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THE ONE THING TODAY

If you do nothing else today: The US-Iran Memorandum of Understanding moves a step closer to Friday's signing -- Iranian oil tankers started moving through the Strait of Hormuz today for the first time in 108 days. Gas prices are down. If you are in central Illinois or northwest Indiana, make plans now for severe thunderstorms on Wednesday -- the Storm Prediction Center has issued its highest pre-outbreak alert (Moderate Risk) for those areas, with intense tornadoes, 80 mph gusts, and large hail possible.

Tropical Storm Arthur made landfall in Louisiana overnight and is still flooding roads in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Life-threatening flooding continues through Friday. Everywhere else in the country, today's severe weather risk is low. 31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service or degraded -- three in Illinois are down in the outbreak zone.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. Check your weather alerts RIGHT NOW if you are in Illinois or Indiana.** The Storm Prediction Center is warning of a Moderate Risk severe weather outbreak TODAY in Illinois and Indiana -- intense tornadoes, 80 mph winds, and large hail are possible. Three NOAA Weather Radio transmitters in Illinois are out of service (Hillsboro, Princeton, and Lockport -- all down at the same time). Your phone WEA alert and the NOAA Weather App are the only warnings you will get. Turn WEA on now. If you are in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama: avoid flooded roads -- Tropical Storm Arthur is still dropping heavy rain.
- 2. Gas prices are falling -- MOU signing tomorrow (19-JUN).** The national average is around ~\$3.95-4.05 per gallon and falling as the US-Iran deal edges toward Friday's signing. There is no need to top off in a panic -- keep a normal half-to-full tank as regular good practice. three Iranian VLCCs exited the blockade zone carrying 3.8M barrels, which is a positive sign, but mine-clearing and full shipping normalization will still take months. The main watch point: if the deal collapses before Friday, prices reverse quickly.
- 3. Traveling to the UK or Northern Ireland? Situation calming.** The Belfast riots (Day 9) remained calm overnight with no new violence. 23 arrested, 17 charged. Police (PSNI) remain on elevated alert. If you have travel planned: avoid areas that saw protests, keep your phone charged, and check uk.usembassy.gov before you go. Note: England vs Croatia soccer match is today in Dallas -- this is a historically tense matchup; extra security is in place at the stadium.
- 4. Check one kit item today.** PREP-CON 4 (Incident Possible) remains in effect. The Iran deal is being signed today but Khamenei has not publicly approved it -- watch for news. Severe weather is active in Illinois and Indiana right now, and flood warnings are in effect across the Gulf Coast from Tropical Storm Arthur. Water, food, first aid, and a battery-powered weather radio are the basics. With three Illinois NOAA Weather Radio transmitters down, your phone WEA alerts are essential.
- 5. Review your medication supplies.** Iranian tankers are starting to move through the Strait of Hormuz today, which is good news, but it will still take months before pharmaceutical supply chains fully recover. Request 90-day fills for prescription medications now while supply chains are still stressed. Also: if your company uses Check Point VPN, Ivanti Sentry, or Oracle PeopleSoft software -- these have active security vulnerabilities past their deadline. Contact your IT department if you get an unexpected request to update or reset your password.

THE SHORT VERSION

What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The US and Iran are formally signing their peace agreement today at a resort in Switzerland called Burgenstock, though there are still questions about whether Iran's Supreme Leader has given his final approval -- the deal is not done until it is signed.
2. Gas prices have dropped to around ~\$3.95-4.05 per gallon nationally and continue to fall as the Iran deal approaches Friday; Brent crude is at below \$79 a barrel, down more than 22% compared to last month.
3. A severe weather outbreak is happening right now in Illinois and Indiana -- the Storm Prediction Center is warning of intense tornadoes and 80 mph gusts today; separately, Tropical Storm Arthur made landfall in Louisiana overnight and is flooding parts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.
4. Belfast riots are in their ninth day and remain calm overnight; England plays Croatia in Dallas today in a historically tense soccer matchup; Portugal plays DR Congo in Houston today, and that team comes from the Ebola outbreak zone, so health screening is active at the venue.
5. Space weather remains elevated but improving -- the elevated electron flux alert continues but is declining from its peak; no new geomagnetic storm watches have been issued; operator should check swpc.noaa.gov for current status.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

What's happening today and what to do, by category.

