reflected continuing mistrust despite the recent ceasefire, with Qatari mediators continuing diplomatic efforts to prevent renewed escalation and maintain regional stability.



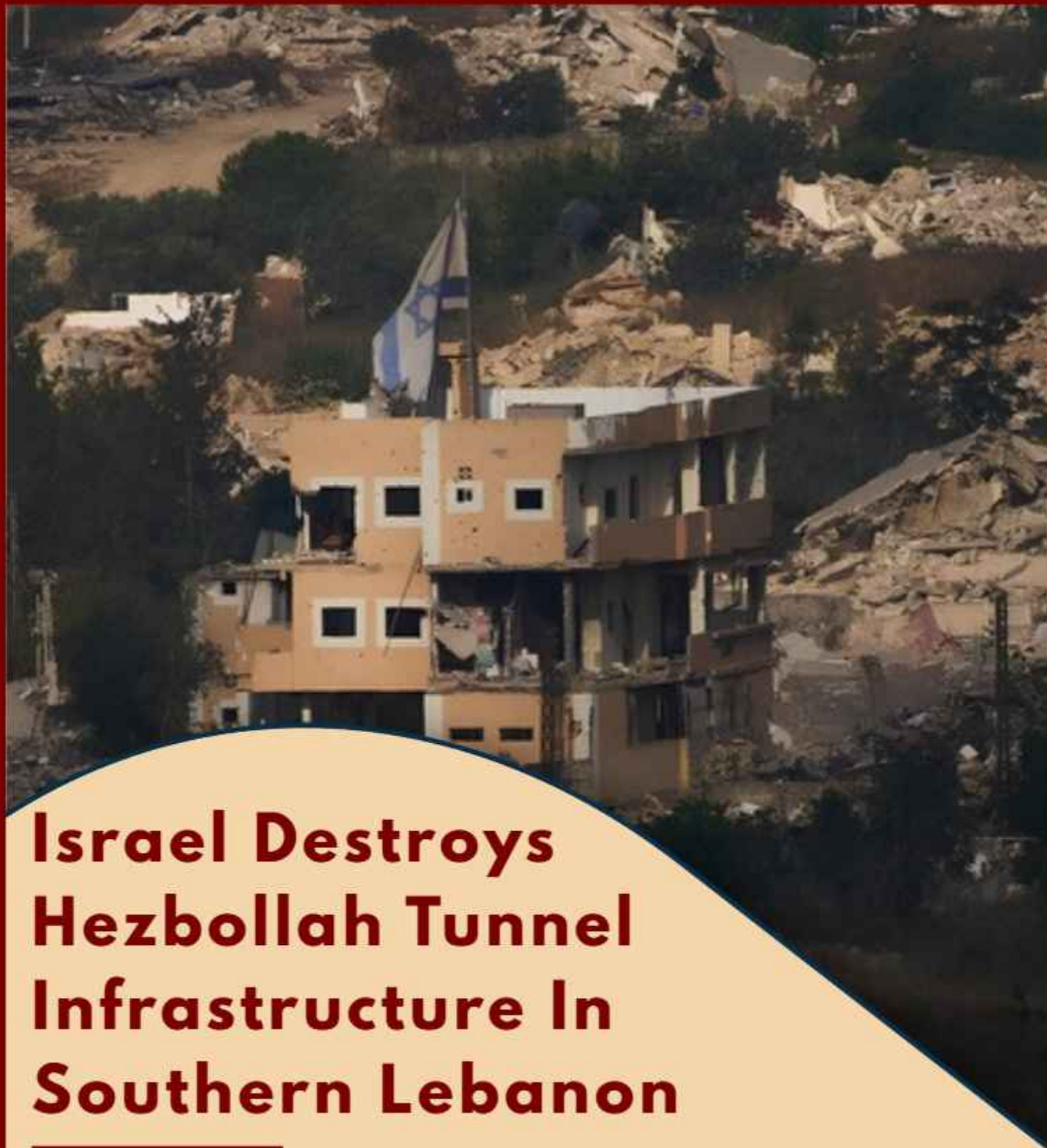
Israel Says Troops Will Remain In Southern Lebanon

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israeli forces would remain deployed in southern Lebanon until security objectives were achieved. The statement underscored Israel's continued concerns over Hezbollah despite ongoing diplomatic efforts to stabilise the Israel-Lebanon border following recent hostilities.



