

Between the Bombs and the Bourse

A ceasefire proposal reaches Tehran as Asian markets surge on the first real hope of ending the Hormuz nightmare. But on the ground, the region's nerves are frayed by fresh Kashmir explosions, austerity riots, and a Tokyo earthquake.

From student sit-ins in Delhi to purges in Pyongyang, Asia today is a psychogram of fragile relief and deep, simmering fury.

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HORMUZ HOPE - KASHMIR GRIEF - STREETS ON EDGE

A Region Holding Its Breath, Knuckles White

The numbers on the screen are buoyant, but the mood in the streets is anything but.

Asia's stock markets are recording their best week since 2022, with \$8.7 billion pouring in as the prospect of US-Iran talks lets the air out of a terrifying oil spike. The counter-proposal relayed through Pakistan on Wednesday offers the first tangible thread of a way out of the Hormuz conflict, and for a moment, the region's collective shoulders drop an inch.

That relief vanishes beyond the floor: in Kashmir 26 tourists are dead, killed hours after a US-brokered ceasefire was due, while a magnitude-5.8 earthquake shook Tokyo.

We must act before it is too late.

PRIME MINISTER SANAE TAKAICHI - JULY 2026

Japan's Prime Minister Takaichi spoke of fuel prices, but the words capture the mood from Pakistan to the Philippines where governments impose four-day workweeks, ration petrol, and close universities, while rage erupts in Karachi and Lahore.

An eight-year-old girl is raped and killed in Dhaka shutting a nation already hit by energy closures; a tunnel collapses in Uttarakhand; a junta bombs its own quake-hit people in Sagaing—markets rally on hope but the human reality is anxiety and grief.

The Day At A Glance

A diplomatic opening on Hormuz collides with a wave of social and political crises, from a shredded Kashmir truce to austerity fury in Pakistan and a spy scandal in Tokyo.

Iran / Regional - Hormuz Ceasefire Hopes Ignite Relief Rally

Iran replied via Pakistan with a counter-proposal to end the Strait of Hormuz conflict, even as USCENTCOM confirmed fresh strikes on Iranian ports, fueling Asian shares' best week since 2022 and pulling Brent crude down roughly 12 per cent from its war peak.

India - Ceasefire in Tatters After Kashmir Tourist Massacre

Twenty-six tourists were killed in border-area explosions just hours after a total US-brokered ceasefire with Pakistan took effect. Public outrage intensified as opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, released from detention, joined a student sit-in outside the Prime Minister's residence.

Pakistan - Austerity Sparks Protests as Schools and Offices Shut

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's nationwide austerity drive imposed a four-day government workweek, closed all schools for a fortnight, and slashed fuel allocations by half. Protests erupted in Karachi and Lahore over power cuts and transport chaos, with over 30 million students affected.

Bangladesh - Child Rape Case Ignites National Fury

The rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Dhaka sparked massive street protests demanding police reform, piling social anger onto existing energy-saving university closures. The government's order to keep all institutions shut until Ramadan's end amplified feelings of institutional failure.

Japan - Spy Scandal and Earthquake Jolt the Capital

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi vowed preemptive fuel price action in Parliament as security services uncovered a Russian spy ring smuggling missile components in Tokyo. A magnitude-5.8 quake in Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures rattled morning commuters, deepening the sense of unease.

South Korea - Political Paralysis Deepens Fuel Crisis

The government imposed immediate fuel price caps to shield consumers from the oil spike, but the post-impeachment vacuum left by President Yoon Suk-yeol's removal keeps policy frozen. The won has shed 4.2 per cent against the dollar this month amid the twin energy and leadership crises.

Vietnam / Thailand - Typhoon Kajiki Leaves a Trail of Death and Disruption

Typhoon Kajiki killed eight people across Vietnam and Thailand, with Hanoi issuing fresh heavy rainfall warnings and Bangkok mandating telework and a 15-day diesel price freeze. Flooding disrupted agriculture and transport

across central Vietnam, stoking food price fears.

