

# DAILY THREAT REPORT

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## ⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 - INCIDENT PROBABLE - Brown Sky ⚠

Wednesday, 27 May 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 89 | Hormuz Blockade Day 45 | LBN CF Day 42 | Trend: STABLE

## COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE

## WEATHER: WX-CON 2 - SLGT - Mid-Atlantic convective

## SPACE WEATHER: SWX-CON 1 - Minor - Active S1 solar radiation storm

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| Publication (UTC) | 27 MAY 2026 / 1530 UTC                                       |
| Reporting Period  | 26-MAY 1530 UTC through 27-MAY 1530 UTC (24h standard cycle) |
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## BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

**STATUS:** [PREP-CON 3](#) INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky), Trend STABLE. This is a standard 24-hour cycle, 26-MAY 1530 UTC through 27-MAY 1530 UTC. US naval blockade of Iran Day 45; Lebanon ceasefire Day 42 of the 45-day extension (porous, holding). The lead development this cycle is the US-Iran negotiating track: a memorandum of understanding described as close to signature, with a reported phased release of frozen Iranian assets tied to reopening the Strait of Hormuz. [WX-CON 2 SLGT](#) on an [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT convective risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, with severe wind gusts the primary hazard. [SWX-CON 1 Minor](#) on a new S1 solar radiation storm with a minor K4 geomagnetic element. PREP-CON holds STABLE; the [WHO](#) Ebola public health emergency remains a lead driver, with a first suspected European importation reported this cycle.

**URGENT -- IRAN MoU AT FINALIZATION; ASSET-RELEASE MECHANICS IN PLAY:** The 25-MAY US strikes on Iranian targets near Bandar Abbas are now prior-cycle, and no further confirmed kinetic exchange has been reported in the 26-to-27-MAY window. The live thread is diplomatic: US and Iranian statements describe the memorandum of understanding as close but unsigned, with one US characterization that finalization could take a few more days, and a reported element of the framework is a phased release of roughly 24 billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets tied to verifiable steps including the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. The US naval blockade of Iranian ports remains in effect at Day 45. This is the cycle's highest-stakes development -- see KJ-1 and FLASH [\[GEO-001\]](#).

**PUBLIC HEALTH -- WHO EBOLA EMERGENCY: FIRST SUSPECTED EUROPEAN IMPORTATION:** Two suspected imported Ebola cases were reported in Lombardy, Italy, on 25-MAY in travelers recently returned from Uganda -- the first suspected importation of the Bundibugyo-strain outbreak outside the DRC-Uganda region. The patients are isolated and contact tracing is under way pending confirmatory testing. DRC figures continue to climb, on the order of 1,011 cases and about 233 deaths, and Uganda has risen to 7 confirmed cases. The strain has no approved vaccine or treatment. There is still no US case and [CDC](#) continues to assess the domestic risk as low. See FLASH [\[HLTH-001\]](#).

**CHEMICAL -- GARDEN GROVE INCIDENT RESOLVED; ALL EVACUATIONS LIFTED:** CLOSED OUT. The Garden Grove GKN Aerospace methyl methacrylate tank emergency, a FLASH-tier item for three prior cycles, is resolved. Orange County Fire Authority lifted all remaining evacuation orders on the evening of 26-MAY, reported no injuries and no public risk, and area schools are reopening. The item drops from the FLASH set this cycle and is not carried forward. A brief closeout note appears in SECTION 4A.

**AVIATION -- Ebola entry restrictions remain operational; central-Africa flights routed to Dulles only:** The CBP/[DHS](#) entry restriction remains in active enforcement. All US nationals and lawful permanent

residents who have been in the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan within the prior 21 days must enter through Washington-Dulles for enhanced [CDC](#) screening; foreign nationals who have been in the three countries in that window are barred from entry at this time. The suspected Italy importation, if confirmed, would raise the probability of further out-of-region cases. Operators and travelers with central-Africa or Italy routing should plan for screening delays. See FLASH [\[HLTH-001\]](#).

**WEATHER -- [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT Mid-Atlantic; wind-damage driven; standing wildfire NSTR:** [SPC](#) carries a Day 1 SLIGHT risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic, with scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening and strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph as the primary hazard. Below-SLIGHT severe potential also covers southern Idaho into eastern Oregon, the western Great Lakes, and the southern Texas Panhandle into West Texas. Wildfire is NSTR at event level this cycle: [NIFC](#) holds National Preparedness Level 2 with 19 uncontained large fires. See [\[WX-001\]](#).

**CYBER -- KEV stack quiet post-holiday; one FCEB deadline at T-2:** No [CISA KEV](#) additions over the 23-to-26-MAY federal holiday window. The one live current-cycle item is the LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin privilege-escalation vulnerability CVE-2026-48172, which carries an FCEB remediation due date of 29-MAY -- now T-2 from this cycle. Any in-scope unpatched instance is at a two-day-out federal deadline. The Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 deadline carried last cycle has now passed. See [\[SEC 4A\]](#).

**LEBANON:** Ceasefire Day 42 of the 45-day extension. The truce, in effect since 17-APR, continues to be honored only loosely; no significant current-cycle delta. The next Washington political round is scheduled for early June. See SEC 4B.

**RUSSIA-UKRAINE:** Overnight 27-MAY, explosions and fires were reported across multiple regions of Russia and occupied Crimea, including smoke near a military airfield at Voronezh. Separately, the US denied a visa to a Russian deputy foreign minister expected at a [UN Security Council](#) meeting, drawing a formal Russian protest. Neither item is FLASH-tier; both are current-cycle deltas. See SEC 4B.

**IRAN-HORMUZ:** Strait blockade Day 45. The maritime security threat level for the Strait of Hormuz remains elevated; commercial traffic is significantly reduced, and the reported asset-release mechanism is explicitly conditioned on Hormuz reopening. See FLASH [\[GEO-001\]](#).

**SPACE WX:** [SWPC](#) bulletins, operator-confirmed, report a new Proton Event: SUMMARY SUMPX1 Serial 130, 10 MeV integral proton flux exceeding 10 pfu, begin time 27-MAY 0015 UTC, maximum 23 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor). A separate WARNING, WARK04 Serial 5348, carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 valid through 27-MAY 1200 UTC. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY S1 proton event ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC; this cycle a new S1 event has begun and a minor K4 geomagnetic element has been added. SWX-CON holds at 1 Minor. See FLASH [\[SWX-001\]](#).

**MARKETS:** CME and NYMEX reopened 27-MAY after the Memorial Day holiday. The most recent settled print is the 26-MAY trade-date NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas settlement: front-month June 2026 at 2.894 dollars per MMBtu, down 1.3 cents; July 2026 at 3.010 dollars. The [AAA](#) national gasoline average is 4.459 dollars per gallon as of 27-MAY, easing for a third consecutive day from the Memorial Day high near 4.51. [USDA](#) WASDE-671 (released 12-MAY) remains the current report; next [WASDE](#) 11-JUN.

## PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin CVE-2026-48172 carries an FCEB remediation deadline of 29-MAY, now T-2. Confirm patch status for any in-scope instance before the deadline. See [\[SEC 4A\]](#).
2. The Iran MoU is described as days from signature, with an asset-release mechanism tied to Hormuz reopening. A signed agreement that reopens Hormuz would be the single largest downside catalyst for summer fuel prices; hold pump-price posture flex. Cyber-spillover preparedness elevates on any delayed [IRGC](#) retaliation for the 25-MAY strikes. See [\[GEO-001\]](#).
3. Parts of the Mid-Atlantic face an [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT convective risk with severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph this afternoon into early evening. Verify two-of-three non-NWR alert paths (Wireless Emergency Alerts + [NWS](#) app + commercial broadcast): the MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE within or adjacent to the Mid-Atlantic convective zone. See [\[WX-001\]](#).
4. Travel/health: the CBP/[DHS](#) Ebola entry restrictions remain in active enforcement, routing US-bound flights carrying passengers recently in the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan to Washington-Dulles only. The first suspected European importation, reported in Italy, is the development most relevant to travel-screening posture; watch for confirmatory testing results. See [\[HLTH-001\]](#).

## WHAT CHANGED SINCE 26-MAY

**+ ADDED:** Two suspected imported Ebola cases reported in Lombardy, Italy, 25-MAY -- the first suspected importation outside the DRC-Uganda region. A new S1 solar radiation storm began 27-MAY 0015 UTC ([SWPC](#) SUMPX1) with a minor K4 geomagnetic warning (WARK04). Overnight 27-MAY

explosions reported across Russia and occupied Crimea near a Voronezh military airfield. LiteSpeed cPanel CVE-2026-48172 carries a 29-MAY FCEB deadline.

~ **CHANGED:** Day counters advanced one day: blockade to Day 45; LBN CF to Day 42; Op Epic Fury to Day 89; WHCD to Day 33. The Iran lead reframed from the 25-MAY strikes (now prior-cycle) to MoU finalization and a reported 24-billion-dollar asset-release mechanism; the mediation attribution is corrected from Qatari to Pakistani. Ebola DRC death count rose materially to about 233; Uganda rose from 5 to 7 confirmed cases. WX-CON geography shifted from West Texas to the Mid-Atlantic, hazard mode from hail-and-tornado to wind damage. The SWX-CON S1 driver is a new proton event, not the 26-MAY event, which ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC. [NWR](#) roster per the 27-MAY operator list: 32 transmitters affected (18 OUT OF SERVICE, 14 DEGRADED) across 19 states, up from 18 across 14 states.

= **NO MATERIAL CHANGE:** PREP-CON 3 INCIDENT PROBABLE baseline; COMCON 4 INCIDENT POSSIBLE baseline; SWX-CON 1 Minor (new driver, level unchanged); WX-CON 2 SLGT (geography shifted, level unchanged); US naval blockade operational posture; Lebanon ceasefire holding in name; [NIFC](#) National Preparedness Level 2 with no FLASH-tier wildfire; no significant US-impacting seismic activity in the window.

**REMOVED:** Garden Grove chemical-tank emergency (CHEM-001) -- resolved 26-MAY, all evacuations lifted, no injuries; dropped from the FLASH set. Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 -- its 27-MAY FCEB deadline has passed.

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### DETERMINING YOUR POSTURE

This index and the Section 11 matrix are decision-support tools, not just data. Use them with this cycle's [PREP-CON](#), [COMCON](#), [WX-CON](#), and [SWX-CON](#) to set your own [CONCON \(Continuity Conditions\)](#) -- your family's or MAG's operational posture. FFTP sets the four conditions; you set CONCON.

