

PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 - ELEVATED

BLOCKADE DAY 15 | Op Epic Fury Day 58 | LBN CF Day 12 of EXTENDED PERIOD (~17-MAY) | WHCD INVESTIGATION DAY 2 | Trend: STABLE-ELEVATED

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - PARTIALLY DEGRADED (CONUS)

AA26-097A Day 21 | CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-4 | Kp 1-3 Quiet | NWR 18 Affected (IL/IN/TN within active outbreak corridor) | Full basis: DTR SEC 11

What's Happening This Morning - 27 April 2026

WHCD SHOOTING - ALLEN ARRAIGNED TODAY: Cole Tomas Allen, 31, of Torrance CA, attempted attack on the White House Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton ~8:30PM ET 25-APR armed with shotgun + handgun + multiple knives. Allen rushed/charged the security checkpoint; one USSS agent struck in chest (vest-stopped, expected recovery); Trump + First Lady + VP Vance + Cabinet evacuated unharmed. ARRAIGNMENT today federal court on charges including using firearm during crime of violence + assault on federal officer. Allen self-described "friendly federal assassin" in 1,000+ word manifesto sent to family ~10 min pre-attack. AG Blanche 26-APR: targeting Trump + administration. Patel + Blanche presser today; Senate Judiciary briefing scheduled (Grassley). Sterling VA TFR FDC 6/5355 imposed 26-APR.

IRAN-RUSSIA TRACK - ARAGHCHI MET PUTIN TODAY: Iran FM Abbas Araghchi met Russian President Putin in St Petersburg today. Putin disclosed receiving WRITTEN MESSAGE from Iran Supreme Leader MOJTABA KHAMENEI - Mojtaba is Supreme Leader since 28-FEB strikes killed Ali Khamenei; releases only written messages, has not appeared publicly. Pre-Russia: Araghchi met Oman Sultan Haitham 26-APR ("agreements reached" on Hormuz security). NEW IRANIAN PROPOSAL via Pakistani mediators (Axios 26-APR): DECOUPLE Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks; postpone nuclear track until US blockade lifted. Trump weekend: cancelled Witkoff/Kushner Pakistan trip on cost grounds; "they can call us"; war could "come to an end very soon."

HORMUZ DAY 15: M/V Sevan intercepted 25-APR by USS Pinckney (DDG-91) helicopter in Arabian Sea; Sevan complied turning back to Iran under escort. CENTCOM 37 ships redirected cumulative. 3 US carriers in Middle East 24-APR (USS GHW Bush arrived) - first time since 2003. Iran maintains 5-nation transit regime (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK; +MY/TH/PH later). LEBANON CF Day 12 of extended period (~17-MAY); Hezbollah called extension "meaningless"; Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF "vigorously attack" Hezbollah. UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR + first-ever Sverdlovsk + Chelyabinsk strikes (1,700+km). Russian drone crashed Galati Romania (NATO) 25-APR - 200 evacuated; Romanian FM summoned RU ambassador.

MARKETS: Brent \$108.11 today (+2.64%); peaked above \$108 early then pared to ~\$106 on Iran proposal report (Axios 26-APR via Pakistani mediators). WTI \$95.83 (intraday high \$96.7). +13% weekly gain last week (largest since early March). AAA national gas \$4.031/gal direct 27-APR (down from \$4.09 wk-over-wk; from \$4.16 two weeks ago). CA highest \$5.84; OK lowest \$3.40. IEA: largest energy supply shock on record. EIA STEO Brent peak 2Q26 \$115/b. Goldman Q3 \$120/bbl upside scenario maintained. Demand destruction estimated 4-5M bpd (~5% global supply); Asia bearing brunt.

CYBER - CISA ED 25-03 V1 T-4: CISA ED 25-03 V1 issued 23-APR: ArcaneDoor APT developed previously-unknown persistence mechanism on Cisco ASA/FTD that survives Sep-2025 patches via FXOS base OS. FCEB agencies must report complete inventory of all Firepower 1000/2100/4100/9300 + Secure Firewall 200/1200/3100/4200/6100 series devices to CISA by 11:59PM EST 01-MAY-2026 (T-4). Initial vectors: CVE-2025-20333 RCE + CVE-2025-20362 privesc. FIRESTARTER malware named. KEV 4-CVE batch FCEB-due 04-MAY (T-7): PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE SMA CVSS 10.0, Synacor Zimbra. AA26-097A Day 21 Iranian-affiliated APT exploitation of OT/Rockwell PLCs continues; 5,219+ exposed.

