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Turning Open-Source Information into Strategic Intelligence through Semantic Analysis and Quantitative Assessment

Daily Assessment

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About this Report

The USA-Iran Strategic Intelligence Report is an analytical publication of the Törésvonalak Intelligence Hub. Its purpose is to assess the evolving strategic dynamics of the confrontation between the United States and Iran.

The system does not treat individual events in isolation. It processes open-source information, assigns strategic meaning through semantic analysis, and converts the resulting indicators into comparable quantitative assessments through scoring, aggregation, and time-series methods.

The report is designed to reveal the processes behind daily headlines in a transparent, reproducible, and data-driven form. It provides researchers, analysts, and decision-makers with a structured situational picture, but it does not replace independent expert judgement.

Open-source information → semantic analysis → strategic indicators → quantitative assessment → integrated strategic intelligence

Analytical Inputs and Configuration Files

The report is built from the following daily model outputs and strategic configuration files. The table identifies the files, versions, reference dates, and analytical roles used in production.

Model or file	File path	Version	Reference	Role	Status
Forecast	docs/conflict_forecast_live.json	conflict_forecast_live_v1	2026-09-15	48- and 72-hour activity direction	available
Strategic Pressure	docs/strategic_pressure.json	strategic_pressure_v1_2	2026-09-15	Seven-day strategic pressure and principal drivers	ok
Interest Achievement	docs/interest_achievement.json	strategic_interest_achievement_v2	2026-09-15	Daily performance of weighted strategic interests	available
Strategic Success	docs/strategic_success.json	strategic_success_v1_1	2026-09-15	Achievement, momentum, stability, and consistency	available
Strategic Interests	data/strategic/strategic_interests.json	-	configuration	Definitions and weights of actor interests	available
Strategic Indicators	data/strategic/strategic_indicators.json	-	configuration	Semantic indicators and recognition rules	available
Interest Impact Map	data/strategic/interest_impact_map.json	-	configuration	Mapped effects of indicators on strategic interests	available

Report at a Glance

Conflict	United States – Iran
48-hour Forecast	increasing military activity
72-hour Forecast	no clear signal
Strategic Pressure	49.5 – balanced
Interest Achievement	US 50.0 Iran 50.0
Strategic Success	US 50.9 Iran 55.1
Strategic Position	balanced
Data Maturity	full

Executive Summary

Overall Assessment

The daily picture indicates that strategic pressure remains in a mixed middle range. The near-term Forecast points to increasing military activity over 48 hours and passed the publication gate. The Strategic Success model indicates a broadly balanced strategic position. The Interest Achievement gap is +0.00 points and the Strategic Success gap is -4.20 points.

Main Findings

- The 48-hour Forecast indicates increasing military activity; the 72-hour direction is increasing military activity.
- The overall Strategic Pressure Index is 49.5, with a broadly stable trend.
- Interest Achievement is 50.0 for the United States and 50.0 for Iran; the daily position is balanced.
- Strategic Success is 50.9 for the United States and 55.1 for Iran; the model indicates a balanced position.
- Diplomatic, military, and economic signals must be interpreted together; no single model provides a complete conflict picture.

Assessment Confidence

HIGH

Data maturity: full

Observations used: 190

Maturity confidence: 100%

Analytical layers: 4

Forecast Assessment

Horizon	Public signal	Raw direction	Probability	Confidence	Target date
48h	increasing military activity	increasing military activity	50.2%	0.457	2026-09-17
72h	no clear signal	increasing military activity	40.9%	0.369	2026-09-18

The most likely raw 48-hour direction is **increasing military activity**. Its leading probability is 50.2%, with a confidence score of 0.457. The result passed the publication gate and is therefore released as a public forecast signal.

The raw 72-hour direction is **increasing military activity**, with a leading probability of 40.9% and confidence of 0.369. The system withheld a clear public signal because the result did not reach the stricter horizon-specific gate.

The shared direction across both horizons supports the possibility of trend persistence, but the result remains a probabilistic estimate rather than a prediction of a specific military event.

