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## ⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 — ELEVATED ⚠️

Friday, 15 May 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 77 | Hormuz Blockade Day 33 | LBN CF Day 30 | Trend: DETERIORATING

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 — PARTIALLY DEGRADED (CONUS)

SPACE WEATHER: SWX-CON 3 — MODERATE (G2 WATCH 15-MAY)

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## BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

### BLUF — 15 MAY 2026 | Executive Brief

**STATUS:** PREP-CON 3 ELEVATED, Trend DETERIORATING. Op Epic Fury Day 77; US naval blockade of Iran Day 33; Lebanon ceasefire Day 30 (T-2 to expiry window). SWX-CON elevated to 3 today on G2 watch.

**URGENT:** CYB-005 Linux Copy Fail FCEB deadline reached TODAY 15-MAY. Compliance posture unknown; non-zero non-compliance expected. New: [Cisco](#) SD-WAN Emergency Directive 26-03 update issued 14-MAY with 3-day patch deadline (Sun 17-MAY). NEW: CVE-2026-46300 &quot;Fragnesia&quot; Linux kernel LPE disclosed 14-MAY.

**LEBANON:** CF Day 30; strikes continuing per [NPR/AF](#) 6-MAY (Majdelzoun airstrikes) and [CNN](#) 10-MAY collapse-fear reporting. Collapse **likely** this weekend; IDF Beirut Dahieh strike-pattern resumption is the dominant tripwire.

**IRAN-HORMUZ:** Project Freedom paused 6-MAY; [IRGC](#) announced &quot;safe transit&quot; with new procedures; US-Iran negotiations continue via Pakistan. US naval blockade of Iran remains in effect. [CMA CGM](#) San Antonio strike 5-MAY remains most recent kinetic event in the strait.

**RUSSIA-UKRAINE:** Kinetic envelope unchanged. Pokrovsk axis ~70m/day pace. Strategic-tier signaling absorbed; [NATO](#) posture response window 7-14 days from Sarmat test.

**HEALTH:** HLTH-001 Andes hantavirus surveillance Day 2 post first US-side case (Dr Kornfeld at [UNMC](#) biocontainment). No second-generation cases reported. 4-42 day incubation window remains active through ~21-JUN.

**SEVERE WX:** [SPC](#) ENHANCED RISK across much of Iowa today (Day 1). SLIGHT extending to OK/TX panhandles. Saturday-Sunday: SLIGHT RISK central Plains and lower MO Valley with strong-tornado potential, &quot;hail, damaging wind. 26-station [NWR](#) outage list intersects severe-wx corridor (KS Ulysses WXN81 OOS).

**SPACE WX:** [SWPC](#) G2 (Moderate) WATCH IN EFFECT TODAY 15-MAY. CH HSS + CIR influences. G1 watches 16-17 May. M5 (R2) flare 10-MAY confirmed. HF fades likely at higher latitudes; aurora visible to NY/WI/WA.

**CYBER:** Three concurrent urgent advisories: (1) PAN-OS CVE-2026-0300 patches shipped 13-MAY, FCEB BOD remediation T-12 to 27-MAY; (2) Linux Copy Fail CVE-2026-31431 FCEB deadline TODAY; (3) [Cisco](#) SD-WAN CVE-2026-20182 active exploitation, ED 26-03 update 14-MAY with 3-day deadline. Plus Fragnesia (CVE-2026-46300) Linux LPE patches available.

**MARKETS:** Hormuz partial reopening absorbed; oil markets stable. Brent and WTI levels carried from yesterday's pricing; [AAA](#) pump ~\$4.51/gal. [USDA WASDE](#) wheat at 54-year-low US crop unchanged.

## PRACTITIONER POSTURE — 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. [Cisco](#) SD-WAN ED 26-03 patch deadline **SUNDAY 17-MAY (T-2; URGENT)** — active exploitation of CVE-2026-20182 auth bypass observed.
2. Lebanon ceasefire collapse window **THIS WEEKEND** — watch for IDF Beirut Dahieh strike-pattern resumption.
3. [SPC](#) severe-weather corridor **15-17 MAY (today through Sunday)** — Enhanced today Iowa; Saturday-Sunday central Plains with strong-tornado potential.
4. [SWPC](#) G2 geomagnetic storm watch **IN EFFECT TODAY** — HF fades + GPS dips at higher latitudes; aurora to NY/WI/WA tonight.
5. Linux Copy Fail CVE-2026-31431 FCEB deadline **REACHED TODAY (compliance unknown)** — chained PAN-OS + Linux exploitation pivot window now open.