Find your region; entries in that row apply to you. Click any entry ID for full detail.

| REGION / STATE                                       | ACTIVE ENTRIES          | NOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mid-Atlantic                                         | <a href="#">WX-001</a>  | <a href="#">SPC</a> Day 1 SLGT (operator-confirmed); scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening, strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph the primary hazard, marginally severe hail possible. MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall <a href="#">NWR</a> transmitters OUT OF SERVICE within or adjacent to this zone |
| Southern Idaho / Eastern Oregon                      | <a href="#">WX-001</a>  | Below-SLIGHT severe potential; widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms with severe gusts of 60 to 75 mph possible before diminishing by mid-to-late evening                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Western Great Lakes / S Texas Panhandle / West Texas | <a href="#">WX-001</a>  | Below-SLIGHT severe potential; isolated large hail and damaging gusts possible with the stronger storms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Garden Grove / Orange County CA                      | -                       | CLOSED OUT: methyl methacrylate tank emergency resolved 26-MAY; all evacuation orders lifted, no injuries, no public risk, schools reopening. Not a FLASH item this cycle                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Alaska ( <a href="#">NWR</a> cluster)                | -                       | An 11-site Juneau-area transmitter cluster plus Kotzebue is DEGRADED; Sand Point is OUT OF SERVICE. Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| NATIONAL - CYBER                                     | -                       | No <a href="#">CISA KEY</a> additions over the 23-to-26-MAY federal holiday. Standing item: LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin CVE-2026-48172, FCEB remediation deadline 29-MAY (T-2)                                                                                                                                                                         |
| NATIONAL - ENERGY/FUEL                               | <a href="#">GEO-001</a> | Hormuz blockade Day 45; <a href="#">AAA</a> national gasoline average 4.459 dollars per gallon as of 27-MAY, easing for a third day; CME/NYMEX reopened 27-MAY, most recent settled Henry Hub print is the 26-MAY trade date                                                                                                                       |
| NATIONAL - WILDFIRE                                  | -                       | <a href="#">NIFC</a> National Preparedness Level 2; 19 uncontained large fires. No FLASH-tier fire this cycle (NSTR at event level)                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| International Travel - Middle East                   | <a href="#">GEO-001</a> | Gulf airspace flexibility advised while the US-Iran MoU is finalized; central-Africa-origin US-bound flights routed to Washington-Dulles only under Ebola entry rules                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Strait of Hormuz                                     | <a href="#">GEO-001</a> | Blockade Day 45; reported asset-release mechanism conditioned on Hormuz reopening; commercial transit at a small fraction of pre-war volume                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>DRC + Uganda (Kampala) + Italy (Lombardy)</b> | <a href="#">HLTH-001</a> | <a href="#">WHO</a> Ebola PHEIC; DRC near 1,011 cases and about 233 deaths; Uganda 7-case Kampala cluster; two suspected imported cases under investigation in Lombardy, Italy                               |
| <b>Russia / Occupied Crimea</b>                  | -                        | Overnight 27-MAY explosions and fires reported across multiple regions, including near a military airfield at Voronezh; current-cycle delta, not FLASH-tier                                                  |
| <b>Southern Lebanon + Northern Israel</b>        | -                        | Ceasefire Day 42 of the 45-day extension; holding porously; no significant current-cycle delta                                                                                                               |
| <b>HF / EMCOMM - high latitudes</b>              | -                        | SWX-CON 1 Minor on a new S1 solar radiation storm ( <a href="#">SWPC</a> SUMPX1) with a minor K4 geomagnetic warning (WARK04); minor HF degradation possible on polar routes; mid-latitude environment quiet |

## SECTION 1 - KEY JUDGMENTS

*Five key judgments drive this cycle. Each carries a likelihood term from the ICD 203 scale and a separate confidence level per SOP 0.113-D; full evidence base, tripwires, and alternative hypotheses live in the linked FLASH entry.*

**KJ-1: A finalized US-Iran agreement within 7 days is assessed roughly even chance; an asset-release mechanism is tied to Hormuz reopening. LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance.**

**CONFIDENCE: MODERATE (split).** The 25-MAY US strikes near Bandar Abbas are now prior-cycle; the live thread is a memorandum of understanding described as days from signature, with a reported phased release of roughly 24 billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets tied to verifiable steps including Hormuz reopening. Split confidence applies: HIGH confidence the framework is at an advanced, near-final stage on multi-stream US, Iranian, and Pakistani corroboration; MODERATE confidence on a 7-day finalization, an upgrade from LOW last cycle because the window passed without a kinetic relapse. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY cycle led on a confirmed strike and held confidence LOW; this cycle reframes to MoU finalization and upgrades to MODERATE. Full analysis: [\[GEO-001\]](#).

**KJ-2: The Strait of Hormuz remains effectively closed through the near term. LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.** The maritime threat level for the Strait of Hormuz remains elevated. The operational reality is unchanged: blockade Day 45, commercial transit at a small fraction of pre-war volume. The reported asset-release mechanism is explicitly conditioned on Hormuz reopening, which links the diplomatic timeline to the chokepoint. Practitioner watch: Hormuz language in any negotiated text, and whether the next cycle resolves toward a signed memorandum. Full analysis: [\[GEO-001\]](#).

**KJ-3: Parts of the Mid-Atlantic face a SLIGHT severe-convective risk on 27-MAY, wind-damage driven. LIKELIHOOD: likely (scattered severe storms). CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. SPC** Day 1, operator-confirmed against the issued text, carries a SLIGHT risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic for scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening, with strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph as the primary hazard and marginally severe hail possible. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY cycle placed the SLIGHT risk over West and Southwest Texas; this cycle the convective focus has shifted east and the hazard mode is wind damage rather than hail and tornado. The MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE within or adjacent to that zone. Full analysis: [\[WX-001\]](#).

**KJ-4: The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC outbreak continues to expand; a first suspected European importation raises the international-spread profile. LIKELIHOOD: continued growth very likely; US case unlikely near-term. CONFIDENCE: HIGH on growth, MODERATE on no US case.** The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC over the Bundibugyo-strain outbreak in the DRC and Uganda remains in force; the strain has no approved vaccine. DRC figures are on the order of 1,011 cases and about 233 deaths, and Uganda has risen to 7 confirmed cases. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: this cycle adds two suspected imported cases reported in Italy, the first suspected importation outside the DRC-Uganda region. US entry screening is operational at Washington-Dulles; there is no US case and [CDC](#) assesses US public risk as low. Full analysis: [\[HLTH-001\]](#).

**KJ-5: A new S1 solar radiation storm is in progress with a minor K4 geomagnetic element; operational HF impact at mid-latitudes is minimal. LIKELIHOOD: storm in progress (observed); mid-latitude HF disruption very unlikely. CONFIDENCE: HIGH. SWPC** bulletin SUMPX1 Serial 130, operator-confirmed, reports a new Proton Event with the 10 MeV integral flux exceeding 10 pfu, maximum

23 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor); WARNING WARK04 Serial 5348 carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 through 27-MAY 1200 UTC. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY S1 event ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC; this cycle a new S1 event has begun and a minor K4 geomagnetic element has been added. Minor HF degradation on polar routes and weak high-latitude power-grid fluctuations are possible; mid-latitude operational impact is minimal. Full analysis: [\[SWX-001\]](#).

## CRITICAL TIME HACK - 0-72H DECISION TRIGGERS

*Items ordered by (probability times impact). Each card is a standalone decision trigger per SOP 0.71. Bracketed IDs cross-reference matching FLASH entries.*

### LiteSpeed cPanel CVE-2026-48172 FCEB deadline T-2 -- verify patch now.

[TUESDAY | 27-MAY (T+0) | CYBER]

**DECISION TRIGGER:** The LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin privilege-escalation vulnerability CVE-2026-48172 carries an FCEB remediation due date of 29-MAY, now T-2. Any in-scope unpatched instance is at a two-day-out federal deadline -- confirm patch status now. The Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 deadline carried last cycle has passed. See [\[SEC 4A\]](#).

### Iran MoU described as days from signature; asset release tied to Hormuz reopening.

[TODAY | 27-MAY (T+0) | GEOPOLITICAL]

**DECISION TRIGGER:** The 25-MAY US strikes are now prior-cycle with no relapse. The live thread is a memorandum of understanding described as close to signature, with a reported phased release of roughly 24 billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets tied to Hormuz reopening. Practitioner read: a signed deal that reopens Hormuz is the largest single downside catalyst for summer fuel prices; hold pump-price posture flex; elevate cyber-spillover preparedness on any delayed [IRGC](#) retaliation. See [\[GEO-001\]](#).

### [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC; first suspected European importation reported in Italy.

[TODAY | 27-MAY (T+0) | PUBLIC HEALTH]

**DECISION TRIGGER:** The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC and the CBP/[DHS](#) entry restrictions remain in active enforcement. Two suspected imported cases were reported in Italy on 25-MAY in travelers from Uganda, the first suspected importation outside the DRC-Uganda region; DRC figures are near 1,011 cases and Uganda has risen to 7 confirmed cases. Practitioner read: travelers and operators with DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, or Italy routing should expect screening delays via Washington-Dulles; there is no US case and [CDC](#) assesses public risk as low. Watch for Italy confirmatory results. See [\[HLTH-001\]](#).

### [SPC](#) Day 1 SLGT Mid-Atlantic convective; severe wind gusts the primary hazard.

[TODAY | 27-MAY (T+0) | WEATHER]

**DECISION TRIGGER:** [SPC](#) Day 1, operator-confirmed, carries a SLIGHT risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic for scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening, with strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph as the primary hazard. The MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE within or adjacent to that zone -- local EOCs and residents should verify non-NWR alert paths. See [\[WX-001\]](#).

### New S1 solar radiation storm in progress; minor K4 geomagnetic; mid-latitude impact minimal.

[TODAY | 27-MAY (T+0) | SPACE WX]

**DECISION TRIGGER:** [SWPC](#) bulletin SUMPX1 Serial 130, operator-confirmed, reports a new Proton Event with the 10 MeV integral flux exceeding 10 pfu, maximum 23 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor); WARNING WARK04 Serial 5348 carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 through 27-MAY 1200 UTC.

Practitioner-tier hams: minor HF degradation is possible on polar and high-latitude routes; weak high-latitude power-grid fluctuations are possible; mid-latitude operational impact is minimal. See [\[SWX-001\]](#).

