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⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 - INCIDENT PROBABLE - Brown Sky ⚠️

Friday, 22 May 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 84 | Hormuz Blockade Day 40 | LBN CF Day 37 | Trend: STABLE

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE

WEATHER: WX-CON 2 - SLGT - W Texas/Oklahoma convective + Ohio Valley flash-flood

SPACE WEATHER: SWX-CON 1 - Minor - Elevated energetic-electron flux

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STATUS: [PREP-CON 3](#) INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky), Trend STABLE. Op Epic Fury Day 84; US naval blockade Day 40; Lebanon ceasefire Day 37 of 45-day extension (porous, holding). [WX-CON 2 SLGT](#) dual-hazard: west Texas/Oklahoma convective and Ohio Valley flash-flood; [SWX-CON 1 Minor](#) on a continued energetic-electron-flux alert.

URGENT: Iran deal-or-strike window remains open and unresolved. Iran is still reviewing the US memorandum and Trump has signalled a willingness to wait a couple of days; the path narrowed when Supreme Leader Khamenei directed that Iran keep its enriched-uranium stockpile in-country, against a core US term. This remains the cycle's highest-stakes inflection.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The WHO Ebola PHEIC (Bundibugyo strain, no approved vaccine) remains in force. Enhanced CDC airport screening became operational at Washington-Dulles on 21-MAY, and the outbreak has spread to South Kivu and Goma; the toll is now roughly 600-plus suspected cases and about 148 deaths. All central-Africa-origin US-bound flights are routed to Dulles only, 30-day duration. There is still no US case; CDC assesses public risk as low.

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WILDFIRE: [NIFC](#) reports National Preparedness Level 2 with 16 uncontained large fires; new large fires this cycle in New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska, and Wyoming. The Hunggate Fire in Texas has forced evacuations; the Seven Cabins Fire in New Mexico is showing wind-driven runs. Fire weather stays elevated across the southern Plains and Southwest.

CYBER: PAN-OS CVE-2026-0300 FCEB deadline is now past; any unpatched internet-exposed instance is past-deadline exposure. Microsoft Exchange CVE-2026-42897 T+7 (29-MAY). NGINX CVE-2026-42945 (CVSS 9.2) active exploitation, though current analysis assesses real-world RCE as unlikely and denial of service as the practical hazard. Cisco SD-WAN T+5 past; UAT-8616 cluster still active. CISA added Langflow and Trend Micro Apex One to the KEV catalog on 21-MAY.

LEBANON: CF Day 37 of the 45-day extension; honored only loosely. Overnight Israeli strikes in the Tyre district killed four and wounded two paramedics this cycle. Next Washington political round 2-3 JUN.

IRAN-HORMUZ: Strait blockade Day 40. The JMIC maritime threat level for the Strait of Hormuz remains CRITICAL, with mines reported near the Traffic Separation Scheme. Iran announced a Persian Gulf Strait Authority and a controlled maritime zone; the US rejected any toll framework.

SPACE WX: [SWPC](#) alert ALTEF3 Serial 3692 shows the 2 MeV electron flux above 1000 pfu, continued since 16-MAY with yesterday's maximum at 2842 pfu - a satellite-charging hazard for geostationary operators. Geomagnetic and HF-radio conditions are quiet.

MARKETS: Brent is trading above 104 dollars per barrel, near 50 percent above pre-war levels, after the Khamenei uranium directive lifted prices Friday. Defense names carry asymmetric downside on a confirmed deal, upside on no-deal plus strike resumption. [USDA](#) WASDE-671 (12-MAY): wheat 1.561 bb / corn 16.0 bb / soybeans 4.435 bb. Next WASDE 11-JUN.