WEATHER - EVENT NOW LIVE: SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today; first IL tornado warning issued ~13:58 CDT; multi-state outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY active through evening. Storm timing: W IL ~2PM CT first arrivals; central/NE IL 3PM-midnight; NW IN 5PM-2AM Tuesday. Hail to 2-3", damaging straight-line winds with QCS evolution; tornado risk persists into overnight. NWR (user-supplied 27-APR): 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG, 16 states). CRITICAL COMPOUND: IL Hillsboro KXI179 + IN Angola KXI194 OOS WITHIN active outbreak corridor; TN Lawrenceburg WWF84 + Shelbyville WXK63 dual-OOS for Day 2-3 Dixie Alley shift; NM triple-gap (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) + MT 6-transmitter cluster persist.

AVIATION: EASA CZIB 2026-03 R7 issued 24-APR-2026 (extends to 01-MAY-2026); covers 11-state Middle East airspace (Iran/Iraq/Israel/Jordan/Kuwait/Lebanon/Oman/Qatar/UAE/Saudi/Bahrain). R8 likely required given unresolved Iran posture. Sterling VA TFR FDC 6/5355 imposed 26-APR (5nm AML050010, 0830-1830 local) - WHCD aftermath; impact IAD.

BOTTOM LINE FOR TODAY: Sustained pressure across five vectors: WHCD investigation Day 2 (Allen arraigned today) + Hormuz blockade Day 15 (Sevan intercept 25-APR; 3 carriers in ME first since 2003) + Iran-Russia diplomatic pivot (Araghchi met Putin today; Mojtaba Khamenei written message; new Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal via Pakistani mediators) + CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-4 (FCEB inventory due 01-MAY) + SPC CIG2 IL outbreak now LIVE (first warning 13:58 CDT). Markets priced Iran proposal: Brent peak >\$108 pared to ~\$106 intraday; settled \$108.11 (+2.64%); +13% weekly gain last wk.

Practitioner posture: PREP-CON 3 sustain. Fuel: AAA \$4.031/gal national; pump lag continues - top off tanks. Cyber: FCEB device-inventory of Cisco ASA/FTD on Firepower hardware due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4). EMCOMM: HF favorable on Kp 1-3 quiet; verify backup alerting in NWR-gap counties, especially IL Hillsboro + IN Angola within active outbreak corridor.

Source: [TASS / Axios / CBS / NPR / ABC / NBC \(27-APR\)](#) | [Trading Economics / Fortune / AAA](#) | [CENTCOM / NOAA SPC / CISA](#) - Full analysis: [Daily Threat Report -> TER-001 / GEO-001 / GEO-002 / FIN-001 / CYB-001 / WX-001](#)

AT A GLANCE - WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU TODAY - 27 APRIL 2026