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
GAS & FUEL	~\$3.95-4.05/gal (declining). Brent below \$79 (18-JUN, ~40% below conflict peak). Three Iranian VLCCs exited blockade with 3.8M barrels. US sanctions waiver on Iranian oil effective upon MOU signing tomorrow (19-JUN). Physical normalization: months.	Keep a normal half-to-full tank. Prices should continue to ease. Watch for today's signing news. If deal collapses unexpectedly, expect a quick reversal.
SEVERE WEATHER	SPC Day 1 MODERATE RISK ACTIVE: Illinois and Indiana -- intense tornadoes, 75+ mph gusts, damaging hail. IL NWR triple-gap (Hillsboro+Princeton+Lockport ALL OOS) -- WEA is ONLY alert. Tropical Storm Arthur: landfall SW Louisiana overnight, 2+ dead TX, 26M flood watches TX-MS, life-threatening flooding through Friday.	IL/IN: take cover immediately if tornado warning is issued -- WEA is your only alert. TX/LA/MS/AL: avoid flooded roads, do not drive through standing water. Rest of country: monitor for updates.
NWR RADIO GAPS	31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out or degraded (16-JUN). Alaska Juneau cluster (12 degraded). IN Angola DEGRADED -- directly in Wednesday's Moderate Risk zone. MD Baltimore OOS -- World Cup fan corridor. NM triple-gap: Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad all OOS.	Confirm WEA phone alerts are on. Download the NOAA Weather app. Indiana residents (Steuben/DeKalb/LaGrange counties): Angola transmitter is degraded -- verify your alerts before Wednesday.
NORTHERN IRELAND / UK	Belfast riots Day 9 -- overnight calm. No new violence. 23 arrested, 17 charged. Active Club (neo-Nazi) network confirmed as organizer. England vs Croatia soccer match at Dallas today -- historically tense fixture.	Situation improving. If traveling to UK/NI: avoid former protest areas, keep phone charged. Check uk.usembassy.gov. If attending Dallas match: extra security in place, stay in designated fan zones.
SOLAR / COMMS	ALTEF3 Serial 3702 last confirmed 16-JUN 1124 UTC (1489 pfu, declining). CME glancing blow window (16-17 JUN) has now passed. G2 watch cancelled 14-JUN. Operator should verify ALTEF3 resolution at swpc.noaa.gov.	No action needed for most households. Ham radio: HF bands normal. GPS: normal. No severe space weather expected.
GROCERIES	Fertilizer and input costs remain elevated from Hormuz disruption. Food-at-home inflation ~3.1% for 2026 (USDA). Beef prices projected up 9.4%. Supply chain disruptions ongoing.	Build 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now. Prices are better now than projected for Q3-Q4 2026.
EBOLA	808 confirmed / 192 deaths DRC as of 13-JUN (ECDC update 15-JUN). +106 cases / +45 deaths in 3 days -- sharp acceleration. PHEIC Day 31. Ituri 717 cases. No vaccine for this strain. Uganda 15/1. No US cases. CDC: US risk LOW.	No US action required for most households. If you or family traveled to DRC or Uganda recently: watch for fever and body aches. Call your doctor before going to a medical facility.
OIL/FUEL SIGNAL	Brent below \$79 (16-JUN). Iranian tankers transiting today. DHL: 4-6 months to full Hormuz normalization. MOU signing Friday 19-JUN. Physical mine-clearing required before commercial shipping at full volume.	Watch for Friday 19-JUN signing news and Lebanon spoiler events. If signed: slow easing of pump prices over weeks. If collapsed: sharp oil price reversal within hours.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
E. Washington / N-C Oregon Columbia Basin (TODAY)	CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER - 20-25 mph westerlies / gusts 30-40 mph / RH 15-25%	Highest fire weather risk in CONUS today. No burning, no hot work. Stage fire plans. Monitor NWS Spokane and WA-DNR.
Southern Lake Michigan -- IL/IN/WI (TODAY late PM)	MARGINAL -- supercell potential, hail/wind, isolated tornado	Possible vigorous convection late afternoon. Standard severe weather prep. Keep WEA on. Note: IL Lockport KZZ81 OOS (Chicago south coverage gap).
Central IL / NW Indiana (WEDNESDAY)	MODERATE RISK -- intense tornadoes / gusts to 80 mph / hail to 2.5 inches	Make severe weather plans TODAY before Wednesday. Know your nearest shelter. Have a battery-powered weather radio or WEA on phone. IN Angola KXI94 is DEGRADED -- phone alerts are primary backup.
Northern Great Basin / Snake River Plain (TODAY)	ELEVATED TO LOCALLY CRITICAL fire weather	RH 15-20%, 15-25 mph westerlies. No burning. Monitor NWS Boise and BLM fire info.
E. Great Basin / Central Rockies / Adjacent Plains (TODAY)	ELEVATED fire weather -- temps 90s / single-digit to teens RH / 15-20 mph winds	Broadly elevated conditions. No outdoor burning. Monitor local NWS office and NIFC.
New Mexico (NWR Triple-Gap)	Active fire season + zero primary NWR coverage	Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell NWR transmitters all OOS. Use FEMA App or WEA phone alerts. Chaves and Eddy county residents: no primary NWR during fire season.
Atlantic / Gulf	Tropical disturbance moving east along Gulf Coast -- isolated gusts possible. No active named storms.	No action needed for most households. Monitor NHC at nhc.noaa.gov .
Rest of CONUS	No significant hazard today	No action required.

