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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.

Israel and Hezbollah trade strikes ahead of high-stakes US-Iran talks

Hezbollah vowed to fight Israel “until the last breath” after attacking Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon, as Israeli airstrikes threatened to upset the US-Iran ceasefire. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for direct talks with Lebanon on disarming Hezbollah and said Lebanon is not covered by the truce; Lebanon’s prime minister is expected in Washington soon. Separately, Iran and the US will hold talks on Saturday in Pakistan. Before departing, Vice President JD Vance said he expects positive discussions under President Donald Trump’s guidance. Transit through the Strait of Hormuz remains sparse, with analysts citing continued security risks.

Melania Trump denies ties to Jeffrey Epstein and urges hearing for survivors

Melania Trump publicly denied any involvement with Jeffrey Epstein, rejected claims that Epstein introduced her to Donald Trump, and called for congressional hearings to allow survivors to testify under oath. She said she only briefly crossed paths with Epstein in 2000 and had no knowledge of his abuse. Her statement drew mixed reactions: some survivors welcomed the move, while others argued that asking survivors to speak again shifts attention away from those in power who have yet to ensure full transparency. The remarks are likely to renew scrutiny over the handling of the Epstein investigation, related files, and past claims linking the Trumps to Epstein’s circle.

EU fingerprint and photo travel rules come into force

The EU’s new Entry/Exit System (EES) is being rolled out across Schengen borders to digitally record non-EU travellers entering and leaving the area. Instead of passport stamps, travellers will have their passport scanned, fingerprints taken, and a photo captured, with registration valid for three years. The system began phasing in from October, but not all airports and crossing points are fully ready, and some major hubs such as Milan and Lisbon are delaying full activation. Long queues and IT issues have already been reported, especially at busy travel points. A related EU travel authorisation system, ETIAS, is expected later in 2026.



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