48h - nearest historical analogues

Analogue date	Distance	Observed direction
2026-08-16	0.469	increasing military activity
2026-07-19	0.503	increasing military activity
2026-09-03	0.519	decreasing military activity
2026-08-21	0.590	decreasing military activity
2026-07-18	0.650	broadly stable military activity

72h - nearest historical analogues

Analogue date	Distance	Observed direction
2026-08-15	0.369	increasing military activity
2026-08-25	0.457	decreasing military activity
2026-07-18	0.499	broadly stable military activity
2026-07-23	0.520	decreasing military activity
2026-07-19	0.581	increasing military activity

Strategic Pressure Assessment

Actor	Index	Level	Trend
United States	50.0	balanced	broadly stable
Iran	49.0	balanced	decrease
Overall	49.5	balanced	broadly stable

The seven-day weighted US Strategic Pressure Index is **50.0** (balanced), Iran's index is **49.0** (balanced), and the overall reading is **49.5** (balanced). The US trend is broadly stable, the Iranian trend is decrease, and the overall trend is broadly stable.

The higher current pressure is associated with the United States. This does not automatically imply initiative or intent to attack; it means the model identifies stronger strategic constraints, deterrent

signals, or instruments of leverage on that side.

The middle range indicates a mixed strategic environment in which restraint and coercive pressure may operate simultaneously.

Strategic Interest Achievement

Actor	Achievement index	Change from neutral	Trend	Interests with evidence
United States	50.00	+0.00	broadly stable	0/8
Iran	50.00	+0.00	broadly stable	0/8
Overall	+0.00	-	balanced	-

The US Strategic Interest Achievement Index is **50.00**, while Iran's is **50.00**. The gap is +0.00 points, producing a **balanced** daily balance.

The index measures whether detected developments support or weaken each actor's own weighted strategic interests. It is not a military-victory indicator.

United States: detailed status of strategic interests

The actor's daily index is **50.00**, with a broadly stable trend. The breakdown below presents not only the final index but also the defined objectives, their weights, daily evidence, and current interpretation.

Strategic interest	Weight	Daily status	Evidence	Interpretation
Israel security Maintain Israel's security and military superiority.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Protection of US forces Protect US military personnel, bases and regional assets.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Freedom of navigation Maintain secure maritime routes including the Strait of Hormuz.	9	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Prevent Iranian nuclear weapon capability Limit or delay Iran's military nuclear programme.	9	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Regional deterrence Maintain credible military deterrence against Iran and its proxies.	8	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Protection of regional partners Support Gulf partners and other regional allies.	8	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Global energy security Reduce disruption to global energy markets.	7	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Avoid full-scale regional war Prevent uncontrolled regional escalation.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.

Iran: detailed status of strategic interests

The actor's daily index is **50.00**, with a broadly stable trend. The breakdown below presents not only the final index but also the defined objectives, their weights, daily evidence, and current interpretation.

Strategic interest	Weight	Daily status	Evidence	Interpretation
Regime survival Ensure survival and stability of the Islamic Republic.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Strategic deterrence Maintain credible military deterrence against the United States and Israel.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Preserve nuclear programme Protect strategic nuclear infrastructure and capabilities.	9	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Missile capability Maintain and develop long-range missile forces.	9	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Regional proxy network Maintain influence through regional partner organisations.	8	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Regional influence Preserve strategic influence across the Middle East.	8	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Hormuz leverage Retain the ability to influence maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.	8	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.
Avoid regime-destroying war Avoid military escalation threatening state survival.	10	no direct daily evidence	0	The daily model did not provide a detailed textual rationale for this interest.

Strategic Success

Actor	Success index	Achievement	Momentum	Stability	Consistency
United States	50.91	50.00	50.68	81.84	23.33
Iran	55.11	50.00	48.65	89.17	46.67

The US Strategic Success Index is **50.91**, compared with **55.11** for Iran. The gap is -4.20 points; the model's strategic advantage is **balanced**.

Current data maturity is **full**. The measure combines achievement, momentum, stability, and consistency, thereby testing whether daily performance appears sustainable.

United States: components of success

Component	Value	Meaning
Achievement	50.00	How far the day's developments support the actor's weighted strategic interests.
Momentum	50.68	Whether recent performance is improving or weakening relative to the longer-term average.
Stability	81.84	How limited the index volatility is; a higher value indicates more predictable performance.
Consistency	23.33	Whether favourable days are persistent and repeated rather than a single temporary spike.

The final Strategic Success reading is therefore not a simple daily ranking: it tests whether favourable or adverse performance is persistent, stable, and repeatable.