### WHAT CHANGED SINCE YESTERDAY'S CYCLE

+ **ADDED:** NEW CYB-007 [Cisco](#) SD-WAN ED 26-03 update 14-MAY (CVE-2026-20182 active exploitation, 3-day deadline); NEW CYB-008 Fragnesia CVE-2026-46300 Linux LPE disclosure 14-MAY; [SWPC](#) G2 watch (Moderate) elevated from G1-G2 forecast; M5 (R2) radio blackout 10-MAY data confirmed; [NWR](#) transmitter outage list widened (26 sites across 14 states).

~ **CHANGED:** Linux Copy Fail FCEB deadline transitioned from "TOMORROW" to "REACHED TODAY"; PAN-OS FCEB BOD clock T-13 → T-12; Lebanon CF Day 29 → Day 30; Op Epic Fury Day 76 → 77; Hormuz blockade Day 32 → 33; SWX-CON 1 (QUIET) → 3 (MODERATE). Severe-wx corridor shifted east from central Kansas focus to Iowa Enhanced Risk; Sunday strong-tornado potential signal upgraded to SLIGHT for Saturday.

= **NO MATERIAL CHANGE:** US naval blockade of Iran posture; Hormuz traffic at ~5% pre-war; Andes Hondius cohort CFR; PAN-OS exposure surface; Russia kinetic tempo; markets pricing.

## KEY JUDGMENTS

*Formal analytical conclusions per ICD 203. These are NOT operational decision triggers (see BLUF above).*

**KJ-1.** I assess it is **likely** (55-80%) that the Lebanon ceasefire formally collapses this weekend 16-17 MAY. Matters because formal collapse resumes the kinetic envelope paused 16-APR with cascading effects on Hormuz oil pricing and US Eastern Mediterranean force posture. I would change my mind if a deescalation token (US-brokered extension announcement or unilateral IDF withdrawal pause) emerges before Saturday evening UTC.

**KJ-2.** I assess it is **almost certain** (95-99%) that the [Cisco](#) Catalyst SD-WAN CVE-2026-20182 FCEB patch deadline Sunday 17-MAY (T-2) passes with non-zero non-compliance among Federal Civilian Executive Branch agencies. Matters because CVE-2026-20182 enables unauthenticated admin access via DTLS port 12346 and is under active exploitation per [Cisco](#) Talos; non-compliant infrastructure is reachable for lateral movement.

**KJ-3.** I assess it is **likely** (55-80%) that chained PAN-OS (CVE-2026-0300) + Linux kernel (CVE-2026-31431 Linux Copy Fail and/or CVE-2026-46300 Fragnesia) exploitation is observed in the wild within 14-30 days. Matters because today's Linux Copy Fail FCEB deadline expiry plus yesterday's Fragnesia disclosure compound the privilege-escalation toolkit available to operators already exploiting CVE-2026-0300 for initial access.

**KJ-4.** I assess it is **very unlikely** (5-20%) that the Andes hantavirus M/V Hondius cluster produces sustained US community transmission within the WHO-confirmed 4-42 day incubation window through ~21-JUN. Matters because public-health communication window remains operationally manageable. A single second-generation case at [UNMC](#) or [Emory](#) staff would invert this assessment.

## FLASH EVENTS THIS CYCLE (Score ≥ 20)

10 FLASH events at executive summary level. Full SALUTE / Alt-Hyp / Collection Gaps available in DTR Full edition.

### CISCO SD-WAN: ED 26-03 update 14-MAY; patch deadline T-2 (Sun 17-MAY).

[CYB-007 | NEW | Score 26]

**Current state:** NEW THIS CYCLE. CVE-2026-20182 critical authentication bypass in [Cisco](#) Catalyst SD-WAN Controller / Manager via DTLS port 12346. [Cisco Talos](#) tracking active exploitation. [CISA](#) Emergency Directive 26-03 updated 14-MAY with 3-day FCEB patch deadline (Sunday 17-MAY). All five [Cisco](#) SD-WAN CVEs in this campaign now in KEV catalog.

**Downstream:** FCEB non-compliance at the 3-day deadline **almost certain**. Lateral-movement risk into managed enterprise WAN infrastructure **likely** within 14-21 days. Pair with PAN-OS initial access and Linux LPE for complete chained-exploitation toolkit.

Sources: [CISA ED 26-03](#) | [Cisco Talos](#) | [Tenable](#).