North Korea - Kim Jong-un Purges Navy Chiefs Over Destroyer Failure

Kim Jong-un called the failed launch of a new destroyer an intolerable criminal act, ordering the arrest of at least five senior officials. The internal purge, reported by South Korean intelligence, is expected to delay Pyongyang's naval modernisation by at least a year.

Indonesia - Free Meals Programme in Doubt After Agency Chief Quits

Nanik Sudaryati Deyang resigned after just 45 days as head of the National Nutrition Agency, citing a heart condition and throwing President Prabowo Subianto's flagship 82.9-million-beneficiary free meals initiative into uncertainty.

Backdrop - Development Gains Unravelling Across Asia-Pacific

A UN ESCAP report warns that 88 per cent of the region's measurable Sustainable Development Goal targets will be missed by 2030, with climate shocks and deepening inequality wiping out historic health and poverty gains. The World Meteorological Organization noted Asia is warming faster than the global average.

The Numbers At A Glance - Asia - Wednesday, July 22, 2026

IR Brent Crude Drop From War Peak ~12% Per Nikkei Asia	IN Tourists Killed in Kashmir 26 Hours after ceasefire took effect	PK Students Affected by Closures 30M+ Per Dawn newspaper	JP Tokyo Quake Magnitude 5.8 Intensity level 4, no tsunami
KR Won Depreciation vs USD in July 4.2% Per Chosun Ilbo	CN New Urban Jobs in Q1 2026 2.99M Unemployment rate at 5.3%	ID Days Nutrition Chief in Office 45 Target beneficiaries: 82.9M	BD SDG Targets Off-Track 88% UN ESCAP 2030 projection

How The Countries Are Doing

Asia's mood swings from relief at possible peace to fury over austerity and violence. This week's scores reflect societies stretched thin by energy shocks, political vacuums, and natural disasters.

Country	Politics	Budget	Money	Markets	Outside	What's Driving It
China Shanghai Composite - yuan	2	3	2	3	3	Job creation is stabilising the domestic mood, but South China Sea frictions and weak global demand limit any sense of security.
India Nifty 50 - rupee	2	3	3	2	4	Public grief over tourist killings and student fury at Modi's doorstep create a volatile social moment, obscuring the market's cautious optimism.
Japan Nikkei 225 - yen	2	3	2	2	2	A palpable sense of crisis leadership from PM Takaichi combines with a welcome market rally, even as a spy scandal and earthquake rattle daily life.
South Korea Kospi - won	4	3	4	4	3	A paralysing political vacuum after the president's impeachment leaves the country leaderless just when fuel price caps demand clear direction.
Pakistan KSE-100 - rupee	4	5	5	3	4	A nation suffocating under austerity: school closures and fuel rationing have pushed daily life to breaking point, igniting city-wide protests.
Indonesia Jakarta Composite - rupiah	2	2	3	2	2	President Prabowo's flagship welfare promise is wobbling after a shock resignation, puncturing the new government's early confidence.
Vietnam VN-Index - dong	3	3	2	3	3	Typhoon Kajiki's deadly sweep has shifted the national mood from quiet resilience to weather-beaten vigilance, with food prices a growing worry.
Thailand SET - baht	2	2	3	3	2	Cautious coping defines the mood: a diesel freeze and telework mandate are absorbing the oil shock, but the typhoon death is a sombre reminder.
Philippines PSEi - peso	3	3	4	3	3	Strained adaptation is the daily reality: four-day workweeks curb fuel use, but floods and power-rationing threats keep communities on guard.
Myanmar No market - kyat	5	5	5	5	5	Despair has compounded into a forgotten catastrophe: the junta bombs its own earthquake-ravaged people while rationing fuel, a double blow of war and disaster.

How to read the colours: 1 = calm, 2 = fairly good, 3 = mixed, 4 = some strain, 5 = serious strain. Updated Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

A FRAGILE RESPITE

Asia is holding its breath, suspended between hope and fury

The week's market rally is a vote for peace, but it cannot paper over the social fractures spreading from Karachi to Tokyo. This is a region where the prospect of cheaper oil collides with the raw reality of student sit-ins, spy scandals, and the rubble of an earthquake in Mandalay.

