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Executive Summary — This Week's Key Global Developments

- **Shipping exposure:** Separate projectile incidents in Hormuz and Houthi territorial gains beside Bab al-Mandeb increased pressure on two maritime chokepoints. Maritime reporting associated warning 133-26 with two vessels struck near Khasab on 10 September; warning 134-26 concerned a different vessel struck on 12 September. Houthi forces captured Mokha on 10 September, followed by reports of control over Perim Island on 11 September. These developments expose different parts of the shipping network to disruption, without establishing that either strait is closed or that the incidents share an attacker.
- **Border transport:** A Russian strike against a passenger train near Poland brought direct attack exposure to a principal connection between Ukraine and the European Union. Ukrainian railway and customs statements, cited in the Institute for the Study of War's 13 September assessment, described damage to a Kyiv–Warsaw train locomotive and a petrol station near the Yahodyn–Dorohusk crossing. The strike was reported on Ukrainian territory, approximately two kilometres from Poland in the locomotive's case. The immediate implication is less predictable cross-border movement, rather than evidence of an attack inside Poland.
- **Exploited software:** Confirmed exploitation of ScreenConnect and Artifactory vulnerabilities made remote support and software distribution immediate corporate security concerns. The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency added ScreenConnect CVE-2026-84869 to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalogue on 11 September, with a 14 September remediation deadline for federal civilian executive branch agencies. Separately, the Dutch National Cyber Security Centre warned that two Check Point vulnerabilities were likely to attract large-scale exploitation; active exploitation was not established in the consulted reporting. A warning about imminent abuse and evidence of an existing intrusion require different assessments of business exposure.
- **War trajectory:** Ukraine's ability to contest Russian advances and reach distant energy facilities complicates assumptions of steady Russian military progress. ISW assessed on 12 September that Ukrainian counterattacks around Kupyansk, Oleksandrivka and Lyman had challenged Russian initiative, while acknowledging continuing Russian gains elsewhere. Its 10 September assessment also carried Ukrainian official claims of strikes against gas-processing facilities nearly 3,000 kilometres from Ukraine. Those claims expand the assessed reach of the campaign; they do not establish the duration of any resulting production loss.
- **Election security:** Violence around Cotabato City disrupted the opening of the first parliamentary election in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on 14 September. Philippine reporting described at least three deaths, conflicting numbers of wounded and election commission control measures affecting Cotabato City and Maluso. The concentration of incidents around identifiable voting locations supports a local assessment of acute disruption. It does not establish a breakdown across the southern Philippines or provide a basis for anticipating the election result.

- **Civilian support:** Weak medical services and restricted access to food amplified the consequences of violence in several African and Caribbean settings. A UN commission warned after its South Sudan visit that renewed violence and impunity continued to endanger civilians and the political transition. Separate humanitarian reporting documented Sudan's underfunded health response and Cuba's deteriorating water services. These pressures matter to employers because an otherwise manageable illness, local road closure or interruption to supplies becomes harder to absorb when public services have little spare capacity.
- **Taiwan preparedness:** Taiwan's proposed additional defence funding points to a sustained effort to accelerate domestic production, rather than an immediate change in commercial transit conditions. The 11 September China and Taiwan assessment described a proposal for about NT\$145.7 billion in additional defence funding, including uncrewed systems and ammunition. The proposal still required legislative consideration. Production schedules and legislative approval are the relevant near-term indicators; the announcement alone does not demonstrate a new military confrontation.

Key Developments & Intelligence Assessment

Europe

HIGH

Ukraine's transport links and distant energy targets remain exposed

What happened: Russia's 13 September strike reached transport infrastructure close to Ukraine's Polish border. Ukrainian railway officials said a drone struck the locomotive of a Kyiv–Warsaw passenger train; customs reporting described a petrol-station fire near Yahodyn–Dorohusk. The ISW assessment of that date brought together these official accounts and Polish confirmation of strikes near the crossing. The available statements establish a serious incident affecting border-area transport, but do not establish a prolonged closure of the entire crossing or the suspension of all rail services to Poland.

Distance is offering less protection to Russian energy sites. The 10 September campaign assessment cited Ukrainian General Staff and Special Operations Forces claims of strikes on the Novy Urengoy Gas Condensate Treatment Plant and Purovsky Gas Processing Plant in Yamalo-Nenets. The reported distances were approximately 2,840 and 2,780 kilometres from the Ukrainian border. Ukrainian officials supplied the facilities' capacity figures, but those figures describe nominal plant capacity, not output destroyed. The extent of damage and any sustained effect on gas processing remained unconfirmed in the material available at publication.