### PAN-OS CVE-2026-0300: patches shipped; FCEB BOD clock T-12 to 27-MAY.

[CYB-001 | UPDATED | Score 25]

**Current state:** CVE-2026-0300 PAN-OS Out-of-Bounds Write in User-ID Authentication Portal. Wave 1 patches shipped 13-MAY per [Palo Alto PSIRT](#). FCEB BOD remediation T-12 to 27-MAY. [Unit 42](#) continues to attribute exploitation to CL-STA-1132 (likely state-sponsored).

**Downstream:** Mass-exploitation pivot **likely** within 5-10 days of patch shipment as PoC reverse engineering converts limited targeted op into broad ransomware-operator pickup; ~T+0 to T+5 of that window now elapsed.

Sources: [CISA KEV catalog](#) | [Palo Alto Networks PSIRT](#) | [Shadowserver](#).

### Linux Copy Fail CVE-2026-31431: FCEB deadline REACHED today.

[CYB-005 | UPDATED | Score 24]

**Current state:** FCEB BOD remediation deadline 15-MAY reached. Compliance posture unknown pending [CISA](#) telemetry. [CISA](#) KEV-listed 12-MAY with 3-day window (shortest in catalog). Active exploitation per [AA26-097A](#).

**Downstream:** FCEB non-compliance **almost certain**. Chained PAN-OS + Linux Copy Fail (and now Frgnesia) exploitation **likely** observed in wild within 14-30 days from today.

Sources: [CISA KEV catalog](#) | [AA26-097A](#).

### NEW Frgnesia (CVE-2026-46300) Linux kernel LPE; distro patches available.

[CYB-008 | NEW | Score 22]

**Current state:** NEW THIS CYCLE. Linux kernel XFRM ESP-in-TCP subsystem LPE; CVSS 7.8. Disclosed 14-MAY per [Wiz](#) / V12 Security. Separate bug from Dirty Frag (CVE-2026-31431) with its own patch. Distribution advisories shipped from AlmaLinux, Amazon Linux, CloudLinux, Debian, Gentoo, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, SUSE, Ubuntu.

**Downstream:** [CISA KEV](#) addition **likely** within 7-14 days pending exploitation telemetry. Compounds Linux Copy Fail privilege-escalation surface; ransomware-operator pickup window 14-30 days from disclosure.

Sources: [Wiz](#) | [Hacker News](#) | distro security bulletins.

## Lebanon CF Day 30: collapse likely this weekend; strikes continuing.

[GEO-CF-LBN | UPDATED | Score 24]

**Current state:** Day 30 of CF that began 16-APR. Per [NPR](#) 6-MAY: Israeli airstrikes targeted Majdelzoun village in southern Lebanon. Per [CNN](#) 10-MAY: collapse fears intensifying. Lebanese Hezbollah cross-border activity continuing despite government ban.

**Downstream:** If CF formally collapses this weekend, IDF Beirut Dahieh targeting resumption **likely** within 48 hours per observed 06-MAY pattern. Brent oil tail likely +\$3-5/bbl on collapse-day close. US-mediated diplomatic channel via Ambassador Karam track remains active.

Sources: [NPR](#) | [CNN](#) | [Security Council Report](#).

## Hormuz partial reopening: Project Freedom paused Day 9; [IRGC](#) procedures.

[ISC-001 | UPDATED | Score 23]

**Current state:** US naval blockade of Iran Day 33. Project Freedom paused 6-MAY per [Bloomberg](#) and [Al Jazeera](#). [IRGC](#) announced "safe transit" with new procedures via Larak Island corridor. US naval blockade of Iranian ports remains in effect. [CMA CGM](#) San Antonio strike (5-MAY) last confirmed kinetic event in the strait. Hormuz traffic remains ~5% of pre-war per [Kpler](#) / Lloyd's List.

**Downstream:** Second commercial-vessel strike in Hormuz **roughly even chance** within 14 days. Sustained traffic recovery **unlikely** until either US blockade lifts or formal Iran-US agreement closes.

Sources: [Bloomberg](#) | [Al Jazeera](#) | [CNN](#) | [Congressional Research Service](#).

## Andes hantavirus surveillance Day 2 post first US-side case.

[HLTH-001 | UPDATED | Score 22]

**Current state:** Dr Stephen Kornfeld remains at [UNMC](#) biocontainment; asymptomatic. 18 Americans in federal quarantine. No second-generation case reported in 48 hours since first US-side confirmation 13-MAY. 4-42 day incubation window remains active through ~21-JUN per [WHO](#). [CDC](#) Level 3.