Part 1 – The oil dividend arrives, but it is not enough

The back-channel talks between Iran and the United States have delivered the first real sense of relief since the Strait of Hormuz became a war zone. Asian stock markets just recorded their best week since 2022, with 8.7 billion dollars of foreign money rushing in, and a 12 percent drop in Brent crude from its peak is cool water on a feverish patient.

Yet for the millions of Pakistani students locked out of school today, or the government workers in Manila and Bangkok ordered to stay home to save fuel, cheaper oil futures feel abstract. The crisis has already rewritten daily life, and the damage to social contracts will not heal with a single diplomatic breakthrough.

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ON THE HORMUZ CRISIS - JULY 2026

Part 2 – Kashmir explodes, and India's government faces a double fire

Hours after the ink dried on a US-brokered total ceasefire with Pakistan, multiple explosions tore through Kashmir's border areas, killing 26 tourists. The attack has shredded any pretence of a cooling-off, igniting public outrage and demands for a military response that Prime Minister Modi can scarcely afford with student protests still camped outside his residence.

Rahul Gandhi's release after detention has poured fuel on the sit-in movement, uniting opposition parties against a government that now looks besieged from without and within. The mood in New Delhi is one of dual fury: grief for the dead and anger at a leadership that cannot protect its borders or its citizens.

Part 3 – The state of the human fabric

In Dhaka the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl has cut through energy-crisis fatigue, drawing thousands onto the streets and forcing all universities to close until the end of Ramadan; Indonesia's flagship free meals programme, set to reach 82.9 million, is in doubt after its chief quit after 45 days citing a heart condition.

POSSIBILITY	CHANCE	MARKETS	BREADTH	WHAT IT MEANS FOR ASIA
A – Hormuz ceasefire holds	40 percent	Further recovery	Broad-based across Japan, India, ASEAN	A deep exhale; the energy panic subsides and governments can pivot from fuel rationing to longer-term fixes.

POSSIBILITY	CHANCE	MARKETS	BREADTH	WHAT IT MEANS FOR ASIA
B – Kashmir escalates	35 percent	Flight to safety	Narrow, gold and yen benefit	India-Pakistan border becomes a second front of global instability, reversing the oil-peace dividend.
C – Protest contagion spreads	25 percent	Sector rotation	Uneven, consumer stocks hit	Social discontent from Karachi to Dhaka forces governments to spend scarce political capital on appeasement, not reform.

Source: Rio Times Asia analysis based on Nikkei Asia, Chosun Ilbo, The Hindu, Dawn, Kompas, and UN ESCAP reporting.

Eight Things We Are Watching

An unexpected relief rally sweeps Asia as back-channel diplomacy hints at an end to the Hormuz nightmare, yet the region's mood remains frayed by quakes, purges, and protests. We track eight currents shaping the months ahead.

What	How We See It	Over What Period	Why
US-Iran Hormuz Ceasefire Talks	▲ POSITIVE	6 months	Iran's counter-proposal via Pakistan on 22 July sparked the best week for Asian shares since 2022; a deal would unwind the oil price panic crushing regional budgets and consumer confidence.
India-Pakistan Ceasefire Viability	▼ CAREFUL	6 months	The 22 July Kashmir explosions that killed 26 tourists, hours after the US-brokered ceasefire began, have shattered public trust on both sides and could trigger a escalatory spiral despite diplomatic momentum.
Pakistan's Austerity-Driven Social Stability	◆ MIXED	6 months	PM Sharif's 22 July order of a four-day workweek and school closures conserves fuel but has ignited protests in Karachi and Lahore, testing the government's ability to manage discontent without provoking wider unrest.
Japan's Preemptive Fuel and Security Posture	▲ POSITIVE	6 months	PM Takaichi's 22 July parliamentary pledge to act on fuel prices, paired with the uncovering of a Russian spy ring, signals a more assertive state that may stabilise energy markets but heighten regional espionage tensions.
South Korea's Post-Impeachment Policy Void	▼ CAREFUL	6 months	The 22 July fuel price caps are a stopgap; with the Constitutional Court's removal of President Yoon paralysing decision-making, the won's 4.2 per cent July slide reflects deepening investor alarm over a leadership vacuum.
North Korea's Internal Purge and Naval Delays	◆ MIXED	6 months	Kim Jong-un's 22 July purge of at least five senior naval officials after a destroyer failure exposes a brittle military system, potentially delaying provocations but also increasing the risk of unpredictable external aggression.
Indonesia's Flagship Welfare Programme Setback	▼ CAREFUL	6 months	The 22 July resignation of nutrition agency head Nanik Sudaryati Deyang after 45 days undermines President Prabowo's promise to feed 82.9 million, breeding public disappointment and raising doubts about his broader reform agenda.

