

# DAILY THREAT REPORT

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## ⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 — ELEVATED ⚠️

BLOCKADE Day 15 | Op Epic Fury Day 58 | WHCD shooting 25-APR / Trump unharmed / suspect Allen targeted POTUS per AG | CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor (FCEB inventory T-4) | SPC CIG2 IL today | LBN CF Day 12 of EXTENDED period (~17-MAY) | Trend: RAPIDLY DEVELOPING | Full basis: SEC 10

## COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 — PARTIALLY DEGRADED (CONUS)

AA26-097A Day 21 | Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR (brief Kp 4 spike from 23-APR CME) | AR4419 2 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation | No current radio blackout (R1 occasional only) | HF favorable for emergency comms | 18 NWR transmitters affected (15 OOS / 3 DEG); IL/IN/TN gaps overlap CIG2 corridor | Full basis: SEC 11

<b>Publication (UTC)</b>	27 APR 2026 / 1530 UTC
<b>Reporting Period</b>	0000 24-APR through 1500 27-APR 2026 (72-hour sweep)
<b>Analyst / Watch Officer</b>	Fortune Favors the Prepared — OSINT Desk
<b>FLASH Threshold</b>	Risk Score ≥ 20 — EIGHT FLASH EVENTS THIS CYCLE
<b>PREP-CON Baseline</b>	PREP-CON 3 — ELEVATED (Brown)   Trend: RAPIDLY DEVELOPING   Op Epic Fury Day 58   Blockade Day 15   LBN CF Day 12 of EXTENDED period (~17-MAY)   WHCD shooting 25-APR   CISA ED 25-03 V1 (ArcaneDoor; FCEB T-4)   SPC CIG2 IL today   Iran FM Araghchi-Putin St Petersburg 27-APR (today)
<b>Version</b>	1.0 — SOP v5.44   §0.33 Hook 0 Pre-Build Audit PASSED   §0.34 Padding Check CLEAN   §0.35 Operator Gate Q1/Q2 YES   Sweep manifest 24 areas (17 STATE A live / 1 STATE B user-supplied NWR / 2 STATE C gap INS+CHEM / 4 STATE D baseline)   Anti-Bias Discipline Applied

<b>FLASH ▶</b>	<p><b>TER-001</b> WHCD shooting 25-APR / Trump unharmed / suspect targeting POTUS per AG 26-APR   <b>CYB-001</b> CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor / FCEB inventory due 01-MAY (T-4)   <b>WX-001</b> SPC CIG2 IL today / multi-state tornado outbreak threat</p> <p><b>GEO-001</b> Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 / Sevan intercepted 25-APR / 37 ships redirected   <b>GEO-CF-LBN</b> LBN CF Day 12 of EXTENDED period (~17-MAY) / Hezbollah called meaningless   <b>FIN-001</b> Brent \$107-108 / WTI \$95-96 / AAA \$4.031   <b>AVN-001</b> EASA CZIB R7 issued 24-APR (extends to 01-MAY)</p>
<b>HIGH/NEW ★</b>	<p><b>GEO-002</b> Iran FM Araghchi-Putin St Petersburg 27-APR (today) / left Pakistan 26-APR without meeting US   <b>UKR-001</b> UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR (3 ships + MiG-31) / Yaroslavl refinery / first drone strikes Sverdlovsk-Chelyabinsk (1700+km)   <b>NWR-001</b> 18 NWR transmitters affected; IL/IN/TN gaps overlap CIG2 corridor</p>
<b>HIGH/UPDATED ↻</b>	<p><b>CYB-002</b> KEV 4-CVE batch (PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE CVSS 10.0, Zimbra) FCEB-due 04-MAY (T-7)   <b>CYB-003</b> KEV 24-APR additions (Samsung, SimpleHelp x2, D-Link)   <b>NUC-001</b> 440.9 kg HEU / IAEA blackout Day 58 / Bulletin Atomic Scientists 24-APR pre-strike Isfahan transfer analysis   <b>PHS-001</b> M7.4 Sanriku 20-APR / JMA megaquake advisory closes today / M6.1 Hokkaido 26-APR</p> <p><b>INS-001</b> IRGC/MOIS + DIA   <b>TER-002</b> NTAS Gap Day 58   <b>AGR-001</b> Fertilizer Locked / Winter wheat 30% G/E (down from 45% YoY)   <b>CN-001</b> PRC Scarborough barrier persists / Antelope Reef airbase ~1,500 acres   <b>TRV-001</b> State Level 4 Iran / 11-state ME CZIB R7   <b>HLTH-001</b> SC measles ~553+ / FL 21+ / ARC blood Day 98</p>

CRITICAL TIME HACK

**WHCD SHOOTING:** Allen arraignment + Patel/Blanche presser today — see TER-001.

**CISA ED 25-03 V1:** FCEB device-inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4) — see CYB-001.

**SEVERE WEATHER:** SPC CIG2 high-end IL today; first IL warning issued ~13:58 CDT — see WX-001 + NWR-001.

**LEBANON CF:** CF Day 12 of extended period (~17-MAY); Netanyahu 26-APR "vigorously attack" order — see GEO-CF-LBN.

**IRAN TRACK:** Araghchi met Putin today; new Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal pared Brent peak — see GEO-002 + FIN-001.

**FORCE POSTURE:** Hormuz Day 15 / 3 carriers ME first since 2003 / Sevan intercept 25-APR — see GEO-001.

**OIL / FUEL:** Brent \$108.11 (+2.64%); WTI \$95.83; AAA \$4.031 — see FIN-001.

**UKMTO / MARITIME:** 5-nation transit regime; ~20,000 seafarers stranded; mine reports persist — see SC-001.

**UKRAINE/RUSSIA:** UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR + first Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk strikes (1,700+km) + Romania NATO drone 25-APR — see GEO-AXIS-001.

**DPRK:** Quiet 24-27 APR; last launch 19-APR Sinpo cluster-bomb SRBM cycle.

**SPACE WEATHER:** Kp 1-3 quiet; HF favorable for SKYWARN today — see SWX-001.

**AVIATION:** EASA CZIB R7 to 01-MAY (T-4); Sterling VA TFR 26-APR — see AVN-001.

**CYBER:** ED 25-03 V1 T-4 (CYB-001); KEV 4-CVE batch T-7 to 04-MAY (CYB-002); AA26-097A Day 21 (CYB-005).

**TERRORISM:** See TER-001 above; DHS NTAS gap Day 58.

**NUCLEAR:** IAEA blackout Day 58; 440.9 kg 60% HEU — see NUC-001.

**NWR:** 18 affected (15 OOS / 3 DEG, 16 states); IL/IN/TN gaps overlap CIG2 corridor — see NWR-001.

**PHS / EARTHQUAKES:** M7.4 Sanriku 20-APR; JMA megaquake advisory closes today — see PHS-001.

**PRC GRAY-ZONE:** Scarborough barrier persists; Antelope Reef airbase ~1,500 acres; Taiwan 40-day airspace — see CN-001.

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<a href="#">SEC 12 — Source Registry Summary</a>	24 Threat Areas   358 Standing Sources (v1.8)   51 Citations This Cycle   T1: 22   T2: 29   T3: 0   <a href="https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr-source-registry/">fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr-source-registry/</a>
<a href="#">SEC 13 — Closing Block</a>	Fortune Favors the Prepared   Full Product Suite   ASAR — most of the area intelligence needed to complete your emergency plan (saves ~15 hours of research)   <a href="https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/">fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/</a>

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REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
<a href="#">CONUS — Illinois / Missouri / Indiana / Kentucky</a>	<a href="#">WX-001</a> SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today   Multi-state tornado outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY active   <a href="#">NWR-001</a> IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS within outbreak corridor (Montgomery/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin IL; Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange IN)

REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
<a href="#"><u>CONUS — Tennessee / Alabama / Mississippi (Day 2-3)</u></a>	WX-001-EXT Day 2-3 Dixie Alley shift   <a href="#"><u>NWR-001</u></a> TN dual-gap Lawrenceburg KXI88 + Shelbyville WXK63 OOS within shift corridor (Lawrence/Wayne/Giles + Bedford/Marshall/Coffee TN)
<a href="#"><u>CONUS — Mid-Atlantic / Washington DC</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>TER-001</u></a> WHCD shooting 25-APR / Allen ARRAIGNED 27-APR fed court (firearm in COV + assault on fed officer) / "friendly federal assassin" 1,000+ word manifesto / Patel + Blanche presser today / Senate Judiciary briefing (Grassley)   <a href="#"><u>TER-002</u></a> NTAS gap Day 58   <a href="#"><u>INS-001</u></a> IRGC/MOIS structural   COGCON assessed   Sterling VA TFR FDC 6/5355 26-APR (impact IAD)
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<a href="#"><u>CONUS — New Mexico (NWR Triple-Gap)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>NWR-001</u></a> NM TRIPLE-GAP continues (Roswell WWG36 + Carlsbad WWF37 + Artesia WXN24 all OOS)   Chaves and Eddy counties effectively zero primary NWR coverage
<a href="#"><u>CONUS — Montana (NWR 6-transmitter cluster)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>NWR-001</u></a> MT 6 transmitters affected (Helena KXI58, Glasgow WWG70, Miles City WXJ81, Sidney WNG566, Wolf Point WWG81, Lewistown KIH50)   Eastern half of state degraded structural-gap regional coverage
<a href="#"><u>CONUS — Southwest (AZ/NM/NV)</u></a>	WX NIFC elevated YTD baseline   Dry-warm tilt through June per NIFC   Southern Area driest Nov-Feb since late 1970s (top-5 driest)
<a href="#"><u>Middle East / Persian Gulf</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GEO-001</u></a> Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 / Sevan intercept 25-APR by USS Pinckney + helicopter / 37 ships redirected (CENTCOM cumulative) / 3 US carriers in ME first time since 2003 (USS GHW Bush 24-APR)   GEO-CF-LBN Day 12 of extended period (~17-MAY) / Hezbollah meaningless / Netanyahu 26-APR vigorously attack   <a href="#"><u>TRV-001</u></a> EASA CZIB R7 issued 24-APR / 11-state ME airspace
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<a href="#"><u>Iran</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GEO-001</u></a> Op Epic Fury Day 58   Blockade Day 15   37 ships redirected   NEW Iran proposal via Pakistani mediators (Axios): decouple Hormuz from nuclear / postpone nuclear talks until blockade lifted   Mojtaba Khamenei = Supreme Leader (Ali killed 28-FEB)   Iran death toll ~3,400   <a href="#"><u>NUC-001</u></a> IAEA blackout Day 58 / 440.9kg 60% HEU
<a href="#"><u>Russia / St Petersburg</u></a>	GEO-AXIS-001 Araghchi-Putin meeting OCCURRED 27-APR St Petersburg / Putin received WRITTEN MESSAGE from Mojtaba Khamenei (Supreme Leader since 28-FEB)   Substantive successor to failed Pakistani back-channel   Russia-Iran 20-yr strategic agreement framework
<a href="#"><u>Indo-Pacific / SCS + Taiwan + DPRK</u></a>	GEO-AXIS-001 PRC Antelope Reef airbase ~1,500 acres reclaimed (significantly larger than Woody Island)   Taiwan 40-day airspace restriction notices   Scarborough floating barrier persists   DPRK quiet 24-27 APR (last 19-APR Sinpo Hwasong-11 cluster-munitions test)
<a href="#"><u>Europe / Ukraine / Russian Urals / Romania (NATO)</u></a>	GEO-AXIS-001 UKR FIRST-EVER drone strikes Sverdlovsk + Chelyabinsk 25-26 APR (1,700+km range escalation)   UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR (71+ drones; 3 ships + MiG-31 + Belbek + radar)   Yaroslavl refinery 26-APR (~15M tons/yr)   NEW: Russian drone crashed in Galati Romania (NATO) 25-APR / 200 evacuated / 2 UK fighter jets scrambled / Romanian property damaged / FM summoned RU ambassador   April RU output -300-400k bpd

REGION / THEMATIC	KEY ENTRIES / THREAT DRIVERS
<a href="#">Japan / Sanriku Coast</a>	<a href="#">PHS-001</a> M7.4 Sanriku Japan 20-APR; JMA megaquake advisory 1-week period closes today 27-APR   M6.1 Hokkaido 26-APR   Aftershock pattern monitoring continues
<a href="#">Agricultural / Global Supply Chain</a>	<a href="#">AGR-001</a> Winter wheat 30% G/E (down from 34% prior wk; from 45% YoY)   KS top-state 24% G/E   Corn 5% planted, soybeans 6% planted   Urea Egypt FOB +78%   30% global urea disrupted   China export restrictions thru August 2026
<a href="#">Space Environment / HF Comms</a>	<a href="#">SWX-001</a> Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR / Brief Kp 4 active spike from 23-APR CME / AR4419 2 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation / M6.4 24-APR 18:15Z   HF favorable for SKYWARN emergency comms during active CIG2 outbreak
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## SECTION 2 — BLUF & MARKET INDICATORS

### COMMODITY TRACKER — WAR IMPACT vs. PRE-WAR BASELINE (28 FEB 2026)

COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (27 APR)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	48H TREND	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
<b>Brent Crude (front)</b>	~\$66/bbl	\$107-108/bbl	<b>+62%</b>	▲ <b>+\$5-7 vs 23-APR close \$101.55</b> ▲ peaked >\$108 early 27-APR	Brent peaked above \$108 early 27-APR session before paring to ~\$106 on Iran proposal reports. +13% weekly gain last week (largest since early March). Trump 26-APR ordered negotiators to suspend talks after Araghchi left Pakistan without meeting US officials; Pezeshkian ruled out negotiations under blockade. IEA characterizes the disruption as the largest energy supply shock on record. EIA STEO baseline: Brent peak 2Q26 \$115/b. Goldman Sachs (baseline): extended Hormuz closure could drive Brent to \$120/bbl Q3.
<b>WTI Crude (front)</b>	~\$63/bbl	\$95-96/bbl	<b>+51%</b>	▲ <b>+\$3-4 vs 23-APR \$92.46</b> intraday high \$96.7	WTI tracking Brent rally; intraday high \$96.7 on 27-APR. Risk premium reflects 3 US carriers in Middle East (first time since 2003 with USS GHW Bush 24-APR), Sevan intercept 25-APR, and 37-ship cumulative US redirection.
<b>Gasoline (natl avg)</b>	~\$3.10/gal	\$4.031/gal	<b>+30%</b>	▼ <b>-\$0.06 wk-over-wk</b> pump-lag from Brent rally inbound	AAA national average \$4.031/gal direct 27-APR (down from \$4.09 wk-over-wk; from \$4.16 two weeks ago). Most expensive CA (\$5.84); least OK (\$3.40); GA \$3.62 statewide. Pump lag 10-14 days: 27-APR Brent \$107-108 rally will not reach consumers until early-mid May.
<b>Diesel (US No. 2)</b>	~\$3.74/gal	~\$5.42/gal	<b>+45%</b>	~flat ~0%	EIA. Trucking margins compressed. EIA STEO peak diesel projection \$5.80/gal

COMMODITY	PRE-WAR (28 FEB)	CURRENT (27 APR)	CHG vs PRE-WAR	48H TREND	CONSUMER / ANALYTICAL NOTE
					Q2 2026. Refiner feedstock stress persists; fertilizer/food pass-through active.
<b>Jet Fuel (global avg)</b>	~\$90/bbl	~\$210/bbl	<b>+133%</b>	▲ +1% ▲ slow	IATA. EASA CZIB 2026-03-R7 issued 24-APR (extends to 01-MAY) covers 11-state ME airspace, sustaining supply constraint. European carriers continuing suspensions.
<b>Urea (46-0-0)</b>	~\$465/ton NOLA	\$826/ton (DTN natl)	<b>+78%</b>	~flat ~0%	DTN Week 4 March; USDA AMS \$624/ton Iowa baseline. +35% MoM. 58-70% above long-run avg. 2026 crop year locked — no remediation window left this planting season. Winter wheat 30% G/E (down from 34% prior wk; from 45% YoY); KS top-state 24% G/E.
<b>Anhydrous Ammonia (IL)</b>	~\$800/ton	\$1,099.50/ton avg	<b>+37%</b>	~flat ~0%	USDA AMS Illinois T1. Planting in progress: corn 5%, soybeans 6% (ahead of 2025 + 5yr avg 4%/2%). 2-4 week window to Q3 food pass-through.
<b>Ocean Freight (SCFI)</b>	~1,333 pts	~1,950 pts	<b>+46%</b>	▲ vs prior cycle ▲ Hormuz dual blockade	Blockade Day 15. CENTCOM 37 ships redirected (cumulative). M/V Sevan (Iranian shadow-fleet) intercepted 25-APR by USS Pinckney + helicopter; Sevan complied turning back to Iran under escort. 3 US carriers in Middle East first time since 2003 (USS George H.W. Bush arrived 24-APR). Iran allows 5-nation transits (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK; +MY/TH/PH later). ~20,000 seafarers stranded Gulf. Lloyd's peak rates ~5% hull value (100x pre-crisis).