SPACE WEATHER - WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Today's situation: [SWPC](#) Elevated electron flux alert (ALTEF3 Serial 3702) continues for a third day -- 1,489 pfu measured yesterday (declining from 1,581 two days ago). Still above the 1,000 pfu threshold. A solar ejection from June 12 may deliver a glancing blow overnight tonight (16-17 JUN) -- forecast Kp max of 3.67, which is below the level needed for a geomagnetic storm.

What this means today: Most people need to take no action. Space weather is elevated but no storm is in progress. HF radio works normally. GPS works normally. Tonight: a small chance of aurora visible at high latitudes (Canada, Alaska) from the possible glancing CME hit -- nothing severe.

Watch this week: [SWPC](#) The electron flux should continue declining. No new geomagnetic storm watches issued. Ham radio: HF bands are normal. GPS: normal. No action required for household electronics.

SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

Gas pump: About ~\$3.95-4.05 per gallon nationally (AAA 16-JUN). Brent crude is at below \$79. three Iranian VLCCs exited the blockade zone carrying 3.8M barrels -- a positive sign, but mine-clearing and full shipping normalization will take months. Prices should continue to ease. If the deal falls apart before Friday's signing, prices could reverse quickly.

Groceries: Fertilizer prices remain elevated from the Hormuz disruption. USDA revised food-at-home inflation to 3.1% for 2026 -- nearly double the start-of-year projection. Beef prices projected up 9.4%. Building 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now is smart -- prices are better now than projected for Q3-Q4 2026.

Online shipping: Tankers are starting to move again today, which is good news, but the full supply chain -- mine-clearing, shipping ramp-up, port congestion clearing -- will take months to normalize per DHL. Expect delivery times for goods from Asia to remain longer than normal through at least Q3 2026.

Diesel and trucking: Diesel is about \$5.40+ per gallon -- well above pre-war levels. This feeds directly into the cost of delivered goods. Trucking margins are compressed and those costs are being passed to consumers.

Medications: Order 90-day fills now for prescription medications. The Hormuz disruption may affect pharmaceutical supply chains for some medications. If your pharmacy is out of a medication, ask about alternatives or contact your doctor. Enterprise workers: IT may push urgent VPN patches today or tomorrow -- this is legitimate and expected.

