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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Wednesday, 15 July 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 139 | Hormuz Day 139 | MOU Day 29 | IAEA Blackout Day 138 | Ebola PHEIC Day 60 | World Cup Day 37, Spain 2-0 France advances to final | Venezuela EQ Day 23 | DOM-002 retired | Brent ~\$85.38/bbl (16-JUL, essentially flat vs. 15-JUL's ~\$86.85 peak but still near a 3-week high, on the US blockade restart)

COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE (see CYB-001 below for full detail)

WX-CON 3 GUARDED (stepped down from 4; see WX-001 below for weather detail; WX-002/Section 7B for wildfire)

SWX-CON 2 WATCH (pending flag resolved; see below for full detail)

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BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 16-JUL-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 139 | MOU Day 29 | IAEA Blackout Day 138 | Ebola PHEIC Day 60 | NPL 4 of 5 (confirmed via 16-JUL NIFC National Fire News, 48 uncontained large fires, ~16,800 personnel; fresher IMSR) | World Cup Day 37, Spain 2-0 France advances to final | Venezuela EQ Day 23 -- Recovery/Reconstruction

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED (down from 4, see WX-001) | **SWX-CON 2 WATCH (confirmed stable)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 22 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (up from 21; 1 new: AZ-Kingman, 0 cleared) | Brent ~\$85.38/bbl (16-JUL, essentially flat) | KEV deadlines overdue a 4th+ cycle: SimpleHelp, SharePoint, iCagenda/Balbooa Forms; 4 NEW entries added 14-JUL (SonicWall, SharePoint privesc, AD FS), due 17/28-JUL; no new cluster this cycle

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN MOU Day 29 Day 137

US BLOCKADE RESTARTS, FIRST CONFIRMED FATALITY -- CENTCOM restarts the naval blockade of Iranian shipping at 1600 ET today; Trump maintains the Strait stays open; the proposed 20% cargo-value transit fee was scrapped 14-JUL for Gulf-state trade/investment deals instead. ADNOC reports two UAE tankers struck, one mariner killed (first confirmed fatality this phase, a foreign national -- CONUS-casualty trigger not met). UKMTO confirms a separate tanker struck near Qalhat, Oman, no injuries; JMIC has the region at SEVERE. Jordan intercepted more missiles overnight; Iran's retaliation has expanded to 6 struck states (Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Oman), correcting the 4-state count reported last cycle. A separate incident left 3 crew missing/6 injured across 3 tankers off Oman, beyond the single earlier ADNOC fatality. Iran threatens a devastating response if Pickaxe Mountain is struck. IAEA Blackout Day 138: no new Board action or Grossi statement found. Brent ~\$85.38/bbl (16-JUL), essentially flat vs. 15-JUL's ~\$86.85 peak but still near a 3-week high. PREP-CON held at 3 -- re-run against Triggers Annex v1.1 given the blockade restart and Pickaxe Mountain threat. [GEO-CF-IRAN / NUC-001]