► For detailed commodity pricing and industrial analysis see the [Construction & Manufacturing Sector Report](#) at [fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/](http://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/)

### BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

27 APRIL 2026 | PREP-CON 3 ELEVATED | RAPIDLY DEVELOPING | OPERATION EPIC FURY DAY 58 | BLOCKADE Day 15 | LBN CF Day 12 of EXTENDED PERIOD (~17-MAY) | WHCD SHOOTING 25-APR | CISA ED 25-03 V1 ARCANEDOOR (T-4) | SPC CIG2 IL TODAY | ARAGHCHI-PUTIN ST PETERSBURG TODAY

#### THE CYCLE — QUICK LOOK

- WHCD shooting 25-APR; Allen arraigned today (firearm in COV + assault on fed officer); "friendly federal assassin" manifesto — see [TER-001](#).
- CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor; FCEB inventory due 01-MAY (T-4); FIRESTARTER malware — see [CYB-001](#).
- SPC CIG2 high-end IL today; first IL warning issued ~13:58 CDT; multi-state outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY — see [WX-001](#) + [NWR-001](#) (18 transmitters affected, IL/IN/TN gaps overlap corridor).

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- ▶ Hormuz blockade Day 15; Sevan intercept 25-APR (USS Pinckney); 37 ships redirected; 3 carriers ME first since 2003 — see [GEO-001](#).
- ▶ Lebanon CF Day 12 of extended period (~17-MAY); Hezbollah "meaningless"; Netanyahu "vigorously attack" order — see [GEO-CF-LBN](#).
- ▶ UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR + first Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk strikes (1,700+km) + Russian drone in Romania (NATO) — see [GEO-AXIS-001](#).
- ▶ Markets: Brent \$108.11 (+2.64%); WTI \$95.83; AAA \$4.031.

**PRACTITIONER POSTURE:** PREP-CON 3 sustain; 72-hr readiness for WHCD investigation evolution, CISA ED 25-03 V1 reporting (T-4), IL/MO/IN/KY tornado outbreak this evening, Lebanon CF over next 3 weeks.

**NEW & UPDATED — THIS CYCLE ONLY**

★ [TER-001](#) (UPDATED): **ALLEN ARRAIGNED 27-APR / "FRIENDLY FEDERAL ASSASSIN" MANIFESTO / PATEL+BLANCHE PRESSER TODAY.** Allen arraignment today federal court; "friendly federal assassin" manifesto + anti-Trump signaling — full detail in TER-001.

★ [CYB-001](#) (NEW 23-APR): **CISA ED 25-03 V1 — ARCANEDOOR PERSISTS ON CISCO ASA/FTD VIA FXOS; FCEB INVENTORY DUE 01-MAY (T-4).** FCEB device-inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4); FIRESTARTER malware identified — full detail in CYB-001.

★ [WX-001](#) (NEW): **SPC CIG2 HIGH-END SIGNAL CENTRAL/N IL TODAY; MULTI-STATE TORNADO OUTBREAK THREAT.** CIG2 hoisted central/N IL; first IL warning issued ~13:58 CDT; W IL ~2PM CT first arrivals — full detail in WX-001.

⊖ [GEO-001](#): **HORMUZ DUAL BLOCKADE Day 15 / SEVAN INTERCEPTED 25-APR / 37 SHIPS REDIRECTED.** Day 15 dual closure; Sevan intercept 25-APR (USS Pinckney); 37 ships redirected; 5-nation transit regime — full detail in GEO-001.

⊖ [GEO-CF-LBN](#): **LEBANON CF Day 12 of EXTENDED PERIOD; HEZBOLLAH "MEANINGLESS" / NETANYAHU 26-APR ATTACK ORDER.** CF Day 12 of extended period (~17-MAY); Hezbollah "meaningless" + Netanyahu "vigorously attack" order; toll 2,491/7,719 — full detail in GEO-CF-LBN.

★ [GEO-002](#) (UPDATED): **ARAGHCHI MET PUTIN ST PETERSBURG TODAY / MOJTABA KHAMENEI WRITTEN MESSAGE / NEW IRAN HORMUZ-NUCLEAR DECOUPLE PROPOSAL.** Araghchi-Putin meeting occurred today; Mojtaba Khamenei written message disclosed; Iran proposal via Pakistani mediators decouples Hormuz from nuclear — full detail in GEO-AXIS-001.

★ [UKR-001](#) (NEW range escalation): **UKR CRIMEA RAID 25-26 APR (3 SHIPS + MIG-31) / YAROSLAVL REFINERY / FIRST DRONE STRIKES SVERDLOVSK + CHELYABINSK (1,700+KM).** UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR (3 ships + MiG-31 + Belbek) + first Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk strikes (1,700+km) + Russian drone crashed Galati Romania (NATO) — full detail in GEO-AXIS-001.

★ [NWR-001](#) (NEW user-supplied 27-APR; STATE B): **18 NWR TRANSMITTERS AFFECTED; IL/IN/TN GAPS OVERLAP TODAY'S CIG2 CORRIDOR.** 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS / 3 DEG, 16 states); IL Hillsboro + IN Angola + TN dual-gap overlap CIG2 corridor; NM triple-gap continues — full detail in NWR section.

⊖ [FIN-001](#): **BRENT \$107-108 / WTI \$95-96 / AAA \$4.031.** Brent \$108.11 (+2.64%); WTI \$95.83; AAA \$4.031; +13% weekly gain last wk; Iran proposal pared peak — full detail in FIN-001.

↳ **CYB-002: KEV 4-CVE BATCH FCEB-DUE 04-MAY (T-7).** 4 CVEs FCEB-due 04-MAY (T-7): PaperCut, TeamCity, Kentico, Quest KACE (CVSS 10.0), Zimbra; 3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN 23-APR PASSED — full detail in CYB-002.

↳ **CYB-003: KEV 24-APR ADDITIONS (4 NEW).** Samsung MagicINFO + SimpleHelp double + D-Link DIR-823X added 24-APR — full detail in CYB-003.

↳ **NUC-001: IAEA BLACKOUT Day 58; 440.9 KG HEU; 24-APR PRE-STRIKE ISFAHAN ANALYSIS.** IAEA blackout Day 58; 440.9 kg 60% HEU; Bulletin Atomic Scientists 24-APR pre-strike Isfahan transfer analysis — full detail in NUC-001.

↳ **AVN-001: EASA CZIB R7 ISSUED 24-APR (EXTENDS TO 01-MAY).** EASA CZIB R7 issued 24-APR (extends to 01-MAY); 11-state ME airspace; Sterling VA TFR 26-APR — full detail in AVN-001.

↳ **PHS-001: M7.4 SANRIKU 20-APR / JMA MEGAQUAKE ADVISORY CLOSES TODAY.** M7.4 Sanriku 20-APR; JMA megaquake advisory closes today; M6.1 Hokkaido aftershock 26-APR — full detail in PHS-001.

↳ **SWX-001: Kp 1-3 QUIET; AR4419 X-FLARES ROTATED FAR-SIDE.** Kp 1-3 quiet; AR4419 X-flares rotated far-side; HF favorable for SKYWARN — full detail in SWX-001.

↳ **CN-001: PRC SCARBOROUGH BARRIER PERSISTS / ANTELOPE REEF AIRBASE / TAIWAN 40-DAY AIRSPACE NOTICE.** Scarborough barrier persists; Antelope Reef airbase ~1,500 acres reclaimed; Taiwan 40-day airspace notices — full detail in CN-001.

↳ **AGR-001: CBOT 24-APR SETTLEMENTS / WINTER WHEAT 30% G/E DOWN FROM 45% YOY.** Winter wheat 30% G/E (down from 45% YoY); KS top-state 24% G/E; CBOT 24-APR settlements — full detail in AGR section.

↳ **HLTH-001: SC MEASLES ~553+ / FL 21+ AVE MARIA OUTBREAK / H5N1 NO NEW CASES WK 15.** SC measles ~553+ (largest); FL 21+ Ave Maria; H5N1 Week 15 no new cases; ARC severe blood Day 98 — full detail in HLTH section.

**NOT DETAILED HERE (FULL NARRATIVE IN BODY):** SWX-001 HF table; CYB-007 Volt Typhoon (standing); TRV-001 State Dept Iran Level 4 + 11-state CZIB R7 (in AVN-001); TER-002 DHS NTAS gap Day 58 (standing).

**DECISIVE WINDOW:** Next 72 hrs — (1) WHCD/Allen investigation; (2) CISA ED 25-03 V1 reporting due 01-MAY (T-4); (3) IL/MO/IN/KY outbreak today peaking through evening; (4) Iran-Russia track post Araghchi-Putin; (5) LBN CF resilience to ~17-MAY.

### SECTION 3 — FLASH EVENTS (Score ≥ 20)

<b>TER-001   WHCD shooting 25-APR / Trump unharmed / Suspect Cole Tomas Allen, 31, Torrance CA / Allen ARRAIGNED 27-APR federal court (firearm in crime of violence + assault on federal officer) / 1,000+ word "friendly federal assassin" manifesto sent ~10 min pre-attack / Patel + Blanche presser today</b>		<b>FLASH   UPDATED   28</b>
<b>SALUTE</b>		
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	Allen arraignment today federal court; "friendly federal assassin" manifesto + anti-Trump signaling now public; Patel + Blanche presser today.	
<b>Summary</b>	Cole Tomas Allen, 31, of Torrance CA, attempted attack on the WHCD at the Washington Hilton ~8:30PM ET 25-APR. Allen rushed/charged through the security checkpoint armed with	

shotgun (purchased Aug 2025), handgun (purchased 2023), and multiple knives; was tackled by law enforcement before reaching the ballroom. Allen fired 1–2 rounds; USSS officer returned 3–4 rounds. One USSS agent struck in chest was vest-stopped (treated, expected to recover). Trump, First Lady, VP Vance, and Cabinet officials evacuated unharmed. Allen booked into the Washington Hilton in early April; checked in Friday 24-APR. Allen traveled by train CA→Chicago→DC. ARRAIGNMENT 27-APR (today) in federal court on charges including using firearm during crime of violence + assault on federal officer; FBI Director Patel + Acting AG Blanche press conference scheduled today. Allen self-described as "friendly federal assassin" in a 1,000+ word manifesto sent to family ~10 minutes before the attack — the note shifted between confession, grievance, religious justification, political anger, apology to family/colleagues/students/bystanders, and farewell; Allen mocked Hilton security and expressed surprise he could enter armed without detection. Brother contacted New London CT police 22:49 ET (~2 hrs after); SS learned of the letters between 21:00–23:00 ET. Sister (in MD) told investigators Allen made radical statements and alluded to a plan to do "something" to fix the world's problems; weapons stored at parents' Torrance home without their knowledge. Allen background: Caltech BS Mech Eng 2017; CSU Dominguez Hills MS CompSci 2025; C2 Education tutor (last session 14-APR); indie game developer ("Bohrdom" non-violent fighting game on Steam, 2018). Anti-Trump signaling: Allen donated \$25 to ActBlue/Harris Oct 2024; was part of "Wide Awakes" group; attended "No Kings" protest in CA. AG Blanche 26-APR: "It does appear the suspect was targeting members of the administration." Senate Judiciary briefing scheduled by Chairman Grassley; SS conducting bipartisan briefing on protocols. WHCD rescheduled 30 days. Sterling VA TFR (FDC 6/5355, 5nm AML050010, 0830–1830 local 26-APR) imposed in immediate aftermath. Trump used the incident to renew calls for the \$400M East-Wing ballroom; 17-APR federal appeals court allowed construction to continue while litigation proceeds.

**Analyst Assessment**

**THIRD ATTEMPT IN <2 YEARS:** Butler PA Jul 2024 / West Palm Beach Sep 2024 / WHCD Apr 2026. The cumulative pattern is now operationally distinct from any single incident: USSS protective bandwidth and venue selection are likely to tighten across all subsequent presidential events.

**FRAMING SHIFT:** AG Blanche 26-APR "targeting Trump and administration" framing moves the incident from "crazed individual at hotel" to attempted assassination with an administration-wide target set, which has knock-on effects for cabinet travel and field events through May.

**IO CONTEST:** Iran state media (Tasnim) has called the assassination plot framing into broader contestation; expect IO operations to attempt to muddy attribution. Treat all third-party attribution claims with LOW confidence absent USG/FBI corroboration.

**PRACTITIONER POSTURE:** Federal protective-detail extraction-readiness up. State EM coordinators reviewing field-event posture. Private-sector security director attention to ballroom/conference venue access controls.

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Patel + Blanche presser today — manifesto excerpts, ballistics, motive characterization; (2) Discovery of co-conspirators or pre-attack contacts; (3) Any IO claim of credit by foreign actor; (4) FBI BAU formal psychological profile; (5) Senate Judiciary briefing readout (Grassley); (6) Any second-incident reporting; (7) USSS protocol changes for upcoming presidential events.