DETERMINING YOUR POSTURE

Use this brief with this cycle's [PREP-CON](#), [COMCON](#), [WX-CON](#), and [SWX-CON](#) to set your own [CONCON \(Continuity Conditions\)](#) posture. FFTP sets the four conditions; you set CONCON.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE - 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. Iran deal-or-strike inflection **open and unresolved** - hold pump-price posture flex; cyber-spillover preparedness elevates on a no-deal-plus-strike scenario.
2. PAN-OS CVE-2026-0300 FCEB deadline **now past** - confirm patch deployment fleet-wide immediately; unpatched instances are past-deadline exposure.
3. Ohio Valley households: **WPC Day 2 ERO SLIGHT flash-flood window 22-23 MAY** - pre-position drainage and high-water route plans; verify two-of-three non-NWR alert paths.
4. Cisco SD-WAN operators **T+5 past FCEB deadline** - re-baseline web-shell detections, audit AWS vManage credential reuse, rotate JWT signing keys.
5. Travel and health: **central-Africa routing now Dulles-only** - travelers and operators with DRC/Uganda/South Sudan routing should expect diversion and screening.

WHAT CHANGED SINCE 21-MAY (24-HOUR ROLLUP)

+ ADDED: Enhanced CDC Ebola screening became operational at Washington-Dulles on 21-MAY; the outbreak spread to South Kivu and Goma. Khamenei directed Iran to keep its uranium stockpile in-country. Iran announced a Persian Gulf Strait Authority. House leadership pulled the Iran war-powers vote 21-MAY. CISA added Langflow and Trend Micro Apex One to the KEV catalog.

~ CHANGED: Day counters advanced one cycle: blockade to Day 40; LBN CF to Day 37; Op Epic Fury to Day 84; WHCD to Day 28. WX-CON dual-hazard geography shifted: convective to west Texas and Oklahoma, flash-flood to the Ohio Valley. Iran deal-track hardened on the Khamenei uranium directive. PAN-OS FCEB deadline now past. Exchange now T+7; Cisco SD-WAN now T+5 past. NWR roster per the 22-MAY operator snapshot: 36 affected (16 OOS + 20 DEG), numerically identical to 21-MAY with a shifted composition.

= NO MATERIAL CHANGE: Op Epic Fury baseline; Hormuz blockade operational posture; munitions stockpile structural posture (1-4 year replenishment); SWX-CON 1 Minor on the continued ALTEF3 electron-flux driver; [NWR](#) roster carrying critical-corridor gaps.

KEY JUDGMENTS

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

KJ-1. I assess it is **likely** (65-80%) that the Lebanon ceasefire holds through the 45-day extension to 29-JUN. Matters because both Washington and Beirut benefit politically from continuation; the collapse tripwire remains a high-mass IDF Beirut Dahieh strike paired with a same-week Hezbollah strategic-rocket response. Continued Israeli strikes on the south, including an overnight strike near Tyre that killed four this cycle, narrow the geographic envelope but do not break the CF.

KJ-2. I assess the Strait of Hormuz remains effectively closed through Q2 2026 with **moderate** confidence. Iran has moved to formalize its control through a Persian Gulf Strait Authority and a controlled maritime zone, but the operational reality is unchanged: blockade Day 40, commercial transit at single-digit percent of pre-war volume, JMIC threat level CRITICAL. Watch for Hormuz language in any US-Iran negotiated text.

KJ-3. I assess the US-Iran deal-or-strike window, which remains open and unresolved, is **unlikely** (25-40%) to resolve into a deal or a strike in the next 72 hours. Matters because Iran is still reviewing the US memorandum and Trump has signalled a short wait, while Supreme Leader Khamenei has directed that Iran keep its uranium stockpile in-country, against a core US term. This remains the highest-stakes decision window of Q2 2026.

KJ-4. I assess the dual-hazard weather corridor produces material EOC readiness Friday into the weekend at **roughly even chance** (40-60%) probability. Matters because [SPC](#) Day 1 carries a SLIGHT convective risk across west Texas and Oklahoma and [WPC](#) Day 2 ERO holds a SLIGHT excessive-rainfall risk for the Ohio Valley. TN Shelbyville and IL Hillsboro NWR transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE near the Tennessee/Ohio Valley corridor.

KJ-5. I assess US public-health risk from the DRC/Uganda Ebola outbreak remains **low** with high confidence, consistent with the CDC assessment. Matters because there is still no US case, enhanced CDC entry screening became operational at Washington-Dulles on 21-MAY, and although the outbreak has spread within the DRC to South Kivu and Goma, the layered US screening regime keeps the domestic introduction risk low.