The ground campaign is more contested than a simple Russian advance suggests. The 12 September assessment judged that Ukraine had held Russian forces to near-zero net territorial gains since March and had conducted successful counterattacks in several sectors. That is an analytical judgement across the front, not a finding that every Ukrainian position improved. Russian gains around Kostyantynivka and east of Slovyansk and Kramatorsk remained part of the same assessment. Commercial exposure in eastern Ukraine therefore remains severe even where a local counterattack has reduced a particular military threat.

Why it matters: Cross-border rail is exposed to attack before passengers and cargo leave Ukrainian territory. A damaged locomotive or fire close to a checkpoint can delay a journey without destroying the route itself. For businesses moving personnel between Kyiv and Poland, the distinction is practical: a service interruption, a replacement locomotive and a border closure produce different delays and different demands on onward transport. The reported strike does not justify treating Polish domestic rail as part of the same attack zone.

Energy disruption also depends on repair time and substitution. A successful long-range strike can impose inspection costs, interrupt processing or draw air defence away from another site. It does not automatically remove the affected plant's full annual capacity from the market. The Ukrainian claims support a wider geographical threat to Russian energy infrastructure; reliable information on throughput, repairs and alternative processing would be needed to establish the commercial scale. Distance from the front is becoming a weaker guide to physical exposure, while verified operating status remains decisive for supply contracts.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium Europe's high assessment is driven by the war in Ukraine and its connections to European transport and energy networks. The border-area strike supports a judgement of continuing disruption to civilian movement within Ukraine. Ukrainian counterattacks do not remove that exposure. Confidence is lower in the damage inflicted on distant Russian energy plants and in the duration of transport interruptions; neither is sufficiently established to support quantified supply-loss or closure forecasts.

Network access remains an international corporate exposure

What happened: Two Check Point vulnerabilities created a separate threat to organisations using exposed security gateways. The Dutch warning of 10 September covered CVE-2026-85102 and CVE-2026-85103, described as

unauthenticated remote-code-execution paths affecting Quantum products. Check Point reported no indication of active exploitation at disclosure, and fixes were released on 9 September. The warning concerned the prospect of rapid exploitation, not evidence that every vulnerable gateway had been compromised.

Why it matters: Security gateways sit between outside traffic and internal systems, so compromise can affect access controls and the reliability of network boundaries. That exposure extends beyond Europe despite the Dutch origin of the warning. A published fix changes the availability of remediation; it does not reveal whether an organisation was previously accessed. Claims of a widespread Check Point intrusion campaign would exceed the evidence available this week.

Intelligence Assessment

High The Check Point disclosure is a serious exposure warning with a clear affected-product basis. Confirmed exploitation is a separate threshold and had not been established in the consulted reporting. The business consequence depends on whether affected products are deployed and reachable, rather than the number of public warnings repeating the disclosure.

ALSO MONITORED THIS WEEK

- **Russian financing:** Russia's central bank held its key interest rate at 14 per cent on 11 September, according to the campaign assessment's account of the bank announcement. Its explanation of rising price pressure and reduced production capacity in some sectors points to continuing financing constraints, but does not isolate the economic cost of Ukrainian strikes.
- **Occupation policy:** Russian education authorities announced preschool programmes promoting Russian state-defined values on 7 September, as documented in the 10 September occupation update. Their application in occupied Ukraine extends institutional assimilation to younger children and remains relevant to staff welfare and the treatment of families under occupation.

Middle East

CRITICAL

Hormuz suffered two distinct projectile incidents

What happened: Maritime trade-press copies of a UKMTO warning described four unknown projectiles striking two unidentified vessels approximately four nautical miles west of Khasab on 10 September. The reporting associated the incident with warning 133-26 and placed it at about 19:10 UTC. One vessel was described as on fire; the second vessel's condition was unknown. Vessel names, casualties and the identity of the attacker were not established.

A later Hormuz warning concerned a separate vessel and reporting time. Published accounts of UKMTO warning 134-26 described a vessel struck by an unknown projectile while transiting the strait, with the report received at 23:00 UTC on 12 September. Crew status, damage and environmental consequences were unknown in the warning as restated. This does not establish that the ship burned, that its crew evacuated or that oil entered the water. Those consequences cannot be carried across from the 10 September incident.