**ALT HYP**

**ALT A: Lone actor with mental-health/ideological grievance; no foreign nexus [MOST LIKELY]**

Cross-country train travel + family-sent manifesto + cooperative family pattern matches lone-actor profile (cf. multiple post-2020 federal-target attempts).

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** Cooperative family; alleged manifesto sent before action; no operational tradecraft beyond hotel proximity.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** AG framing of "targeting Trump and administration" implies investigators see broader intent; could signal additional findings not yet public.

<p><b>ALT B: Inspired by but not directed by foreign IO/incitement [LESS LIKELY]</b></p> <p>Op Epic Fury Day 58 / WH ME diplomacy + WHCD as symbolic target may have provided ideological cover for an inspired actor without direct foreign control.</p> <p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> IRGC/MOIS public threats during Op Epic Fury (baseline INS-001); Iran state media echoing assassination narrative.</p> <p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> No specific evidence of foreign communications; lone-actor pattern dominates; AG/FBI silence on foreign nexus would be remarkable if present.</p>	
<p><b>ALT C: Directed/orchestrated by foreign actor or domestic extremist network [UNLIKELY]</b></p> <p>Tradecraft (hotel co-location, terrace approach via stairwell) could support a directed action.</p> <p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Possible co-conspirators not yet disclosed; manifesto contents not public.</p> <p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> No evidence of network; family cooperation implies no operational compartmentalization; absence of foreign-attribution leaks unusual if present.</p>	

<p><b>CYB-001   CISA ED 25-03 V1 issued 23-APR — ArcaneDoor APT persistence on Cisco ASA/FTD via FXOS base OS / FCEB device-inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4) / FIRESTARTER malware named</b></p>	<p><b>FLASH   NEW   25</b></p>
<b>SALUTE</b>	
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	<p>CISA + Cisco PSIRT determined the persistence mechanism survives the September 2025 fixed releases. V1 supersedes the September 2025 ED 25-03 required actions and adds a new agency reporting requirement. T-4 today.</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CISA issued V1 of Emergency Directive 25-03 on 23-APR-2026 after determining that the ArcaneDoor threat actor has developed a previously-unknown persistence mechanism that survives upgrade to the September 2025 fixed releases. The mechanism resides in the Cisco Firepower eXtensible Operating System (FXOS) base OS underlying ASA Software and FTD Software on Firepower hardware. Initial vectors: CVE-2025-20333 (RCE) and CVE-2025-20362 (privilege escalation), both exploited prior to the September 2025 patches. New requirement: FCEB agencies must report a complete inventory of all Firepower 1000/2100/4100/9300 series and Secure Firewall 200/1200/3100/4200/6100 series devices, including actions-taken and results, to CISA by 11:59PM EST on 01-MAY-2026. CISA report identifies FIRESTARTER malware used by APT actors to remotely access and control Cisco Firepower &amp; Secure Firewall devices; detection and response steps published.</p>
<b>Analyst Assessment</b>	<p><b>PATCH-DOES-NOT-MEAN-CLEAN:</b> Functionally a notice that the September 2025 fix did not eliminate the threat actor. Agencies that completed ED 25-03 in September and considered the matter closed must now re-engage. SecOps capacity is the binding constraint.</p> <p><b>SCOPE BEYOND FCEB:</b> Defense Industrial Base, financial services, and regulated healthcare running the same Cisco models should treat the FCEB requirements as the floor, not the ceiling. ArcaneDoor targeting is not limited to government.</p> <p><b>STACKED DEADLINES:</b> CISA simultaneously running ED 26-03 (Cisco SD-WAN, Feb 2026) and the 04-MAY 4-CVE KEV batch. SecOps teams have stacked deadlines this and next week.</p>

<b>ALT HYP</b>	<p><b>PERSISTENCE PRIMITIVE:</b> FXOS is base OS underlying ASA Software and FTD Software; persistence at this layer is by design difficult to fully detect with standard EDR. CISA core-dump + hunt instructions are the operative artifacts.</p> <p><b>TRIPWIRES:</b> (1) Any FCEB agency missing the 01-MAY reporting deadline; (2) Disclosure of compromise indicators by named federal agency; (3) FIRESTARTER detection in non-federal environment; (4) Cisco issuing additional FXOS-layer patches; (5) ArcaneDoor attribution development (e.g., named state).</p>
	<p><b>ALT A: ArcaneDoor PRC-affiliated APT operation focused on federal lateral movement [MOST LIKELY]</b></p>
	<p>ArcaneDoor targeting and tradecraft pattern (Cisco edge, persistence via base OS, long dwell) maps to PRC-affiliated APT signatures (cf. Volt Typhoon CYB-007 baseline).</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> CISA + Cisco PSIRT joint advisory; named persistence mechanism; FIRESTARTER toolset; multi-agency targeting.</p>
	<p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> CISA has not publicly attributed; multiple state actors have demonstrated similar Cisco-edge targeting capability.</p>
	<p><b>ALT B: Iran-affiliated APT operation parallel to AA26-097A OT/PLC line [LESS LIKELY]</b></p>
	<p>AA26-097A Day 21 demonstrates active Iranian-affiliated APT activity against US infrastructure during Op Epic Fury; ArcaneDoor could be a second prong.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Active Iran-affiliated cyber activity per AA26-097A; war-period escalation.</p>
	<p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> ArcaneDoor tradecraft pattern more consistent with PRC-style long-dwell than Iran-style faster-tempo operations; technical sophistication of FXOS persistence not consistent with prior Iran-affiliated tradecraft.</p>
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<b>WX-001   SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today / Multi-state tornado outbreak threat IL/MO/IN/KY corridor / Hail 2-3" + damaging winds + QLCS evolution overnight</b>		<b>FLASH   NEW   22</b>
<b>SALUTE</b>		
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	<p>EVENT IS LIVE. SPC CIG2 signal up; FIRST IL TORNADO WARNING ISSUED ~13:58 CDT; storms arriving in W IL on schedule (~2 PM CT). NWR alert-path degradation overlaps directly with threat zone (see NWR-001) — IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS within the active corridor.</p>	
<b>Summary</b>	<p>EVENT NOW LIVE — First IL tornado warning of the day issued at ~13:58 CDT (per state warning tracker). SPC Day 1 outlook (valid 271200Z–281200Z) carries widespread strong-to-severe storms across the middle Mississippi Valley into the lower Ohio Valley this afternoon and evening, with potential for a few strong tornadoes, damaging wind gusts, and large hail. CIG2 (Conditional Intensity Group 2) signal hoisted for central/northern Illinois — the high-end intensity tier introduced March 2026, indicating environment supports violent (EF3+) tornadoes if a storm matures. Mode: triple-point low / dryline focus across NE Missouri / SE Iowa / NW Illinois late afternoon. Discrete supercells initially, then upscale growth along outflow boundary into IL/IN by late evening; embedded supercells and meso-vortices along developing gust fronts may continue tornado risk into the overnight hours. Hail 2–3" diameter possible; damaging straight-line winds expected with QLCS evolution. Storm timing: Western Illinois ~2PM CT first arrivals; central and NE Illinois 3PM–midnight; NW Indiana 5PM–~2AM Tuesday. Background:</p>	

	23-APR Oklahoma EF4 outbreak damage surveys ongoing; 25-APR Vance AFB tornado closed the base indefinitely.
<b>Analyst Assessment</b>	<p><b>CIG2 IS ACTIONABLE:</b> CIG2 is the operational successor to "Significant Tornado" hatching and is reserved for environments where forecasters have explicit confidence in violent-tornado potential. Practitioners should treat it as actionable, not advisory.</p> <p><b>NWR OVERLAP CRITICAL:</b> NWR live-status overlap is operationally significant today (see NWR-001): IL Hillsboro KXI79 OOS sits directly inside the central-IL CIG2 hatch; IN Angola KXI94 OOS covers the NW Indiana 5PM-2AM corridor; TN Lawrenceburg WWF84 + Shelbyville WXK63 both OOS during the lower Ohio Valley evening risk window.</p> <p><b>FATALITY DRIVER:</b> Mobile-home and weak-structure exposure is the dominant fatality driver in EF3+ events — pre-position alternative shelter before 2PM CT.</p> <p><b>TRIPWIRES:</b> (1) PDS Tornado Watch (Particularly Dangerous Situation) issuance; (2) Confirmed long-track tornado in CIG2 hatch zone; (3) Initial reports of EF3+ damage; (4) Major-city impact (St Louis, Springfield IL, Indianapolis); (5) NWR transmitter outages expanding into threat counties as storms develop.</p>
<b>ALT HYP</b>	<p><b>ALT A: High-end CIG2 outcome — multiple strong/violent tornadoes; major fatalities/damage [MEDIUM-HIGH]</b></p> <p>CIG2 hoisted; environment confidence; convective parameter set unambiguous.</p> <p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Forecast confidence high; mid-level kinematics + thermodynamics all align.</p> <p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Climatology of CIG2 days produces violent tornado in only some events; storm-mode evolution may favor QLCS over discrete.</p> <hr/> <p><b>ALT B: CIG2 environment but storm-mode favors hail/wind dominant; tornado track-count modest [MEDIUM]</b></p> <p>Strong forcing + linear capping breakdown could push toward QLCS-dominant evolution; tornadoes embedded but short-lived.</p> <p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Some prior CIG2 days have produced mostly hail/wind despite favorable parameters.</p> <p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Discrete supercell window early afternoon offers clear tornado opportunity in unmistakable environment.</p>

**GEO-001 | Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 / 37 ships redirected by US (cumulative) / M/V Sevan intercepted 25-APR Arabian Sea (USS Pinckney DDG-91) / 3 US carriers in ME first time since 2003**

**FLASH | UPDATED | 25**

<b>SALUTE</b>	
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	Araghchi-Putin meeting occurred today; new Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal (Axios) drove early-session Brent pullback from peak >\$108.
<b>Summary</b>	Blockade Day 15 of dual closure (US blockade since 13-APR; Iranian threat-of-force closure since 13-APR). CENTCOM has redirected 37 ships cumulative under the Iran blockade (Media Line baseline). USS Pinckney (DDG-91) helicopter intercepted Iranian shadow-fleet vessel M/V Sevan in the Arabian Sea late 25-APR; Sevan complied with US orders and turned back toward Iran under escort. Iran allows transits for 5 nations (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK; +MY/TH/PH later); routing graphics show hazard area covering primary TSS; mine reports persist; war-risk insurance pulled. ~20,000 seafarers stranded Gulf. Aggressive bridge-to-bridge VHF hailing by Sepah

(IRGC) Navy continues. 3 US carriers in the Middle East for the first time since 2003 with the arrival of USS George H.W. Bush 24-APR. Iran death toll ~3,400 per Iran forensics chief (24-APR). Iran FM Abbas Araghchi MET Russian President Putin in St Petersburg today 27-APR (meeting OCCURRED — handshake photographed at Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library; received on arrival by Iran Amb to Russia Kazem Jalali). Putin: "We see how courageously and heroically the Iranian people are fighting for their independence, for their sovereignty" (TASS). Putin disclosed he received a WRITTEN MESSAGE from Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei — Mojtaba is Supreme Leader since the 28-FEB strikes killed Ali Khamenei; he releases only written messages, has not appeared publicly. Pre-Russia, Araghchi met Oman's Sultan Haitham 26-APR; "agreements reached" on Hormuz security per Araghchi. NEW IRANIAN PROPOSAL via Pakistani mediators (Axios 26-APR): Iran proposes to DECOUPLE Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks — extend ceasefire to allow lasting-settlement negotiations, while POSTPONING nuclear talks until the US blockade is lifted. Trump weekend: cancelled Witkoff/Kushner Pakistan trip on cost/inadequate-offer grounds ("too much travel and expense"); "they can call us"; war could "come to an end very soon." SecDef Hegseth: US continues blockade "without hesitation or apology." President Pezeshkian: Tehran will not engage in "imposed negotiations under threats or blockade." Trump 26-APR ruled out the use of nuclear weapons but reiterated additional military force is on the table.

**Analyst Assessment**

**OPERATIONAL POSTURE:** Blockade now 15 days durable. With 3 carriers in the Middle East for the first time since 2003 and CENTCOM having redirected 37 ships cumulative, the operational posture is now structurally distinct from the prior 30-day surge model — this is a sustained closure with Iranian acquiescence on day-to-day non-permitted shipping but standing kinetic-threat baseline.

**DIPLOMATIC PIVOT:** Araghchi-Putin St Petersburg today, immediately after Araghchi left Pakistan without meeting US officials following Trump's 26-APR negotiator-suspension order, signals Iran's pivot toward Russian rather than Pakistani back-channel. The Pakistani track was never producing; the St Petersburg track is the substantive successor and likely the venue where any framework ultimately surfaces.

**FORCE POSTURE / CARRIER COMMITMENT:** Three carriers in ME first time since 2003 is the headline force-commitment signal. The Bush addition signals US prepared for sustained 90+ day blockade enforcement; previous deployments measured 30-60 days.

**TOLL CONSOLIDATION:** Iran forensics chief 24-APR ~3,400 figure represents Iran-side consolidation of the prior split between Iran HRANA (~3,636) and IRGC-side Hengaw (~6,620). Iran narrative is a unified ~3,400 figure.

**SPLIT CONFIDENCE:** HIGH on Sevan intercept 25-APR (CENTCOM + Pinckney + Reuters multi-stream). HIGH on 3 carriers ME first since 2003 (CENTCOM + USNI + Reuters). HIGH on Trump 26-APR negotiator suspension (Reuters + WH). HIGH on Araghchi-Putin today (Tasnim + Iran MFA + Russian MFA). HIGH on Pezeshkian no-negotiations-under-blockade (T1 IRNA + state TV). MODERATE on Iran ~3,400 toll (Iran-side single-source consolidation; HRANA + Hengaw splits remain in archive).

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Russian framework proposal post-meeting; (2) US response to Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal (Axios 26-APR); (3) Any direct Mojtaba Khamenei outreach beyond written messages; (4) CENTCOM intercept count to 40+; (5) Any US-flag or US-allied-flag vessel incident in TSS; (6) Iran formal statement on Sevan intercept; (7) Sustained kinetic incident with multi-stream attribution.

**ALT HYP**

**ALT A: St Petersburg track produces Russian-mediated framework within 14 days [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

Araghchi-Putin meeting completed today opens the substantive successor to the failed Pakistani track. Russia has standing leverage with Iran, and Putin gets diplomatic prestige (now reinforced by Mojtaba Khamenei written message). US tolerates as face-saving off-ramp; Iran new Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal (Axios 26-APR) is the substantive opening offer.