FLASH EVENTS THIS CYCLE (Score ≥ 20)

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

US-Iran deal-or-strike window open; Khamenei orders uranium kept in-country.

[GEO-002 | UPDATED - DEAL WINDOW OPEN; TEHRAN HARDENS | Score 25]

Current state: The deal-or-strike window did not close. Iran is still reviewing the US one-page memorandum and Trump has signalled a willingness to wait a couple of days for a response. The path to a near-term deal narrowed when Supreme Leader Khamenei directed that Iran keep its near-weapons-grade uranium stockpile in-country, against a core US term. House leadership pulled a war-powers resolution vote on 21-MAY after it became clear the measure constraining the campaign would pass.

Downstream: Confirmed deal: Brent -\$8 to -\$12, defense-sector retracement, cyber-spillover softens. No deal + strike: Brent +\$10 to +\$15, Iranian proxy activation 48h, ME airspace advisories. Domestic-stability factor and household cost cascade are carried in the two FFTP Iran companion reports referenced in the BLUF.

Sources: [CBS News liveblog](#) | [Arab News](#) | [Times of Israel](#).

WHO Ebola PHEIC stands; US airport screening operational at Dulles.

[HLTH-002 | UPDATED - US SCREENING OPERATIONAL | Score 24]

Current state: The WHO Ebola PHEIC (Bundibugyo strain, no approved vaccine) remains in force, with the toll now roughly 600-plus suspected cases and about 148 deaths per UN figures. Enhanced CDC entry screening became physically operational at Washington-Dulles on 21-MAY. The outbreak has spread geographically to South Kivu and to M23-controlled Goma. CDC assesses overall US public risk as low; there is still no US case.

Downstream: All DRC/Uganda/South Sudan-origin US-bound flights are routed to Washington-Dulles only for a 30-day duration, with foreign nationals recently in the three countries barred from entry. Travelers and operators with central-Africa routing should expect diversions and screening delays. The spread to Goma, a major transit city, raises the regional containment difficulty.

Sources: [WHO](#) | [CDC](#) | [US Federal Register](#).

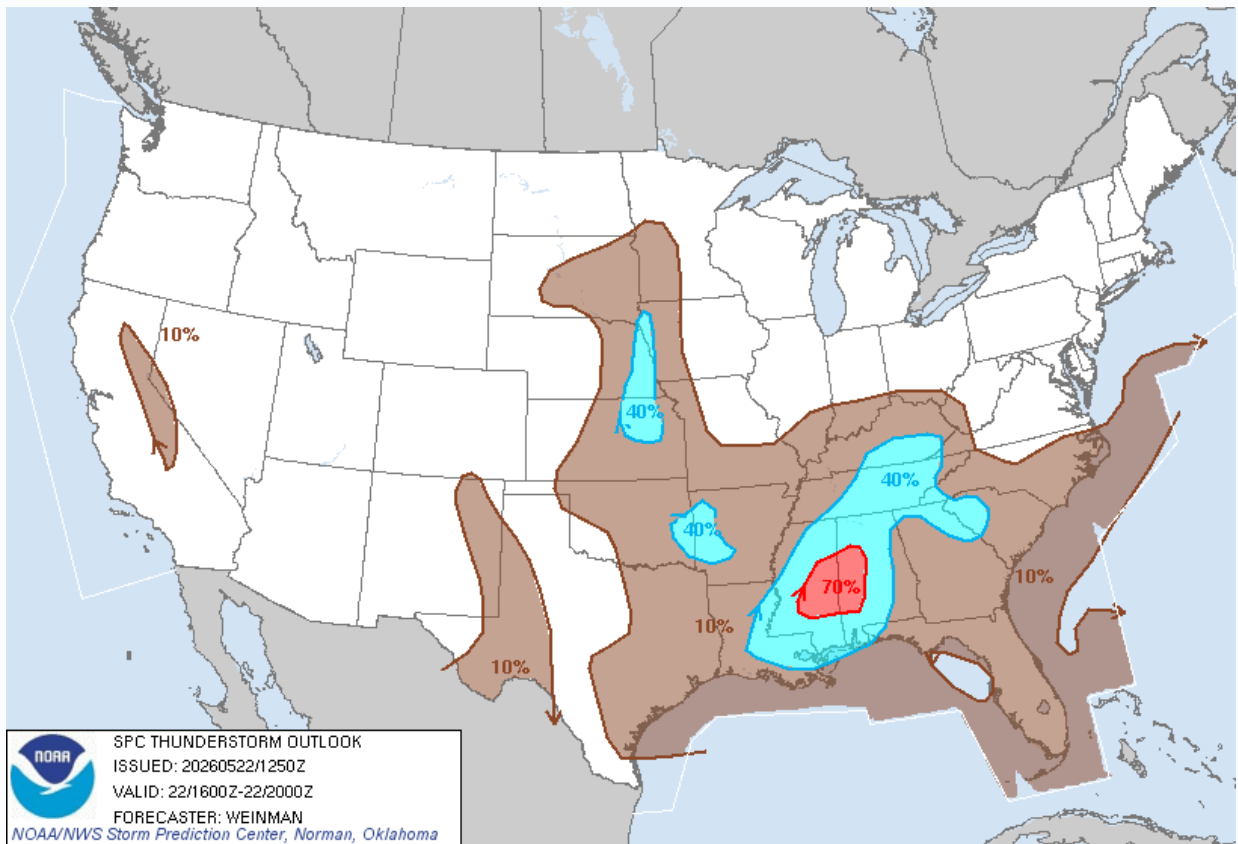
WEATHER: SPC SLGT west Texas/Oklahoma; WPC SLGT Ohio Valley.