## Iran blockade Day 45: MoU finalization and asset-release mechanics now the live thread.

[GEO-001 | FLASH | UPDATED - MoU FINALIZATION; ASSET-RELEASE MECHANICS IN PLAY | Score 24]

### DELTA SINCE YESTERDAY

~ **CHANGED:** The 25-MAY US strikes on Iranian missile and boat targets near Bandar Abbas, the lead item of the 26-MAY cycle, are now prior-cycle. No further confirmed kinetic exchange has been reported in the 26-MAY to 27-MAY window; the [IRGC](#) has not, as of this cycle, acted on its asserted right to respond.

~ **CHANGED:** The diplomatic track is the live thread this cycle. US and Iranian statements describe the memorandum of understanding as close but not signed, with one US characterization that finalization could take a few more days. A reported element of the framework is a phased release of roughly \$24 billion in frozen Iranian assets, tied to verifiable steps including the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz to commercial transit.

~ **CHANGED:** CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY cycle described Iranian negotiators meeting Qatari mediators in Doha. Current primary sourcing consistently characterizes the US-Iran track as Pakistan-mediated, with Doha as the venue. This cycle corrects the mediation attribution to Pakistan-mediated talks hosted in Doha.

= **NO MATERIAL CHANGE:** The US naval blockade of Iranian ports remains in effect, Day 45, and Trump has stated it continues until a deal is reached, certified, and signed. Israeli pressure on the nuclear file continues on a parallel track; Iran continues to dispute any wording that would remove Hormuz from Iranian management.

### WHY THIS CYCLE

This remains the cycle's lead development. With no new kinetic exchange in the window, the decision-relevant action has moved to the negotiating table: an MoU described as days from signature, an asset-release mechanism explicitly conditioned on Hormuz reopening, and a blockade now at Day 45. The reader decision this informs is energy-price and maritime-transit exposure planning. Sources: [CNN live coverage](#), [Reuters](#), [UK House of Commons Library](#).

### SALUTE - Size / Activity / Location / Time / Equipment / Unit

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| SIZE      | <b>SIZE:</b> US naval blockade of Iranian ports in force, Day 45. Reported framework element: phased release of roughly \$24 billion in frozen Iranian assets. Roughly 1,550 vessels and 22,500 mariners reported affected in the Gulf region across the blockade period. No new confirmed kinetic exchange in the 26-to-27-MAY window. |
| ACTIVITY  | <b>ACTIVITY:</b> Memorandum of understanding at finalization stage, described by a US characterization as possibly a few more days from signing. Asset-release mechanism tied to verifiable steps including Hormuz reopening. No <a href="#">IRGC</a> retaliatory action observed this cycle following the 25-MAY strikes.              |
| LOCATION  | <b>LOCATION:</b> Strait of Hormuz and southern Iranian ports. Negotiations hosted in Doha, Qatar; the US-Iran channel is Pakistan-mediated. Israeli nuclear-file pressure on a parallel track.                                                                                                                                          |
| TIME      | <b>TIME:</b> Blockade Day 45 as of 27-MAY. MoU described as close but unsigned; one US characterization put finalization a few more days out as of the 26-to-27-MAY window.                                                                                                                                                             |
| EQUIPMENT | <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> US naval blockade enforcement posture unchanged; <a href="#">CENTCOM</a> AOR force posture consistent with on-call strike capability. No general mobilization or broad strike campaign observed in OSINT this cycle.                                                                                                  |
| UNIT      | <b>UNIT:</b> United States ( <a href="#">CENTCOM</a> ), Islamic Republic of Iran ( <a href="#">IRGC</a> ), Pakistan as mediator, Qatar as host; regional guarantors engaged; Israel on a parallel track.                                                                                                                                |

## DOWNSTREAM - CASCADE IMPLICATION

Energy: the Strait of Hormuz remains a chokehold and the asset-release mechanism is explicitly conditioned on its reopening, which links the diplomatic timeline directly to the oil-price path. [AAA](#) national gasoline average is \$4.459 per gallon as of 27-MAY, easing for a third consecutive day from the Memorial Day high near \$4.51; analyst modeling still points toward a higher summer average if Hormuz stays closed. Maritime: the Hormuz maritime threat level remains elevated while the blockade holds. Diplomatic: a signed MoU that reopens Hormuz would be the single largest downside catalyst for fuel prices this summer. Full standalone Iran analysis is in the FFTP companion report [SUPINTEL-2026-001: Iranian Domestic Unrest](#).

## ANALYST ASSESSMENT

**LIKELIHOOD / CONFIDENCE --** A finalized, signed agreement within the next 7 days is assessed roughly even chance at MODERATE confidence. Split confidence applies: HIGH confidence that a negotiating framework is at an advanced, near-final stage, on multi-stream corroboration across US, Iranian, and Pakistani official statements; MODERATE confidence on a 7-day finalization, an upgrade from LOW last cycle because the window has passed without a kinetic relapse and both sides now publicly describe signing in terms of days, not weeks.

**CHANGE FROM PRIOR --** The 26-MAY cycle led on a confirmed US strike and downgraded near-term-deal likelihood. This cycle, with the strike now prior-cycle and no relapse, the lead reframes to MoU finalization and the \$24 billion asset-release mechanism, and confidence on a near-term signing is upgraded from LOW to MODERATE. The mediation attribution is corrected from Qatari to Pakistani.

**TRIPWIRES --** (1) A finalized joint MoU text or formal signing announcement; (2) an Iranian official statement accepting or rejecting US-framed Hormuz reopening; (3) confirmation or denial of the \$24 billion asset-release figure and its conditions; (4) any delayed [IRGC](#) retaliatory strike for the 25-MAY action; (5) first commercial transits resuming; (6) any Phase 2 nuclear-file detail.

## ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESES

**Alt-Hyp 1 (roughly even chance):** The MoU is genuinely days from signature and the asset-release-for-Hormuz-reopening structure holds, producing a signed agreement within the 7-day window.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | Both sides now publicly describe signing in terms of days; the window passed without a kinetic relapse; a concrete asset-release figure indicates detailed terms exist.     |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | No joint text is public; the Hormuz-management wording remains disputed; the nuclear file is deferred and Israel is applying parallel pressure that could derail a signing. |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>OBSERVED IN PROGRESS -- both sides signaling imminence, no text confirmed.</b>                                                                                           |

**Alt-Hyp 2 (unlikely):** The asset-release framework stalls on verification or Hormuz-wording disputes and the talks slip from days into another open-ended extension.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | Repeated prior cycles where announced near-deals slipped; the Hormuz-control wording is a known sticking point; asset-release mechanics require verification steps that take time. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | The negotiating teams remain engaged; a specific dollar figure and phased structure are now in open reporting; mediation is active.                                                |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>INDETERMINATE -- collection gaps on the joint text preclude a high-confidence call.</b>                                                                                         |

## COLLECTION GAPS - WHAT I CANNOT SEE

- No joint MoU text in open source; the framework substance and the \$24 billion figure are not independently confirmed.
- Whether the [IRGC](#) will act on its 25-MAY right-to-respond statement is not established.
- Israeli parallel-track intentions on the nuclear file are unclear this cycle.
- The verification mechanism that would gate the asset release is not described in open source.

## SOURCES

[CNN live coverage](#) (primary); [Reuters](#); [AP](#); [UK House of Commons Library](#).

## WHO Ebola PHEIC: two suspected imported cases in Italy as DRC and Uganda counts climb.

[HLTH-001 | FLASH | UPDATED - FIRST SUSPECTED EUROPEAN IMPORTATION | Score 23]

### DELTA SINCE YESTERDAY

**+ ADDED:** Two suspected imported Ebola cases were reported in Lombardy, Italy, on 25-MAY, in travelers recently returned from Uganda. This is the first suspected importation of the outbreak into Europe. Italian health authorities have isolated the patients and begun contact tracing pending confirmatory testing. The 26-MAY DTR carried no out-of-region case.

**- CHANGED:** DRC figures continue to climb. The most recent reporting puts the DRC at roughly 105 confirmed plus about 906 suspected cases, on the order of 1,011 total, with about 233 deaths, 10 confirmed and 223 suspected. The 26-MAY cycle carried roughly 1,005 DRC cases and about 129 deaths; the death figure has risen materially.

**- CHANGED:** Uganda has risen from 5 to 7 confirmed cases with 1 death, all in or epidemiologically linked to Kampala. The Kampala cluster continues to harden in an international air hub.

**= NO MATERIAL CHANGE:** The outbreak spans three DRC provinces: Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu. The Bundibugyo strain has no approved vaccine or specific therapeutic. [WHO](#) assesses the risk as high nationally and regionally; [CDC](#) assesses US risk as low. US Title 42 entry restrictions and enhanced screening at Washington-Dulles remain operational. There is no US case.

### WHY THIS CYCLE

This entry is carried because the outbreak crossed a threshold this cycle: a suspected importation into Europe is the first case outside the DRC-Uganda region and a direct test of international screening. Combined with a materially higher DRC death count and a still-growing Kampala cluster, the trajectory is expansion, not plateau. The reader decision this informs is travel-routing and clinical-awareness posture. Sources: [WHO Disease Outbreak News](#), [CDC Health Alert Network](#), [Africa CDC](#).

### SALUTE - Size / Activity / Location / Time / Equipment / Unit

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| SIZE      | <b>SIZE:</b> Roughly 1,018 total confirmed-plus-suspected cases across DRC and Uganda. DRC roughly 1,011 cases, about 105 confirmed, about 233 deaths. Uganda 7 confirmed cases, 1 death. Two suspected imported cases under investigation in Lombardy, Italy.                                                                    |
| ACTIVITY  | <b>ACTIVITY:</b> Sustained case and death growth in the DRC. Uganda Kampala cluster expanded from 5 to 7 confirmed cases. First suspected European importation reported in Italy 25-MAY in travelers from Uganda, now isolated with contact tracing under way pending confirmatory testing.                                       |
| LOCATION  | <b>LOCATION:</b> DRC provinces of Ituri (epicenter), North Kivu, and South Kivu; Uganda cases in or linked to Kampala; two suspected cases in Lombardy, Italy. US enhanced entry screening operational at Washington-Dulles.                                                                                                      |
| TIME      | <b>TIME:</b> <a href="#">WHO</a> PHEIC declared 16-MAY; <a href="#">WHO</a> DON603 dated 21-MAY; Italy suspected cases reported 25-MAY; DRC and Uganda figures per reporting current through 25-to-26-MAY.                                                                                                                        |
| EQUIPMENT | <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> No approved vaccine or specific therapeutic for the Bundibugyo strain; early supportive care is the available intervention. Mobile laboratory deployed near the DRC-Uganda border; Italian isolation and contact tracing engaged; US Title 42 entry restrictions and <a href="#">CDC</a> screening operational. |

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| <b>UNIT</b> | <b>UNIT:</b> <a href="#">WHO</a> , <a href="#">CDC</a> , Africa <a href="#">CDC</a> , <a href="#">ECDC</a> ; DRC Ministry of Public Health; Uganda Ministry of Health; Italian health authorities (Lombardy region); US CBP and <a href="#">CDC</a> for entry screening. |
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## DOWNSTREAM - CASCADE IMPLICATION

Aviation and travel: the standing CBP and [DHS](#) entry restriction continues to route US nationals and lawful permanent residents who have been in the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan within the prior 21 days through Washington-Dulles for enhanced screening, with foreign nationals in that travel window barred. The Italy suspected cases, if confirmed, would demonstrate that the outbreak can move along international air routes faster than screening regimes adapt, and would raise the probability of further out-of-region cases including in the US. Operators and travelers with central-Africa or Italy routing should plan for screening delays and possible advisories.