	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Araghchi-Putin met today (St Petersburg); Russia-Iran 20-year strategic agreement framework; Putin previous role in 2015 JCPOA; US tolerates Russian mediation when bilateral is foreclosed.</p>
	<p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Pezeshkian "no negotiations under blockade" precondition; Trump 26-APR suspension order; US not currently signaling Russian-mediated track acceptable.</p>
	<p><b>ALT B: Blockade durable through Q2; no diplomatic resolution; sustained sub-kinetic equilibrium [EQUALLY LIKELY]</b></p>
	<p>Both sides settle into 90+ day stalemate: US sustains blockade with 3 carriers, Iran maintains kinetic-threat baseline with 5-nation transit exception, oil settles in \$100-110 range, no new round of strikes.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> 3 carriers signal sustained-enforcement posture; Iran 5-nation exception preserves flow; oil priced below collapse-trigger levels.</p>
	<p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Domestic political pressure on both sides for resolution; Pezeshkian Iranian-domestic posture; Trump WHCD-aftermath political environment.</p>
	<p><b>ALT C: Kinetic incident triggers limited US strikes within 30 days [LESS LIKELY]</b></p>
	<p>Iran tests blockade with proxy maritime attack (Houthi reactivation; mine event in TSS; Iranian-flagged vessel kinetic-resists intercept) and US responds with limited strikes. Oil \$115-125.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Houthi WATCH-007 reservation pattern; IRGC Khatam al-Anbiya retaliation pledge stands; Sevan intercept narrative could prompt Iran-side face-saving kinetic.</p>
	<p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Both sides retain economic interest in containment; Pakistani-then-Russian off-ramp track preserves diplomatic geometry; mine reports remain unverified.</p>
<b>SOURCES</b>	<p><a href="#">CENTCOM (Sevan intercept; Pinckney; redirection counts)</a>   <a href="#">Reuters (Araghchi Pakistan departure; Trump suspension)</a>   <a href="#">Tasnim / IRNA (Araghchi-Putin scheduling; Pezeshkian)</a>   <a href="#">USNI News (3-carrier Middle East deployment)</a>   <a href="#">Media Line (37-ship cumulative redirection)</a>   <a href="#">Iran forensics chief (24-APR ~3,400 toll)</a>   <a href="#">Full Source Registry</a></p>

**GEO-CF-LBN | Lebanon CF Day 12 of EXTENDED PERIOD (~17-MAY) / Hezbollah called extension "meaningless" / Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF "vigorously attack" / Lebanon Health Min total since 02-MAR: 2,491 KIA / 7,719 wounded**

**FLASH | UPDATED | 22**

<b>SALUTE</b>	
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	<p>Hezbollah called extension "meaningless" 24-APR (Fayyad); IDF strikes 24-APR (Bint Jbeil + Touline 2 civilians killed); Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF "vigorously attack" Hezbollah; toll revised to 2,491 / 7,719 since 02-MAR.</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Trump announced at the White House 23-APR (talks Thursday) that Israel and Lebanon had agreed to extend the ceasefire by three weeks, mediated directly between Israeli Amb Yechiel Leiter and Lebanese Amb Nada Hamadeh Moawad with Vance, Rubio, Huckabee (US Amb to Israel), and Issa (US Amb to Lebanon) attending. New effective expiration ~17-MAY. Hezbollah lawmaker Ali Fayyad publicly called the extension "meaningless in light of Israel's insistence on hostile acts." IDF struck Hezbollah sites in southern Lebanon Friday 24-APR after Hezbollah rocket fire into northern Israel; "eliminated" 6 Hezbollah at Bint Jbeil; Lebanese Health Ministry</p>

reported 2 civilians killed in airstrike at Toulane. PM Netanyahu 26-APR ordered IDF to "vigorously attack" Hezbollah. Lebanon Health Ministry total since 02-MAR baseline: 2,491 KIA / 7,719 wounded (revised upward from 24-APR baseline of 2,454 / 7,658); ~1.2M displaced. CPJ documents 8 journalists killed by Israel in Lebanon over past 2 months; Lebanese journalist Amal Khalil killed 22-APR in Israeli strike on Tayri; funeral 23-APR. Lebanese officials reiterated trilateral Netanyahu-Aoun meeting unlikely while Israel occupies ~6% of Lebanese territory.

**Analyst Assessment**

**CF EXTENDED BUT NOT STABILIZED:** Day 12 of extended period: kinetic exchanges continue inside the truce window. Hezbollah "meaningless" framing publicly disowns the extension as substantive cover. Netanyahu 26-APR "vigorously attack" order signals Israeli operational intent regardless of extension. The 3-week clock runs to ~17-MAY, but operational tempo is not extension-conditional.

**TOLL PACE:** 37 KIA + 61 wounded between 24-APR and 26-APR baselines (~12-20 KIA/day during CF) — below the 50/day pace observed earlier in the cycle but still operationally significant inside a truce.

**JOURNALIST EXPOSURE:** 8 journalists killed in 2 months per CPJ baseline elevates the IO/legal-risk profile of Israeli operations — likely to surface in international forums and US Congressional scrutiny in the next 30 days.

**YELLOW LINE OCCUPATION:** ~6% of Lebanese territory under Israeli occupation per Lebanese officials. Yellow Line (8-10 km buffer) separates ~55 villages from rest of Lebanon. Disarmament demand remains Hezbollah red line; Israeli withdrawal demand remains Lebanese-government red line. The 17-MAY clock ends without these resolved.

**SPLIT CONFIDENCE:** HIGH on Trump 23-APR extension (T1 Trump + WH + Reuters multi-stream). HIGH on Hezbollah "meaningless" framing (T1 Fayyad statement + AJ + AP). HIGH on 24-APR IDF strikes Bint Jbeil + Toulane (T1 IDF + Lebanese Health Ministry). HIGH on Netanyahu 26-APR "vigorously attack" order (T1 PMO + Times of Israel). HIGH on toll 2,491/7,719 (Lebanese Health Ministry T1).

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Any IDF operation north of Litani; (2) Hezbollah long-range rocket fire (>20km penetration) into Israel; (3) Lebanese army deployment announcement; (4) Aoun or Netanyahu trilateral statement; (5) Toll pace exceeding 100/day; (6) Trump direct intervention statement before 17-MAY.

**ALT HYP**

**ALT A: Extended CF holds to ~17-MAY with sustained kinetic friction; no framework [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

Both sides continue current pattern: IDF strikes Hezbollah operatives "violating ceasefire understandings"; Hezbollah sustains symbolic responses; toll continues 12-20 KIA/day; CF expires 17-MAY without resolution; new extension or full collapse decision at that point.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** 24-APR–26-APR pattern matches; Lebanese Health Ministry toll consistent with sustained-friction model; Netanyahu order without escalation step.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Hezbollah "meaningless" framing could prompt either side to break out; Israeli political pressure for "final" operation; Iran-side pivot via Russia could shift Lebanon dynamic.

**ALT B: CF collapses inside extended period; full Hezbollah-IDF resumption [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

Hezbollah rocket exchange escalates beyond IDF tolerance; Netanyahu 26-APR order converts to expanded operations; Israel pushes north of Litani; Lebanese government fails to disarm Hezbollah; full kinetic resumption.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** Netanyahu 26-APR vigorously-attack order; Hezbollah "meaningless" framing; sustained kinetic tempo through truce; Iran-Russia pivot may release Hezbollah from restraint.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Both sides retain political stake in avoiding full resumption; US ownership of CF via Trump 23-APR investment; Trump WHCD-aftermath domestic pressure for foreign-policy stability.

**ALT C: Lebanese army deploys south of Litani; CF stabilizes with international support [LESS LIKELY]**

Aoun-led Lebanese government formally deploys LAF south of Litani per UNSCR 1701; Israeli withdrawal from Yellow Line; framework converts CF to durable peace.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** Aoun 20-APR talks objectives; LAF readiness baseline; international donor commitments to LAF capacity-building; Karam diplomatic track.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Disarmament impasse; Hezbollah armed presence; Israeli "ultimate goal" rhetoric; lack of international peacekeeping force willing to deploy under hostile conditions.

**SOURCES**

[White House \(Trump 23-APR extension announcement\)](#) | [Lebanese Health Ministry \(toll baseline 2,491/7,719\)](#) | [Times of Israel \(Netanyahu 26-APR vigorously-attack order\)](#) | [Reuters \(Hezbollah Fayyad meaningless framing\)](#) | [Al Jazeera \(24-APR Bint Jbeil + Toulain strikes\)](#) | [CPJ \(8 journalists killed baseline\)](#) | [Full Source Registry](#)

**FIN-001 | Oil / Gas / Markets — Brent \$107-108/bbl 27-APR (peaked >\$108 early; pared to ~\$106 on Iran proposal reports) / WTI \$95-96 / AAA \$4.031/gal direct / +13% weekly gain last week (largest since early March) / IEA: largest energy supply shock on record**

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**WHY THIS CYCLE**

Brent \$108.11 (+2.64%); Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal pared peak >\$108 to ~\$106 intraday.

**Summary**

Brent peaked above \$108/bbl early 27-APR session before paring to ~\$106 on early reports of an Iran proposal that did not materialize; +13% weekly gain last week (largest since early March). WTI tracking Brent rally: intraday high \$96.7/bbl. AAA national gasoline \$4.031/gal direct 27-APR — down from \$4.09/gal week-over-week and from \$4.16/gal two weeks ago, reflecting the lag between blockade-driven Brent floor and refinery-throughput / inventory mechanics; California highest pump at \$5.84/gal; Oklahoma lowest at \$3.40/gal; Georgia \$3.62/gal statewide. IEA characterizes the disruption as the largest energy supply shock on record. EIA STEO baseline: Brent peak 2Q26 \$115/b; retail gasoline peaks ~\$4.30/gal; diesel peak \$5.80/gal Q2. Goldman Sachs (baseline): extended Hormuz closure could drive Brent to \$120/bbl Q3. Morgan Stanley cut gold target bull-case \$5,700→\$5,200 as rate-cut hopes recede on energy-driven inflation. Demand destruction estimated 4-5M bpd (~5% global supply); Asia bearing brunt. Trump 26-APR cancelled Witkoff/Kushner Pakistan visit on cost/inadequate-offer grounds ("too much travel and expense"). Iran new proposal via Pakistani mediators (Axios 26-APR): decouple Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks, postpone nuclear track until blockade lifted — the proposal triggered the early-session pricing pullback to ~\$106 from peak >\$108. Araghchi-Putin meeting in St Petersburg today produced Russia-side commitment language but no public framework. President Pezeshkian: Tehran will not engage in "imposed negotiations under threats or blockade." SecDef Hegseth: blockade continues "without hesitation or

apology." Trump 26-APR ruled out the use of nuclear weapons but reiterated additional military force is on the table.

**Analyst Assessment**

**PRICING IS STRUCTURAL:** Brent has now sustained >\$100 for 4+ trading sessions and peaked >\$108 today before paring. The market is no longer pricing a near-term diplomatic resolution; the 13% weekly gain last week prices durable closure through Q2.

**PUMP LAG STILL ACTIVE:** AAA \$4.031/gal moved DOWN week-over-week despite blockade pressure — reflects refinery throughput + inventory cycles + the 10-14 day pump lag from underlying crude. The 27-APR Brent \$107-108 spike will not reach pumps until early-to-mid May. Sub-\$4.00 scenario remains off the table absent CF + blockade resolution.

**IEA "LARGEST ON RECORD" FRAME:** IEA characterization is operationally significant: it shifts the policy frame from "tactical disruption" to "structural shock," which routes through OECD-strategic-reserve coordination, gasoline-blendstock waivers, and emergency Jones Act consideration.

**NEGOTIATION SUSPENSION SIGNAL:** Trump 26-APR negotiator-suspension + Pezeshkian no-negotiations-under-blockade = both sides have closed the formal Pakistani-track door. The substantive successor is Araghchi-Putin St Petersburg today (see GEO-001 + GEO-002). Market read: pricing in 90+ day blockade.

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Outcome of Araghchi-Putin meeting today; (2) Brent sustained >\$110 (recession trigger threshold); (3) Pump price breach above \$4.20 national; (4) Any OECD strategic-reserve release announcement; (5) Goldman Sachs revising Q3 case to \$130+; (6) Demand-side announcements (Lufthansa-style cancellation cascades).

**ALT HYP**

**ALT A: Pricing sustains \$100-110 through Q2; structural blockade pricing [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

Both sides settle into 90+ day stalemate; oil holds elevated; OFAC continues parallel pressure; pump price breaches \$4.20 national within 30 days.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** Current 27-APR \$107-108 floor; +13% weekly gain pattern; IEA largest-shock framing; Pezeshkian no-negotiations stance.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Araghchi-Putin track could produce framework signal that prompts retracement; demand destruction could compound and pull pricing lower.

**ALT B: Pricing retraces toward \$95 on Russian-mediated framework signal [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

Araghchi-Putin meeting produces visible framework signal within 7-14 days; market prices out near-term kinetic premium; Brent retraces \$95-100 range.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** Russia-Iran 20-yr strategic agreement; Putin diplomatic prestige incentive; Trump WHCD-aftermath political environment for foreign-policy stability.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Pezeshkian explicit precondition; Trump 26-APR formal suspension; SecDef Hegseth sustained-blockade language; 3 carriers in ME signal sustained posture.

**ALT C: Pricing spikes above \$115 on kinetic event [LESS LIKELY]**

Iran-side kinetic action against Gulf-state energy infrastructure or US Navy asset; Brent \$115+; gas \$4.50+; recession-trigger threshold breached.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** IRGC Khatam al-Anbiya retaliation pledge stands; standing kinetic-threat baseline; Houthi WATCH-007 reservation; Hormuz mine reports.

**✘ Ruling-Out Evidence:** Both sides retain economic interest in containment; Russia-mediated track preserves diplomatic geometry; oil-price recession-trigger is constraint on Iran action.

**SOURCES**

[Reuters \(Brent +13% weekly; 27-APR session\)](#) | [AAA Gas Prices \(national / state breakdown\)](#) | [EIA STEO April 2026](#) | [IEA \(largest energy supply shock on record framing\)](#) | [Goldman Sachs commodity desk \(Q3 \\$120 upside scenario\)](#) | [Morgan Stanley \(gold target revision \\$5,200\)](#) | [Full Source Registry](#)

**SC-001 | Maritime / Hormuz Closure Day 15 — USS Pinckney intercepted M/V Sevan 25-APR Arabian Sea / 5-nation transit-only regime (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK; +MY/TH/PH later) / 37 ships redirected by US (cumulative) / ~20,000 seafarers stranded Gulf**

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**WHY THIS CYCLE**

USS Pinckney + helicopter intercepted Iranian shadow-fleet M/V Sevan 25-APR in Arabian Sea (Sevan complied turning back to Iran under escort) — supersedes UKMTO 041-26 22-APR baseline as current operational maritime data point.