	AREA	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
	Fuel & Energy	Brent \$108.11 today (+2.64%); peaked >\$108 early then pared to ~\$106 on Iran proposal report (Axios 26-APR). WTI \$95.83 (intraday high \$96.7). +13% weekly gain last wk (largest since early March). AAA national gas \$4.031/gal direct 27-APR (down from \$4.09 wk-over-wk). CA highest \$5.84; OK lowest \$3.40; GA \$3.62 statewide. IEA: largest energy supply shock on record. EIA STEO Brent peak 2Q26 \$115/b. Goldman Q3 \$120/bbl upside scenario maintained.	Top off tanks today. Pump lag continues; Iran new proposal pared peak intraday but blockade Day 15 sustains structural floor. Diesel operators: lock in current pricing where possible.
	Groceries & Food	Winter wheat 30% G/E (down from 34% prior wk; from 45% YoY) per USDA NASS Crop Progress 21-APR; KS top-state 24% G/E. CBOT 24-APR settlements: corn 455.00 (May), soybeans 1163.75 (May), wheat 608.25 (May). Urea Egypt FOB ~\$700/MT (+78% pre-war); 30% global urea trade disrupted; China export restrictions through August 2026. 2026 planting season locked.	Build 2-4 week pantry buffer. Shelf-stable proteins, canned goods, rice. Current prices are better than expected Q3-Q4 2026 regardless of diplomatic outcome.
	Shipping & Supply	Hormuz blockade Day 15. CENTCOM 37 ships redirected cumulative. M/V Sevan intercepted 25-APR by USS Pinckney (DDG-91) helicopter (complied; turned back to Iran under escort). 3 US carriers in ME first time since 2003 (USS GHW Bush arrived 24-APR). Iran 5-nation transit regime (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK; +MY/TH/PH later). ~20,000 seafarers stranded Gulf. Lloyd peak rates ~5% hull value.	Order 90-day medication fills now. Businesses: audit supply chain for Hormuz/Gulf-dependent inputs. Maritime operators: do NOT transit Hormuz without current UKMTO advisory.
	Air Travel	EASA CZIB 2026-03-R7 issued 24-APR; extends to 01-MAY-2026 (T-4); covers 11-state Middle East airspace (Iran/Iraq/Israel/Jordan/Kuwait/Lebanon/Oman/Qatar/UAE/Saudi/Bahrain). R8 likely required. Sterling VA TFR FDC 6/5355 26-APR (5nm AML050010, 0830-1830 local) - WHCD aftermath; impact IAD. National NOTAMs stacking: France LFFF, Germany EDWW, Italy LIRR.	Check airline status before any Middle East travel. Expect surcharges on long-haul routes. R8 expected at end of CZIB R7 window 01-MAY.
	Cyber	CISA ED 25-03 V1 issued 23-APR: ArcaneDoor APT FXOS persistence on Cisco ASA/FTD survives Sept 2025 patches. FCEB device-inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4). Initial vectors CVE-2025-20333 + CVE-2025-20362; FIRESTARTER malware identified. KEV 4-CVE batch FCEB-due 04-MAY (T-7): PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE SMA (CVSS 10.0), Synacor Zimbra. AA26-097A Day 21 OT/PLC (Iranian-affiliated APT, 5,219+ exposed Rockwell PLCs).	Run Firepower hardware inventory and submit to CISA by 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4). Patch PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE, Zimbra by 04-MAY. Disconnect internet-exposed PLCs/SCADA.
	Communications	COMCON 4. Space weather quiet (Kp 1-3 through 26-APR; AR4419 X-flares rotated far-side). HF favorable for SKYWARN today. NWR (user-supplied 27-APR): 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG, 16 states). CRITICAL COMPOUND: IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS WITHIN active CIG2 outbreak corridor; TN Lawrenceburg WWF84 + Shelbyville WXX63 dual-OOS for Day 2-3 Dixie Alley shift; NM triple-gap (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) persists.	40m/60m primary HF for EMCOMM today. Verify alternate alerting in NWR-gap counties - IL Montgomery/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin (Hillsboro OOS) + IN Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange (Angola OOS) + TN Lawrence/Wayne/Giles + Bedford/Marshall/Coffee. Have VHF/UHF backup ready.
	Weather	EVENT NOW LIVE. SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today; first IL tornado warning issued ~13:58 CDT. Multi-state outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY active through evening. Storm timing: W IL ~2PM CT first arrivals; central/NE IL 3PM-midnight; NW IN 5PM-2AM Tue. Hail to 2-3 inch possible; damaging straight-line winds expected with QLCS evolution; tornado risk persists into overnight.	IL/MO/IN/KY residents: have safe-room plan, charge devices, verify WEA + FEMA App + broadcast EAS. NWR-gap counties: confirm alternate alerting. Monitor NWS local forecasts continuously.
	Iran War Status	BLOCKADE DAY 15. Op Epic Fury Day 58. WHCD shooting 25-APR (Allen arraigned today federal court; "friendly federal assassin" manifesto; Patel + Blanche presser today). LEBANON CF Day 12 of EXTENDED period (~17-MAY); Hezbollah called extension "meaningless"; Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF "vigorously attack." ARAGHCHI MET PUTIN St Petersburg today; Putin disclosed receiving WRITTEN MESSAGE from Mojtaba Khamenei (Iran Supreme Leader since 28-FEB strikes killed Ali). NEW Iranian proposal via Pakistani mediators: decouple Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks; postpone nuclear track until US blockade lifted.	Monitor for: US response to Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal; any direct Mojtaba Khamenei outreach beyond written messages; CENTCOM intercept count to 40+; Russian framework proposal post-meeting; LBN CF kinetic events. For full analysis see the Daily Threat Report.

WEATHER - 27 APRIL 2026

REGION	ACTIVE HAZARD	WHAT IT MEANS	YOUR ACTION
Central / N Illinois (TODAY)	⚠️ CIG2 high-end LIVE	SPC Day 1 outlook 271200Z-281200Z. CIG2 (high-end intensity tier) hoisted central/N IL. First IL tornado warning issued ~13:58 CDT. Triple-point/dryline focus across NE MO / SE IA / NW IL late afternoon; upscale growth into IL/IN by late evening. Hail 2-3 inch; QLCS damaging winds; tornado risk persists overnight.	EVENT NOW LIVE: Safe-room plan active for IL Hillsboro/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin + IN Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange. Charge devices; verify WEA + FEMA App + broadcast EAS as primary alerting (NWR gaps).
Western IL ~2PM CT	⚠️ First arrivals	Storm timing: W IL ~2PM CT first arrivals; central/NE IL 3PM-midnight; NW IN 5PM-2AM Tuesday.	Plains residents in corridor: shelter-in-place when warned; storm spotters report to LSR channels.
Lower Ohio Valley (Day 2-3)	⚠️ Dixie Alley shift	Day 2-3 sequence shifts threat into TN / N AL / N MS / W KY. TN Lawrenceburg WWF84 + Shelbyville WXK63 NWR dual-OOS within Day 2-3 corridor.	Pre-position emergency equipment. Verify alternate alerting in TN gap counties (Lawrence/Wayne/Giles + Bedford/Marshall/Coffee).
Earthquake Watch Japan	✅ JMA Megaquake advisory CLOSES TODAY	M7.4 Sanriku 20-APR (off Miyako, 35km depth). JMA megaquake advisory closes today 27-APR; background risk reverts to 0.1% from elevated 1%. M6.1 Hokkaido aftershock 26-APR 20:23Z.	Japan-based readers: standard preparedness reverts. Continue monitoring for aftershock sequence; Pacific tsunamis posture standard.
Space Weather All CONUS	✅ QUIET	SWPC: Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR; brief Kp 4 active spike from 23-APR CME (cleared). AR4419 produced 2 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation. HF favorable for SKYWARN today.	40m/60m reliable primary EMCOMM today. Power grid GIC watch clear. Next event window 30-APR-01-MAY pending late-cycle AR4419 CME assessment.