**Downstream:** Second-generation transmission to [UNMC](#) or [Emory](#) staff would invert KJ-4 from **very unlikely** to **roughly even chance**. Continued zero second-generation through 21-MAY would justify analytic downgrade.

Sources: [CDC HAN](#) | [WHO DON](#) | [ECDC](#).

## [SWPC](#) G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm watch IN EFFECT TODAY.

[SWX-001 | UPDATED | Score 22]

**Current state:** [SWPC](#) G2 (Moderate) WATCH for 15 MAY UTC-day; G1 (Minor) watches 16-17 MAY. Driver: coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) + co-rotating interaction region (CIR). M5 (R2 Moderate) flare 10-MAY confirmed (1335 UTC). Solar wind transient passage continuing.

**Downstream:** HF radio propagation fades **likely** at higher latitudes through Saturday. GPS precision degradation possible (positional dips of meters). High-latitude power systems may see voltage alarms. Aurora **likely** visible as far south as New York, Wisconsin, Washington tonight.

Sources: [SWPC](#) | [SWPC 3-Day Forecast](#).

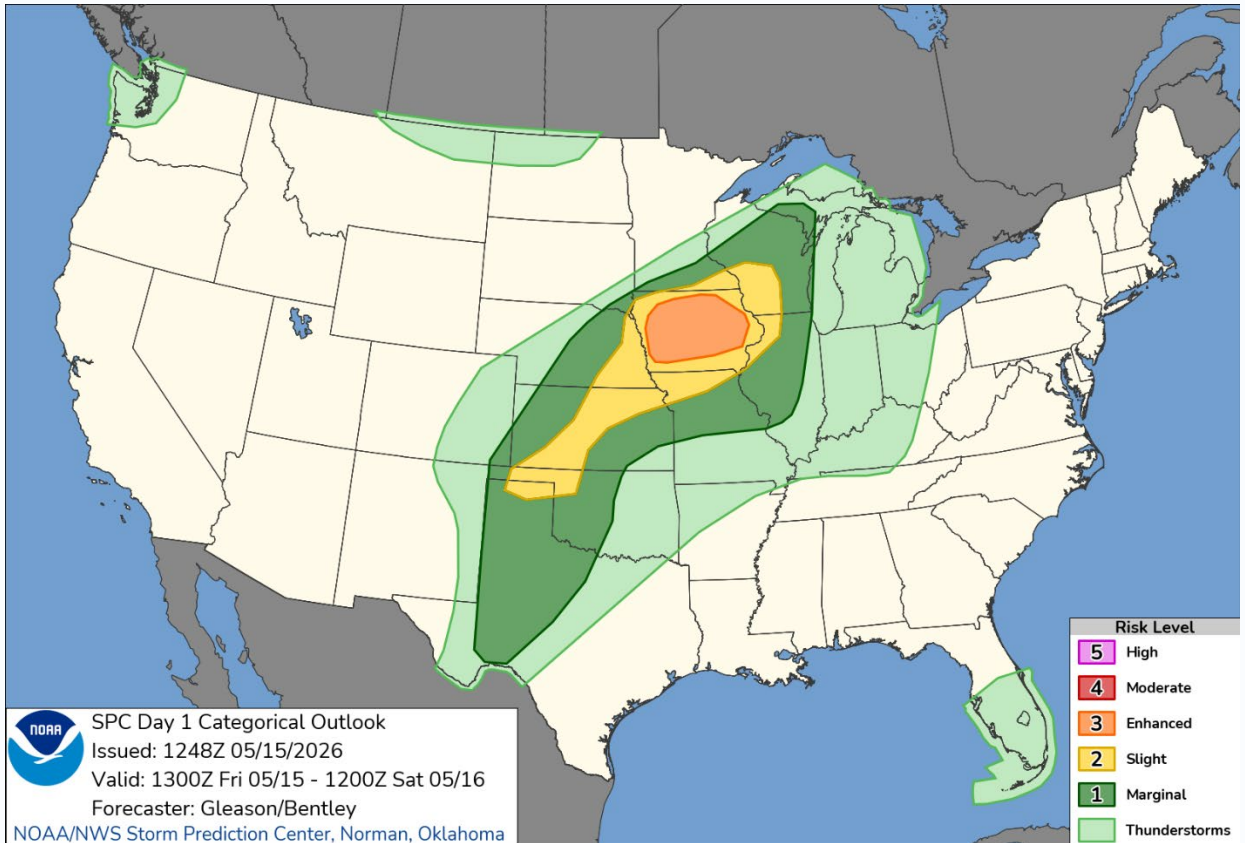
## IA ENHANCED today; SAT-SUN central Plains strong-tornado potential.