What	How We See It	Over What Period	Why
Myanmar Junta's Dual Humanitarian and Fuel Crisis	▼ CAREFUL	6 months	Fuel rationing since 18 July and the bombing of earthquake-hit Sagaing reveal a regime using starvation and violence to retain control, likely worsening displacement and regional spillover as the monsoon season continues.

Six People Shaping The News

Six individuals whose actions on 22 July 2026 captured the region's emotional and political cross-currents, from austere governance to internal purges.

Sanae Takaichi

Prime Minister - Japan

She told Parliament on 22 July that Japan will act before it is too late on fuel prices, hinting at strategic reserve releases that could reshape Asian energy markets. Her dual focus on a Russian spy ring and a new intelligence agency reveals a leader steering a jittery nation toward assertive crisis management.

Rahul Gandhi

Opposition Leader - India

Released after detention during student protests, his presence at the 22 July sit-in outside PM Modi's residence has galvanised a movement fuelled by grief over 26 tourist deaths in Kashmir. He embodies the fury of a young, mobilised populace questioning the government's security and social contract.

Shehbaz Sharif

Prime Minister - Pakistan

He imposed a four-day workweek and shut schools on 22 July, touching the lives of over 30 million students to cope with an energy crisis born from the Hormuz conflict. His gamble pits fiscal survival against a seething public already protesting power cuts in Karachi and Lahore.

Kim Jong-un

Supreme Leader - North Korea

His 22 July order to arrest naval officials for a destroyer launch failure lays bare a regime where terror is the only management tool. The purge signals internal panic that could delay Pyongyang's naval ambitions but also makes his next external provocation dangerously unpredictable.

Nanik Sudaryati Deyang

Former Head - National Nutrition Agency, Indonesia

Her resignation on 22 July after just 45 days, citing a heart condition, has cast a pall over President Prabowo's signature free meals programme for millions. Her departure crystallises public doubt about the government's ability to deliver on its most human promise.

Prabowo Subianto

President - Indonesia

He accepted his nutrition chief's resignation on 22 July, confronting a setback to his welfare legacy, even as he signed 16 defence agreements with India. He now faces the dual task of restoring confidence in domestic policy while projecting strength abroad amidst regional turbulence.

The Day, Country By Country

A surge of relief swept through Asian trading floors on 22 July as Hormuz peace talks advanced, sending oil prices lower for the first time in weeks. Yet beyond the screens, societies grappled with quakes, protests, and austerity, creating a mosaic of lingering anxiety.

JAPAN

A jittery morning gives way to resolute leadership

A magnitude-5.8 quake rattled Tokyo on 22 July, fraying nerves already worn thin by espionage fears and soaring fuel costs. PM Takaichi's parliamentary pledge to act on fuel 'before it is too late' aimed to reassure, but the discovery of a Russian spy ring smuggling missile components has deepened a sense of encirclement. Sources: NHK World - 22 July; Yomiuri Shimbun - 22 July (Japanese).

Energy promises and festival rhythms

The government's hint at strategic oil reserve releases is a direct response to the Hormuz-driven price surge affecting households and industry. Amid the strain, the Gion Matsuri in Kyoto and upcoming Tenjin Matsuri in Osaka offer a cultural anchor, yet transport delays from the quake disrupted morning commuters and underscored daily vulnerability. Sources: Kyodo News - 22 July; Nikkei Asia - 22 July.