## ANALYST ASSESSMENT

**LIKELIHOOD / CONFIDENCE** -- Continued case growth over the next reporting cycle is assessed very likely at HIGH confidence, on concurring [WHO](#), [CDC](#), Africa [CDC](#), and [ECDC](#) reporting and probable under-ascertainment. Confirmation of the Italy suspected cases as Ebola is assessed roughly even chance at LOW confidence pending laboratory results. A US imported case in the near term remains unlikely at MODERATE confidence, though the Italy importation modestly raises that probability.

**CHANGE FROM PRIOR** -- CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY cycle carried no out-of-region case and scored HLTH-001 at 22. This cycle adds a first suspected European importation and a materially higher DRC death count; the score is raised to 23 to reflect the demonstrated international-spread vector. No directional reversal: the outbreak continues to expand.

**TRIPWIRES** -- (1) Laboratory confirmation or exclusion of the Italy suspected cases; (2) a first suspected or confirmed US case; (3) confirmed transmission outside the current three DRC provinces and Kampala; (4) any case in a fourth or fifth country; (5) a change in the [CDC](#) US-risk assessment from low.

## ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESES

**Alt-Hyp 1 (roughly even chance):** The Italy suspected cases are confirmed as Ebola, establishing a verified international-spread vector beyond Africa.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | The travelers had a recent Uganda travel history during an active PHEIC; Italian authorities considered the suspicion credible enough to isolate and begin contact tracing. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | Ebola-like early symptoms overlap with malaria and other febrile illnesses common in returning travelers; no confirmatory result is yet public.                             |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>INDETERMINATE -- confirmatory testing pending.</b>                                                                                                                       |

**Alt-Hyp 2 (likely):** The outbreak is in genuine sustained expansion and will continue to grow across DRC provinces and into additional urban centers and countries.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | Rising deaths in parallel with cases; three-province spread; a hardening Kampala cluster; a suspected European importation; no vaccine for this strain. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | Rapid response teams, mobile laboratories, and IHR Emergency Committee measures are deployed; prior DRC outbreaks have been contained.                  |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>OBSERVED IN PROGRESS -- trajectory upward through 26-MAY.</b>                                                                                        |

## COLLECTION GAPS - WHAT I CANNOT SEE

- The true case count is very likely understated; DRC contact-tracing follow-up is reported well below full coverage of identified contacts.
- No confirmatory laboratory result is yet public for the two Italy suspected cases.
- Genomic and clinical data on the Bundibugyo strain transmissibility relative to prior outbreaks is limited.
- The completeness of Uganda case-finding beyond the Kampala cluster is not established.

## SOURCES

[WHO Disease Outbreak News DON603](#) (primary); [CDC Health Alert Network 530](#); [Africa CDC](#); [ECDC](#).

### [SPC](#) Day 1 SLGT Mid-Atlantic; severe wind gusts the primary hazard.

[WX-001 | FLASH | UPDATED - MID-ATLANTIC CONVECTIVE; WIND-DAMAGE DRIVEN | Score 18]

This is the cycle's FLASH-tier weather item. **In brief:** [SPC](#) Day 1 (operator-confirmed text, issued 0745 CDT 27-MAY, valid 271300Z to 281200Z) carries a SLIGHT risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic -- scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening with strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph as the primary hazard and marginally severe hail possible. Below-SLIGHT severe potential also covers southern Idaho into eastern Oregon, the western Great Lakes, and the southern Texas Panhandle into West Texas. **CHANGE FROM PRIOR:** the 26-MAY cycle set WX-CON 2 on a West and Southwest Texas convective driver featuring large hail and a couple of tornadoes; this cycle the convective focus has shifted east to the Mid-Atlantic and the hazard mode is wind damage rather than hail and tornado. Full analysis -- the [SPC](#) convective detail, the [NWR](#) transmitter outage roster, the standing wildfire sub-section, and practitioner action by County Warning Area -- is in **SECTION 7 (METEOROLOGICAL & SEVERE WEATHER)**. WX-CON scale: [FFTP WX-CON definitions](#); [NOAA](#) source: [SPC Convective Outlook](#).

### New S1 solar radiation storm in progress; minor K4 geomagnetic element added.

[SWX-001 | FLASH | UPDATED - NEW S1 PROTON EVENT; MINOR K4 GEOMAGNETIC | Score 19]

This is the cycle's FLASH-tier space-weather item. **In brief:** [SWPC](#) bulletins, operator-confirmed, report a new Proton Event: SUMMARY SUMPX1 Serial 130, 10 MeV integral proton flux exceeding 10 pfu with a begin time of 27-MAY 0015 UTC and a maximum of 23 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor). A separate WARNING, WARK04 Serial 5348, extended 27-MAY 0547 UTC, carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 valid through 27-MAY 1200 UTC, with weak power-grid fluctuations possible poleward of 65 degrees geomagnetic latitude and aurora possible at high latitudes. **CHANGE FROM PRIOR:** the 26-MAY S1 proton event ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC; this cycle a new S1 proton event has begun and a minor K4 geomagnetic element has been added that the prior cycle did not carry. SWX-CON holds at 1 (Minor). The R radio-blackout sub-scale remains at baseline. Full analysis -- the S-scale impact picture, the geomagnetic and EMCOMM note, and the HF-band table -- is in **SECTION 7A (SPACE WEATHER & EMCOMM)**. SWX-CON scale: [FFTP SWX-CON definitions](#); [NOAA](#) source: [SWPC](#).

## SECTION 4A - CYBER & INFORMATION SECURITY (CARRYOVER)

*Below-FLASH cyber this cycle, plus a closeout note on the resolved Garden Grove chemical incident. One cyber item carries a live forward tripwire.*

**LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin CVE-2026-48172 - FCEB deadline 29-MAY (T-2):** The LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin privilege-escalation vulnerability CVE-2026-48172 carries a Federal Civilian Executive Branch remediation due date of 29-MAY -- two days out from this cycle. The flaw permits a low-privileged account to escalate to elevated rights on affected hosting-control-panel installations. FORWARD TRIPWIRE: any in-

scope unpatched instance is at a two-day-out federal deadline; confirm patch status before 29-MAY. This is the only cyber item this cycle carrying a live current-cycle tripwire.

**Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 deadline passed:** The Drupal Core SQL injection vulnerability carried in the 26-MAY cycle reached its 27-MAY FCEB remediation deadline this cycle. It is removed from the forward-tripwire set; operators past the deadline should continue standing remediation and attestation.

**KEV stack quiet post-holiday:** No [CISA KEV](#) additions and no new [CISA](#) or ICS-CERT advisories of note were posted over the 23-to-26-MAY federal holiday window; routine ICS advisories resumed 26-MAY. [CISA](#) daily sources were dispositioned as holiday-accounted in the cycle reconciliation. The prior-cycle below-FLASH cyber stack carried no new current-cycle delta and remains below FLASH per the SOP 0.38 / 0.110-B padding audit.

**CLOSEOUT - Garden Grove chemical tank (former CHEM-001):** The GKN Aerospace methyl methacrylate tank emergency in Garden Grove, California, a FLASH-tier item for three prior cycles, is resolved. Orange County Fire Authority lifted all remaining evacuation orders on the evening of 26-MAY, reported no injuries and no risk to the public, and area schools are reopening. The item is closed out here and is not carried forward as a FLASH entry or a forward tripwire.

## SECTION 4B - GEOPOLITICAL CARRYOVER

*Below-FLASH geopolitical items this cycle: Lebanon ceasefire status, Russia-Ukraine kinetic tempo, IN-PAK / Venezuela / DPRK posture. Full FLASH treatment for the active Iran track is in Section 3.*

**Lebanon ceasefire:** Ceasefire Day 42 of the 45-day extension, in effect since 17-APR. The truce continues to hold porously; no significant current-cycle delta. The next Washington political round is scheduled for early June. Carried below-FLASH this cycle; no new data warrants FLASH treatment.

**Russia-Ukraine:** Two current-cycle items, neither rising to FLASH. Overnight into 27-MAY, explosions and fires were reported across multiple regions of Russia and occupied Crimea, with smoke reported near a military airfield at Voronezh; this is consistent with the continuing pattern of Ukrainian long-range strikes on Russian military and logistics targets. Separately, the United States denied a visa to a Russian deputy foreign minister expected to attend a [UN Security Council](#) meeting, drawing a formal Russian protest. The Pokrovsk-axis ground tempo continues steady and the negotiating track remains stalled. Carried below-FLASH this cycle.

**IN-PAK / Venezuela / DPRK / Sahel / Houthi:** No material change this cycle. Pakistan remains visible in a mediation role for the US-Iran negotiating track (see [GEO-001](#)). Houthi posture remains a Tier-2 proxy-activation consideration in the event of renewed open conflict.

## SECTION 4C - MIC SECOND-ORDER IMPACTS

*Munitions stockpile and production-rate posture post-Op Epic Fury. Practitioner tier: this section is the bridge between the Iran inflection (GEO-001) and the 1-4 year defense-industrial replenishment cycle. The current negotiation-and-strike picture does not change the structural picture.*

**Stockpile expended ([CSIS](#) April 2026 baseline, unchanged this cycle):** THAAD ~50%; Patriot PAC-3 ~50%; Tomahawk ~30%; PrSM ≥ 45%; JASSM / SM-3 / SM-6 ~20%. 1-4 year window to replenish per Cancian. Pentagon FY27 munitions request ~\$70B (3x current).