[WX-001 | UPDATED - DUAL-HAZARD WEATHER | Score 23]

Current state: [SPC](#) Day 1 carries a SLIGHT risk (NOAA tier 2 of 5) across western Texas and Oklahoma, where a sharpening dryline and moderate instability support scattered severe storms with large hail and damaging winds; a few brief tornadoes are possible into the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys. [WPC](#) Day 2 ERO holds a SLIGHT excessive-rainfall risk for portions of the Ohio Valley. NWR critical-corridor gaps: TN Shelbyville, IL Hillsboro, the NM triple-gap, and TX Rio Grande City.

Downstream: County EOC readiness **roughly even chance** across the convective and flash-flood corridors Friday into the weekend. TN Shelbyville and IL Hillsboro NWR transmitters are OUT OF SERVICE near the Tennessee/Ohio Valley corridor. WILDFIRE: National Preparedness Level 2, 16 uncontained large fires; new large fires in New Mexico (Seven Cabins Fire) and Texas (Hunggate Fire, evacuations underway), with elevated fire weather across the southern Plains and Southwest.

Sources: [NWS WPC](#) | [NWS SPC](#) | [NIFC](#) | [NWS NWR](#) (22-MAY operator snapshot).



NGINX CVE-2026-42945 actively exploited; practical hazard is denial of service.

[CYB-010 | ACTIVE EXPLOITATION | Score 25]

Current state: Heap buffer overflow in `ngx_http_rewrite_module` affecting NGINX Plus + Open Source 0.6.27 through 1.30.0, under active exploitation per [VulnCheck](#) telemetry. Current analysis assesses real-world remote code execution as unlikely -- it requires both a specific vulnerable configuration and ASLR disabled -- leaving denial of service via worker-process crashes as the practical hazard.

Downstream: Mass-scan activity for unpatched NGINX **almost certain** to continue. Still not on the CISA KEV catalog as of cycle close; any FCEB or critical-infrastructure operator should patch within standard 14-day cadence regardless.

Sources: [VulnCheck](#) | [The Hacker News](#) | F5/NGINX project advisories.

Cisco SD-WAN CVE-2026-20182 (CVSS 10.0) T+5 past; UAT-8616 cluster active.

[CYB-007 | FCEB DEADLINE T+5 PAST | Score 24]

Current state: Authentication bypass in Catalyst SD-WAN Controller + Manager. CISA KEV 14-MAY; FCEB deadline 17-MAY (T+5 past). Talos attribution UAT-8616; XenShell + Godzilla web shells across 10-plus exploitation clusters; Cluster 10 extracts admin hashdump, JWT chunks, AWS vManage credentials for cloud pivot. No current-cycle change in the exploitation picture.