[WX-001 | UPDATED | Score 22]

**Current state:** [NOAA SPC](#) Day 1 ENHANCED RISK across much of Iowa today; SLIGHT extending to OK/TX panhandles. Day 2 (Sat 16-MAY): SLIGHT central Plains and lower MO Valley; hailstones to 3 inches and strong tornado possible. Day 3 (Sun 17-MAY): threat continues with elevated nocturnal storms and training rainfall risk over Upper Midwest.

**Downstream:** KS Ulysses WXN81 [NWR](#) transmitter OUT inside SW Kansas dry-microburst zone. 26 [NWR](#) sites down/degraded across 14 states intersects severe-wx corridor. Saturday outlook **likely** upgrades to MODERATE by Friday evening issuance if low-level jet solutions converge.

Sources: [NOAA SPC](#) | [NWS WPC](#).



### US-Iran negotiations active via Pakistan mediation; blockade Day 33.

[GEO-001 | UPDATED | Score 21]

**Current state:** Per [Al Jazeera](#) 6-MAY: PM Sharif (Pakistan) mediating; Trump paused Project Freedom citing "great progress"; Iran reviewing US proposal. US naval blockade per [CENTCOM](#) continues. [Wikipedia](#): 38+ vessels redirected by US since 13-APR; Iran transiting some ships with \$2M toll per Iranian regulations.

**Downstream:** Failure of Pakistan-mediated track **likely** triggers Trump's "much higher intensity" warning. Brent oil tail +\$5-8/bbl **likely** on collapse of negotiations.

Sources: [Al Jazeera](#) | [CRS](#) | [Wikipedia](#).

## PREPAREDNESS CONDITION ASSESSMENT

PREP-CON 3 — ELEVATED | Trend: DETERIORATING

**COMCON 4 — PARTIALLY DEGRADED (CONUS):** 26 [NWR](#) transmitters affected across 14 states (15 OOS + 11 DEG). KS Ulysses WXN81 OOS inside today's severe-weather corridor; Pensacola KEC86 and FL Keys WWG60 OOS; NM trio (Roswell/Carlsbad/Artesia) OOS; multiple Kodiak AK sites degraded.

**WX-CON 4 — ELEVATED:** [SPC](#) ENHANCED RISK Iowa today; SLIGHT RISK central Plains and lower MO Valley Saturday-Sunday with strong-tornado potential.

**SWX-CON 3 — MODERATE (G2 WATCH IN EFFECT):** [SWPC](#) G2 (Moderate) Watch firing TODAY 15-MAY; G1 watches 16-17 May. CH HSS + CIR drivers. HF fades likely at higher latitudes; aurora visible to NY/WI/WA tonight.

#### Top 5 operational drivers:

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- ▶ Lebanon CF Day 30; strikes continuing 6-MAY (Majdelzoun); collapse window this weekend; IDF Beirut Dahieh pattern is the tripwire.
- ▶ [SWPC](#) G2 geomagnetic storm watch IN EFFECT today; HF fades + GPS dips likely; SWX-CON elevated from 1 to 3.
- ▶ [SPC](#) severe-wx corridor 15-17 MAY (Enhanced Iowa today; central Plains Saturday-Sunday) overlaps with 26-station [NWR](#) outage list.

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

## UPGRADE — FULL DTR ACCESS

### What's in DTR Full that this brief omits:

- Full SALUTE detail per FLASH entry (Size/Activity/Location/Time/Equipment/Unit)
- Structured Alternative Hypotheses with WHAT-WOULD-SUPPORT / WHAT-WOULD-DISCONFIRM rows
- Collection Gaps callouts (what the analyst CANNOT see)
- Indicators & Warning Matrix (active tracks with tripwires + observed status)
- Sector Impact Matrix (threats × Healthcare/Bank-Fin/Manuf/Transport/Energy/Pub-Sec)
- Carryover monitor sections (Cyber 4A, Geo/IO 4B, Energy 5, Aviation 6, Wx 7, Space Wx 7A, Ag 7B)
- Analytical Integrity disclosure (Risk Score methodology + ICD 203 estimative scale)

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