**Prime contractor exposure:** LMT (THAAD + PAC-3 + JASSM): tightest demand-pull; multi-year backlog assured. RTX (PAC-3 + SM-3 + SM-6): parallel demand; Tomahawk JV with LMT. NOC (B-21 + PrSM + GMD): platform-program steady; GMD intercepts under continuing review. GD (M1 Abrams + Stryker + Virginia-class): ground-platform demand secondary; SSN-774 priority. BA (Apache + KC-46 + JDAM): mixed; commercial-side headwinds offset defense backlog. HII (DDG-51 + LHA): shipbuilding bottleneck (drydock and welder labor); cannot accelerate. LHX (sensors + EW): force-multiplier demand high.

**Practitioner read:** A confirmed Iran deal **softens** the immediate intercept-demand spike but does not change the FY27 munitions request risk profile; Congress is already on a path toward a roughly 70 billion dollar munitions request regardless of the negotiation outcome. A breakdown back toward open conflict **accelerates** all stockpile-replenishment timelines and likely triggers DPA Title III invocations within 30 days. The [CSIS](#) stockpile baseline is unchanged this cycle and is carried as structural context, not a current-cycle delta.

## SECTION 4D - INDICATORS & WARNING MATRIX

Active tracks with tripwires and observed status. Each track is anchored to a FLASH entry or below-FLASH carryover.

| TRACK                                    | TRIPWIRE / CONFIRMS / DISCONFIRMS                                                                                                                                                                                             | STATUS                                                                                      |
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| Iran negotiation track                   | Confirms: a finalized joint MoU text, or a major escalation beyond limited strikes. Disconfirms: the track slips into another open-ended extension.                                                                           | <b>ACTIVE (MoU described as days from signing; asset-release mechanism reported)</b>        |
| Iranian retaliation                      | Confirms: a delayed Iranian retaliatory strike for the 25-MAY action; observable proxy force-generation. Disconfirms: the <a href="#">IRGC</a> statement remains rhetorical with no kinetic follow-on.                        | <b>WATCH (no retaliation observed in the 26-to-27-MAY window)</b>                           |
| Lebanon CF collapse                      | Confirms: high-mass IDF Beirut Dahieh strike + same-week Hezbollah strategic-rocket response. Disconfirms: the early-June political round produces a joint statement.                                                         | <b>WATCH (CF Day 42 of 45; holding porously, no delta)</b>                                  |
| Hormuz reopening                         | Confirms: a joint US-Iran statement with a Hormuz reopening framework and a published transit mechanism. Disconfirms: continued <a href="#">CENTCOM</a> redirect of commercial vessels.                                       | NOT observed (blockade Day 45)                                                              |
| Ebola international spread               | Confirms: laboratory confirmation of the Italy suspected cases; a case in a further country; a symptomatic case at a US port of entry. Disconfirms: the Italy cases are excluded and no further out-of-region case appears.   | <b>ACTIVE (two suspected imported cases under investigation in Italy)</b>                   |
| Russia-Ukraine tempo                     | Confirms: a strike causing strategic infrastructure loss or a major shift in the ground line. Disconfirms: tempo stays within the established long-range-strike pattern.                                                      | <b>WATCH (overnight 27-MAY strikes across Russia and Crimea; within pattern)</b>            |
| LiteSpeed CVE-2026-48172 FCEB compliance | Confirms: <a href="#">CISA</a> supplemental directive, or reporting of exploitation against unpatched federal instances. Disconfirms: a clean attestation pass by the 29-MAY deadline.                                        | <b>FCEB DEADLINE T-2 (due 29-MAY)</b>                                                       |
| Severe weather - Mid-Atlantic            | Confirms: county EOC activation + Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning issuance in the SLGT zone. Disconfirms: the <a href="#">SPC</a> Day 1 SLGT underperforms and storms stay sub-severe.                                 | <b>ACTIVE (SPC Day 1 SLGT Mid-Atlantic; operator-confirmed)</b>                             |
| Space weather escalation                 | Confirms: <a href="#">SWPC</a> escalates the S-scale, or a new R-scale blackout or a G-scale geomagnetic storm watch begins. Disconfirms: the 10 MeV proton flux subsides below 10 pfu and the K-index returns to background. | <b>ACTIVE new S1 solar radiation storm (<a href="#">SWPC</a> SUMPX1 Ser 130; WARK04 K4)</b> |

## SECTION 5 - ENERGY / INFRASTRUCTURE / SUPPLY CHAIN

CME and NYMEX reopened on 27-MAY after the Memorial Day holiday. The most recent settled futures print is the 26-MAY trade-date NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas settlement: front-month June 2026 settled at 2.894 dollars per MMBtu, down 1.3 cents on the day; July 2026 at 3.010 dollars, down 1.1 cents. A 27-MAY trade-date settlement will not post until after market close. The [AAA](#) national gasoline average is 4.459 dollars per gallon as of 27-MAY, easing for a third consecutive day from the Memorial Day high near 4.51. Energy markets remain anchored to the Iran track: a finalized deal that reopens the Strait of Hormuz would ease prices, a breakdown back toward open conflict would spike them.

**Practitioner read:** Hold pump-price posture flex. Finalized-deal scenario: **likely** a forecast 3-to-5-cent-per-gallon retail decline 5-7 days post-confirmation. Breakdown-to-conflict scenario: **likely** a forecast 8-to-15-cent-per-gallon retail increase 3-5 days post-event. The reported asset-release mechanism, conditioned on Hormuz reopening, ties the diplomatic timeline directly to the price path. Financial-market detail is carried below-FLASH this cycle.

Hormuz transit terms (cross-ref [GEO-001](#)): Hormuz transit terms are a central component of any negotiated US-Iran outcome: the reported framework conditions a phased release of roughly 24 billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets on verifiable steps including reopening the Strait to commercial transit. Iran

continues to dispute any wording that would remove the Strait from Iranian management. Watch for explicit Hormuz language in any negotiated text as the forward indicator of a reopening framework.

**Iraqi export impact:** Iraq's Hormuz-routed oil exports have run far below the pre-war monthly baseline through the blockade, now Day 45. With the Iraqi state budget heavily dependent on this revenue, the budget remains under acute stress. Practitioner read: Iraqi government stability is a standing watch item while exports remain at a small fraction of pre-war volume.

## SECTION 6 - AVIATION / TRANSPORTATION

IROPS risk today across the Mid-Atlantic convective corridor: scattered severe thunderstorms this afternoon into early evening place DCA (Washington-Reagan), IAD (Washington-Dulles), BWI (Baltimore), PHL (Philadelphia), and RIC (Richmond) at thunderstorm-delay risk, with strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph the primary disruption driver. Below-SLIGHT convective potential over the western Great Lakes adds isolated delay risk at ORD and MKE. See [\[WX-001\]](#).

**ME airspace advisories:** Carriers continue flexibility for Gulf overflight routing while the US-Iran MoU is finalized. [FAA](#) NOTAMs unchanged from prior cycle; no new advisories issued for Iran proximity. A separate routine matter: FDC NOTAMs are in effect for VIP movement TFRs over the Colorado Springs and Denver areas on 27-28 MAY. The CBP/[DHS](#) Ebola entry rule routes all central-Africa-origin US-bound flights to Washington-Dulles only, in active enforcement. See [\[GEO-001\]](#).

**Hormuz commercial shipping:** [CENTCOM](#) redirect of commercial vessels continues; insurance war-risk premium for the Strait remains elevated at blockade Day 45. The maritime threat picture for any future transit remains elevated while the blockade holds. See [\[GEO-001\]](#).

## SECTION 7 - METEOROLOGICAL & SEVERE WEATHER

One severe-convective hazard this cycle, in the Mid-Atlantic. Full FLASH signpost [\[WX-001\]](#). The [SPC](#) Day 1 Categorical Outlook, operator-confirmed against the issued text (0745 CDT 27-MAY, valid 271300Z to 281200Z), carries a SLIGHT risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic: scattered severe thunderstorms are expected this afternoon into early evening as an upper-level trough over the Great Lakes moves southeast toward the upper Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic and a lead disturbance crosses the central Appalachians. A moist airmass ahead of a southeast-moving front, with dewpoints in the upper 60s to lower 70s, will destabilize through early afternoon. Strong to severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph capable of wind damage are the primary hazard, with marginally severe hail possible in the stronger cores. Below-SLIGHT severe potential also covers southern Idaho into eastern Oregon, the western Great Lakes, and the southern Texas Panhandle into West Texas. WX-CON is set at 2 (SLGT) on the Mid-Atlantic convective driver.

### WX-001 ANALYST ASSESSMENT - ICD 203/206

**LIKELIHOOD / CONFIDENCE --** Scattered severe thunderstorms producing damaging wind gusts across the Mid-Atlantic SLIGHT area this afternoon into early evening are assessed likely at MODERATE confidence, on the operator-confirmed [SPC](#) Day 1 text plus the supporting synoptic pattern of a southeast-moving trough and a destabilizing moist airmass. Marginally severe hail is assessed roughly even chance at LOW-to-MODERATE confidence. The hazard mode is wind-damage driven; a tornado threat is low given the forecast cluster-and-line storm mode.

**CHANGE FROM PRIOR --** CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY cycle placed the [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT risk over West and Southwest Texas with large hail and a couple of tornadoes the headline hazards, plus critical fire weather. This cycle the convective focus has shifted east to the Mid-Atlantic and the hazard mode has changed to damaging wind gusts; the West Texas critical-fire-weather flag is no longer the lead weather item. The hazard set changed from a hail-and-fire setup in Texas to a wind-damage setup in the Mid-Atlantic.

**TRIPWIRES --** (1) An [SPC](#) upgrade of the Mid-Atlantic area to ENHANCED or higher; (2) a Severe Thunderstorm Watch issued for the SLIGHT area; (3) a derecho-type organized wind event developing along the front; (4) the convective line reaching the Interstate 95 corridor cities during the evening commute.

**Alt-Hyp 1 (roughly even chance):** Storms remain disorganized and largely sub-severe, with ongoing morning showers and clouds limiting destabilization so the airmass never fully recovers ahead of the front.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | <a href="#">SPC</a> explicitly noted that ongoing showers and thunderstorms have modulated the frontal zone; cloud cover can suppress the afternoon heating needed for severe intensity. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | <a href="#">SPC</a> forecasts scattered severe gusts and issued a SLIGHT categorical risk; dewpoints in the upper 60s to lower 70s indicate a moist, unstable airmass.                   |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>INDETERMINATE -- afternoon destabilization not yet observed at issue time.</b>                                                                                                        |

**Alt-Hyp 2 (unlikely):** The event organizes into a derecho-type long-track damaging-wind event, exceeding the scattered-severe SLIGHT categorization.

