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⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 - INCIDENT PROBABLE - Brown Sky ⚠️

Tuesday, 26 May 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 88 | Hormuz Blockade Day 44 | LBN CF Day 41 | Trend: STABLE

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE

WEATHER: WX-CON 2 - SLGT - West/Southwest Texas convective

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

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STATUS: [PREP-CON 3](#) INCIDENT PROBABLE (Brown Sky), Trend STABLE. This is a 72-hour rollup over the Memorial Day weekend. US naval blockade of Iran Day 44; Lebanon ceasefire Day 41 of the 45-day extension (porous, holding). [WX-CON 2 SLGT](#) on a West and Southwest Texas convective risk plus critical fire weather; [SWX-CON 1 Minor](#) on an active S1 solar radiation storm.

URGENT - IRAN: On 25-MAY US forces conducted what [CENTCOM](#) termed self-defense strikes on Iranian missile launch sites and mine-laying boats near Bandar Abbas, hours after Iranian negotiators met Qatari mediators in Doha. The [IRGC](#) asserted a right to respond. The strike runs concurrent with, not instead of, a diplomatic track: Trump describes a 14-point memorandum framework as largely negotiated, while Iran cautions no deal is imminent. The US naval blockade remains in effect. This is the cycle's highest-stakes development.

CHEMICAL - GARDEN GROVE: A significant de-escalation. The Orange County Fire Authority stated on 25-MAY that the catastrophic-explosion threat at the GKN Aerospace methyl methacrylate tank is off the table; the evacuation zone was cut from roughly 50,000 residents to about 16,000. A smaller leak or localized fire remains possible and a five-day risk assessment is running.

PUBLIC HEALTH - EBOLA: The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC (Bundibugyo strain, no approved vaccine) remains in force. Combined DRC and Uganda figures are on the order of 1,010 cases and 130-plus deaths per the [CDC](#) situation report dated 24-MAY, roughly double the count carried at the 22-MAY cycle. Uganda now has a 5-case cluster in the capital Kampala. All central-Africa-origin US-bound flights are routed to Washington-Dulles for enhanced screening. There is still no US case; [CDC](#) assesses public risk as low.

WEATHER and WILDFIRE: [SPC](#) Day 1 carries a SLIGHT risk across West and Southwest Texas (large hail, damaging winds, a couple of tornadoes), with critical fire-weather conditions also flagged for West Texas. [NIFC](#) reports National Preparedness Level 2 with 19 uncontained large fires; no FLASH-tier fire event this cycle.

CYBER: The Memorial Day weekend was holiday-quiet for federal cyber sources, with no [CISA KEY](#) additions 23-26 MAY. The one live current-cycle item is Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082, a SQL injection vulnerability with an FCEB remediation deadline of 27-MAY, now T-1.

SPACE WX: [SWPC](#) bulletins report an active S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm, expected to persist through 26-MAY 2359 UTC. Minor HF degradation is possible on polar routes; mid-latitude conditions are quiet.

MARKETS: CME and NYMEX were closed for the Memorial Day holiday. Oil firmed after the 25-MAY US strikes. The [AAA](#) national gasoline average is roughly 4.49 dollars per gallon, easing slightly from the four-year Memorial Day high of 4.56. [USDA](#) WASDE-671 (12-MAY) remains current; 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. Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 FCEB deadline **27-MAY, now T-1** - confirm Drupal core patch status for any internet-exposed instance before the deadline.
2. Iran is now **negotiation and limited kinetic action in parallel** - hold pump-price posture flex; elevate cyber-spillover preparedness on any Iranian retaliation.
3. West and Southwest Texas: [SPC](#) **Day 1 SLGT plus critical fire weather** - verify two-of-three non-NWR alert paths; the NM transmitter triple-gap is OUT OF SERVICE within the zone.
4. Garden Grove: **reduced evacuation zone, five-day risk assessment running** - residents should continue to monitor Orange County Fire Authority guidance rather than treat the incident as closed.
5. Travel and health: **Ebola entry rule remains in active enforcement** - travelers with DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan routing should expect diversion and screening via Washington-Dulles.

