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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.

US charges Cuba's Raúl Castro with murder over 1996 downing of two planes

The United States has charged former Cuban leader Raúl Castro and five others over the 1996 downing of two Brothers to the Rescue planes, which killed four people, including three Americans. The charges include conspiracy, aircraft destruction, and murder, with possible life sentences or the death penalty. US officials framed the indictment as justice for the victims, while Cuba's President Miguel Díaz-Canel dismissed it as a politically motivated move lacking legal basis. Analysts view the case as part of wider US pressure on Cuba. Castro, 94, is unlikely to appear in court, but Washington says an arrest warrant exists.

Nearly a third of National Park island home to rare wildlife has burned in spate of Southern California wildfires

A major wildfire on Santa Rosa Island in California's Channel Islands National Park has burned nearly 17,000 acres, about one-third of the island, and is 26% contained. The fire, currently the largest in California this year, destroyed two historic structures, forced 11 park employees to evacuate, and closed the island to visitors. It has reached rare Torrey Pine habitat, with damage assessments pending. Santa Rosa hosts dozens of endemic species, increasing ecological concern. Officials say the fire is human-caused but still under investigation. Meanwhile, several other Southern California fires have triggered evacuations, injuries, and firefighting operations across multiple counties.

SpaceX files for stock market debut that could make Elon Musk a trillionaire

SpaceX has announced plans for a US initial public offering that could become the largest in Wall Street history, potentially launching next month under the ticker SPCX. The company values itself at $1.25 trillion, which could push Elon Musk's net worth above $1 trillion. The filing shows strong revenue but heavy losses, including $18.6 billion in 2025 revenue and a $4.9 billion net loss, alongside $60.5 billion in debt. SpaceX also disclosed major legal risks tied to xAI, X, content moderation, copyright, patents, and data breaches, while its rocket and Starlink businesses remain industry leaders despite scrutiny.

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Top Global Events

Event	Mentions & Engagement	Most Reached Media Coverage
Aston Villa F.C.	**10.2M**	Aston Villa wins Europa League: William celebrates, Freiburg dream shattered
SpaceX	**1.3M**	SpaceX to launch an even bigger Starship prototype