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| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | East-southeastward-moving clusters along a frontal zone in a moist, unstable airmass are the classic setup from which organized wind events occasionally develop. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | <a href="#">SPC</a> held the area at SLIGHT rather than ENHANCED and described scattered, not widespread or organized, severe gusts.                              |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>NOT OBSERVED -- no <a href="#">SPC</a> upgrade or Severe Thunderstorm Watch as of issue time.</b>                                                              |

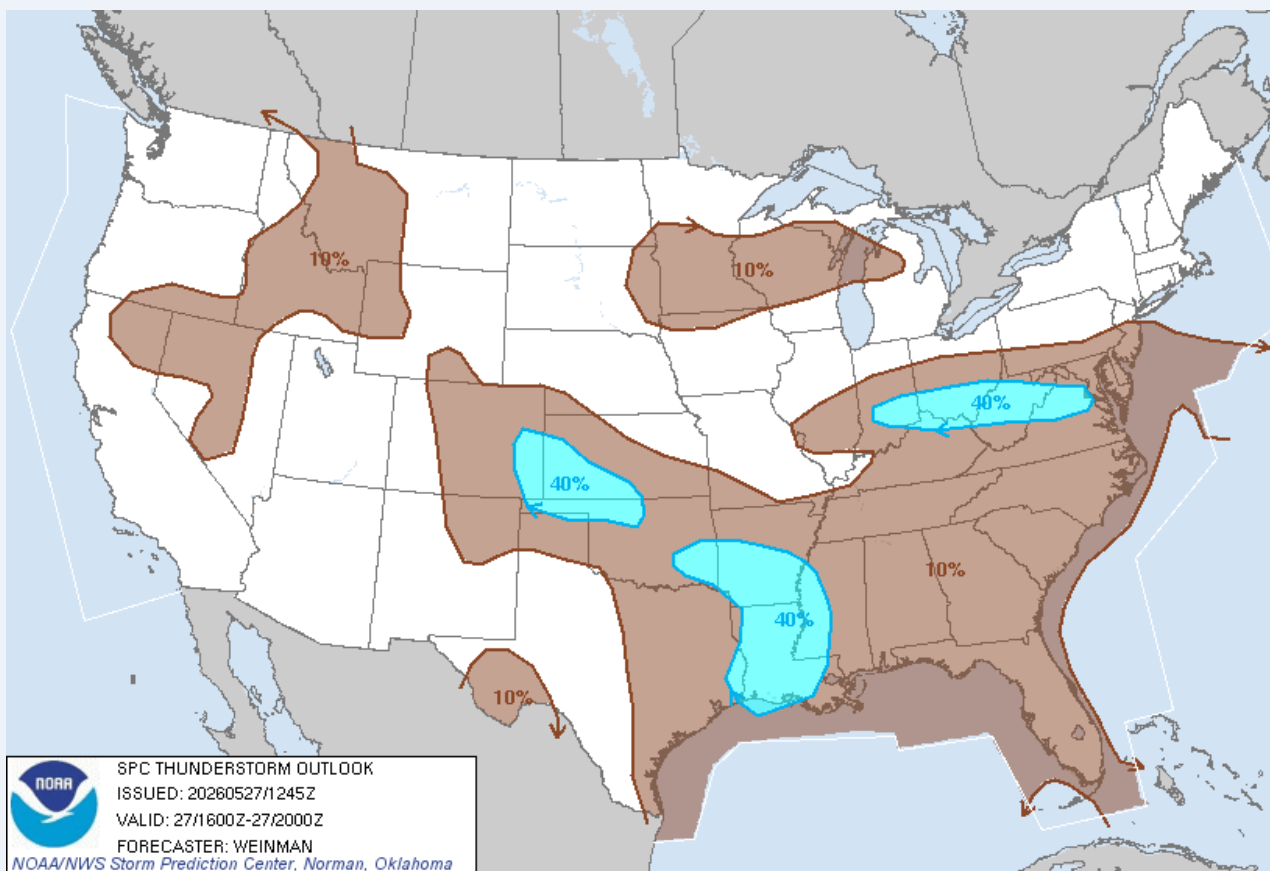
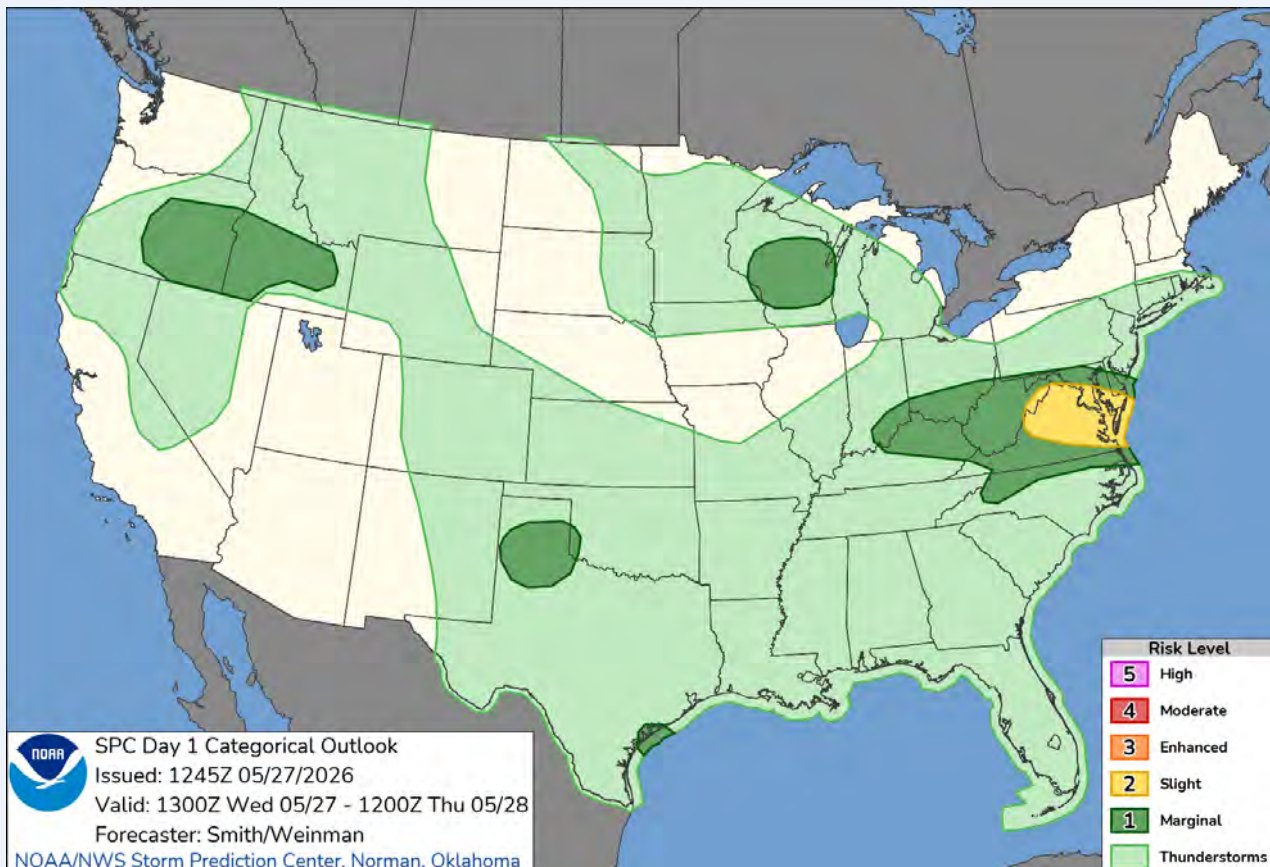
#### [NWR](#) transmitter outage list - operator roster 27-MAY

*Total: 32 affected (18 OUT OF SERVICE + 14 DEGRADED) across 19 states (AK AL CO CT GA IA IL IN KS MD ME MI MN NM NV NY OR TN TX). Critical-corridor intersect with the active weather footprint: the MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall transmitters, all OUT OF SERVICE, sit within or adjacent to the [SPC](#) Day 1 Mid-Atlantic convective zone. A large 11-site Juneau-area Alaska cluster is DEGRADED but sits well outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor.*

| ST | CITY               | FREQ    | CWA / SOURCE WFO        | CALLSIGN | STATUS         | THREAT OVERLAP TODAY                                                         |
|----|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MD | Baltimore          | 162.400 | Baltimore/Washington VA | KEC83    | OUT OF SERVICE | WITHIN - <a href="#">SPC</a> Day 1 Mid-Atlantic convective SLGT zone         |
| NY | Stamford           | 162.400 | Binghamton NY           | WWF43    | OUT OF SERVICE | WITHIN - <a href="#">SPC</a> Day 1 Mid-Atlantic convective SLGT zone         |
| CT | Cornwall           | 162.500 | Albany NY               | WWH33    | OUT OF SERVICE | NEAR - northern edge of the <a href="#">SPC</a> Day 1 Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone |
| AK | Zarembo Island     | 162.450 | Juneau AK               | KZZ91    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Duffield Peninsula | 162.525 | Juneau AK               | WZ2555   | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Sukkwani Island    | 162.425 | Juneau AK               | KZZ89    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Kotzebue           | 162.550 | Fairbanks AK            | KWN30    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor                                    |
| AK | Manleyville        | 162.500 | Juneau AK               | KAD96    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Mt. Robert Barron  | 162.450 | Juneau AK               | KZZ87    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Mt. McArthur       | 162.525 | Juneau AK               | KZZ95    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Cape Fanshaw       | 162.425 | Juneau AK               | KZZ88    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |
| AK | Gravina Island     | 162.525 | Juneau AK               | KZZ96    | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)              |