WHAT CHANGED SINCE 22-MAY (72-HOUR WEEKEND ROLLUP)

+ ADDED: US conducted self-defense strikes on Iranian missile launch sites and mine-laying boats near Bandar Abbas on 25-MAY; the [IRGC](#) asserted a right to respond. An active S1 solar radiation storm began 26-MAY. Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 was added to the [CISA KEV catalog](#) with a 27-MAY FCEB deadline.

~ CHANGED: Day counters advanced: blockade to Day 44; LBN CF to Day 41; Op Epic Fury to Day 88; WHCD to Day 32. The Garden Grove chemical-tank explosion threat is off the table and the evacuation zone is cut from roughly 50,000 to about 16,000. Ebola figures roughly doubled to about 1,010 cases and 130-plus deaths, with Uganda now a 5-case Kampala cluster. The SWX-CON driver changed from the energetic-electron ALTEF alert to the S-scale solar radiation storm. [NWR](#) roster per the 26-MAY operator list: 18 transmitters affected (14 OUT OF SERVICE + 4 DEGRADED) across 14 states.

= NO MATERIAL CHANGE: PREP-CON 3 INCIDENT PROBABLE baseline; COMCON 4 INCIDENT POSSIBLE baseline; SWX-CON 1 Minor (driver changed, level unchanged); US naval blockade operational posture; Lebanon ceasefire holding in name with no significant weekend delta; [NIFC](#) National Preparedness Level 2 with no FLASH-tier wildfire.

KEY JUDGMENTS

Formal analytical conclusions per ICD 203. Each carries a likelihood term and a separate confidence level. These are NOT operational decision triggers (see BLUF above).

KJ-1. A finalized, signed US-Iran agreement within the next 7 days is assessed **roughly even chance** at LOW-to-MODERATE confidence (split). HIGH confidence that a 14-point negotiating framework is at an advanced stage, on multi-stream corroboration; LOW confidence on near-term finalization, given the unresolved Hormuz-control wording and a live kinetic exchange. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 24-MAY interim FLASH assessed a deal as likely within 72 hours; the 25-MAY US strikes downgrade this to roughly even chance within 7 days.

KJ-2. The Strait of Hormuz remains effectively closed through the near term, assessed **very likely** at MODERATE confidence. The operational reality is unchanged: blockade Day 44, commercial transit at a small fraction of pre-war volume, mine activity now CENTCOM-stated following the 25-MAY strikes. Watch for explicit Hormuz language in any negotiated text.

KJ-3. West and Southwest Texas face a SLIGHT severe-convective risk plus critical fire weather on 26-MAY. Scattered severe storms with large hail and damaging winds are assessed **likely** at MODERATE confidence, on the operator-confirmed [SPC](#) Day 1 graphic. The NM transmitter triple-gap at Artesia, Roswell, and Carlsbad is OUT OF SERVICE within that zone.

KJ-4. The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC outbreak continues to expand. Continued case growth is assessed **very likely** at HIGH confidence; a near-term US imported case is assessed **unlikely** at MODERATE confidence. Combined figures roughly doubled since 22-MAY to about 1,010 cases and 130-plus deaths, and Uganda now has a 5-case Kampala cluster. US screening is operational; there is no US case.

KJ-5. An active S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm is in progress, assessed an observed event in progress, with continuation through the UTC day assessed **very likely** at HIGH confidence. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the SWX-CON driver moved from the 22-MAY energetic-electron ALTEF alert to this S-scale storm. Mid-latitude operational HF impact is minimal; minor degradation is possible on polar routes.

FLASH EVENTS THIS CYCLE (Score \geq 20)

5 FLASH events at executive summary level. Full SALUTE, alternative hypotheses, and collection gaps are in the DTR Full edition.

US strikes Iranian missile sites near Hormuz as MoU framework advances.

[GEO-001 | UPDATED - US STRIKES IRANIAN TARGETS 25-MAY]

Current state: On 25-MAY US forces conducted CENTCOM-stated self-defense strikes on Iranian missile launch sites and mine-laying boats near Bandar Abbas, hours after Iranian negotiators met Qatari mediators in Doha. The [IRGC](#) asserted a right to respond; an Iranian outlet reported four [IRGC](#) personnel killed, a toll not independently confirmed. The strike runs concurrent with a 14-point memorandum framework that Trump calls largely negotiated and Iran cautions is not imminent. The US naval blockade remains in effect.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: The 24-MAY interim FLASH framed the diplomatic track as moving toward finalization. This cycle a confirmed US strike on Iranian soil runs concurrent with the negotiation; the near-term-deal outlook is downgraded to roughly even chance within 7 days.