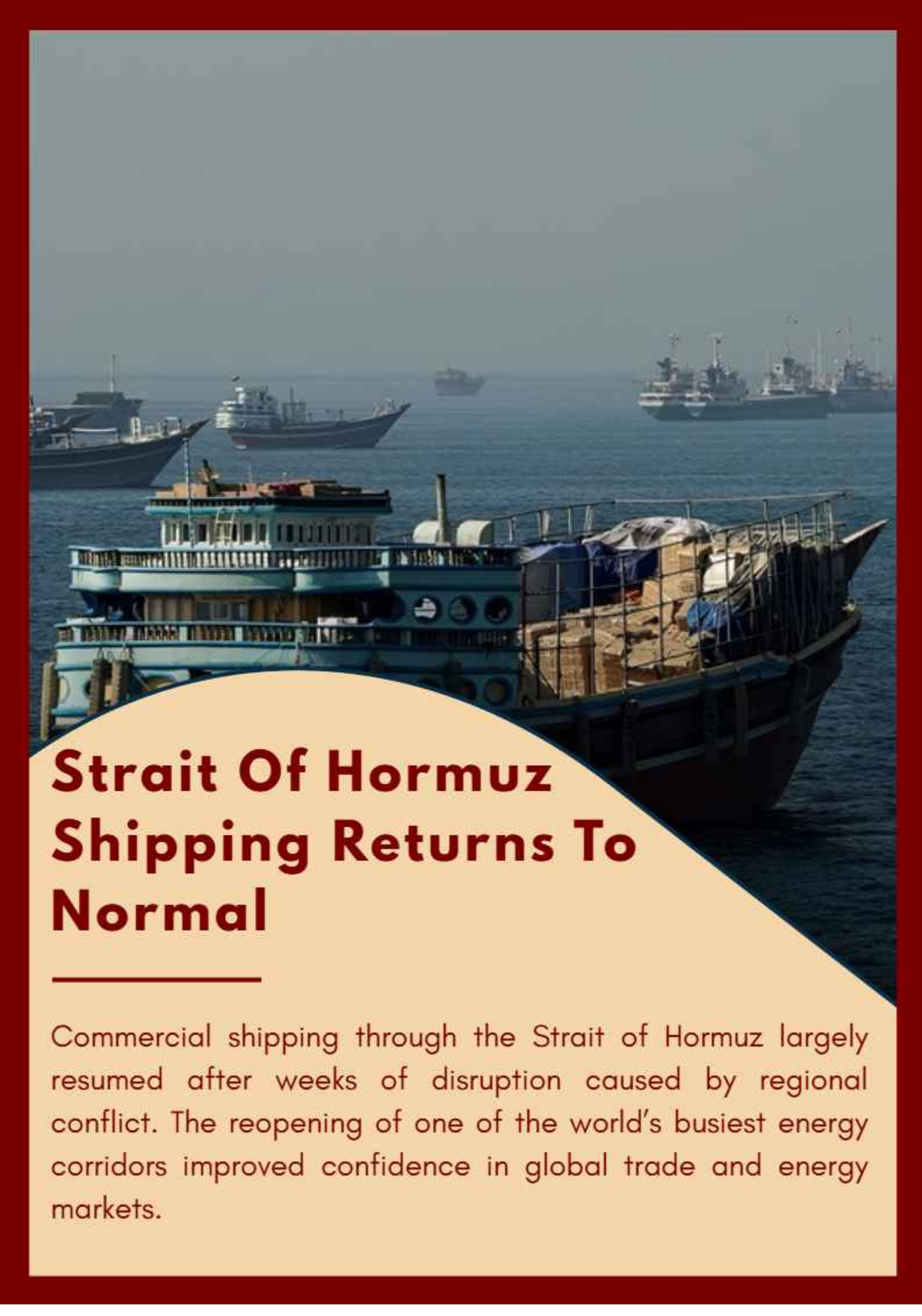
Lebanese Parliament Speaker Rejects US Backed Proposal

Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri rejected a US-backed proposal concerning Israel, arguing it could deepen political divisions and would not be implemented. His remarks demonstrated continued domestic opposition to diplomatic initiatives aimed at easing tensions along the shared border.