Downstream: Any FCEB or commercial customer that has not rotated AWS vManage credentials since 14-MAY should treat them as **likely** compromised even after applying the patch.

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

Microsoft Exchange CVE-2026-42897 OWA XSS - FCEB deadline T+7 (29-MAY).

[CYB-009 | FCEB DEADLINE T+7 FUTURE | Score 23]

Current state: Cross-site scripting (CVSS 8.1) in Outlook Web Access during web-page generation; arbitrary JavaScript in user browser context. Microsoft tagged "Exploitation Detected." On-prem Exchange Server only; Exchange Online not in scope. KEV 15-MAY; FCEB 29-MAY (T+7).

Downstream: Exchange operators should enable Exchange Emergency Mitigation Service (EEMS) if not already done. BEC-style fraud at scale enabled by OWA session hijack.

Sources: [CISA KEV](#) | [Microsoft MSRC](#).

US blockade of Iran Day 40; Iran asserts a Strait Authority.

[GEO-001 | UPDATED - IRAN FORMALIZES STRAIT CONTROL | Score 23]

Current state: Strait blockade Day 40. The JMIC maritime threat level for the Strait of Hormuz remains CRITICAL, with mines reported near the Traffic Separation Scheme. Iran announced a Persian Gulf Strait Authority and a controlled maritime zone, and is pursuing an Oman-brokered permanent transit-toll framework; the US rejected both. Commercial transit holds at single-digit percent of pre-war volume.

Downstream: Iraqi government stability at risk while Hormuz exports remain suppressed. The blockade's 2nd-through-8th-order US household cost cascade is analyzed in the FFTP [Iranian Blockade US Consumer Impact Analysis](#) (24-month median household impact \$1,860 to \$9,380; most cost-avoidance window closes inside 90 days).

Sources: [JMIC](#) | [UKMTO](#) | regional maritime reporting.

Lebanon CF Day 37 of 45; IDF strike kills four near Tyre.

[GEO-CF-LBN | EXTENDED - DAY 37 OF 45 | Score 22]

Current state: The truce, in effect since 17-APR, continues to be honored only loosely; overnight Israeli strikes in the Tyre district killed four and wounded two paramedics this cycle. IDF strikes against assessed Hezbollah targets continued. Next Washington political round 2-3 JUN; Pentagon security track 29-MAY.

Downstream: CF holds through the 45-day extension (29-JUN) at **likely** (65-80%) probability. Collapse tripwire: high-mass IDF Beirut Dahieh strike + same-week Hezbollah strategic-rocket response.

Sources: [Times of Israel](#) | [Al Jazeera](#) | Alma Research center.

PREPAREDNESS CONDITION ASSESSMENT

PREP-CON 3 - INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky) | Trend: STABLE

COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE: 36 [NWR](#) transmitters affected (16 OUT OF SERVICE + 20 DEGRADED) across 17 states per the 22-MAY operator snapshot, including an 18-site Alaska cluster; numerically identical to 21-MAY with a shifted composition. Most operationally relevant: TN Shelbyville and IL Hillsboro (OUT OF SERVICE) near the Tennessee/Ohio Valley storm corridor, and the NM triple-gap with TX Rio Grande City near the west-Texas convective zone.

WX-CON 2 - SLGT: [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT (NOAA tier 2 of 5) west Texas and Oklahoma convective; [WPC](#) Day 2 ERO SLIGHT excessive rainfall for portions of the Ohio Valley; the flash-flood focus has shifted east this cycle. Scale per [NOAA SPC Convective Outlook](#).

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Top 5 operational drivers:

- ▶ Iran deal-or-strike window open and unresolved; Iran reviewing the US memorandum; Khamenei orders the uranium stockpile kept in-country, hardening against a core US term.
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Full PREP-CON framework reference: [fortunefavorstheprepared.com / preparedness-conditions](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/preparedness-conditions).

Full analytical methodology: [fortunefavorstheprepared.com / analytical-standards](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards) (sourcing standards, estimative-language scale, risk-score formula, alt-hypothesis discipline).

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