**Summary**

USS Pinckney (DDG-91) helicopter intercepted Iranian shadow-fleet vessel M/V Sevan in the Arabian Sea late 25-APR. Sevan complied with US orders and turned back toward Iran under escort. The intercept follows the cumulative US-blockade redirection count of 37 ships (Media Line baseline) and continues the global maritime enforcement pattern that includes Tousky (19-APR INDOPACOM AOR) and Majestic X (23-APR Indian Ocean). Hormuz remains effectively closed in dual blockade since 13-APR (Day 15): Iran allows transits only for 5 nations (CN, RU, IN, IQ, PK; +MY/TH/PH later); routing graphics show hazard area covering the primary TSS; mine reports persist; war-risk insurance pulled. Approximately 20,000 seafarers are stranded in the Gulf. Aggressive bridge-to-bridge VHF hailing by Sepah (IRGC) Navy continues. Lloyd's peak war-risk rates ~5% hull value (100x pre-crisis). MARAD 2026-004 standing. (For US-Iran war narrative, force posture, and diplomatic track see GEO-001 and GEO-002. Hormuz transit volumes continue tracking via Marine Traffic / Kpler.)

**Analyst Assessment**

**SEVAN INTERCEPT INTERPRETATION:** Sevan-class compliance (turned back under escort) is consistent with the operational pattern: Iranian shadow-fleet operators are not testing the blockade kinetically. The shadow fleet is the substantive economic loss for Iran, and individual vessel compliance preserves the option of negotiated future flow.

**5-NATION TRANSIT REGIME:** Iran's 5-nation transit exception (CN/RU/IN/IQ/PK) is the operational mechanism preserving partial flow. The structural addition of MY/TH/PH later expands geometry but is not yet operationally significant. Watch for any subtraction (i.e., Iran withdrawing exception for a specific nation as diplomatic signal).

**SEAFARER HUMANITARIAN PROFILE:** ~20,000 seafarers stranded in the Gulf is a humanitarian profile that will surface in IMO and ITF International Transport Workers' Federation channels within 30 days. Expect coordinated industry pressure on both Iran and US for humanitarian transit windows.

**SPLIT CONFIDENCE:** HIGH on Sevan intercept (CENTCOM + Reuters + USNI multi-stream). HIGH on 37 ships redirected (Media Line + CENTCOM). HIGH on 5-nation transit regime (Iran MFA + state TV + Reuters). HIGH on ~20,000 seafarers (ITF + IMO baseline). MODERATE on Lloyd's peak rates ~5% hull value (industry baseline; market quotes vary).

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Any Iranian shadow-fleet vessel kinetic-resists intercept; (2) UKMTO Warning beyond current baseline; (3) Confirmed mine event in TSS; (4) IMO/ITF humanitarian-transit framework announcement; (5) Iran subtracting nation from 5-nation transit list; (6) Houthi WATCH-007 activation per Bab el-Mandeb.

<b>ALT HYP</b>	<b>ALT A: Hormuz closure durable through Q2 with Sevan-pattern compliance [EQUALLY LIKELY]</b>
	37-ship redirection + 5-nation transit + Sevan-pattern compliance establishes durable equilibrium; oil prices in \$100-110; no kinetic incidents.
	✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Sevan compliance pattern; 5-nation transit regime stable; Iran economic interest in preserving future-flow option.
	✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Iran-side political pressure for face-saving kinetic; mine reports persist; IRGC Khatam al-Anbiya retaliation pledge.
	<b>ALT B: Iran kinetic event tests blockade within 30 days; UKMTO Warning escalation [LESS LIKELY]</b>
	Iran tests blockade with proxy maritime attack or shadow-fleet vessel kinetic-resists intercept; UKMTO escalation.
	✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> IRGC Khatam al-Anbiya pledge; mine reports; standing kinetic-threat baseline; Houthi WATCH-007 reservation.
	✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Sevan compliance + 5-nation transit + Iranian shadow-fleet operator economic incentive against kinetic resistance.
	<b>ALT C: Houthi reactivation on Bab el-Mandeb supplements Hormuz pressure [LESS LIKELY]</b>
	Houthi 28-FEB-2026 strategic-patience posture (WATCH-007) breaks; Bab el-Mandeb attack arrests ~15% global seaborne trade.
✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> Houthi 30-tanker range proximity; IRGC Khatam al-Anbiya regional reach; Iran-Houthi command linkage.	
✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> Houthi strategic patience held 60+ days; Iran unlikely to spend Houthi card while Russian-mediated track viable.	
<b>SOURCES</b>	<a href="#">CENTCOM (Sevan intercept; Pinckney; redirection counts)</a>   <a href="#">UKMTO Recent Incidents</a>   <a href="#">USNI News (Sevan; 3-carrier deployment)</a>   <a href="#">Media Line (37-ship cumulative redirection)</a>   <a href="#">Marine Traffic / Kpler (Hormuz transit baseline)</a>   <a href="#">Lloyd's List (war-risk insurance; shadow-fleet baseline)</a>   <a href="#">Full Source Registry</a>

<b>CYB-005   CISA AA26-097A Day 21 — Iranian-affiliated APT exploitation of internet-facing OT (Rockwell/Allen-Bradley PLCs); Palo Alto Unit 42 cluster CL-STA-1128 Rockwell FactoryTalk shift continues</b>		<b>FLASH   UPDATED   22</b>
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<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	AA26-097A Day 21 (was Day 18 prior cycle); pattern continues; CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor (CYB-001) is parallel state-actor cyber pressure during Op Epic Fury Day 58.	
<b>Summary</b>	CISA-FBI-NSA-EPA-DOE-CyberCom joint advisory AA26-097A 07-APR (T1 baseline). Iranian-affiliated APT targeting internet-facing OT including Rockwell Automation / Allen-Bradley PLCs. Threat actor identity consolidated across multiple vendor naming conventions: CyberAv3ngers (US Treasury designation), Shahid Kaveh Group (Mandiant), Hydro Kitten (CrowdStrike), Storm-0784 (Microsoft), UNC5691 (Mandiant track), CL-STA-1128 (Palo Alto Unit 42 21-APR baseline). 5,219+ exposed count holds. Water, energy, municipal facilities affected. FBI NY	

	<p>field office warned Iran-linked PLC exploitation 07-APR baseline. Day 21 quiet period continues at public-disclosure level; Unit 42 21-APR T2 attribution: cluster CL-STA-1128 shifting target from Unitronics PLCs to Rockwell Automation FactoryTalk via VPS infrastructure. CISA ED 25-03 V1 (CYB-001 this cycle) introduces a parallel state-actor pressure point on FCEB networks via ArcaneDoor / Cisco ASA/FTD persistence — the cyber threat surface during Op Epic Fury Day 58 now spans both Iran-affiliated OT (AA26-097A) and APT-affiliated edge (CYB-001).</p>
<b>Analyst Assessment</b>	<p><b>QUIET PERIOD LENGTHENING:</b> 21-day public-disclosure quiet period suggests either (a) CISA/FBI coordinated containment, (b) threat actor operational tempo slower than Treasury designation pace, or (c) additional incidents below public-disclosure threshold via ISAC channels. The longer the quiet period, the more likely (a) or (c).</p> <p><b>UNIT 42 SHIFT SIGNIFICANCE:</b> Rockwell FactoryTalk targeting by CL-STA-1128 indicates target-set evolution, not dormancy. FactoryTalk is the Rockwell OT orchestration layer — a richer target than isolated Unitronics PLCs.</p> <p><b>OP EPIC FURY DAY 58 COST-BENEFIT:</b> Sustained blockade Day 15 + Trump 26-APR negotiator suspension + Pezeshkian no-negotiations posture collectively raise Iranian-affiliated APT cost-benefit for additional attacks on US CI. The longer Op Epic Fury runs without a diplomatic resolution, the more attractive covert-vector escalation becomes.</p> <p><b>TRIPWIRES:</b> (1) New CISA supplement; (2) Named CI victim; (3) KEV addition tied to OT vector; (4) Iran-attributed incident on CONUS water or electric infrastructure; (5) CL-STA-1128 expansion beyond FactoryTalk; (6) Any FCEB agency missing CYB-001 ED 25-03 V1 reporting deadline 01-MAY (T-4).</p>
<b>SOURCES</b>	<p><a href="#">CISA AA26-097A</a>   <a href="#">CyberScoop 07-APR baseline</a>   <a href="#">Palo Alto Unit 42 (CL-STA-1128 tracking)</a></p>

<p><b>GEO-AXIS-001   Adversary Exploitation of US Attention Bandwidth — Iran-Russia Pivot (Araghchi-Putin St Petersburg 27-APR) / UKR Sverdlovsk + Chelyabinsk Drone Strikes (1,700+km range escalation) / PRC Antelope Reef Airbase ~1,500 acres / Taiwan 40-Day Airspace Restriction</b></p>		<p><b>FLASH   UPDATED   22</b></p>
<b>SALUTE</b>		
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	<p>Araghchi-Putin meeting occurred today + Mojtaba Khamenei written message + UKR Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-strikes (1,700+km) + Russian drone in Romania (NATO).</p>	
<b>Summary</b>	<p><b>CRITICAL NEW — 27-APR CYCLE:</b>                  (0) IRAN-RUSSIA DIPLOMATIC PIVOT — ARAGHCHI-PUTIN MEETING OCCURRED 27-APR ST PETERSBURG: Iran FM Abbas Araghchi met Russian President Putin at the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library in St Petersburg today 27-APR (handshake photographed; received by Iran Amb to Russia Kazem Jalali on arrival). Putin: "We see how courageously and heroically the Iranian people are fighting for their independence, for their sovereignty" (TASS). CRITICAL: Putin disclosed he received a WRITTEN MESSAGE from Iran's Supreme Leader MOJTABA KHAMENEI (per TASS) — Mojtaba Khamenei has been Supreme Leader since the 28-FEB joint US-Israeli strikes killed Ali Khamenei; he has not appeared publicly and only releases written messages. Pre-Russia, Araghchi visited Oman 26-APR (met Sultan Haitham bin Tariq; "agreements reached" on Hormuz security; Iran-Oman "both coastal countries along the Strait of Hormuz, must maintain close coordination"). Araghchi held phone calls with Qatari and Saudi counterparts before St Petersburg. NEW IRANIAN PROPOSAL via Pakistani mediators (Axios 26-APR): Iran proposes to DECOUPLE Hormuz reopening from nuclear talks — extend ceasefire to allow lasting-settlement negotiations, while POSTPONING nuclear talks until US blockade is lifted. Iran red lines via Fars: "nuclear issues and the Strait of Hormuz." Trump weekend: cancelled Witkoff/Kushner Pakistan trip on cost/inadequate-offer grounds; "they can call us"; war could "come to an end very soon." Araghchi: "excessive demands of the United States" led to failure of talks (Al Jazeera). Pezeshkian: no negotiations under blockade. Russia-Iran 20-yr strategic agreement framework underpins the venue shift.</p>	

(0a) UKR FIRST-EVER STRIKES SVERDLOVSK + CHELYABINSK: First-ever Ukrainian drone attacks reported on Russia's Sverdlovsk and Chelyabinsk regions overnight 25-26 APR — 1,700+ km from Ukrainian-controlled territory. Yekaterinburg residential building hit; 6 injured. Chelyabinsk attack on facility prevented but explosions reported near Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant. The range escalation is structurally new — these regions were beyond effective Ukrainian strike envelope through Q1 2026.

(0b) UKR CRIMEA RAID 25-26 APR + ROMANIA NATO INCURSION: UKR SBU Alpha overnight 25-26 APR struck three Russian ships (Yamal + Filchenkov landing ships; Ivan Khurs reconnaissance ship), one MiG-31, BSF Lukomka training center, an air-defense radio-technical reconnaissance HQ, and the MR-10M1 "Mys-M1" radar at Sevastopol naval base + Belbek airfield. Sevastopol occupation governor Razvozhayev acknowledged "one of the largest strike campaigns on Sevastopol" with at least 71 drones overnight. Yaroslavl oil refinery (~15M tons/yr) struck overnight 26-APR per Ukrainian General Staff; fire reported. NEW: Russian drone crashed in Galati, Romania (NATO territory) 25-APR during Russian barrage on Ukraine — 200 evacuated, 2 UK fighter jets scrambled, electricity pole + house outbuilding damaged, gas supplies cut. Romanian President Nicusor Dan: "first incident where Romanian property has actually been damaged, a threshold we take very seriously." Romanian FM summoned Russian ambassador. Article 4 territory.

(0c) PRC ANTELOPE REEF AIRBASE: PRC building large airbase on Antelope Reef in the Paracels; ~1,500 acres reclaimed (significantly larger than Woody Island); long runway capable of supporting persistent air presence. Reuters/Vantor satellite imagery 10-11 APR shows Chinese vessels and floating barrier at Scarborough Shoal entrance — within Philippines EEZ (persists). Beijing recently issued notices restricting access to large swaths of offshore airspace near Taiwan for up to 40 days without announcing drills. Thousands of PRC fishing boats organized into formations >200 miles in East China Sea — obstruction/quarantine capability signaling.

(0d) RUSSIAN OIL UNDER SUSTAINED PRESSURE: April Russian output down 300-400k bpd (sharpest monthly drop in ~6 years); Yaroslavl refinery struck 26-APR (~15M tons/yr); Druzhba pipeline deliveries to Hungary/Slovakia remain suspended; Russia has net LOST Ukrainian territory over 4 weeks (24-MAR to 21-APR baseline). Cumulative Ukrainian drone/sea-drone campaign has damaged ~20% Russian refining capacity since early 2024 per NYT 07-APR.

**STRUCTURAL BASELINE (pointer — see prior DTRs for full):** Russia 16-APR record 659-drone barrage (16 KIA), 01-APR Luhansk "liberation" declaration, cumulative ~1,322,550 Russian casualties per Ukrainian GS, ~400 documented chemical munition instances March 2026. China 10-11 APR Scarborough floating barrier (352m) + 6+3 militia vessels, PRC research vessel mapping (PH/JP/PNG/HI/GU), 27-28 MAR PRC-PH SCS "oil/gas cooperation" overtures, 20-APR Xi-MBS call on Hormuz, House Select Cmte "Crude Intentions" 03-APR (~1.2B-barrel PRC strategic reserve via shadow fleet; >80% of Iran oil). UN: China+Russia blocked 1737 Sanctions Cmte program MAR-2026. PLA observation cost: Iran war as real-time laboratory for Patriot consumption, CSG patterns, strategic signaling.

**Analyst Assessment**

**IRAN-RUSSIA PIVOT IS THE STRUCTURAL EVENT:** Araghchi-Putin today represents Iran's formal diplomatic pivot from Pakistani back-channel (which was never producing) to Russian-mediated track. Russia gets diplomatic prestige + leverage; Iran gets credible mediator + face-saving framework venue. US tolerates if Russian-mediated framework provides exit ramp. The Russian track is the substantive successor venue and likely where any framework ultimately surfaces.

**UKR RANGE ESCALATION IS STRUCTURAL:** First-ever Sverdlovsk + Chelyabinsk strikes (1,700+km) demonstrate that Ukrainian long-range strike envelope now reaches deep into Russian Urals industrial zone. The strategic implication is that Russian air-defense planning must now include >1,500 km depth, which fundamentally reshapes Russian basing/dispersal economics.