Downstream: A finalized agreement within 7 days is assessed **roughly even chance** at LOW-to-MODERATE confidence. Oil firmed after the strikes; the [AAA](#) national gasoline average is roughly 4.49 dollars per gallon. Watch for an Iranian retaliatory strike following the [IRGC](#) threat, and for a finalized joint MoU text.

Sources: [CNN](#) | [AP](#) | [NPR](#).

Garden Grove tank: explosion threat eliminated; evacuation cut to ~16,000.

[CHEM-001 | UPDATED - EXPLOSION THREAT ELIMINATED]

Current state: A significant de-escalation from the interim 24-MAY FLASH. The Orange County Fire Authority stated on 25-MAY that the catastrophic-explosion (BLEVE) threat at the GKN Aerospace methyl methacrylate tank is off the table, and confirmed the tank temperature is decreasing. The evacuation zone was reduced from roughly 50,000 residents to about 16,000. Officials stress the crisis is not averted.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: The interim 24-MAY FLASH carried this tank as unstabilizable with failure assessed certain. This cycle the catastrophic-explosion mode is off the table and the evacuation population is cut by roughly two-thirds. This is a directional reversal.

Downstream: A catastrophic explosion is now assessed **very unlikely** at MODERATE confidence. A smaller leak or localized fire remains possible within the five-day risk-assessment window; residents in the reduced zone should continue to monitor OCFA guidance.

Sources: [ABC7 Los Angeles](#) | [NPR](#).

WHO Ebola PHEIC: DRC and Uganda case count roughly doubles.

[HLTH-001 | UPDATED - CASE COUNT RISING SHARPLY]

Current state: The [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC (Bundibugyo strain, no approved vaccine) remains in force. Per the [CDC](#) situation report dated 24-MAY, combined DRC and Uganda figures are on the order of 1,010 cases and 130-plus deaths, roughly double the count carried at the 22-MAY cycle. Uganda now has 5 confirmed cases and 1 death, all in the capital Kampala, an international hub. There is no US case; [CDC](#) assesses US risk as low.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: Case figures roughly doubled since the 22-MAY cycle, and the Uganda footprint hardened from scattered importation into a confirmed 5-case Kampala cluster. The judgment that the outbreak is expanding rather than plateauing is reinforced.

Downstream: Continued case growth is assessed **very likely** at HIGH confidence. All central-Africa-origin US-bound flights are routed to Washington-Dulles for enhanced [CDC](#) screening; travelers with DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan routing should expect diversion and screening delays.

Sources: [WHO](#) | [CDC](#).

WEATHER: [SPC](#) Day 1 SLGT West Texas; critical fire weather flagged.