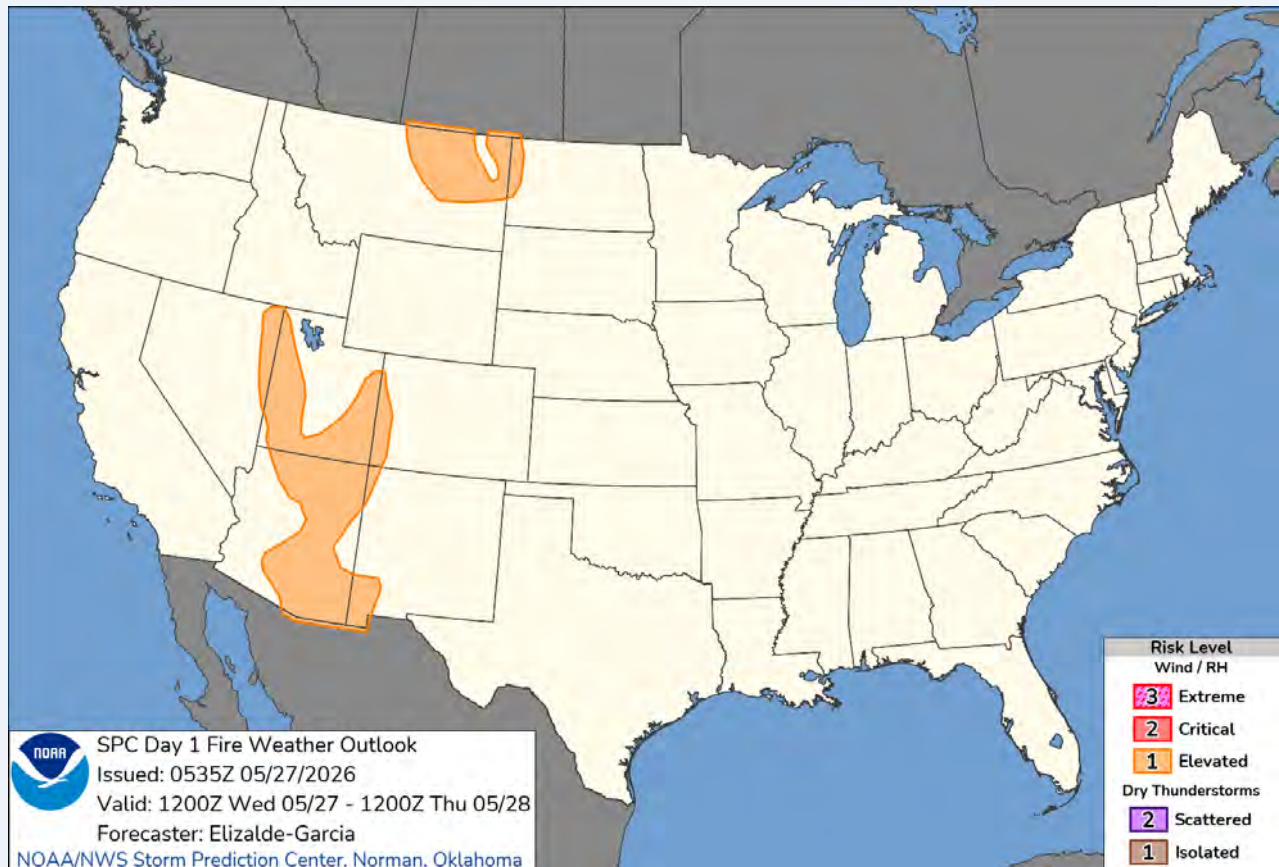
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| AK | Althorp Peak     | 162.425 | Juneau AK                        | KZZ86  | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)           |
| AK | Duke Island      | 162.450 | Juneau AK                        | KZZ92  | DEGRADED       | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor (Juneau-area cluster)           |
| AK | Sand Point       | 162.550 | Anchorage AK                     | WNG714 | OUT OF SERVICE | Outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor                                 |
| AL | Columbus         | 162.400 | Peachtree City GA                | WXM32  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| CO | Colorado Springs | 162.475 | Pueblo CO                        | WXM56  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| GA | Baxley           | 162.525 | Jacksonville FL                  | WXM65  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| IA | Cedar Rapids     | 162.475 | Quad Cities IA                   | WXL61  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| IL | Hillsboro        | 162.425 | St. Louis MO                     | KXI79  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| IN | Angola           | 162.425 | Northern Indiana IN              | KXI94  | DEGRADED       | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| KS | Ulysses          | 162.450 | Dodge City KS                    | WXN81  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| ME | Sugarloaf Mtn    | 162.450 | Gray/Portland ME                 | WNG547 | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| MI | Petoskey         | 162.475 | Gaylord MI                       | WNG572 | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| MN | Gunflint Lake    | 162.525 | Duluth MN                        | KXI45  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| NM | Artesia          | 162.425 | Midland/Odessa TX                | WXN24  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap; below-SLIGHT West Texas storms only this cycle         |
| NM | Roswell          | 162.450 | Albuquerque NM                   | WWG36  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap; below-SLIGHT West Texas storms only this cycle         |
| NM | Carlsbad         | 162.475 | Midland/Odessa TX                | WWF37  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap; below-SLIGHT West Texas storms only this cycle         |
| NV | Owyhee           | 162.450 | Elko NV                          | WNG731 | DEGRADED       | NEAR - below-SLIGHT severe potential southern Idaho / eastern Oregon area |
| OR | Portland         | 162.550 | Portland OR                      | KIG98  | DEGRADED       | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| TN | Shelbyville      | 162.475 | Nashville TN                     | WXK63  | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |
| TX | Rio Grande City  | 162.425 | Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley TX | WNG601 | OUT OF SERVICE | No direct overlap with the Mid-Atlantic SLGT zone this cycle              |

**PRACTITIONER ACTION:** Operator [NWR](#) roster 27-MAY: 32 transmitters affected (18 OUT OF SERVICE + 14 DEGRADED) across 19 states. The most operationally relevant gaps this cycle are MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall, all OUT OF SERVICE, which sit within or adjacent to the [SPC](#) Day 1 Mid-Atlantic convective SLGT zone. Households in or near that area should verify two-of-three non-NWR alert paths: Wireless Emergency Alerts on cellular handset + [NWS](#) app push notifications + commercial-broadcast (radio or TV) coverage. A large 11-site Juneau-area Alaska cluster is degraded but sits well outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor. Cross-check county SAME location code against a backup [NWR](#) transmitter via [NWR Station Search](#).



## WILDFIRE ACTIVITY - [NIFC](#), 27-MAY

NSTR at event level. National Preparedness Level 2. [NIFC](#) reports 19 uncontained large fires nationwide and 4 new large fires; year to date, roughly 29,200-plus wildfires have burned a year-to-date acreage running above the 10-year average. No new FLASH-tier fire event this cycle. There is no critical-fire-weather flag in the Mid-Atlantic convective zone; the [SPC](#) Day 1 hazard there is wind damage, not fire. PRACTITIONER ACTION: wildfire is carried this cycle as the standing every-cycle section with no event-level activity; households in fire-prone areas should maintain standing readiness and monitor [InciWeb](#) for any incident-specific perimeter and evacuation detail.



## SECTION 7A - SPACE WEATHER & EMCOMM

[SWPC](#) bulletins, operator-confirmed, report a new solar radiation storm and a minor geomagnetic element this cycle. SUMMARY SUMPX1 Serial 130, issued 27-MAY 0228 UTC, reports a Proton Event with the 10 MeV integral proton flux exceeding 10 pfu, begin time 27-MAY 0015 UTC, maximum 23 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor). WARNING WARK04 Serial 5348, extended 27-MAY 0547 UTC, carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 valid through 27-MAY 1200 UTC. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY S1 proton event ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC; this cycle a new S1 proton event has begun and a minor K4 geomagnetic element has been added that the prior cycle did not carry. SWX-CON holds at 1 (Minor); the driver is the new proton event plus the minor geomagnetic warning. SWX-CON scale: [FFTP space-weather conditions](#); [NOAA](#) source: [NOAA Space Weather Scales](#).

**Solar radiation storm (S1, the cycle driver):** A new S1 Minor solar radiation storm is in progress, with a maximum 10 MeV proton flux of 23 pfu. At the S1 level, [NOAA](#) describes biological impact as none and operational impact as minor: a small effect on high-frequency radio propagation through the polar regions, and occasional single-event upsets possible for satellites. There is no impact to the general public. EMCOMM and aviation operators on transpolar and high-latitude routes should expect minor HF degradation; mid-latitude operations are essentially unaffected.

**Geomagnetic status (minor K4 element):** [SWPC](#) WARNING WARK04 Serial 5348 carries a geomagnetic K-index of 4 valid through 27-MAY 1200 UTC. A K-index of 4 is an unsettled-to-active level below the G1 minor-storm threshold. [SWPC](#) notes the area of impact is primarily poleward of 65 degrees geomagnetic latitude, with weak power-grid fluctuations possible and aurora possible at high latitudes such

as Canada and Alaska. The R radio-blackout sub-scale is at baseline, with no R1 or greater blackout in progress. The HF-radio environment outside the polar and high-latitude regions is quiet.

**Far-side outlook (3-5 day flare watch):** The proton event indicates flare or eruptive activity at or beyond the solar limb. Practitioner read: a continued S-scale radiation environment is **roughly even chance** over the next 24 to 48 hours at MODERATE confidence as the source region evolves; further proton enhancement or a return to background are both plausible. EMCOMM operators should monitor [SWPC](#) for any escalation of the S-scale, any rise in the geomagnetic K-index, or a new R-scale blackout as active regions rotate Earth-facing.

### HF Band Conditions (Wednesday 27-MAY)

| BAND | DAY  | NIGHT | POLAR    | MID-LAT | EMCOMM RECOMMEND |
|------|------|-------|----------|---------|------------------|
| 80m  | Poor | Good  | Degraded | Good    | Use night        |
| 40m  | Fair | Good  | Degraded | Good    | Primary daytime  |
| 20m  | Good | Fair  | Poor     | Good    | Primary DX       |
| 15m  | Fair | Poor  | Poor     | Fair    | Daytime DX only  |
| 10m  | Poor | Poor  | Poor     | Poor    | Not recommended  |

**Polar-route note:** The Degraded and Poor polar-path entries above reflect the active S1 solar radiation storm together with the minor K4 geomagnetic disturbance. Operators running transpolar or high-latitude HF circuits should expect intermittent degradation through the UTC day and favor mid-latitude relays where available. Mid-latitude HF conditions are otherwise typical for the season.

### SWX-001 ANALYST ASSESSMENT - ICD 203/206

**LIKELIHOOD / CONFIDENCE --** The new S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm is an observed in-progress event, not a forecast. Continuation of S-scale conditions over the next 24 hours is assessed roughly even chance at MODERATE confidence as the source region evolves. Persistence of the minor K4 geomagnetic disturbance through the WARK04 valid time of 27-MAY 1200 UTC is assessed likely at MODERATE confidence. Operationally significant HF disruption at mid-latitudes is assessed very unlikely at HIGH confidence; minor HF degradation on transpolar and high-latitude routes is assessed likely at MODERATE confidence.

**CHANGE FROM PRIOR --** CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 26-MAY S1 proton event ended 26-MAY 0425 UTC. This cycle a new S1 proton event began 27-MAY 0015 UTC, maximum 23 pfu, and a minor K4 geomagnetic warning has been added that the prior cycle did not carry. SWX-CON holds at level 1 (Minor); the driver is now a proton event plus a minor geomagnetic element rather than a proton event alone.