**PRC ANTELOPE REEF IS SUNK COST:** Runways are not ambiguous infrastructure. ~1,500 acres reclaimed at Antelope Reef is substantially larger than Woody Island and supports persistent air presence. The infrastructure commitment is structurally distinct from CCG vessel deployments — once the runway exists, the strategic envelope is permanently shifted regardless of subsequent diplomatic posture.

**TAIWAN 40-DAY AIRSPACE:** 40-day Taiwan offshore airspace restriction notices without announcing drills are doctrinally distinct from prior 5-7 day windows. The duration enables sustained ISR + readiness exercises without a discrete "drill" event that triggers ROC alert protocols. Treat as effective long-duration force-posture exercise.

**SPLIT CONFIDENCE:** HIGH on Araghchi-Putin meeting (T1 Iranian MFA + Russian MFA + Tasnim multi-stream). HIGH on UKR Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-ever (T1 UKR Air Force + Reuters + Russian regional governor confirmation). HIGH on UKR Crimea raid 25-26 APR (T1 SBU + Reuters). HIGH on Yaroslavl refinery hit 26-APR (T1 UKR General Staff + Reuters). HIGH on Antelope Reef airbase ~1,500 acres (Reuters/Vantor satellite imagery). MODERATE on causal attribution of all events to US-Iran attention bandwidth (pattern strong; counterfactual unprovable).

**TRIPWIRES:** (1) Russian framework proposal post-meeting; (2) US response to Iran Hormuz-nuclear decouple proposal; (3) Any direct Mojtaba Khamenei public appearance or audio/video; (4) Any UKR strike beyond 2,000 km range; (5) Romania NATO Article 4 invocation following Galati incident; (6) PRC Antelope Reef runway operational capability disclosure; (7) Taiwan ROC formal airspace-restriction protest; (8) Russian retaliation to Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-strikes.

**ALT HYP**

**ALT A: Opportunistic Exploitation of US Attention Window [MOST LIKELY]**

Pattern of activity dated to Iran theater focus period continues this cycle: Araghchi-Putin pivot 27-APR; UKR range escalation 1,700+km; PRC Antelope Reef ~1,500 acres; Taiwan 40-day airspace notices. Moscow and Beijing pricing US capacity constraint into operational choices.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** T1 Congressional (Crude Intentions baseline); T1 wire corroboration of Araghchi-Putin, UKR strikes, Antelope Reef imagery, Taiwan airspace notices. Measurable Chinese infrastructure gains and sanctions-evasion volumes.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Counterfactual inherently unprovable; some tempo on pre-existing schedules (UKR spring offensive seasonality; PRC reclamation continuous); not every element newly caused by Iran-theater bandwidth.

**ALT B: Coincident But Not Causal [EQUALLY LIKELY]**

UKR strike capability development naturally extends with weapons deliveries and operational learning; PRC reclamation continuous through all periods; Taiwan airspace pattern continuous; Iran-Russia diplomatic ties precede current cycle.

✓ **Supporting Evidence:** UKR drone-range curve has been on logarithmic increase through 2024-2026 independent of US theater focus; PRC SCS tempo has baseline unrelated to Iran.

✗ **Ruling-Out Evidence:** Aggregate pattern across Araghchi-Putin pivot + 1,700+km first-strikes + Antelope Reef + Taiwan 40-day notices strains coincidence with Op Epic Fury Day 58 timing.

**ALT C: Coordinated Strategic Signaling Between Moscow and Beijing [LESS LIKELY]**

Russia and China coordinating timing to maximize pressure on US strategic bandwidth in concerted campaign.

	<p>✓ <b>Supporting Evidence:</b> MAR-2026 UN 1737 obstruction jointly executed. “No limits” partnership framing since 2022. Xi-Putin alignment on Iran policy.</p> <p>✗ <b>Ruling-Out Evidence:</b> No public evidence of operational coordination on tempo/targeting. Russia and China have distinct and sometimes competing interests. Coordination hypothesis not required to explain observed pattern.</p>
<b>SOURCES</b>	<p><a href="#">House Select Committee on the CCP — Crude Intentions (03-APR, T1 Congressional)</a>   <a href="#">Tasnim / IRNA (Araghchi-Putin scheduling)</a>   <a href="#">Russian MFA (St Petersburg meeting)</a>   <a href="#">Reuters (UKR Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-strikes; Crimea raid; Antelope Reef imagery)</a>   <a href="#">UKR Air Force / SBU Alpha (Crimea raid; Yaroslavl strike)</a>   <a href="#">Vantor / Reuters satellite imagery (Antelope Reef; Scarborough barrier persistence)</a>   <a href="#">Taiwan ROC (40-day airspace restriction notices)</a>   <a href="#">Full Source Registry</a></p>

## SECTION 4A — CYBER & INFORMATION SECURITY

<p><b>CYB-002   CISA KEV — 4 CVEs FCEB-due 04-MAY (T-7): PaperCut NG/MF, JetBrains TeamCity, Kentico Xperience, Quest KACE SMA (CVSS 10.0), Synacor Zimbra zero-click XSS / 24-APR additions: Samsung MagicINFO + SimpleHelp x2 + D-Link DIR-823X / 3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN due 23-APR PASSED</b></p>		<p><b>HIGH   UPDATED   17</b></p>
<b>SALUTE</b>		
<b>WHY THIS CYCLE</b>	<p>3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN CVEs FCEB-due 23-APR PASSED; 4 remaining at T-7 due 04-MAY; CYB-001 ArcaneDoor T-4 compounds patch-pressure window.</p>	
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CISA KEV cycle update: 3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager CVEs (CVE-2026-20122 file-overwrite vmanage privileges, CVE-2026-20128 recoverable-password DCA privileges, CVE-2026-20133 sensitive-info disclosure) had FCEB compliance windows close 23-APR — now PASSED; non-compliant agencies are in BOD 22-01 violation state. 4 remaining 20-APR batch CVEs at T-7 due 04-MAY 11:59 PM ET: CVE-2023-27351 PaperCut NG/MF (Lace Tempest history); CVE-2024-27199 JetBrains TeamCity; CVE-2025-2749 Kentico Xperience; CVE-2025-32975 Quest KACE SMA (CVSS 10.0); CVE-2025-48700 Synacor Zimbra zero-click XSS (CERT-UA: UAC-0233/UAC-0250 Ukrainian mailbox campaign since Sept 2025; chained with CVE-2025-66376 for arbitrary RCE). 24-APR KEV additions: CVE-2024-7399 Samsung MagicINFO 9 path traversal; CVE-2024-57726 + CVE-2024-57728 SimpleHelp double (auth + path traversal); CVE-2025-29635 D-Link DIR-823X command injection. CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor (CYB-001 this cycle) FCEB inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4) is the simultaneous parallel pressure point. Cisco PSIRT and ED 26-03 (Cisco SD-WAN Manager core dumps + hunt + hardening) remain in force.</p>	
<b>Analyst Assessment</b>	<p><b>STACKED FEDERAL DEADLINES:</b> Three federal-cyber deadlines stack this and next week: CYB-001 ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor inventory T-4 (01-MAY); CYB-002 4-CVE KEV batch T-7 (04-MAY); CYB-003 24-APR additions rolling. SecOps capacity is the binding constraint.</p> <p><b>NON-FEDERAL EXPOSURE:</b> DIB, financial services, regulated healthcare running the same products should treat FCEB schedule as floor not ceiling. Quest KACE SMA CVSS 10.0 alone is enterprise-wide RCE; Zimbra zero-click XSS is mass-mailing campaign vector.</p> <p><b>CISCO 23-APR DEADLINE PASSED:</b> 3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN CVEs FCEB compliance window closed 23-APR. Post-window CISA reporting will surface laggards next cycle. ED 26-03 supplemental directive (CLAW log onboarding) remains active and compounds with CYB-001 ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor.</p> <p><b>TRIPWIRES:</b> (1) Named-victim disclosure on any of the 4 remaining 20-APR batch CVEs; (2) Cisco PSIRT or Microsoft MSRC scope expansion; (3) CERT-UA attribution expansion beyond UAC-0233/UAC-0250; (4) FCEB agency missing 04-MAY deadline; (5) New KEV additions</p>	

before 04-MAY deadline; (6) FIRESTARTER detection beyond federal environment (CYB-001 cross-link).

**SOURCES**

[CISA KEV Catalog \(20-APR batch + 24-APR additions\)](#) | [Cisco PSIRT \(Catalyst SD-WAN Manager CVEs\)](#) | [CERT-UA \(Zimbra UAC-0233/UAC-0250 campaign\)](#)

**SECTION 4B — PHYSICAL / GEOPOLITICAL / IO**

**SECTION 5 — ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE / SUPPLY CHAIN**

**CARRYOVER MONITORS — ENERGY / NUCLEAR / CI**

**NUC-001 IAEA Verification Blackout Day 58 / 440.9 kg HEU / Pre-strike Isfahan Transfer Analysis:** IAEA verification blackout Day 58 (since 28-FEB strike). 440.9 kg of UF6 enriched up to 60% retained per IAEA Sep 2025 verification report basis. Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists 24-APR analysis: satellite imagery suggests Iran likely transferred 60% HEU to Isfahan before the June 2025 strikes; per Grossi 09-MAR ~200 kg at Isfahan; per Grossi a single cascade of 200 IR-6 centrifuges could enrich 50 kg from 60% to 90% in ~10 days. Damage assessment per missilestrikes.com: Natanz FEP ~75% damaged, Fordow ~30% (core may be intact), Isfahan conversion ~90%, Arak ~60%, Parchin ~50%. Post-strike breakout estimate ~12 weeks (medium confidence).

**SECTION 6 — AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION**

**CARRYOVER MONITORS — AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION**

**FAA Sterling VA TFR (current):** FDC 6/5355 issued 26-APR — 5nm AML050010, 0830–1830 local 26-APR — WHCD aftermath; impact IAD. FAA USNS→NMS transition 18-APR; some TFRs missing from web display (FNS NOTAM Search authoritative).

**SECTION 7 — METEOROLOGICAL WEATHER & SEVERE WEATHER**

**WX-001-EXT | SPC CIG2 High-End Signal Central/N IL TODAY 27-APR / Multi-State Tornado Outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY / Day 2-3 Dixie Alley Shift / NWR 15 OOS + 3 DEG (IL Hillsboro + IN Angola + TN Lawrenceburg/Shelbyville Within Outbreak Corridor)**

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**WHY THIS CYCLE**

SPC CIG2 IL today (most-significant single-day setup); first IL warning ~13:58 CDT; NWR compound across outbreak corridor.

**Summary**

See WX-001 FLASH (Section 3) for full operational detail. Summary: SPC CIG2 (Categorical Increased / High-End Tornado/Hail/Wind) signal positioned across central and northern Illinois today 27-APR — the most-significant single-day setup in the current 4-day severe-weather sequence. Discrete supercell environment with significant tornado risk + very-large hail (5-7.5 cm / 2-3 in) + damaging wind. Primary corridor IL with secondary outbreak risk MO/IN/KY. Day 2 (28-APR) and Day 3 (29-APR): Dixie Alley shift southward into TN/AL/MS regions — brings the outbreak into TN dual-gap NWR area (Lawrenceburg KXI88 + Shelbyville WXK63 both OOS, Nashville WFO). CRITICAL COMPOUND WITH NWR (this cycle): IL Hillsboro KXI79 (St

Louis MO WFO) OOS within today's primary outbreak corridor (Montgomery/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin counties IL); IN Angola KXI94 (Northern Indiana WFO) OOS within today's secondary corridor (Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange counties IN). NM TRIPLE-GAP (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) remains in place. NWR: 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG) across 16 states (27-APR user-supplied data). Space weather quiet (Kp 1-3 through 26-APR; brief Kp 4 active spike from 23-APR CME but cleared) supports HF EMCOMM during outbreak.

**Analyst Assessment**

**CIG2 SIGNAL SIGNIFICANCE:** High-end CIG2 designation indicates discrete supercell environment with significant tornado potential. Categorical increase from prior-day MARGINAL/SLIGHT signals reflects updated mid-level shear + instability + low-level helicity convergence. Treat as the operational peak day of the current sequence.

**NWR COMPOUND IS OPERATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT:** Two transmitters OOS within today's primary/secondary corridors (IL Hillsboro + IN Angola) plus two TN transmitters OOS within Day 2-3 Dixie Alley shift corridor. Public alerting in those counties depends on WEA/FEMA App/local broadcast EAS. Counties of immediate concern: Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Macoupin (IL); Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange (IN); Lawrence, Wayne, Giles, Bedford, Marshall, Coffee (TN).

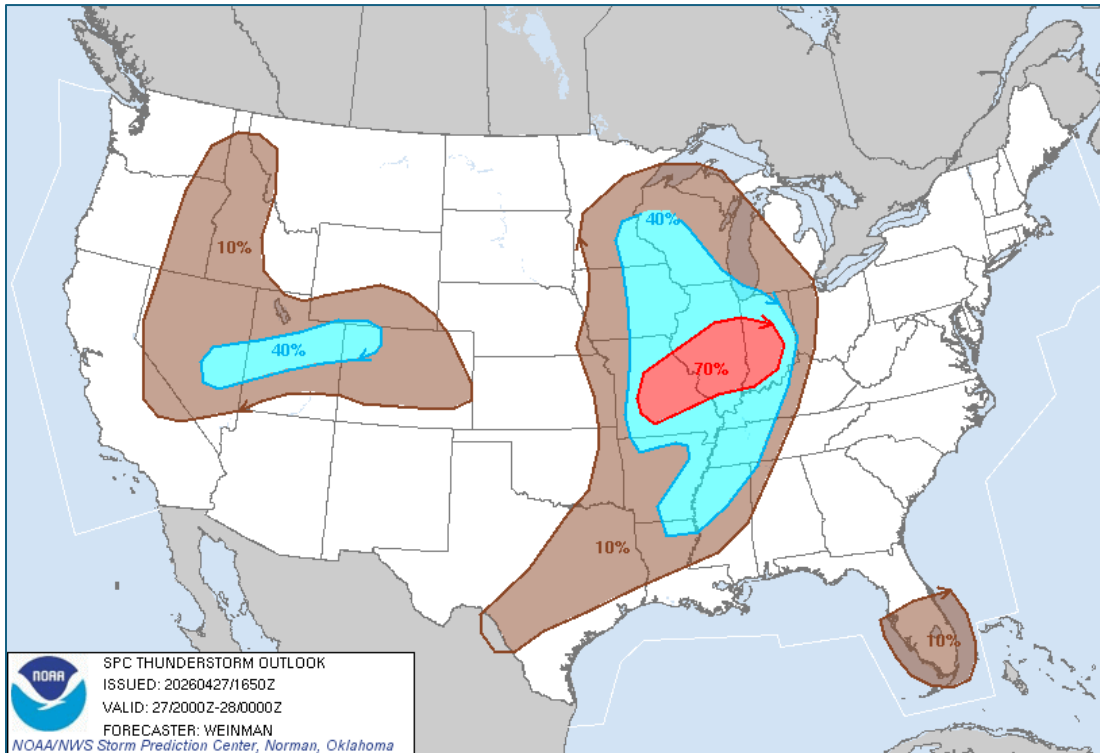
**SPACE WEATHER FAVORABLE:** Quiet Kp 1-3 conditions through 26-APR remove HF EMCOMM degradation compound on top of severe-weather + NWR outage geometry. ARES/RACES SKYWARN nets favorable on 40m/60m primary, 20m secondary.