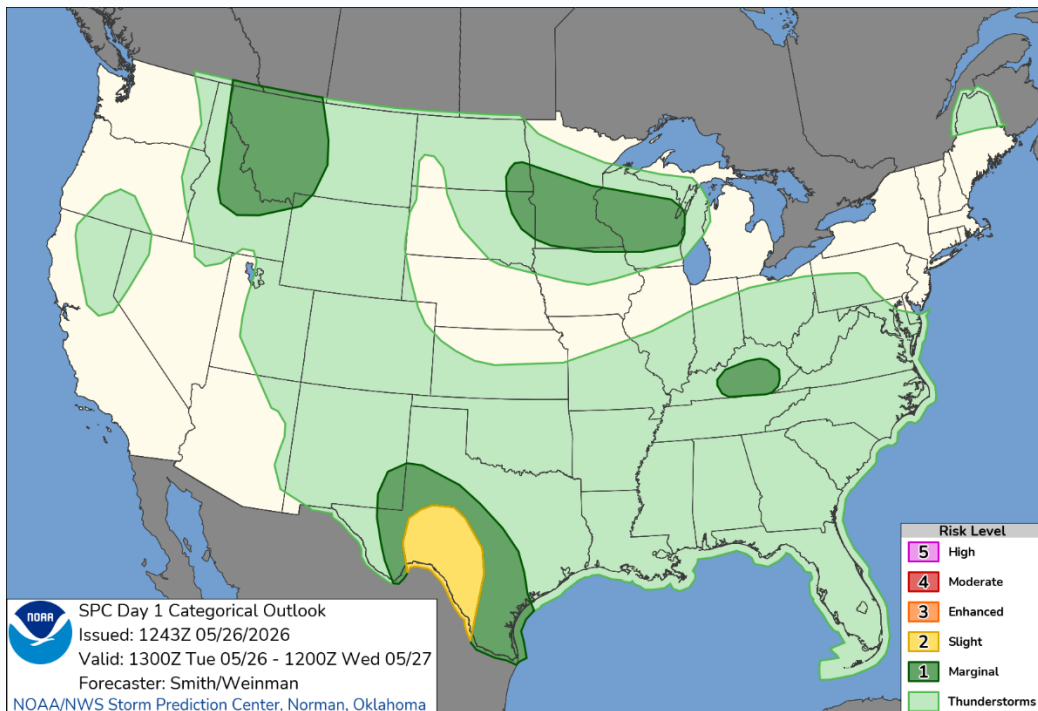
[WX-001 | UPDATED - WEST TEXAS CONVECTIVE + FIRE WX]

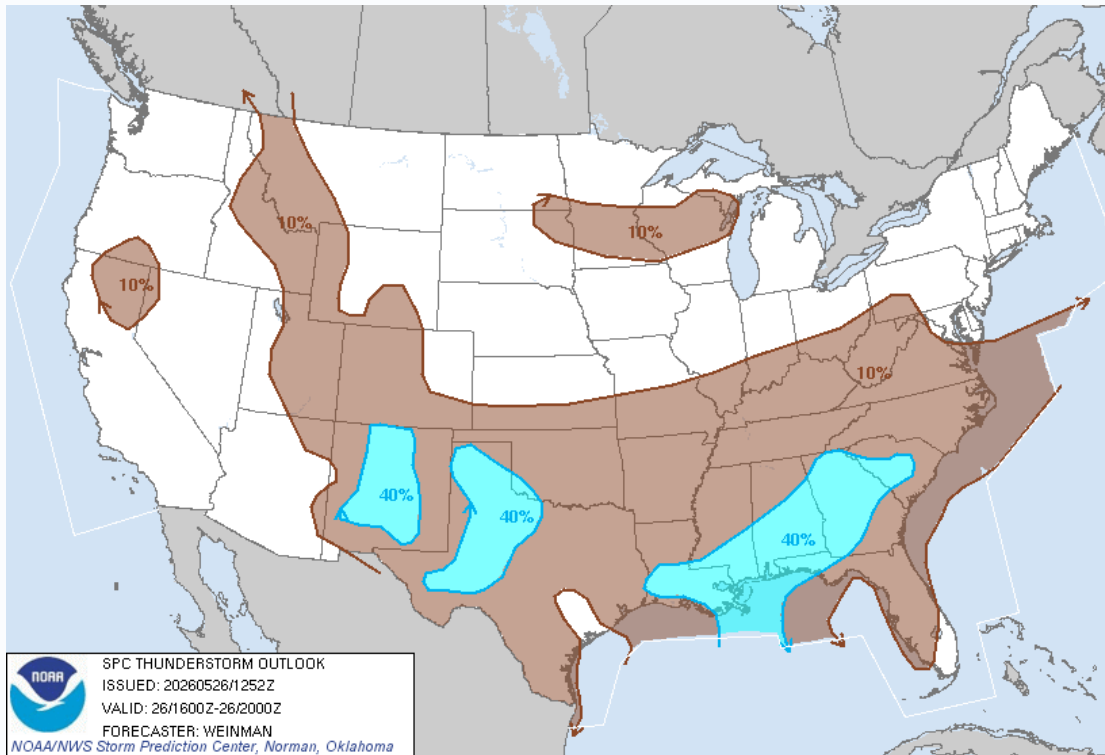
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CHANGE FROM PRIOR: The 22-MAY cycle carried a dual-hazard picture with a separate Ohio Valley flash-flood risk. This cycle the flash-flood hazard has cleared and the focus tightened to West and Southwest Texas convective, with critical fire weather added.

