

DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Monday, 29 June 2026
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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Monday, 29 June 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 CRITICAL | SWX-CON 2 WATCH |
COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | NIFC NPL 3 | Venezuela EQ Day 5 -- 1,450 dead | Ebola PHEIC Day
45 -- 1,175 cases

THE ONE THING TODAY

VENEZUELA EQ DAY 5: SAR IS OVER -- RECOVERY BEGINS

As of this morning, 1,450 people are confirmed dead and 46,000+ remain missing after last Wednesday's twin earthquakes devastated northwestern Venezuela. The 72-hour window for finding survivors alive has passed -- search-and-rescue teams are now formally transitioning to recovery operations. The USS Fort Lauderdale is delivering supplies at La Guaira, and USGS estimates a 44% probability the final death toll will exceed 10,000. If you have family or colleagues in Venezuela, phone and internet connectivity remains severely disrupted -- use satellite apps or Red Cross welfare inquiry services.

If you have a Venezuela connection, act now -- use alternative comms and contact ACS at the US Embassy.

WHAT TO WATCH -- THIS 24 HOURS



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE -- Day 5 SAR/Recovery

Day 5: 1,450 confirmed dead, 3,150+ injured, 46,000+ missing. Rescue teams transitioning from SAR to recovery -- the 72-hour survival window has closed. USS Fort Lauderdale at La Guaira delivering humanitarian supplies; SOUTHCOM surveying port capacity. Phone and internet severely disrupted -- use Signal/WhatsApp/Zello if available, or satellite. Red Cross Disaster Welfare Inquiry: [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org). US State Dept ACS: travel.state.gov. Do not travel to Venezuela.



WILDFIRE -- POST-CRITICAL WEEKEND / COTTONWOOD FIRE

Cottonwood Fire (Beaver County UT) is the nation's largest active wildfire at ~94,000 acres with 0% containment. Utah issued its first-ever PDS Red Flag Warning this weekend. Level 3 Go evacuations remain in effect for HiLo Estates, Merchant Valley, Eagle Point Resort, and Arrowhead Summer Homes -- if you are in these areas, do not wait. No containment is expected before July 1. SPC is forecasting CRITICAL fire weather for the Four Corners area (eastern Utah) tomorrow. NPL 3 nationally -- 45 large uncontained fires. NPL 4 escalation risk.



SEVERE WEATHER -- SPC Day 1 ENHANCED: NE SD/NW MN BOW ECHO + FIRE WX ELEVATED SW

SPC Day 1 ENHANCED: An intense supercell is currently evolving into a bow echo and moving northeast through NE South Dakota into NW Minnesota -- severe wind gusts, very large hail, and a tornado or two are possible through midday. If you are in northeastern South Dakota or northwestern Minnesota, monitor NWS warnings NOW and move to interior shelter if a warning is issued for your area. Separately: fire weather remains elevated across the Southwest/Four Corners today.



EBOLA PHEIC -- DAY 45 / WHO SITREP

1,175 total confirmed cases, 306 deaths (CFR 26%). The Bundibugyo strain has no approved vaccine or treatment. WHO sitrep expected today -- check who.int. A healthcare worker in France is the first confirmed EU-imported case; contacts are under surveillance. US risk: very low -- enhanced entry screening at IAD/ATL/IAH/JFK. No action required for most US households. If you recently returned from DRC or Uganda and develop fever, muscle pain, or bleeding, contact a doctor immediately and mention your travel.



CYBER -- KEV OVERDUE / HOME NETWORK MONDAY

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Cisco SD-WAN federal deadline passed yesterday (Sunday 29-JUN) -- if you manage Cisco SD-WAN in a work or enterprise context, your upgrade is now overdue. For home users: if you use Ubiquiti UniFi networking equipment, the federal security deadline passed Friday 26-JUN -- check that your firmware is current. No ransomware or mass-exploitation events targeting home users were reported over the weekend.



WORLD CUP -- DAY 20 / JULY 4-5 WINDOW APPROACHING

Day 20, Round of 32. No confirmed security incidents through Day 20. Iran team has been eliminated and is departing Tijuana tonight. Today's matches: Brazil vs Japan (Houston NRG, 1 PM), Germany vs Paraguay (Boston Gillette, 4:30 PM), Netherlands vs Morocco (Monterrey, 9 PM). July 4-5 is 5 days away -- if you are attending matches in Dallas, KC, Houston, Philadelphia, or NYC over Independence Day weekend, arrive early and follow venue security instructions. Security is dense but lines may be long.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- MONDAY PRIORITIES

WILDFIRE (if post-critical-weekend in fire country)

- ☐ Check local fire status -- did the Cottonwood Fire or others grow overnight?
- ☐ If Level 3 Go order is in your area: leave now, not later
- ☐ Go bag status: medications, documents, charger, water in the vehicle
- ☐ Livestock and pets: have a transport plan before the order arrives
- ☐ Monitor: NIFC.gov, local county emergency management, NWS fire weather alerts
- ☐ Sign up for county emergency alerts at your county EM website if not already done.

VENEZUELA CONNECTIONS (if you have family or colleagues there)

- ☐ Internet and phone service severely disrupted -- use VOIP/satellite apps if available
- ☐ US State Dept: contact ACS (American Citizen Services) for welfare inquiries
- ☐ Red Cross disaster welfare inquiry service: redcross.org
- ☐ Do not travel to Venezuela -- disaster zone conditions, infrastructure severely degraded

GENERAL MONDAY MORNING PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Check NWR (weather radio) -- 23 transmitters still OOS/DEGRADED nationwide -- know your backup alert method
- ☐ Ubiquiti UniFi users: federal security deadline passed Friday -- check firmware now
- ☐ July 4-5 is 5 days away -- if attending World Cup or Independence Day events, review venue security info
- ☐ Family communications plan: do you have a meeting place and out-of-area contact if phones are down?

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY

Incident Probable -- multiple simultaneous active threats (US-Iran exchange, Cottonwood Fire, Venezuela EQ recovery, Ebola PHEIC). Monday is not a normal day. Review your emergency contacts, know your local alerts, and make sure your go bag is accessible.

WX-CON 3 CRITICAL Fire + Severe

WX-CON 3 CRITICAL. Cottonwood Fire raging in Utah (0% contained, PDS Red Flag). Severe bow echo active NOW in NE South Dakota/NW Minnesota -- shelter if warned. Critical fire weather returns to Four Corners tomorrow. If you live in fire country or severe weather zones: have your alerts on.

SWX-CON 2 WATCH ALTEF3 + G1

ALTEF3 electron flux event ongoing (Day 3). G1 Minor geomagnetic activity possible today and tomorrow. Practical household impact: very low. GPS may have minor degradation at high latitudes. Aurora possible in northern-tier states tonight.

COMCON 4
Increased Vigilance

23 NWR weather radio transmitters are OOS or degraded nationwide. Have a backup alert method -- phone alerts, local TV, or a battery-powered radio. Cisco SD-WAN KEV deadline passed yesterday -- if you manage enterprise networking, patch now.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
NIFC National Fire News: nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
SPC Severe Weather Outlooks: spc.noaa.gov
Venezuela earthquake -- USGS: earthquake.usgs.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/vhf/ebola
American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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