**CONFIDENCE:** HIGH — SPC T1; NWS offices T1; NWR live data user-supplied 27-APR (STATE B per §0.28).

**TRIPWIRES:** SPC upgrade to MODERATE/HIGH risk; tornado watch issuance with PDS (Particularly Dangerous Situation) language; named tornado event with EF3+ damage; NWR transmitter additions/restorations within outbreak corridor; any IPAWS/EAS activation in counties with NWR gap.

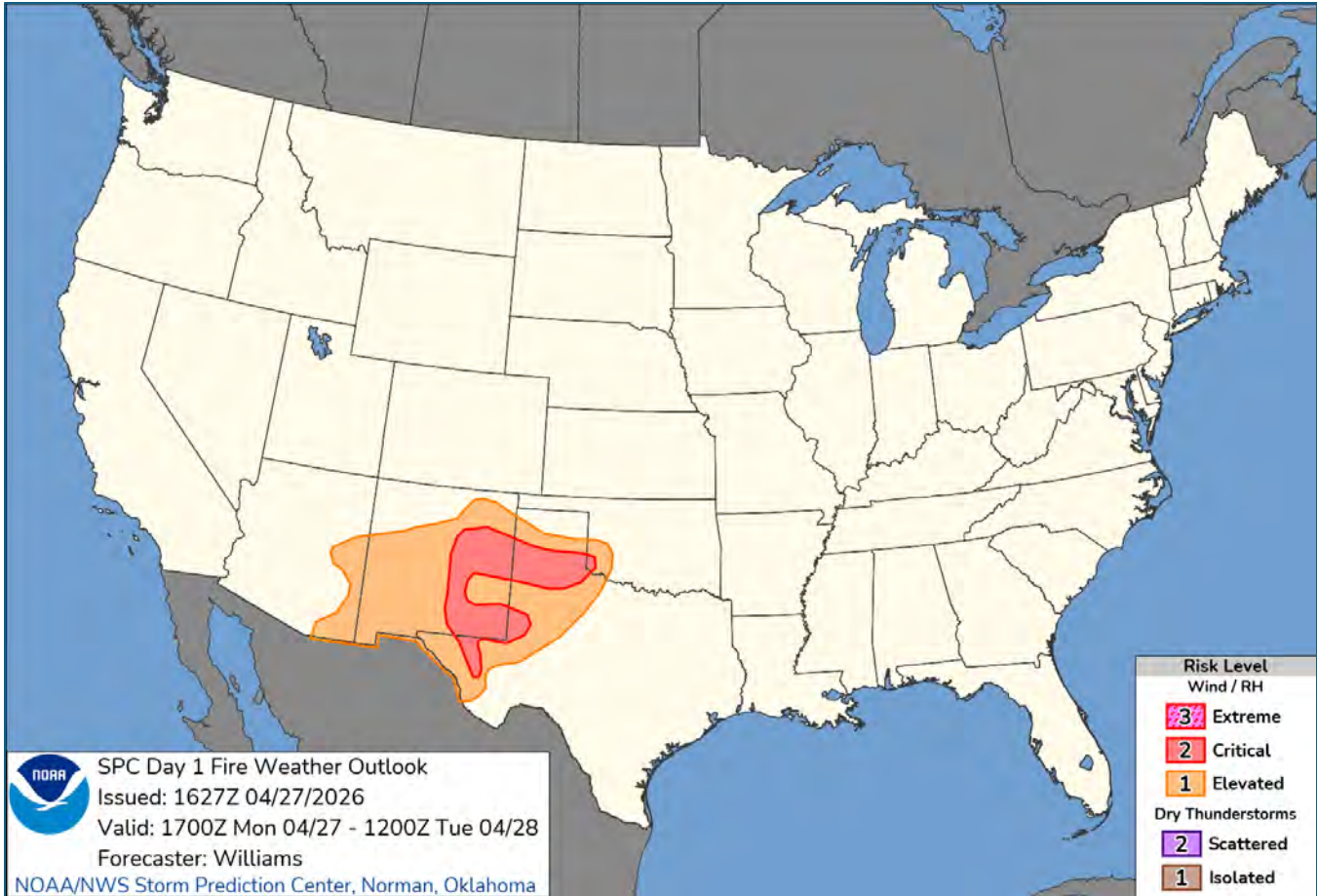
**SOURCES**

[NOAA SPC Day 1 Outlook](#) | [NOAA SPC Day 2 Outlook](#) | [NWS WPC](#) | [NWS Local Storm Surveys](#) | [NWS NWR Outages](#)



## SECTION 7.1 — WILDFIRE & FIRE WEATHER

REGION	STATUS	ACTIVE FIRES / EVAC STATUS	CI / INFRASTRUCTURE EXPOSURE	FIRE WEATHER / SOURCES
<b>Southwest (AZ/NM)</b>	<b>WATCH</b>	No active large-fire evacuations 27-APR. Spring pre-conditioning. SW dry/windy pattern developing.	Power transmission corridors. Propane/LP infrastructure rural communities.	Dry/windy pattern April. SPC fire weather. Sources: NIFC, USFS NICC.
<b>Southern California</b>	<b>WATCH</b>	No active evacuations 27-APR. Offshore flow risk moderate. NM triple-gap NWR continues.	SDG&E/SCE transmission infrastructure. Oil/gas pipeline corridors WUI.	Humidity recovery ongoing 24-26 APR. No Santa Ana active 27-APR. Sources: NIFC, CAL FIRE.
<b>Pacific Northwest</b>	<b>MONITOR</b>	No significant fires 24-26 APR. Snowpack above normal. OR Portland KIG98 NWR DEGRADED.	Columbia River Gorge transmission. Forest products.	Pattern transitioning late-April; PNW snowpack supports near-normal season onset. Sources: NIFC, USFS PNW.
<b>Northern Rockies</b>	<b>MONITOR</b>	Season not active 24-26 APR. Snowpack at or above normal. MT 6-transmitter NWR coverage gap.	Energy corridor. Mountain WUI. Transmission rights-of-way.	No fire weather activity 24-26 APR. Season onset June-July. Sources: NIFC.
<b>S. Plains (TX/OK Panhandle)</b>	<b>WATCH</b>	Post-severe-wx dryline development watch 27-APR. No current active orders. Quiet relative to IL/MO/IN/KY corridor.	Oil/gas wellhead. Electric co-op transmission. Rural propane.	Post-system dry/wind pattern variable 28-29 APR. Sources: SPC Fire Wx, NIFC.
<b>CONUS Outlook (April)</b>	<b>NSTR</b>	No major active fires with confirmed evacuations at collection (27-APR).	No CI-exposure fires active.	Transitional month closing. Primary risk: SW and S.Plains. Season May-June. Sources: NIFC, USFS NICC.
<b>Sources:</b> <a href="#">NIFC</a>   <a href="#">USFS NICC</a>   <a href="#">SPC Fire Weather</a>   <a href="#">CAL FIRE</a>   <a href="#">InciWeb</a>   Scored entry trigger: pre-evacuation order, confirmed CI exposure, or 1,000+ acres active in WUI.				



### NWR TRANSMITTER OUTAGE STATUS — 27 APRIL 2026

Source: [weather.gov/nwr/outages](https://weather.gov/nwr/outages) | Live data provided 27-APR-2026 (user-supplied) | 15 OUT OF SERVICE | 3 DEGRADED | 16 States

**OPERATIONAL NOTE:** 18 NWR transmitters are currently degraded or out of service across 16 states as of 27-APR live pull (user-supplied per §0.28). Affected populations lose the primary all-hazards alerting channel and dedicated SAME-coded EAS tone activation. **CRITICAL COMPOUND THIS CYCLE:** SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/northern IL TODAY (WX-001 FLASH) overlaps with IL Hillsboro KXI79 OOS and IN Angola KXI94 OOS — leaves multiple Montgomery/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin (IL) and Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange (IN) counties in the active outbreak corridor with degraded primary NWR coverage. **TENNESSEE DUAL-GAP COMPOUND:** Lawrenceburg KXI88 + Shelbyville WXK63 both OOS in Nashville forecast area — within Day 1+2 Dixie Alley shift corridor (Lawrence/Wayne/Giles + Bedford/Marshall/Coffee counties exposed). **NEW MEXICO TRIPLE-GAP CONTINUES:** Three simultaneous outages (Roswell WWG36, Carlsbad WWF37, Artesia WXN24) leave Chaves and Eddy counties with effectively zero primary NWR coverage — carries from prior cycle. **MONTANA:** 6 transmitters affected this cycle (Helena KXI58, Glasgow WWG70, Miles City WXJ81, Sidney WNG566, Wolf Point WWG81, Lewistown KIH50) — elevated structural-gap regional coverage. **MISSISSIPPI:** Booneville KXI52 OOS. **TEXAS:** Brownsville WXJ58 DEGRADED. **ALASKA:** Kotzebue KWN30 DEGRADED. **OREGON:** Portland KIG98 DEGRADED. During active severe weather or IPAWS events, residents in gap areas should use WEA-capable mobile devices, local broadcast EAS, and app-based alerting (FEMA App, Weather.gov) as primary alternatives. EMCOMM operators in affected counties: note the gap and brief served-agency emergency managers. Space weather quiet (Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR) removes HF-degradation compound; AR4419 produced 2 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation.

ST	Callsign	Location	Freq	WFO	Status	Counties / Areas Affected
AK	KWN30	Kotzebue	162.550	Fairbanks AK	DEGRADED	Kotzebue / Northwest Arctic Borough, AK
IL	KXI79	Hillsboro	162.425	St. Louis MO	OUT OF SVC	Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Macoupin counties, IL — within active CIG2 corridor
IN	KXI94	Angola	162.425	Northern Indiana IN	OUT OF SVC	Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange counties, IN — within active CIG2 corridor
MS	KXI52	Booneville	162.475	Memphis TN	OUT OF SVC	Prentiss, Tishomingo, Alcorn counties, MS
MT	KXI58	Helena	162.400	Great Falls MT	OUT OF SVC	Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater counties, MT
MT	WWG70	Glasgow	162.400	Glasgow MT	OUT OF SVC	Valley, Phillips, Roosevelt counties, MT
MT	WXJ81	Miles City	162.475	Glasgow MT	OUT OF SVC	Custer, Rosebud, Powder River counties, MT
MT	WNG566	Sidney	162.475	Glasgow MT	OUT OF SVC	Richland, Dawson, McKenzie (ND) counties
MT	WWG81	Wolf Point	162.500	Glasgow MT	OUT OF SVC	Roosevelt, Sheridan counties, MT
MT	KIH50	Lewistown	162.500	Great Falls MT	OUT OF SVC	Fergus, Petroleum, Judith Basin counties, MT
NM	WXN24	Artesia	162.425	Midland/Odessa TX	OUT OF SVC	Eddy County (alt), Chaves County, NM
NM	WWG36	Roswell	162.450	Albuquerque NM	OUT OF SVC	Chaves, Lincoln counties, NM
NM	WWF37	Carlsbad	162.475	Midland/Odessa TX	OUT OF SVC	Eddy County, NM
OR	KIG98	Portland	162.550	Portland OR	DEGRADED	Portland metro area, OR
TN	KXI88	Lawrenceburg	162.425	Nashville TN	OUT OF SVC	Lawrence, Wayne, Giles counties, TN — Dixie Alley shift corridor
TN	WXK63	Shelbyville	162.475	Nashville TN	OUT OF SVC	Bedford, Marshall, Coffee counties, TN — Dixie Alley shift corridor
TX	WXJ58	Brownsville	162.550	Brownsville TX	DEGRADED	Cameron, Willacy counties, TX
WI	KZZ45	Wausau	162.475	Green Bay WI	OUT OF SVC	Marathon, Lincoln, Langlade counties, WI

SOURCE: NWR transmitter outage data live from weather.gov/nwr/outages provided by user 27-APR (STATE B per §0.28). 18 affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG) across 16 states.

**⚠ HIGH-GAP ALERT — ACTIVE-WEATHER CORRIDOR COMPOUND:** TWO active-weather corridor compound situations this cycle. (1) IL/IN: Hillsboro KXI79 + Angola KXI94 both OOS WITHIN the SPC CIG2 high-end corridor TODAY — multiple Illinois (Montgomery/Bond/Fayette/Macoupin) and Indiana (Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange) counties in active tornado/wind/hail risk areas with degraded primary NWR alerting. (2) TN: Lawrenceburg KXI88 + Shelbyville WXK63 both OOS in Dixie Alley shift corridor (Lawrence/Wayne/Giles + Bedford/Marshall/Coffee counties). NM TRIPLE-GAP CONTINUES (Roswell WWG36, Carlsbad WWF37, Artesia WXN24): Chaves and Eddy counties remain with effectively zero primary NWR coverage. MT: 6 transmitters across the eastern half of the state degraded structural-gap regional coverage. Residents in gap areas should rely on WEA mobile alerts, FEMA App, and local broadcast EAS exclusively. Emergency managers in affected counties: verify alternate alerting pathways are operational and brief served-agency leadership.

## SECTION 7A — SPACE WEATHER & EMCOMM

SWX-001 | Space Weather — Kp 1-3 Quiet Through 26-APR / Brief Kp 4 Active Spike from 23-APR CME / AR4419 Two X-Flares 24-APR Before Far-Side Rotation / M6.4 24-APR 18:15Z / HF Favorable for Emergency Comms

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### WHY THIS CYCLE

Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR; HF favorable for active CIG2 SKYWARN today.