INDIA / PAKISTAN

Ceasefire shattered by grief and fury

Hours after a US-brokered ceasefire took effect, explosions killed 26 tourists in Kashmir on 22 July, igniting public outrage across India and demands for a military response. The incident has poisoned the fragile truce with Pakistan, while student sit-ins outside PM Modi's residence merged with opposition protests fuelled by Rahul Gandhi's release. Sources: BBC Mundo - 22 July (Spanish); The Hindu - 22 July.

Austerity breeds protest on both sides

In Pakistan, PM Sharif's 22 July imposition of a four-day government workweek and school closures for two weeks sparked protests in Karachi and Lahore over power cuts, with the nation's 30 million students bearing the brunt. India's government ordered LPG plants to run at full capacity, trying to cushion households from the fuel shock as public anger simmers on multiple fronts. Sources: Dawn - 22 July (English); Jang - 22 July (Urdu); NDTV - 22 July.

SOUTH KOREA / NORTH KOREA

Paralysis meets panic on the peninsula

South Korea enforced fuel price caps on 22 July amid a political vacuum left by President Yoon's impeachment, with the won sliding 4.2 per cent this month as markets lose faith in crisis management. The mood in Seoul is one of paralysed anxiety, unable to chart a clear course through the energy emergency. Sources: Chosun Ilbo - 22 July (Korean); KBS News - 22 July.

Kim's purges signal a brittle regime

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un ordered multiple arrests on 22 July after a destroyer launch failure he called an 'intolerable criminal act,' exposing a military riddled with fear. The purge may delay naval modernisation by over a year, but it also heightens the risk of a desperate external strike as accountability consumes the officer corps. Sources: KCNA - 22 July; Chosun Ilbo - 22 July.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Weather, war, and welfare woes

Typhoon Kajiki killed eight across Vietnam and Thailand on 22 July, with heavy rainfall warnings still in effect, while Vietnam's agriculture faced disruption. Thailand froze diesel prices for 15 days and mandated telework, a cautious coping mechanism against the Hormuz oil spike now layered over natural disaster recovery. Sources: Vietnam News - 22 July (English); Bangkok Post - 22 July.

Promise and despair in archipelago nations

In Indonesia, the 45-day tenure of nutrition chief Nanik Sudaryati Deyang ended in resignation on 22 July, denting hopes for Prabowo's free meals programme for 82.9 million people. Meanwhile, the Myanmar junta continued to bomb its own people in earthquake-shattered Sagaing while rationing fuel since 18 July, a strategy of despair compounding a humanitarian abyss. Sources: Kompas - 22 July (Bahasa Indonesia); The Irrawaddy - 21 July (English/Burmese).

CHINA / REGIONAL

Steady jobs amid rising seas

China reported 2.99 million new urban jobs in the first quarter on 22 July, projecting economic stability with 5.3 per cent unemployment, even as South China Sea incidents pushed ASEAN-China talks. The labour figures offer a rare data comfort, but the UN ESCAP warning that Asia will miss 88 per cent of SDG targets by 2030 hangs over the entire region. Sources: Xinhua - 22 July (Chinese); South China Morning Post - 22 July; UN ESCAP - 22 July (English).

A region warming faster than hope

The World Meteorological Organization confirmed Asia is heating faster than the global average, with 2025 bringing hundreds of disaster deaths, a backdrop to today's typhoons and quakes. The regional relief rally in stocks, with \$8.7 billion in inflows this week, is a bet on peace, but the underlying environmental and political fragility tells a story of constant, costly adaptation. Sources: The Diplomat - 22 July; Bloomberg Asia - 22 July.

Pipeline, Sectors, And The Calendar

ITEM	TYPE	WHEN	STATUS
Japan strategic oil reserve release	Government Policy	Under Discussion	PM pledged action on 22 July
ASEAN-China Code of Conduct	Diplomatic Agreement	Accelerated Negotiations	Fresh South China Sea incidents on 22 July
Japan dedicated intelligence agency	Institutional Reform	Planned	Accelerated after Russian spy ring discovery on 22 July
India-Pakistan ceasefire monitoring	Security Protocol	Immediate/Ongoing	Threatened by 22 July Kashmir explosions
North Korea naval modernisation	Military Programme	Delayed 12-18 months	Purge after 22 July destroyer failure
Indonesia-India defence agreements	Bilateral Deals	Signed 22 July	Includes missile purchases
Pakistan government workweek reduction	Austerity Measure	In Effect 22 July	Four-day week for government offices
Philippines four-day government workweek	Energy Conservation Policy	In Effect 21 July	12+ departments affected
Thai diesel price freeze	Energy Subsidy	In Effect 22 July	15-day mandate alongside telework
Bangladesh university closures	Energy Conservation	Until End of Ramadan	Combined with protest responses