Israel Destroys Hezbollah Tunnel Infrastructure In Southern Lebanon

The Israeli military announced it had destroyed a 200-metre Hezbollah tunnel complex in southern Lebanon containing weapons and rocket launchers. Israel said the operation targeted militant infrastructure threatening its northern border, while Hezbollah condemned the strike as a ceasefire violation.



Strait Of Hormuz Shipping Returns To Normal

Commercial shipping through the Strait of Hormuz largely resumed after weeks of disruption caused by regional conflict. The reopening of one of the world's busiest energy corridors improved confidence in global trade and energy markets.



Iran Launches Missile And Drone Attacks On US Bases

Iran fired missiles and drones toward US military facilities in Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan following renewed American strikes. Most projectiles were intercepted, but tensions across the Gulf increased sharply.



Hamas Agrees To Technocratic Administration For Gaza

Hamas signalled its willingness to transfer Gaza's civil administration to an independent technocratic committee under an internationally backed post-war framework, while insisting that negotiations on a permanent political settlement continue.



Israel Conducts New Airstrikes In Southern Lebanon

Israel launched additional strikes against Hezbollah-linked targets in southern Lebanon, arguing they were necessary to prevent cross-border attacks. The operations heightened concerns about a broader regional confrontation.



Houthis Launch Missiles At Saudi Arabia After Sanaa Airport Strike

Yemen's Houthis launched ballistic missiles and drones towards Saudi Arabia after strikes damaged Sanaa airport's runways. The escalation, triggered by a dispute over an Iranian aircraft, threatens a four-year de-escalation and raises fears of renewed conflict in Yemen and wider regional instability.



Morocco Joins International Force For Gaza

Morocco has signed an agreement to participate in the proposed International Stabilization Force for Gaza. It is expected to contribute military, police and gendarmerie personnel, alongside a field hospital, marking a significant Arab role in post-conflict security and humanitarian efforts.



Israel's Parliament Dissolves Ahead Of October Elections

Israel's Knesset voted 62-0 to officially dissolve parliament, paving the way for 27 October 2026 elections. The vote followed a final legislative push by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition, which passed several controversial measures before parliament went into recess.