<b>Summary</b>	SWPC 26-APR 0030Z 3-Day Forecast (T1): Geomagnetic — 24-hour observed maximum Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR; brief Kp 4 (active) spike observed earlier in cycle from arrival of 23-APR coronal mass ejection associated with AR4419 X-flare activity. AR4419 produced two X-class flares on 24-APR before rotating off the visible disk to the far side; AR4419 also produced an M6.4 flare at 24-APR 18:15Z. No M- or X-class flares observed in the 24-hour window since AR4419 far-side rotation. Solar Radiation storms: none observed at S1+ threshold; no S1+ forecast through 28-APR. Radio Blackouts: none observed at/above R1 threshold in the 24-hour window after AR4419 far-side rotation; probability for R1 or greater is 15% on 27-APR, 10% on 28-29 APR. Comet C/2026 A1 (MAPS) remains benign CCOR-1 observation. Aurora Timeline Viewer product still unavailable per SWPC. Geophysical Institute 27-day forecast consistent: 27-29 APR quiet Kp 2-3; potential elevated window 30-APR–01-MAY pending CME assessment from final AR4419 disk-edge activity.
<b>Analyst Assessment</b>	<p><b>HF EMCOMM STATUS:</b> Quiet conditions favor sustained CONUS HF EMCOMM through the active CIG2 outbreak corridor today and the Day 2 Dixie Alley shift. Removes HF-degradation compound on top of severe-weather + NWR outage geometry.</p> <p><b>AR4419 FAR-SIDE ROTATION:</b> Region rotated off the visible disk to the far side after producing two X-flares 24-APR. CMEs in transit from late-cycle AR4419 activity are still possible to arrive; SWPC monitoring. AR will return to visible disk in ~14 days.</p> <p><b>27-29 APR QUIET WINDOW:</b> Supports any deferred HF tests, readiness drills, and emergency SKYWARN activation. Power-grid operators have cleared the GIC watch window.</p> <p><b>EMCOMM PROTOCOL:</b> 40m/60m primary and reliable; 20m usable with propagation check; 15m-10m DX bands favorable during quiet conditions.</p> <p><b>CONFIDENCE:</b> HIGH — SWPC T1 observations + 3-day forecast T1; Geophysical Institute 27-day T1.</p> <p><b>TRIPWIRES:</b> Late-cycle AR4419 CME arrival; new active region emergence; Kp escalation above forecast; 30-APR–01-MAY potential elevated window pending CME assessment.</p>
<b>SOURCES</b>	<a href="#">NOAA SWPC 3-Day Forecast</a>   <a href="#">SWPC Planetary K-index</a>   <a href="#">Geophysical Institute (UAF) Aurora Forecast</a>   <a href="#">SpaceWeatherLive</a>

BAND	STATUS	COLLECTED 27-APR 0030Z   24-hr observed Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR   Brief Kp 4 active spike from 23-APR CME (cleared)   AR4419 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation; M6.4 24-APR 18:15Z   HF FAVORABLE for active CIG2 SKYWARN today   Next Event Window 30-APR–01-MAY pending late-cycle AR4419 CME assessment
160m (1.8 MHz)	FAIR	Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR. Noise floor normal. Short-wave absorption nil. Low-power EMCOMM viable. Check WWV 2.5 MHz.
80m (3.5 MHz)	GOOD	✅ Usable short-range NVIS. Kp 1-3 quiet. Regional EMCOMM viable for IL/MO/IN/KY tornado outbreak SKYWARN. Verify via WWV 3.330 MHz.
60m (5 MHz)	GOOD	✅ PRIMARY EMCOMM TODAY. Kp 1-3 quiet. EMCOMM channel: 5330.5 kHz USB. Good propagation. Verify PSKReporter before committing.
40m (7 MHz)	GOOD	✅ RECOMMENDED primary EMCOMM (0–800 km NVIS). Kp 1-3 quiet. Best choice for IL/MO/IN/KY active outbreak SKYWARN. Verify WWV or PSKReporter.
20m (14 MHz)	GOOD	✅ Kp 1-3 quiet. Propagation good. DX paths viable. Verify via PSKReporter. AR4419 far-side rotation — next AR window in ~14 days.
15m–10m (21–28 MHz)	FAIR	Solar flux SFI moderate. High-band DX viable. Not primary EMCOMM. Monitor 30-APR–01-MAY for late-cycle AR4419 CME arrival. Check PSKReporter.
<b>POLAR / TRANS-POLAR:</b> GOOD — Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR. No active polar absorption. Trans-polar paths available. Monitor 30-APR–01-MAY for late-cycle AR4419 CME arrival.		

## SECTION 7B — AGRICULTURE, FOOD & SUPPLY CHAIN

### AGRICULTURE & FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN — 27 APRIL 2026

AGR-001 (Carryover from 4WK MOD): Fertilizer shock structurally embedded; 2026 spring planting cost pass-through to Q3 food prices locked. Urea Egypt FOB ~\$700/MT (+78% pre-war); 30% global urea trade disrupted; China export restrictions through August 2026. Corn 5% planted, soybeans 6% planted (ahead of 5-year averages). CRITICAL CYCLE UPDATE: Winter wheat condition 30% Good/Excellent (down from 34% prior week and from 45% YoY) per USDA NASS Crop Progress 21-APR; KS top-state 24% G/E. Trajectory points toward 2002-style yield-loss profile under sustained drought + pricing pressure. CBOT settlements 24-APR: corn 455.00 (May contract); soybeans 1163.75 (May); wheat 608.25 (May). Ethiopia gets 90% of nitrogen fertilizer from Gulf via Djibouti; sub-Saharan Africa most exposed. See Sec 4B carryover (AGR-001) for full structural framework.

Sources: [USDA NASS Crop Progress \(21-APR; winter wheat 30% G/E\)](#) | [CBOT futures settlements](#) | [IFPRI April 2026 fertilizer impact](#) | [AFBF Market Intel](#)

## SECTION 8 — 72-HOUR OUTLOOK & NEXT-CYCLE TASKING

### 72-HOUR OUTLOOK | 27-30 APR 2026

**The operating environment is rapidly changing and highly fluid. What is true at publication (1500 UTC 27-APR) may not hold by close of business. Op Epic Fury Day 58 + Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 + LBN CF Day 12 of extended period + WHCD shooting investigation Day 2 + CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-4 + active SPC CIG2 high-end signal IL today — the cycle is heavy with stacked compliance windows, attention-pull events, and weather geometry simultaneously.**

**27-APR (TODAY / Op Epic Fury Day 58 / Blockade Day 15 / WHCD Day 2 of investigation):** TOP-LINE: Araghchi MET Putin in St Petersburg today; Putin disclosed receiving WRITTEN MESSAGE from Mojtaba Khamenei (Iran's Supreme Leader since 28-FEB strikes killed Ali Khamenei). NEW Iranian proposal via Pakistani mediators (Axios): decouple Hormuz from nuclear, postpone nuclear track until blockade lifted — the proposal pared Brent from peak >\$108 to ~\$106. SPC CIG2 high-end signal IL today — multi-state outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY ACTIVE; first IL tornado warning issued ~13:58 CDT. WHCD shooting Sat 25-APR — Allen ARRAIGNED today federal court (firearm in COV + assault on fed officer); 1,000+ word "friendly federal assassin" manifesto; Patel + Blanche presser today; Senate Judiciary briefing scheduled (Grassley). CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor (CYB-001) FCEB device-inventory due 11:59PM EST 01-MAY (T-4). NWR 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG, 16 states); IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS within active outbreak corridor. Brent \$108.11 (+2.64%); WTI \$95.83. Kp 1-3 quiet (HF favorable for SKYWARN). NEW: UKR drone crashed in Galati Romania (NATO) 25-APR — Romanian property damaged, FM summoned RU ambassador.

**28-APR (Day 2 / Dixie Alley shift):** Outbreak corridor shifts south into TN/AL/MS overnight 27-28 APR + 28-APR. TN dual-gap NWR (Lawrenceburg KXI88 + Shelbyville WXK63 both OOS, Nashville WFO) within Day 2 shift footprint. Lebanon CF Day 13 of extended period; IDF kinetic tempo continues per Netanyahu 26-APR vigorously-attack order. Araghchi-Putin meeting outcome (announcement, framework signal, or no readout) will reset the diplomatic-track frame.

**29-APR (Day 3):** Outbreak Day 3 fades; SPC sequence likely concludes. Op Epic Fury Day 60 baseline. Lebanon CF Day 14 of extended period. KEV deadlines T-5 to 04-MAY (CYB-002 4 CVEs PaperCut/TeamCity/Kentico/Quest KACE/Zimbra). CISA ED 25-03 V1 (CYB-001) T-2.

**30-APR (Day 4):** Op Epic Fury Day 61. CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-1 (deadline 11:59PM EST 01-MAY). Lebanon CF Day 15 of extended period; halfway through extended window; trilateral track readiness check. Potential elevated SWX window Kp 5 30-APR–01-MAY pending CME assessment from late-cycle AR4419 disk-edge activity.

**NEXT-CYCLE TASKING:** (1) WHCD investigation: any motive disclosure; co-conspirator identification; AR or weapons-trafficking findings; second-incident reporting. (2) GEO-001 Iran-Russia track: Araghchi-Putin meeting outcome and any Russian framework proposal; CENTCOM intercept count to 40+; any kinetic incident at the Strait. (3) GEO-CF-LBN: any IDF operation north of Litani; Hezbollah long-range rocket fire; Lebanese army deployment announcement; Aoun-Netanyahu trilateral. (4) CYBER COMPLIANCE: CISA ED 25-03 V1 (CYB-001) T-4 ArcaneDoor FCEB inventory; 4-CVE KEV batch (CYB-002) T-7 04-MAY; any new KEV additions; CL-STA-1128 expansion; named CI victim; any FIRESTARTER detection beyond federal environment. (5) AVN-001: EASA CZIB R7 expiration 01-MAY (T-4) and likely R8 issuance content. (6) GEO-AXIS-001 THREADS: any UKR strike beyond 2,000km range; PRC Antelope Reef runway operational disclosure; Taiwan ROC formal airspace-restriction protest; PLAN cross-theater operations; Russian retaliation to Sverdlovsk/Chelyabinsk first-strikes. (7) WEATHER: SPC Day 2/Day 3 evolution of CIG2 outbreak sequence; tornado watch issuance with PDS language; named EF3+ event; NWR transmitter restorations or additions inside outbreak corridor. (8) DHS NTAS: any bulletin issuance (Day 58+ gap; WHCD shooting + Op Epic Fury Day 58 are operationally distinct from but adjacent to a NTAS-trigger profile). (9) NUC-001: any Iranian signal on HEU down-blending; IAEA Day 60 verification statement; Bulletin Atomic Scientists follow-on Isfahan analysis. (10) PHS-001: JMA megaquake advisory closure 27-APR (today); any JMA resumption or extension; Sanriku/Hokkaido aftershock pattern. (11) AGR-001: USDA NASS next Crop Progress (28-APR Mon) winter wheat trajectory; KS revision; CBOT settlement direction. (12) HLTH-001: SC measles count revision; FL trajectory; H5N1 Week 16 reporting; ARC blood Day 99. (13) Standing tripwire: any Houthi Bab el-Mandeb activation (no attacks since 28-FEB-2026).

## SECTION 10 — PREPAREDNESS CONDITION ASSESSMENT

**PREP-CON 3 — ELEVATED | Assessed: 27 April 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 58 | Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 | LBN CF Day 12 of extended period | WHCD shooting Day 2 of investigation | CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-4 | SPC CIG2 high-end signal IL today**

**ASSESSED LEVEL:** PREP-CON 3 — ELEVATED | Trend: STABLE-ELEVATED (sustained pressure with no immediate decision-trigger event in 72-hr window)

**OPERATIONAL BASIS:** PREP-CON 3 ELEVATED basis: (1) Op Epic Fury Day 58 + Hormuz dual blockade Day 15 with Sevan intercept 25-APR + 3 US carriers in ME first time since 2003 (sustained-enforcement posture); (2) WHCD shooting Sat 25-APR + Day 2 of investigation (suspect Cole Tomas Allen 31 in custody; AG Blanche 26-APR believes targeting POTUS+admin) elevates federal-protective-detail threat profile; (3) CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor (CYB-001) FCEB device-inventory T-4 due 01-MAY (parallel state-actor cyber pressure during Op Epic Fury); (4) SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today — multi-state tornado outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY active with NWR transmitter compound (IL Hillsboro KXI79 + IN Angola KXI94 OOS within outbreak corridor); (5) structural oil-market pressure (Brent \$107-108 sustained; +13% weekly; IEA largest-supply-shock framing). Trend: STABLE-ELEVATED — no near-term decision-trigger event but sustained simultaneous pressure across 5 distinct vectors.

**For full PREP-CON framework reference, see:** [fortunefavorstheprepared.com / Preparedness Book of Knowledge / PREP-CON](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/Preparedness-Book-of-Knowledge/PREP-CON)

**SECTION 11 — ALERT & READINESS CONDITIONS PANEL**

CONDITION	LEVEL	BASIS
DEFCON	EST-3	Active wartime posture; Op Epic Fury Day 58; Hormuz dual blockade Day 15; 3 US carriers in ME first time since 2003; Trump 26-APR negotiator suspension
COGCON	EST-3	Elevated continuity posture during active kinetic operations; IRGC/MOIS homeland threat (INS-001); WHCD shooting 25-APR (TER-001) elevates federal-protective-detail profile; DHS NTAS gap Day 58 (TER-002)
FPCON	EST-CHARLIE	US forces actively targeted by Iran-backed Shiite militias per DIA 16-APR baseline ("hundreds" of attacks since 28-FEB); Op Epic Fury Day 58 sustained-enforcement posture
CYBERCON	EST-ELEVATED	CISA ED 25-03 V1 ArcaneDoor T-4 (CYB-001) FCEB device-inventory due 01-MAY; AA26-097A Day 21 (CYB-005); KEV 4-CVE batch T-7 due 04-MAY (CYB-002 PaperCut/TeamCity/Kentico/Quest KACE/Zimbra); 24-APR additions Samsung MagicINFO + SimpleHelp x2 + D-Link DIR-823X (CYB-003); 3 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN due 23-APR PASSED
COMCON	4 CONUS DTR-ASSESSED	Kp 1-3 quiet through 26-APR; brief Kp 4 active spike from 23-APR CME but cleared (SWX-001); HF favorable for SKYWARN during active CIG2 outbreak; AR4419 X-flares 24-APR before far-side rotation; AA26-097A OT impact (CYB-005); NWR 18 transmitters affected (15 OOS + 3 DEG, 16 states)
TRANSCON	EST-3	EASA CZIB R7 issued 24-APR; extends to 01-MAY; 11-state ME airspace; Sterling VA TFR FDC 6/5355 26-APR (WHCD aftermath; impact IAD); FAA USNS→NMS transition 18-APR
WX-CON	EST-4	SPC CIG2 high-end signal central/N IL today; multi-state tornado outbreak IL/MO/IN/KY; Day 2-3 Dixie Alley shift; NWR compound (IL Hillsboro + IN Angola OOS within corridor; TN dual-gap for Day 2 shift)
PREP-CON	3 — ELEVATED	See SEC 10

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THREAT AREAS ASSESSED	STANDING REGISTRY	CITATIONS THIS CYCLE	TIER 1 PRIMARY	TIER 2 SECONDARY	TIER 3 SUPPLEMENTAL
24	358 v1.8   27-APR-2026	51	22	29	0
24 Threat Areas   358 Standing Sources (v1.8)   51 Citations This Cycle   T1 USG domains include whitehouse.gov, state.gov, defense.gov, cia.gov, odni.gov, dhs.gov, justice.gov, treasury.gov   Registry: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr-source-registry/					

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