**TRIPWIRES --** (1) An [SWPC](#) escalation of the S-scale to S2 or higher; (2) a rise in the geomagnetic K-index to G1 (Kp 5) or higher; (3) a new R-scale radio-blackout alert; (4) the proton flux or the K-index failing to subside past their respective [SWPC](#) valid times.

**Alt-Hyp 1 (roughly even chance):** The proton event intensifies or is followed by further enhancement, and the geomagnetic disturbance escalates toward G1 as the source region evolves.

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b>    | A proton event signals flare or eruptive activity at the solar limb; an active source region can produce successive events, and the K4 disturbance shows geomagnetic forcing is already present. |
| <b>WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM</b> | <a href="#">SWPC</a> issued the proton event at the S1 floor and the geomagnetic warning at K4, below the G1 storm threshold; no R-scale escalation accompanies either.                          |
| <b>CURRENT STATUS</b>        | <b>INDETERMINATE -- source-region evolution not resolvable from the alert text alone.</b>                                                                                                        |

**Alt-Hyp 2 (likely):** Both the proton event and the geomagnetic disturbance subside toward background within their [SWPC](#) valid windows with no escalation, consistent with a routine minor space-weather episode.

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WHAT WOULD SUPPORT</b> | <a href="#">SWPC</a> set the WARK04 geomagnetic warning to a single-morning valid window and the proton event at the S1 floor; most such episodes are short-lived and do not escalate. |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**WHAT WOULD DISCONFIRM**

A continued rise in the 10 MeV proton flux, or a new [SWPC](#) alert extending the event or the geomagnetic warning, would contradict a near-term subsidence.

**CURRENT STATUS**

**OBSERVED IN PROGRESS -- S1 and K4 active, no escalation indicated as of issue time.**

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

**NSTR this cycle.** No agriculture, food, or agricultural-supply-chain development rose to reportable threat level this cycle. The section is retained per standing structure with the current standing baseline below.

[USDA](#) WASDE-671, released 12-MAY, remains the current report with no current-cycle delta: 2026/27 wheat 1.561 bb, corn 16.0 bb, soybeans 4.435 bb. The next [WASDE](#) release is 11-JUN. [USDA](#) market-data sources were swept this cycle with no reportable agricultural delta.

**Weather-to-agriculture note:** The [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT convective area this cycle is over the Mid-Atlantic, where the hazard mode is wind damage rather than hail; the agricultural exposure there is limited. Below-SLIGHT storms over the southern Texas Panhandle and West Texas carry only an isolated large-hail risk to winter wheat in the southern High Plains. Neither rises to a reportable agricultural threat this cycle. See [\[WX-001\]](#).

## SECTION 10 - PREPAREDNESS CONDITION ASSESSMENT

### **PREP-CON 3 INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky), Trend STABLE**

**Why this condition:** Trend holds STABLE. PREP-CON 3 INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky) baseline holds because the US naval blockade of Iran (Day 45), the Lebanon ceasefire (Day 42 of 45, porous), and the [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC maintain the elevated-but-stable backdrop. This cycle the lead reframes from the 25-MAY strikes, now prior-cycle with no kinetic relapse, to an advancing but unsigned US-Iran MoU and a reported asset-release mechanism; the Ebola outbreak crossed a threshold with a first suspected European importation; and a new S1 solar radiation storm with a minor K4 geomagnetic element is in progress. None of these individually warrants a condition change: the MoU track is diplomatic, the Ebola growth does not change low US domestic risk, and the S1 storm and K4 disturbance are both Minor. The aggregate picture is consistent with INCIDENT PROBABLE held STABLE.

**What would move PREP-CON up to 2 GUARDED:** A breakdown of the Iran negotiating track back toward open conflict; a delayed Iranian retaliatory strike for the 25-MAY action; a formal Lebanon ceasefire collapse; a first US Ebola case; or a major space-weather upgrade to a strong geomagnetic or radio-blackout storm over CONUS.

**What would move PREP-CON down to 4 GUARDED:** A finalized and signed US-Iran agreement reopening Hormuz and reducing kinetic risk; the Ebola outbreak trajectory turning toward containment with the Italy suspected cases excluded; and the severe-weather and cyber-deadline windows closing benignly within 7 days.

### **Top 5 practitioner actions this cycle:**

1. LiteSpeed cPanel Plugin CVE-2026-48172 carries an FCEB remediation deadline of 29-MAY, now T-2. Confirm patch status for any in-scope instance before the deadline.
2. Parts of the Mid-Atlantic face an [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT convective risk with severe wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph. Verify two-of-three non-NWR alert paths; the MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE within or adjacent to that zone.
3. The Iran MoU is described as days from signature, with an asset-release mechanism tied to Hormuz reopening. Hold pump-price and travel-flex posture; elevate cyber-spillover preparedness on any delayed [IRGC](#) retaliation.
4. Travelers and operators with DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, or Italy routing should expect screening delays via Washington-Dulles under the CBP/[DHS](#) Ebola entry rule; watch for confirmatory testing results on the Italy suspected cases.

5. Monitor [SWPC](#) for any escalation of the active S1 solar radiation storm or the minor K4 geomagnetic disturbance; high-latitude and transpolar HF operators should expect minor degradation through the UTC day.

## SECTION 11 - SECTOR IMPACT MATRIX

[PREP-CON](#) and [COMCON](#) condition impacts across 6 sectors. Per §0.77, only standing conditions with practitioner-actionable variation are shown.

Use this matrix with the Geographic Impact Index to set your own [CONCON \(Continuity Conditions\)](#) posture -- see the "Determining Your Posture" note under the Geographic Impact Index.

| CONDITION                     | Healthcare | Bank/Fin | Manuf | Transp | Energy | PubSec | HouseHold |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| PREP-CON 3<br>BROWN SKY       | MED        | MED      | MED   | MED    | HIGH   | HIGH   | HIGH      |
| COMCON 4<br>INCIDENT POSSIBLE | LOW        | LOW      | LOW   | MED    | LOW    | MED    | HIGH      |

**PREP-CON commentary:** Energy, PubSec, and Household carry HIGH impact this cycle on the Iran inflection (an advancing MoU with a Hormuz-linked asset-release mechanism) plus the Mid-Atlantic convective stack. Healthcare, Bank/Fin, Manuf, and Transp at MED reflects the LiteSpeed CVE-2026-48172 FCEB deadline at T-2 plus IROPS risk in the Mid-Atlantic storm corridor.

**COMCON commentary:** [NWR](#) posture this cycle: the operator roster of 27-MAY shows 32 transmitters affected (18 OUT OF SERVICE + 14 DEGRADED) across 19 states. The most operationally relevant gaps are MD Baltimore, NY Stamford, and CT Cornwall, all OUT OF SERVICE, within or adjacent to the [SPC](#) Day 1 Mid-Atlantic convective zone. A large 11-site Juneau-area Alaska cluster is degraded but sits outside the CONUS severe-weather corridor. Household = HIGH where any NWR-gap household sits in an active-threat County Warning Area.

## SECTION 12 - ANALYTICAL INTEGRITY & METHODOLOGY

**Full methodology:** Complete Analytical Standards and Tradecraft (sourcing standards, estimative-language scale, risk-score formula, alternative-hypothesis discipline, second-order chain tracing, collection-gap acknowledgment) are published at [fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards). This section is a cycle-specific summary; refer to the published page for the full standards.

**SOP:** v5.55 (effective 23-MAY-2026; supersedes v5.54). This cycle applies the SOP 0.113 ICD 203/206 standard: likelihood and confidence are stated as separate dimensions on every forward judgment and never collapsed; likelihood uses only the 0.55 ladder; confidence is HIGH, MODERATE, or LOW; every scored entry carries at least two alternative hypotheses with supporting and disconfirming evidence; and changed judgments carry a CHANGE FROM PRIOR line. The SOP 0.38 pre-build padding cut and the 0.110-B dead-carryover audit were run before build.

**Estimative language:** Likelihood uses the ICD 203 ladder only: almost no chance, very unlikely, unlikely, roughly even chance, likely, very likely, almost certain. Confidence is stated separately as HIGH, MODERATE, or LOW. Forbidden hedges: might, maybe, possibly, perhaps.

**Risk score (Impact + Imminence + OpFriction):** Impact 1-10; Imminence 1-10; OpFriction 1-10 (inverse, where high friction reduces actionability). FLASH band: Score 20 or above enters Section 3; below-FLASH items are addressed in the Section 4A through 7B narrative.

**Sourcing this cycle:** This is a standard 24-hour cycle, 26-MAY 1530 UTC through 27-MAY 1530 UTC. The 42 mandatory DTR sources were swept and individually reconciled against Master Source Registry v2.8 (dated 2026-05-23); each source was either freshly pulled or dispositioned on an actual check, with no source left on a holiday-inference. Primary sources this cycle: [SPC Day 1](#), [CISA KEV catalog](#), [SWPC bulletins](#), [NWR transmitter outage list](#) (operator snapshot 27-MAY); [WHO](#), [CDC](#), and Africa [CDC](#) Ebola reporting plus Italian regional health reporting; [CNN](#), [Reuters](#), AP, and the UK House of Commons Library for the Iran negotiating track; the [Kyiv Independent](#) for the Russia-Ukraine items; [NIFC](#) for wildfire; [NHC](#) for tropics.

**Operator cross-check (0.105):** WX-CON is operator-confirmed against the issued [SPC](#) Day 1 Convective Outlook text of 0745 CDT 27-MAY. SWX-CON is operator-confirmed against the [SWPC](#) SUMPX1 Serial 130 and WARK04 Serial 5348 bulletins. The [NWR](#) roster is the operator snapshot supplied this cycle, 32 transmitters across 19 states. Market data is the most recent settled print: the 26-MAY trade-date NYMEX Henry Hub settlement and the 27-MAY [AAA](#) national gasoline average.

**Gaps acknowledged:** The detailed terms of the US-Iran memorandum, including the reported 24-billion-dollar asset-release figure, are not public or independently confirmed. No confirmatory laboratory result is yet public for the two Italy suspected Ebola cases. DRC contact-tracing follow-up is reported well below full coverage, so the true Ebola toll is very likely understated. Whether the [IRGC](#) will act on its 25-MAY right-to-respond statement is not established. Per-entry collection gaps are stated in each FLASH entry.

**Date coherence:** All T+N and T-N values are computed against the 27-MAY-2026 base date. Cycle window 26-MAY 1530 UTC through 27-MAY 1530 UTC, a standard 24-hour cycle.

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