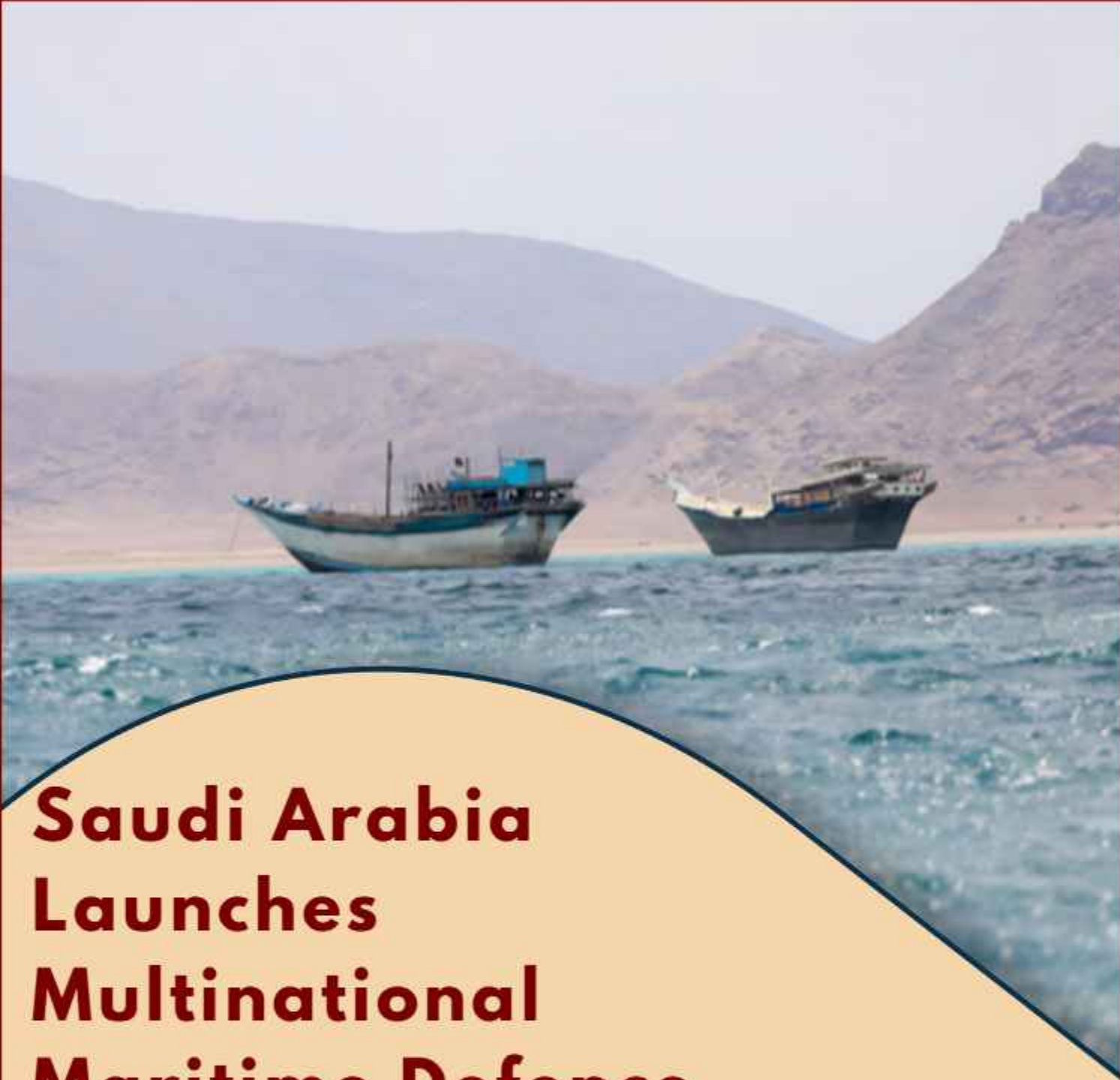
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Iraq Signs Western Energy Deals, Including Plans To Revive Syria Pipeline

Iraq signed agreements with Western oil companies and discussed reviving a pipeline connecting its energy infrastructure to Syria. The move could have wider implications for regional energy connectivity and Iraq's efforts to diversify partnerships beyond its traditional patrons.



Saudi Arabia Launches Multinational Maritime Defence Coalition

Saudi Arabia announced a multinational maritime defence coalition involving support from 14 countries to protect shipping and energy routes in the Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb Strait. The initiative is expected to strengthen maritime security and safeguard one of the world's busiest trade corridors.



India And Arab Business Chambers Sign Major Trade MOU

The India & Arab Countries Chamber of Commerce and ASSOCHAM signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand trade, investment, and industrial cooperation between India and 22 Arab nations. The agreement is expected to strengthen economic ties, increase bilateral investments, and boost regional trade connectivity.



Global Institutions Coordinate Response To Middle East War

The heads of the IMF, World Bank, WTO, and IEA issued a joint statement coordinating international efforts to address the economic, energy, and trade disruptions caused by the West Asia conflict. Their cooperation highlights the global impact of the region's instability on energy markets and international trade.



US And Iran Resume Diplomatic Negotiations

The United States and Iran resumed indirect negotiations through mediators to reduce regional tensions and prevent further escalation. The talks are significant because stability in the Gulf directly affects global oil prices, maritime trade through the Strait of Hormuz, and international security.



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