Sector Watch - Four Things to Track

ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND RATIONING

The Hormuz crisis is forcing radical demand-side management: Pakistan's four-day workweek and school closures from 22 July, Philippine government telework, and Thai diesel freezes signal a region reshaping daily life around fuel scarcity. Watch for Japan's potential strategic reserve release, which could set a precedent for others.

SHIPPING AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Typhoon Kajiki's disruption of central Vietnam's agriculture on 22 July, combined with Hormuz shipping risks, threatens food prices across import-dependent nations. The Myanmar junta's fuel rationing since 18 July also hampers aid delivery, worsening regional food insecurity.

WELFARE AND SOCIAL STABILITY

Indonesia's nutrition agency leadership vacuum, after the 45-day chief's resignation on 22 July, puts Prabowo's flagship programme at risk, mirroring a broader regional pattern where austerity erodes welfare promises. Student and civil protests in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh test government's capacity to maintain social contracts.

DEFENCE PROCUREMENT AND MODERNISATION

Indonesia's 16 new agreements with India signed 22 July and Japan's push to lift military export restrictions after a Russian spy scandal signal an arms buildup driven by insecurity. North Korea's naval purge suggests delays, but also the regime's reliance on terror over technical competence.

Calendar - Next 30 Days

DATE	EVENT	WHY IT MATTERS
22 July (ongoing)	Pakistan austerity workweek and school closures	Impacts 30 million-plus students, tests public tolerance of crisis governance
22 July (ongoing)	Thai diesel price freeze and telework mandate	Emergency response to Hormuz and Typhoon Kajiki, shaping consumer and business sentiment
22 July (ongoing)	Philippines four-day government workweek	Fuel-saving measure affecting 12-plus departments, signals prolonged energy stress
22 July (ongoing)	Bangladesh university closures to end of Ramadan	Merges energy conservation with protest control after child rape case fury
22 July (ongoing)	India-Pakistan ceasefire monitoring after Kashmir blasts	Threatens to unravel US diplomacy, with markets watching for escalation signals
22 July (ongoing)	Vietnam heavy rainfall and flood warnings	Agricultural losses from Typhoon Kajiki may pressure domestic food prices and regional rice supply
24-25 July	Tenjin Matsuri in Osaka, Japan	Major cultural and tourism event testing mobility and energy use amid fuel-saving calls
24 July	Gion Matsuri main parade in Kyoto, Japan	Month-long festival climax with economic and social significance for Kansai region
6 August	Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony	Annual commemoration likely to amplify anti-war sentiment amid Hormuz conflict
12-16 August	O-bon holidays in Japan	Nationwide travel peak affecting energy demand and domestic consumption patterns

What Today Tells Us

The relief rally washing over Asian markets on 22 July is a bet on a Hormuz ceasefire that has not yet been signed, a fragile vessel for hope in a region still shaking from quakes and explosions. Beneath the trading-floor optimism, the psychogram of Asia is one of exhausted peoples—students shut out of classrooms in Pakistan, protesters grieving 26 dead tourists in Kashmir, and typhoon survivors counting their losses—all asked to absorb one crisis after another without breaking.

Today's events reveal a region where governments are stretching the social fabric to its limit through austerity, while authoritarian regimes lash out with purges and bombing campaigns against their own citizens. The US-brokered diplomacy offers a path back from the brink, but the journey requires mending trust between India and Pakistan, stabilising a paralysed Seoul, and delivering on welfare promises from Jakarta to Dhaka—a tall order for societies already running on empty.

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We sweep the region's main outlets in their languages, rank by impact, and skip what we covered before.

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