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NEO Ships With a Pilot Inside, Iran's Two-Month Blackout, and the Resume Bot Knows Its Own Handwriting

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“A satellite constellation owned by one private American is currently the most reliable workaround to a sovereign government's information policy — leverage exercised quietly, of a kind that historically does not stay in one person's hands without consequence.”

— JONAS VALE, TODAY'S NARRATION

America's first vertically integrated humanoid robot factory opens in Hayward — and the launch hides a remote-operator labor model. A short clip out of China shows what the same hardware looks like in uniform. Iran enters month three of a national internet blackout while a clandestine network smuggles in Starlink terminals. A new arXiv paper says LLMs prefer resumes written by themselves, with shortlist gaps of 23 to 60 percent. Neuralink patients move from cursors to robotic arms and drones. And the Copilot rollout numbers don't match the capex story.

- 1X Technologies opens Hayward humanoid factory; NEO is remote-operated, not autonomous.
- BBC: Iran's two-month blackout, \$35M/day in admitted losses, 100+ arrests for Starlink possession.
- arXiv 2509.00462: 67–82% LLM self-preference bias in resume screening, with methodology caveats.
- Neuralink: Alex Conley pilots a robotic arm and drone by thought; the decoder is the real story.
- Microsoft Copilot: 85% of Fortune 500 signed, ~3% of M365 users actually paying.

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