Why it matters: Repeated reports of vessels being struck increase uncertainty about transit exposure even without a verified attacker. Shipowners and charterers face questions about voyage timing, crew welfare and the treatment of damage under insurance contracts. The distinction between an attack warning and a verified closure remains essential: neither warning establishes that all commercial passage through Hormuz stopped. Unknown hull identities also prevent a sound assessment of whether ownership, flag or cargo influenced targeting.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium Hormuz remains an acute source of physical danger and voyage uncertainty. The two reported incidents support concern about repeated projectile exposure, but the evidence is insufficient to assign either attack to a named actor or define a reliable vessel-targeting pattern. Confidence is lower for incident detail than for the commercial consequence of repeated attack reporting in a narrow transit corridor.

Mokha's capture changed the mainland position

What happened: Houthi forces captured Mokha city and port on 10 September, displacing government-aligned forces from an important Red Sea base. Multiple international reports citing Yemeni officials and witnesses supported the capture. The port had served as an operational and logistical centre for the National Resistance Forces. Its loss therefore affected the government's ability to sustain operations on the coast, as well as control of a commercial facility.

Why it matters: Control of Mokha gives the Houthis a closer mainland position from which to support activity towards Bab al-Mandeb. The immediate military consequence is the loss of a government-aligned port and support base; the maritime consequence depends on how the new authorities use and supply that position. A captured port is not automatically a functioning weapons base. The ISW and Critical Threats Project update of 10 September identified secure transport links and the consolidation of coastal territory as conditions for a more effective threat to shipping.

Intelligence Assessment

High Mokha's capture is a substantive change in control of Yemen's western coast. It weakens government-aligned forces' logistical position and improves Houthi access towards the southern Red Sea. The scale of any additional maritime threat depends on weapons deployment, supply movements and the security of the coastal route, rather than the capture announcement alone.

Perim places the island question inside the strait

What happened: Reports on 11 September described government-aligned forces withdrawing from Perim, also known as Mayyun, and Houthi forces taking control of the island. BBC, CNN and other international reporting carried the development; the Iran update of 11 September cited Yemeni officials on the island's seizure. Perim is a distinct position inside Bab al-Mandeb. It is not part of the Mokha port incident, even though the mainland advance helps explain its military context.

Why it matters: An island position close to shipping lanes changes the distance from which vessels can be observed or threatened. Sustaining fighters and equipment on Perim would still require supplies and access from the mainland. The analytical update identified potential use of shorter-range weapons from newly acquired positions, but did not establish a deployed battery or an immediate attack capability on every captured site. Houthi assurances that shipping would be safe except for Saudi vessels are the group's declared policy, not a guarantee available to ship operators.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium Reported Houthi control of Perim increases the scope for coercion at Bab al-Mandeb. The decisive next stage is consolidation: reliable island resupply, sustained occupation and identifiable maritime interference. Neither reported territorial control nor declared vessel restrictions establishes a complete closure of the strait.

ALSO MONITORED THIS WEEK

- **Gulf piracy:** The 10 September incident involving the bulk carrier Glamor was a separate Gulf of Aden piracy case. EUNAVFOR identified its resolution, while Marine Insight reported that the crew used the citadel, the attackers left and the crew were safe; Houthi involvement was not established.
- **Saudi exports:** A precautionary shutdown of the East-West Pipeline following a drone attack was described in the 11 September Iran update, citing Saudi energy and foreign ministry announcements. The account provides a separate warning about the availability of an export alternative to Hormuz, but does not establish its operating status on publication day or independently identify the attacker.
- **Yemen casualties:** The Yemen situation report issued on 6 September recorded 1,078 cumulative casualties through 5 September, including 194 deaths, around the escalating conflict. These figures describe the humanitarian conditions preceding Mokha's capture and are not a casualty count for the 10–11 September advances.

Africa

ELEVATED

Civilian protection and medical capacity remain under pressure

What happened: The UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan warned after its September visit that renewed violence, political tensions and impunity continued to threaten civilians and the political transition. The statement followed meetings with authorities, civil society and survivors, including a visit to Bor. Accounts from survivors of fighting in northern Jonglei described killings, sexual violence, displacement and separation from families. Several survivors lacked access to medical or other essential support despite urgent needs.

