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The **Makana 360 Daily Monitor Report** aims to provide timely and insightful updates on the most significant global news and top events, offering a concise overview of key developments that impact businesses, politics, and society. By curating and analyzing major trends, the report enhances awareness, facilitates informed decision-making, and supports strategic planning for our audience.

**Children killed after drone hits home in Sudan, medics say**

At least 13 people, including eight children, were killed when a drone struck a house in el-Obeid, Sudan, the Sudan Doctors' Network said. The medics blamed the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), though no group has claimed responsibility, saying the strike hit an army-held residential area the RSF has tried to breach for months. They called it an escalation of indiscriminate attacks on civilians. El-Obeid in North Kordofan is a strategic link between Khartoum and Darfur. The war, now approaching its third year, has displaced more than 11 million people.

**Government demands Musk's X deals with 'appalling' Grok AI deepfakes**

UK Technology Secretary Liz Kendall urged Elon Musk's X to urgently tackle misuse of its AI chatbot Grok to generate non-consensual sexualised "undressed" images of women and girls. The BBC found multiple posts asking Grok to digitally alter photos, including stripping and placing people in sexual scenarios. Ofcom said it made contact with xAI and is investigating; Kendall backed enforcement under the Online Safety Act, which treats intimate image abuse and cyberflashing as priority offences, including AI-generated content. X said it removes illegal content and will suspend users who prompt Grok to create it. Victims described the images as dehumanising.

**Iran anti-government protests spread to majority of provinces, videos show**

Protests have spread to at least 17 of Iran's 31 provinces since 28 December, triggered by anger in Tehran after a sharp currency devaluation. Verified footage shows demonstrations in more than 50 towns and cities, including Qom and Mashhad—areas often seen as strongly loyal to the state. Security forces initially appeared more restrained but have increased their use of force since Saturday, after Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said "rioters must be put in their place." At least 11 deaths have been confirmed by local verification, while a rights group reports at least 35 killed. The unrest began over economic hardship and corruption but has increasingly taken anti-state tones.



## Top Global Events

**Event****Mentions & Engagement****Most Reached Media Coverage****West Ham United F.C.****1.1M**

*West Ham United's long wait for a Premier League win goes on after Nottingham Forest came from a goal down to win 2-1 at London Stadium.*

**New Jersey Devils****231K**

New Jersey Devils lose 9-0 in 'flat-out embarrassing' effort