Iran: components of success

Component	Value	Meaning
Achievement	50.00	How far the day's developments support the actor's weighted strategic interests.
Momentum	48.65	Whether recent performance is improving or weakening relative to the longer-term average.
Stability	89.17	How limited the index volatility is; a higher value indicates more predictable performance.
Consistency	46.67	Whether favourable days are persistent and repeated rather than a single temporary spike.

The final Strategic Success reading is therefore not a simple daily ranking: it tests whether favourable or adverse performance is persistent, stable, and repeatable.

Integrated Strategic Assessment

The raw 48-hour forecast direction is increasing military activity, while the overall Strategic Pressure Index is 49.5. Daily interest achievement is balanced, and sustainable strategic success is balanced.

The four models operate at different analytical levels: Forecast estimates operational activity, Strategic Pressure measures coercive and restraining incentives, Interest Achievement measures daily alignment with strategic interests, and Strategic Success evaluates sustainability. The integrated assessment is therefore not a repetition of a single index.

Key Strategic Drivers

No data available.

Methodology and Limitations

1. Data Collection and Source Scope

The system uses open-source information. Non-kinetic events are derived from news reporting, RSS sources, and structured OSINT feeds, while kinetic events are maintained in a separate dataset. Only the latest complete UTC day is assessed, so the still-open current day is excluded from the daily indices.

2. Semantic Processing

The first analytical step is semantic interpretation rather than mathematical scoring. The system identifies actors, event types, directions, key expressions, and strategic relationships. The `strategic_indicators.json` file defines recognised indicators and their detection rules, converting language signals into structured and explainable strategic events.

3. Strategic Interests

The `strategic_interests.json` file contains the weighted strategic interests of the United States and Iran. Each interest has a name, description, and weight. The weight represents the relative importance of that objective in the combined assessment.

4. Indicator-to-Interest Mapping

The `interest_impact_map.json` file links semantic indicators to strategic interests. A relationship may be supportive, weakening, or neutral and may include an effect strength. This allows the same event to carry different strategic consequences for the two actors.

5. Strategic Pressure

Strategic Pressure combines each event's existing operational component with a strategic modifier. The seven-day weighted score is mapped to a 0-100 index. Values below 50 indicate reduced pressure and values above 50 indicate elevated pressure. The index is not an attack probability; it approximates the intensity of coercion, deterrence, and leverage.

6. Strategic Interest Achievement

Interest Achievement measures whether current developments support or weaken each actor's own weighted strategic interests. A score of 50 is neutral. Values above 50 indicate a supportive environment and values below 50 indicate weakening conditions. The measure does not represent military victory or political legitimacy.

7. Strategic Success

Strategic Success evaluates current performance through four components: achievement, momentum, stability, and consistency. Achievement carries a 50% weight, momentum 20%, and stability and consistency 15% each. Momentum compares seven- and thirty-day averages, stability measures volatility, and consistency examines the persistence of positive performance.

8. Forecast

The Forecast identifies historical analogue days resembling the present situation and estimates 48- and 72-hour direction from the military activity observed after those states. A raw result becomes a public signal only when horizon-specific probability and confidence thresholds are met. The model does not predict a specific attack or target.

9. Deduplication and Evidence Handling

Among repeated reports assigned to the same actor, UTC date, and indicator, only the strongest evidence item retains its score. Other items remain visible for transparency but do not inflate the indices. Recognised bilateral negotiation and ceasefire events may contribute to both actors.

10. Integrated Assessment

The integrated assessment connects four different questions. Forecast estimates near-term operational direction. Strategic Pressure measures the coercive environment. Interest Achievement evaluates daily alignment with strategic interests, while Strategic Success examines sustainability and quality. The final judgement is therefore based on convergence or divergence across the four models.

11. Limitations

The models depend on the completeness and quality of available open sources. Semantic rules and indicator-to-interest mappings contain analytical judgement. Low source volume, propaganda, delayed reporting, and incorrect attribution may distort results. The report is a decision-support tool rather than an autonomous decision mechanism.

The forecast estimates the expected direction of aggregate military activity from historical patterns. It does not predict a specific attack, target, or military operation. Strategic Pressure evaluates strategic incentives and signals of coercion; it is not an event-probability measure.