Downstream: Scattered severe storms are assessed **likely** at MODERATE confidence. WILDFIRE is NSTR at event level: [NIFC](#) holds National Preparedness Level 2 with 19 uncontained large fires and no FLASH-tier fire this cycle.

Sources: [NWS SPC](#) | [NIFC](#) | [NWS NWR](#) (26-MAY operator roster).





Active S1 solar radiation storm; SWX-CON driver changes to S-scale.

[SWX-001 | UPDATED - ACTIVE S1 SOLAR RADIATION STORM]

Current state: [SWPC](#) bulletins, operator-confirmed, report an active Proton Event: ALERT ALTPX1 Serial 365 and WARNING WARPX1 Serial 625, with the 10 MeV integral proton flux above 10 pfu, [NOAA](#) Scale S1 (Minor), expected to persist through 26-MAY 2359 UTC.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: The 22-MAY cycle set SWX-CON 1 on an energetic-electron-flux ALTEF driver, a parameter outside the [NOAA](#) G/S/R triad. This cycle the driver is the S-scale solar radiation storm. SWX-CON holds at level 1 (Minor); only the driver has changed.

Downstream: Continuation through the UTC day is assessed **very likely** at HIGH confidence. Minor HF degradation is possible on transpolar and high-latitude routes; mid-latitude operational impact is minimal.

Sources: [NOAA SWPC](#) | [NOAA Space Weather Scales](#).

PREPAREDNESS CONDITION ASSESSMENT

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

COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE: 18 [NWR](#) transmitters affected (14 OUT OF SERVICE + 4 DEGRADED) across 14 states per the 26-MAY operator roster. Most operationally relevant: the NM triple-gap at Artesia, Roswell, and Carlsbad, all OUT OF SERVICE, within the [SPC](#) Day 1 West Texas and Southeast New Mexico convective and critical-fire zone.

WX-CON 2 - SLGT: [SPC](#) Day 1 SLIGHT ([NOAA](#) tier 2 of 5) West and Southwest Texas convective, embedded in a larger MARGINAL area; critical fire-weather conditions also flagged for West Texas. Operator-confirmed against the issued [SPC](#) graphic.

SWX-CON 1 - Minor: [SWPC](#) ALERT ALTPX1 Serial 365 and WARNING WARPX1 Serial 625: an active S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm, expected to persist through 26-MAY 2359 UTC. CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the

driver moved from the 22-MAY energetic-electron ALTEF alert to the S-scale. Scale per [NOAA Space Weather Scales](#).

Top 5 operational drivers:

- ▶ US strikes on Iranian missile sites and mine-laying boats near Bandar Abbas on 25-MAY, running concurrent with an advancing but unsigned 14-point MoU framework; [IRGC](#) asserted a right to respond.
- ▶ [WHO](#) Ebola PHEIC (DRC/Uganda Bundibugyo strain); combined figures roughly doubled to about 1,010 cases and 130-plus deaths; Uganda now a 5-case Kampala cluster; no US case, [CDC](#) assesses US risk low.
- ▶ Garden Grove chemical-tank explosion threat eliminated; evacuation cut from roughly 50,000 to about 16,000; five-day risk assessment running.
- ▶ [SPC](#) Day 1 SLGT West and Southwest Texas convective plus critical fire weather; Drupal Core CVE-2026-9082 FCEB deadline 27-MAY (T-1).
- ▶ Active S1 solar radiation storm through 26-MAY; Lebanon CF Day 41 of the 45-day extension, holding porously with no significant weekend delta.

Full PREP-CON framework reference: [fortunefavorstheprepared.com / preparedness-conditions](#).

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

UPGRADE - THE FULL DAILY THREAT REPORT

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Structured alternative hypotheses, each with what-would-support and what-would-disconfirm rows

Collection-gap callouts -- an explicit statement of what the analyst cannot yet see

The Indicators and Warning matrix -- active tracks with tripwires and observed status

The Sector Impact matrix across Healthcare, Banking and Finance, Manufacturing, Transportation, Energy, and Public Security

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