Public authority is not translating reliably into protection. The commission's findings connect violence with weak accountability and restrictions on civic space. They provide grounds for concern about local protection and access to assistance, without establishing a new nationwide offensive during the reporting week. For organisations working with communities affected by fighting, the relevant exposure includes interrupted local services and the difficulty of obtaining help after an incident. Conditions in Bor and northern Jonglei cannot be applied automatically to every location in South Sudan.

Why it matters: The availability of care influences the consequences of violence as much as the initial incident. Survivors' accounts of unmet urgent needs show that access to a town or a public authority does not guarantee effective treatment. Employers and humanitarian organisations operating in affected areas remain exposed to delays in referral, staff displacement and interrupted contact with families. The commission's political concerns also point to uncertainty around whether formal commitments will produce more reliable civilian protection.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium Africa's elevated assessment reflects pressure in the specific conflict and humanitarian settings covered this week. South Sudan's protection failures support concern about local access and emergency assistance, but do not establish a uniform deterioration across the continent. The clearest near-term exposure is the interaction between violence and limited civilian support, rather than an independently verified acceleration of a wider militant campaign.

Sudan's health system has little funding available to absorb further disruption. The World Health Organization's August Health Spotlight, published in September, reported receipt of 19.3 per cent of its US\$97.7 million emergency appeal. It also recorded more than 102,000 supported consultations and continuing cholera across multiple localities. These are August service and funding figures, not new September cases. They show a functioning response under financial constraint; they do not imply that all health services have ceased.

A funding gap becomes an access problem when demand or transport costs rise. The same update described medical-supply distribution and laboratory support, including in Blue Nile. Those activities demonstrate the dependence of clinical services on continued delivery and external assistance. Further displacement or interruption to supplies would place additional demand on that response. No specific hospital closure or district-wide withdrawal of care is established by the monthly figures alone.

ALSO MONITORED THIS WEEK

- **Mozambique food:** The September IPC snapshot estimated 1.19 million people in Crisis or worse during July–September and projected 1.84 million for October–March. Conflict, weather shocks and high food prices underpin the outlook; the projected increase indicates pressure on household supplies and assistance demand, not a count of new attacks.

- **Chad crops:** The 7 September GIEWS brief estimated about 3.18 million people facing severe acute food insecurity during the 2026 lean season. Uneven rains and recurrent dry spells left crop prospects uncertain, even though coarse-grain prices were below year-earlier levels; lower prices alone therefore do not establish recovery in household food access.

Asia

ELEVATED

Bangsamoro's election faces local violence and disputed incident detail

What happened: The first BARMM parliamentary election took place on the 14 September calendar, with approximately 2.39 million registered voters and 80 seats. Press accounts described a deadly clash around Datu Usman Mampen school in Barangay Bagua 2, Cotabato City. Reports agreed on three deaths but differed on the number wounded and on whether the incident occurred on the eve of voting or on Monday. The precise injury total and timing remained unreconciled at publication.

Election control measures are clearer than the casualty detail. The Manila Bulletin reported on 14 September, quoting Commission on Elections chairman George Garcia, that Cotabato City and Maluso in Basilan were placed under commission control. Reporting linked the measures to violence and voting irregularities. The affected locations are geographically distinct, and Maluso's reported irregularities do not establish that the entire regional ballot was compromised. Final results and the conduct of counting remained forward issues on publication day.

Why it matters: Violence near a school used for voting can disrupt civilian movement well beyond the people directly involved in the clash. Election control measures also change which authority directs local security arrangements. For employers, the immediate implications concern attendance and movement around the affected localities, with further uncertainty during counting and dispute resolution. Neither a local clash nor an administrative intervention establishes that commercial activity across Mindanao has stopped.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium The election creates concentrated public-order exposure around affected voting centres and subsequent counting or dispute locations. Cotabato City and Maluso warrant separate local assessments. Confidence is lower in casualty detail than in the occurrence of violence and the reported commission intervention. A regional political breakdown is not established by the available incident reporting.

Taiwan's funding proposal addresses production and stock constraints

What happened: Taiwan's Executive Yuan proposed roughly NT\$145.7 billion in additional defence funding, according to the 11 September China and Taiwan update. The proposed allocations included NT\$55.9 billion for uncrewed systems and NT\$7.3 billion for ammunition replenishment. The proposal was intended to accelerate domestic programmes and remained subject to legislative review. It is separate from the six-year uncrewed-systems budget signed into law on 10 September.