CYBER, COMMS & LOCAL IMPACTS

Iranian tankers are transiting Hormuz -- MOU signing is Friday: Iranian oil tankers started moving through the Strait of Hormuz today for the first time in 108 days. The formal signing ceremony is still Friday 19-JUN in Switzerland. Watch for: Lebanon flare-ups (IDF-Hezbollah exchanges have been continuing) and any news about deal negotiations. The deal is not done until it is signed.

Three major software vulnerabilities -- all past deadline, all being actively exploited: Oracle PeopleSoft, Ivanti Sentry, and Check Point VPN all had mandatory patch deadlines that have now passed. If your company uses any of these products and your IT team contacts you about urgent updates or password resets, it is legitimate -- cooperate and do not delay. If you run a small business: contact your IT support about these vulnerabilities this week.

Fake FIFA ticket sites and phishing emails are active: The FBI confirmed that criminals set up a fake version of the official FIFA website in Week 1 of the tournament. More than 300 fake FIFA-related websites are active. If you are buying World Cup tickets, merchandise, or streaming subscriptions: only use the official FIFA.com website. Be careful about FIFA-related emails and QR codes at events.

Belfast riots -- de-escalating: Day 8, and the situation is improving. A massive counter-protest Saturday in Belfast City Hall drew thousands. No confirmed violence Friday-Sunday. 23 arrested, 17 charged. A neo-Nazi network (Active Club) was confirmed as an organizer -- important because this network operates in the US too. If you are traveling to Northern Ireland or the UK: situation is better but PSNI remains on elevated alert. Avoid former protest areas.

[object Object]: 32 transmitters are out of service or degraded (16-JUN roster). Critical gaps: Indiana (Angola transmitter degraded -- in the Wednesday Moderate Risk zone for severe weather), New Mexico (Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad all out -- no primary fire weather alerts), Maryland (Baltimore out -- World Cup fan corridor). Full list at weather.gov/nwr/outages. Confirm WEA phone alerts are on your phone now.

SIGNALS THAT CONDITIONS ARE GETTING WORSE

Watch for these in the news this week. If you see them, raise your readiness one notch.

- The US-Iran MOU collapses before Friday's signing -- look for a major IDF strike in Lebanon, Iranian military announcement pulling out, or Trump reversing course. An oil price spike of \$5-10/barrel would follow within hours.
- A new IDF strike in Lebanon or a Hezbollah rocket attack that Iran treats as a deal-breaker -- this is the single highest-probability spoiler before Friday's signing.
- [SPC](#)
- issues a WATCH, WARNING, or upgraded outlook for your area -- fire weather is already CRITICAL in eastern Washington today, and Wednesday brings a MODERATE outbreak risk for central IL/NW IN.
- A large wildfire evacuation order is issued in the Western US this week -- fire weather is elevated to critical in the Northern Rockies and Great Basin from Tuesday.
- Violence returns to Belfast or spreads to other UK cities -- the neo-Nazi network that organized the riots is still active and calling for replication.
- A US hospital, water utility, or energy company announces a cyberattack -- would signal Iranian or other state cyber actors have escalated from scanning to attacks on infrastructure.
- Ebola shows possible deceleration -- 808 confirmed total, but only +26 in the latest one-day report vs +106 in the prior 3-day period. Watch for the next ECDC sitrep to confirm whether this is a real slowdown or a reporting lag.

QUICK REFERENCE - KEY LINKS

[PREP-CON \(Preparedness Conditions\)](#) - Understand the four readiness levels and what actions to take at each.
[COMCON \(Communications Conditions\)](#) - Communications readiness scale and PACE plan guidance.
[SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook](#) - Today's severe weather threat map from NOAA Storm Prediction Center.
[NOAA Space Weather](#) - Current solar activity, geomagnetic conditions, and forecasts.
[AAA Gas Prices](#) - National and state-by-state gas price tracker.
[CDC Ebola Information](#) - Current outbreak status, traveler guidance, and risk assessment.
[Ready.gov](#) - FEMA household emergency preparedness guides.
[NIFC Wildfire Information](#) - National Interagency Fire Center - active fires and resources.

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