Source: [NOAA WPC Day 3 Excessive Rain Outlook](#) | [NOAA SPC Current Outlooks](#) | [NOAA SWPC](#) - Full analysis: [DTR → SEC 7 / WX-001 / SWX-001](#)

WILDFIRE - 27 APRIL 2026

NIFC National Preparedness Level 2 (reassessed Fridays). Active fire situation moderate; no Red Flag overlap with active large fire reported this cycle. Southern Area continues to lead nationally in new starts and active large fires.

Fire-weather posture: CONUS West (CA/NV/AZ/OR/WA) Wildfire WATCH continues for SW/SoCal. Active CIG2 outbreak corridor IL/MO/IN/KY does not overlap Red Flag jurisdictions. NM triple-gap NWR (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) carries.

Action: Wildland-urban interface jurisdictions: clear defensible space; verify Ready/Set/Go status for household. Burn restrictions where in effect: do NOT burn outdoors regardless of local ordinance during active Red Flag conditions. Report ignitions immediately.

Source: [NIFC National Fire News](#) | [NICC IMSR](#) | [SPC Fire Weather Outlooks](#) - Full analysis: [DTR -> SEC 7.1 - Wildfire & Fire Weather](#)

What to Watch Today - 27 April 2026

- WHCD investigation - Patel/Blanche presser today:** Allen ARRAIGNED today federal court (firearm in COV + assault on fed officer); 1,000+ word "friendly federal assassin" manifesto. Watch for: motive characterization at presser; manifesto excerpts; ballistics; co-conspirator identification; USSS protocol changes for upcoming presidential events; Senate Judiciary briefing readout (Grassley); any IO claim of credit by foreign actor.
- Iran-Russia track post Araghchi-Putin:** Araghchi met Putin today in St Petersburg; Putin disclosed receiving WRITTEN MESSAGE from Mojtaba Khamenei (Iran Supreme Leader since 28-FEB strikes killed Ali Khamenei). NEW Iranian proposal via Pakistani mediators (Axios 26-APR); decouple Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks. Watch for: Russian framework proposal post-meeting; US response to Iran proposal; any direct Mojtaba Khamenei outreach beyond written messages; CENTCOM intercept count to 40+; kinetic incident at Strait.
- LBN CF Day 12 of extended period dynamics:** CF Day 12 of EXTENDED PERIOD; runs ~17-MAY. Hezbollah lawmaker Fayyad called extension "meaningless." Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF "vigorously attack." Watch for: any IDF operation north of Litani; Hezbollah long-range rocket fire; Lebanese army deployment announcement; Aoun-Netanyahu trilateral.
- CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor reporting (T-4):** FCEB device-inventory of Cisco ASA/FTD on Firepower hardware due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4). Watch for: late-reporter compliance; named-victim disclosure; CISA supplemental directive or extension guidance; Cisco PSIRT exploitation confirmation; AA26-097A Day 21 any new incidents.
- Severe weather LIVE - IL/MO/IN/KY:** EVENT NOW LIVE. SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today; first IL tornado warning issued ~13:58 CDT. Multi-state outbreak active through evening. NWR compound: IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS within active corridor. Watch for: SPC upgrade to MOD/HIGH; tornado watch with PDS language; named EF3+ event; NWR transmitter restorations or additions inside outbreak corridor.
- NATO threshold - Romania Galati incident:** Russian drone crashed in Galati Romania 25-APR; 200 evacuated; 2 UK fighter jets scrambled; Romanian property damaged; FM summoned RU ambassador. President Dan: first incident where Romanian property damaged. Watch for: Romania Article 4 invocation; pattern of NATO-territory drone incidents; Russian retaliation to UKR Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-strikes (1,700+km range escalation).

Source: [TASS / Axios / CBS / NPR / ABC / NBC \(27-APR\)](#) | [CISA KEV](#) | [NOAA SPC](#) - Full analysis: [DTR → SEC 8 / 72-Hour Outlook](#)

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