Why it matters: Funding authority and delivered military capability operate on different schedules. The proposal would support earlier industrial activity if approved, but it does not establish that production capacity, trained personnel or ammunition stocks have already increased. For companies connected to Taiwan's manufacturing sector, the immediate relevance is procurement timing and demand for industrial inputs. A change in defence expenditure does not itself imply a current restriction on commercial shipping or flights.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium Taiwan's proposal supports an assessment of sustained preparation and attention to domestic supply constraints. The next meaningful change would be legislative approval followed by contracts and deliveries. It is not a sufficient basis for a near-term conflict forecast or a claim that normal commercial transit conditions changed this week.

ALSO MONITORED THIS WEEK

- **Chinese software:** September research disclosed exploitation of Sogou input-method vulnerability CVE-2026-51990 in the GrayRabbit campaign. The flaw had been patched in April, so the new disclosure concerns abuse of an older vulnerability rather than a newly unpatched enterprise gateway problem.
- **Election assistance:** The BARMM Humanitarian Team's election contingency plan, available on 9 September, provided an assistance-planning baseline before voting. Its existence shows preparation for disruption; it does not establish that all anticipated scenarios occurred or that planned assistance was available at each affected site.

Latin America / Caribbean

ELEVATED

Water failures and armed confinement restrict essential services

What happened: Cuba's water and energy failures were straining public health services in the regional humanitarian update dated 11 September. Health partners described rotavirus and norovirus outbreaks, while an estimated 3.2 million people faced difficulty accessing safe water. Fuel shortages and infrastructure failures were degrading water and sanitation services. These figures describe access problems across an affected population, not a verified count of people infected.

Why it matters: Water access, power supply and health services depend on one another. The humanitarian account links deteriorating water systems with greater reliance on untreated sources and pressure on an already stretched health response. For organisations employing local staff or accommodating visitors, the consequence is a greater prospect of illness disrupting attendance and of treatment demand exceeding readily available capacity. The evidence does not identify every affected municipality or establish uniform conditions across all hotels and workplaces.

Armed confinement is interrupting supplies in parts of Colombia. The same update reported more than 1,300 people displaced or confined across northern Colombia. In Montecristo, Bolívar, more than 880 people in five communities were confined, with armed groups blocking food and fuel. In Ituango, Antioquia, clashes displaced 339 people. These are local restrictions with direct effects on access; they are not evidence of a countrywide transport shutdown.

Supply restrictions can outlast the fighting that creates them. A community unable to receive fuel or food remains constrained even when no new clash is reported. The Colombian account therefore carries a practical warning about access to particular communities and their suppliers. It does not identify a single nationwide perpetrator or support transferring the conditions in Montecristo to unrelated commercial centres. Named locations and the duration of restrictions remain more useful than a national incident total.

Intelligence Assessment

Medium The elevated assessment rests on documented service deterioration in Cuba and local armed restrictions in Colombia. Both can interrupt staff availability and essential supplies without a new national emergency declaration. The evidence supports geographically specific concern, with lower confidence in conditions beyond the locations and populations described in humanitarian reporting.

Exploited remote-support software has consequences beyond the region

What happened: ScreenConnect CVE-2026-84869 entered the CISA KEV catalogue on 11 September, with a 14 September federal remediation deadline. The vendor described a client-side flaw allowing file transfer and execution during an active session without host confirmation, fixed in version 26.6.5; servers were not affected by that vulnerability. Separately, Artifactory CVE-2026-42016 and CVE-2026-42018 were linked to attacks deploying backdoor malware, with a 25 September federal deadline.

Why it matters: Remote support and software repositories provide different routes into business operations. An abused support session threatens the participating endpoint, whereas a compromised repository can affect trust in software and stored material. Neither disclosure establishes compromise of all customer environments. The federal dates are agency obligations, not universal private-sector legal deadlines; their intelligence value is that the catalogue identifies exploitation already observed.

Intelligence Assessment

High These are established exploitation concerns with international relevance, including for organisations operating in the Americas. Product version and actual deployment determine exposure. Their confirmed-exploitation status distinguishes them from the Check Point warning, but no organisation-specific compromise can be inferred from a product name alone.

ALSO MONITORED THIS WEEK

- **Ecuador schools:** The Norwegian Refugee Council reported on 8 September that 27 attacks on education occurred during the first half of 2026 in provinces where it works, nearly half in Guayas and El Oro. The retrospective finding points to persistent threats around community institutions; it does not establish 27 attacks during the current week.
- **Haiti access:** The 11 September regional update linked armed violence with disruption to markets and services and cited 1.9 million people at IPC Emergency levels during March–June. That earlier-period estimate establishes the depth of household vulnerability, but cannot be presented as a new September food-security measurement.