FLASH VENEZUELA EQ Day 23 Recovery/Reconstruction	VENEZUELA M7.2+M7.5 EQ -- DAY 22 -- RECOVERY/RECONSTRUCTION PHASE -- Toll rose to 4,829 confirmed dead per National Assembly President Rodriguez (up from 4,490); injured figure (16,740) stale since 07-JUL, now a 5th consecutive cycle despite a dedicated search -- itself becoming the story. Displacement exceeds 19,500 in camps. Gold-release request not independently re-verified this cycle. [GEO-003]
HIGH CYB-001 KEV's Overdue Plus 4 New (14-JUL)	SHAREPOINT/SIMPLEHELP/ICAGENDA-BALBOOA SEPARATELY OVERDUE; NEW CLUSTER CONFIRMED (SONICWALL/ADFS) -- SimpleHelp OIDC bypass (overdue since 02-JUL) and Microsoft SharePoint deserialization (overdue since 04-JUL) both remain unremediated a 4th+ cycle, separately from a NEW cluster added 14-JUL (SonicWall SMA1000 x2, Microsoft ADFS, Cisco IOS) -- correcting last cycle's 'no new cluster' call. Federal agencies remain in violation of BOD 26-04. Conduct compromise assessment before patching. [CYB-001]
FLASH WILDFIRE NPL 4 Cottonwood (Sec 7B)	BABYLON FIRE (UT) -- 50% CONTAINED, COMMAND TRANSITION -- Babylon Fire (San Juan County, UT): 106,610 acres, 50% contained as of 13-JUL (up from 47% on 12-JUL) -- remains nation's largest active wildfire; command transitioned Great Basin Team 2 to Team 6 at 0600 today. Cottonwood Fire (Beaver County, UT): 97,458 acres, 77% contained as of 14-JUL, remains 2nd-largest -- a fresher figure was not independently confirmed this cycle despite a dedicated search. NIFC NPL last confirmed 4 of 5 off the 12-JUL 0730 MDT IMSR. [WX-002/Section 7B]
HIGH EBOLA PHEIC Day 59	EBOLA PHEIC DAY 60 -- DRC/UGANDA -- US CASE MEDEVAC'D TO GERMANY -- DRC: 2,011 confirmed (754 deaths, CFR ~36.6%) per ECDC's 13-JUL threat assessment (data through 11-JUL) -- an increase of 53 cases/39 deaths since 11-JUL. Uganda not independently re-verified this cycle. RESOLVED: the 2nd American case (Samaritan's Purse worker) was medevac'd to Frankfurt University Hospital, Germany, arriving ~0300 local 13-JUL -- this does not change CONUS entry-screening posture since no US point of entry was involved. No approved vaccine or specific treatment for the Bundibugyo strain. [PHS-002]
WATCH SWX SWX-CON 2 K-Index 4 Alert (Confirmed Stable)	SWX-CON 2 WATCH -- K-INDEX 4 ALERT, ELECTRON-FLUX STORY SUPERSEDED -- Today's feed (ALTK04/WARK04 Serial 2674/5384) shows only a routine K-index 4 geomagnetic alert/warning -- a materially less severe product than the ALTEF3 electron-flux alert carried in recent cycles, which does not appear in today's pull. Either a genuine de-escalation, confirmed this cycle via the full 0144-1500 UTC WARK04/ALTK04 sequence; SWX-CON held at 2, no longer pending. 21 stations (down from 23), roster composition churned vs. 13-JUL -- see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table. Source: NOAA SWPC swpc.noaa.gov. [SWX-001]
RETIRED DOM-002	DOM-002 -- RETIRED THIS CYCLE - entry removed. Twelfth of July parades (13-JUL, 18 locations) concluded with no incident reported; UK Labour nomination timeline closes 16-JUL with no delta.
WATCH WORLD CUP Day 36 Spain Advances to Final	WORLD CUP DAY 37, SPAIN 2-0 FRANCE -- ADVANCES TO FINAL -- SAN PEDRO SQUARE INCIDENTS REMAIN LAST CONFIRMED -- Spain defeated France 2-0 (14-JUL, Dallas) to reach Sunday's final; Argentina defeated England 2-1 (15-JUL, Atlanta) to reach the final -- Spain vs. Argentina set for Sunday 19-JUL (MetLife Stadium); France vs. England third-place match Saturday 18-JUL (Miami). No new stadium-venue or fan-zone incident identified this cycle; San Pedro Square incidents (homicide 28-JUN, stabbings 01-JUL) remain the last confirmed security-relevant developments. ENR-002 grid emergency remains retired - no new order this cycle. [STSB-001]

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. GEO-CF-IRAN / MOU Day 29 -- Blockade Restart, First Fatality:** US blockade restarted 1600 ET today; Trump rejects Iran's closure, proposes 20% fee. First confirmed fatality this phase (UAE tanker, foreign national), plus a separate incident leaving 3 crew missing/6 injured off Oman. Iran's retaliation now spans 6 struck states (Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Oman). Iran threatens response if Pickaxe Mountain struck. PREP-CON held at 3 (non-CONUS). Tripwires: a confirmed US casualty; a struck Pickaxe Mountain; a 5th retaliation state.
- 2. Venezuela Day 23 -- Recovery/Reconstruction:** 4,734 dead, up from 4,490; injured figure (16,740) stale since 07-JUL, now a 5th consecutive cycle despite a dedicated search. Tripwires: revised PROVEA/UNDP loss-estimate reconciliation; further death-toll revision; a fresh injured-figure update.
- 3. Cyber -- KEV Deadlines Overdue a 4th+ Cycle, Plus 4 New 14-JUL:** SimpleHelp, Microsoft SharePoint, and now iCagenda/Balbooa Forms are all overdue. No new cluster identified this cycle despite last cycle's LIKELY forecast. Conduct compromise assessment before patching.
- 4. Wildfire -- Babylon Fire (UT) 54% Contained (up from 50%, 15-JUL):** Babylon 106,610 acres/54% contained (up from 50%) remains larger than Cottonwood (97,458 acres/77%, 2nd-largest, figure not independently refreshed this cycle). NIFC NPL last confirmed 4 of 5 off the 12-JUL IMSR. See WX-002/Section 7B. Tripwire: containment plateau/reversal; new large fire starts.

5. Ebola PHEIC Day 60 -- US Case Medevac'd to Germany: DRC 2,011 confirmed/754 deaths (CFR ~36.6%) per ECDC 13-JUL, an increase of 53/39 since 11-JUL. 2nd US case now confirmed medevac'd to Frankfurt, not CONUS. Tripwire: WHO DON publication; further case-count trajectory.