Global Intelligence Assessment

Alternatives to threatened routes are also exposed to disruption. The two Hormuz incidents, the separate Houthi advances towards Bab al-Mandeb and the reported precautionary shutdown of Saudi Arabia's East-West Pipeline show how pressure can reach more than one part of an export network. The connection is commercial dependence, even where common operational control is unproven. A change in one route's availability can increase reliance on another; its usefulness then depends on terminal access, operating status and the destination of the cargo. The evidence supports concern about reduced flexibility, without establishing a simultaneous halt to regional exports.

Local events are affecting connections that carry international traffic. A strike near Yahodyn–Dorohusk matters beyond Volyn because the affected train connects Kyiv and Warsaw. Reported control of Perim matters beyond Yemen because of its position beside shipping lanes. These cases show why incident geography and network importance must be assessed together. They do not make every nearby country an attack zone: the Ukrainian incident remained on Ukrainian territory, and reports of Houthi positions do not establish unrestricted control over every passing vessel. The commercial consequence turns on interruption and substitution capacity.

Recovery capacity is a separate source of exposure. South Sudan's unmet civilian needs, Sudan's underfunded medical response and Cuba's failing water services all indicate limited capacity to absorb further disruption. Colombia's blocked food and fuel supplies show the same consequence through a different mechanism: armed restrictions prevent essentials from arriving. For employers, staff welfare and continuity can deteriorate without a large new attack. The most consequential change would be a longer interruption to a service that is already scarce, especially where medical referrals or supply deliveries depend on a small number of functioning connections.

Cyber incidents require the same separation of exposure from demonstrated harm. ScreenConnect and Artifactory have evidence of exploitation; Check Point has an official warning of expected abuse. That distinction affects how an organisation interprets a vulnerable product, but it does not establish whether a particular network was accessed. The physical-security parallel is direct: a captured island creates potential attack positions, while a verified vessel strike establishes a realised incident. Business assessments become more reliable when capability, declared intent and observed damage remain separate. This week's evidence supports serious concern across several domains without requiring a single global escalation narrative.

Watch Indicators

- **Hormuz detail:** Follow-up warning text or owner and flag-state statements identifying the vessels, crew condition and damage would clarify the two separate incidents and any targeting pattern. An explicit traffic suspension would change the assessment more than repeated accounts of an earlier warning.
- **Perim consolidation:** Confirmed resupply, sustained force presence or identified weapons deployments on the island would strengthen the assessment of a persistent maritime threat. A new shipping restriction or verified interference would establish a further step beyond territorial control.
- **Saudi throughput:** An official pipeline restart, repair timetable or renewed interruption would clarify the availability of the East-West export route. Terminal and loading information would show whether a change affected actual cargo movements.
- **Ukraine transit:** Railway service notices and border-authority statements on Yahodyn–Dorohusk would establish the duration and geographical extent of disruption. Repeated strikes on the same connection would support a stronger assessment of sustained pressure on cross-border movement.
- **Election disputes:** Commission decisions, verified counting interruptions and further violence at named locations would show whether Bangsamoro's disruption remains local or spreads. Certified results would resolve electoral outcomes that remained open on publication day.
- **Corporate intrusions:** Confirmed Check Point exploitation would mark a change from warning to observed abuse. Further vendor findings on ScreenConnect or Artifactory would refine affected versions, intrusion methods and the scale of demonstrated compromise.
- **Essential services:** Documented interruption of water treatment, medical referrals or food and fuel deliveries would indicate worsening consequences in the affected African and Caribbean settings. Restoration of those services would be stronger evidence of improvement than the absence of new incident reports.

Glossary of Abbreviations

- **BARMM:** Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.
- **CISA:** Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, United States.
- **CVE:** Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures identifier.
- **EUNAVFOR:** European Union Naval Force; Operation ATALANTA is its counter-piracy operation in the western Indian Ocean.
- **GIEWS:** Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture.
- **IPC:** Integrated Food Security Phase Classification; Phase 3 denotes Crisis and Phase 4 Emergency.
- **ISW:** Institute for the Study of War.
- **KEY:** Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalogue.
- **NT\$:** New Taiwan dollars.
- **UKMTO:** United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations.
- **UN:** United Nations.
- **UTC:** Coordinated Universal Time.

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Method Note

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