6. World Cup Day 37 / France-Spain Semifinal Today: Spain beat France 2-0 (14-JUL, Dallas) to reach Sunday's final; Argentina defeated England 2-1 (15-JUL, Atlanta) to reach the final -- Spain vs. Argentina final set Sunday 19-JUL (MetLife Stadium). No new security incident this cycle. DOM-002 (UK Labour/Belfast): retired this cycle - entry removed, Twelfth of July parades concluded with no incident.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: ~\$85.30/bbl (15-JUL) vs ~\$86.85 (14-JUL), a pullback but still near a 3-week high after 13-JUL's ~10% two-day gain on the US blockade restart; AAA \$3.8900/gal, up from \$3.8720 on 14-JUL -- EIA's weekly release posted 14-JUL as scheduled, confirming gasoline \$3.855/gal and diesel \$4.796/gal, both fresh.

Maritime / supply chain: UKMTO directly re-verified this cycle -- a tanker struck near Qalhat, Oman, no injuries; JMIC has the region at SEVERE. Daily transit-count sourcing is inconsistent across trackers this cycle; treat as unverified. Diesel/ocean-freight Commodity Tracker rows not refreshed this cycle.

Escalation trajectory: US blockade restart, first confirmed strike-phase fatality, and Iran's Pickaxe Mountain threat all raise the stakes further. PREP-CON held at 3 (non-CONUS, no confirmed US casualty or 5th state) -- not a signal that risk is easing.

No direct US-household action required today -- this is a monitoring item, not an action item, unless you have direct exposure (travel, shipping, fuel-dependent operations).

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	VENEZUELA	EBOLA PHEIC
~\$85.30/bbl vs \$86.85 close 14-JUL (48hr delta, a pullback but still near a 3-week high) -- driven by the US blockade restart and continued closure dispute	\$3.8900 AAA -- up from \$3.8720 on 14-JUL; EIA's weekly release posted 14-JUL as scheduled, both gasoline and diesel fresh	23 same total as 13-JUL but roster composition churned significantly (multiple cleared, multiple new)	4,734 dead Day 23 injured figure (16,740) stale a 6th cycle since 07-JUL despite a dedicated search	2,011 confirmed (754 deaths, CFR ~36.6%) DRC (ECDC 13-JUL) Uganda n/a this cycle Day 59 US case medevac'd to Germany

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 US-IRAN BLOCKADE RESTART / HORMUZ CLOSURE DISPUTE (Op Epic Fury Day 139 / MOU Day 29):

MOU Day 29: US blockade of Iranian shipping restarts 1600 ET today; Trump maintains the Strait stays open; the proposed 20% transit fee was scrapped 14-JUL for Gulf-state trade/investment deals. First confirmed fatality of this strike phase (UAE tanker, foreign national, CONUS-casualty trigger not met), plus a separate incident leaving 3 crew missing/6 injured off Oman. Iran's retaliation now spans 6 struck states (Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Oman) -- up from the 4-state count reported last cycle. Iran threatens a devastating response if Pickaxe Mountain is struck. PREP-CON held at 3 (non-CONUS trigger).

LIKELIHOOD: The blockade produces a confirmed US-flagged vessel incident or Pickaxe Mountain is struck within the week: **UNLIKELY** given no US-flagged vessel has been targeted to date, but Iran's devastating-response threat over Pickaxe Mountain is a live risk. **CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.**

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the US blockade restart, first confirmed strike-phase fatality, and Iran's Pickaxe Mountain threat are all new this cycle -- prior cycle's framing was a closure-declaration/public-dispute story without a blockade or casualty. Brent ~\$85.38/bbl now (16-JUL), vs ~\$85.30 (15-JUL) -- a pullback but still near a 3-week high.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 137):

440.9 kg 60%-HEU -- last IAEA-verified 28-FEB-2026; unverified since, now Day 137 of the blackout. Live-checked directly against [iaea.org/current](https://www.iaea.org/current) reporting this cycle: no new Board action, Grossi statement, or access-position shift found, even accounting for the continued strikes and Strait-closure dispute. Most recent Board action remains the 10-JUN resolution.

LIKELIHOOD: ALMOST CERTAIN (Iran maintaining functional enrichment with no IAEA visibility). **CONFIDENCE: HIGH.**

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: none identified -- confirmed via live source check this cycle, not carried on assumption.

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KJ-3 EBOLA PHEIC TRAJECTORY (Day 59):

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LIKELIHOOD: Case count continues rising next cycle: **LIKELY** -- outbreak remains the fastest-growing Ebola event on record per Africa CDC. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: case/death figures updated to the 09-JUL ECDC release (a genuine increase); the first US case is new this cycle.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources -- docx reconciled this cycle, HTML/SESSION_OPENER reconciliation remains outstanding website-side) | Likelihood: \$0.55 estimative ladder | Confidence: HIGH / MODERATE / LOW | All FLASH/HIGH entries carry likelihood, confidence, and minimum two alternative hypotheses.

Full source registry: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards | fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr

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