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

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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 1 MINOR (G1 storm watch for 22-JUL; see below for full detail)

Publication (UTC)	20 JUL 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	17-JUL-2026 1530Z through 20-JUL-2026 1600Z
SOP	v5.62 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 (docx reconciled) 56/56 mandatory sources dispositioned

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 20-JUL-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 143 | MOU Day 28 [VOID 16-JUL] | IAEA Blackout Day 142 | Ebola PHEIC Day 66 | NPL 5 of 5 (raised from PL 4, 18-JUL 0730 MST IMSR) | WC-001 retired -- tournament concluded 19-JUL | Venezuela EQ Day 27 -- Recovery/Reconstruction

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED (down from 4, see WX-001) | **SWX-CON 1 MINOR (G1 watch for 22-JUL)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 20 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (17 OOS/3 DEGRADED; roster refreshed as of 20-JUL 1125 GMT, composition changed vs. last cycle, see DTR Full for per-transmitter table) | Brent ~\$85.95/bbl (17-JUL), near a 3-week high | KEV deadlines overdue a 4th+ cycle: SimpleHelp, SharePoint, iCagenda/Balbooa Forms; no new cluster this cycle

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- MOU VOID, 9TH NIGHT OF STRIKES, 3RD US KIA CONFIRMED

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FLASH VENEZUELA EQ Day 27 Recovery/Reconstruction

VENEZUELA M7.2+M7.5 EQ -- DAY 27 -- RECOVERY/RECONSTRUCTION PHASE -- Toll rose to 5,208 confirmed dead per National Assembly President Rodriguez (up from 4,829); injured figure (16,740) remains stale, now unverified across multiple consecutive cycles. Displacement exceeds 19,500 in camps. Gold-release request not independently re-verified this cycle. [GEO-003]

HIGH CYB-001 KEVs Overdue -- No New Cluster	SHAREPOINT/SIMPLEHELP/ICAGENDA-BALBOOA SEPARATELY OVERDUE; NEW CLUSTER CONFIRMED (SONICWALL/ADFS) -- SimpleHelp OIHC 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 5 Cottonwood (Sec 7B)	BABYLON FIRE (UT) -- 62% CONTAINED, NPL RAISED TO MAXIMUM -- Babylon Fire (San Juan County, UT): 107,173 acres, 62% contained as of 17-JUL (up from 57%) -- remains nation's largest active wildfire. Cottonwood Fire (UT): ~97,462 acres, ~88% contained (source conflict between 87%/18-JUL and 90%/17-JUL secondary sources, not independently resolved this cycle), remains 2nd-largest. NIFC NPL raised to 5 of 5 (highest), effective 18-JUL 0730 MST IMSR. [WX-002/Section 7B]
HIGH EBOLA PHEIC Day 66	EBOLA PHEIC DAY 66 -- DRC/UGANDA -- UGANDA NEARING VIRUS-FREE STATUS -- DRC: 2,124 confirmed (828 deaths, CFR ~39.0%) per ECDC's 16-JUL threat assessment (data through 15-JUL). Uganda discharged its last hospitalized patient and entered a 42-day clock toward virus-free status - a genuine divergence from the DRC epicenter, which continues to grow. 2nd American case remains medevac'd to Frankfurt, Germany, not CONUS. 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 1 MINOR -- G1 STORM WATCH ISSUED FOR 22-JUL -- NOAA SWPC issued a G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm watch (WATA20, 19-JUL 2014 UTC) for 22-JUL; nothing is active or predicted above G1 for 20-21 JUL, superseding all prior watches. SWX-CON scored at 1 MINOR per the framework's own scale definition (banner = active/predicted G-scale number), corrected from the 2 carried in recent cycles. 20 stations OOS/DEGRADED (17 OOS/3 DEGRADED), roster refreshed 20-JUL 1125 GMT -- 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.
RETIRED WC-001 -- Tournament Concluded	WC-001 -- RETIRED THIS CYCLE - entry removed -- Residual: Spain defeated Argentina 1-0 (AET) 19-JUL to win the 2026 title; tournament concluded, no transportation or venue-security incident recorded across the event. ENR-002 grid emergency remains retired - no new order this cycle. [STSB-001]

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. GEO-CF-IRAN / MOU VOID -- 9th Night of Strikes, 3rd US KIA:** Tehran declared the MOU void 16-JUL. CENTCOM has now run nine consecutive nights of strikes; a third US service member is confirmed KIA at a Jordan base (cumulative US KIA 17 since 28-FEB). Iran struck Kuwaiti oil/desalination infrastructure and a US fuel pier at Ahmadi; a desalination plant near Jask was destroyed; tanker transits have fallen to zero since 15-JUL. PREP-CON held at 3 -- the Jordan KIAs are a non-CONUS casualty and do not cross the Annex's CONUS-casualty threshold. Tripwires: a confirmed CONUS-based US casualty; a struck Pickaxe Mountain site.
- 2. Venezuela Day 27 -- Recovery/Reconstruction:** 5,208 dead, up from 4,829; injured figure (16,740) remains stale, now unverified across multiple consecutive cycles. Tripwires: revised PROVEA/UNDP loss-estimate reconciliation; further death-toll revision; a fresh injured-figure update.
- 3. Cyber -- KEV Deadlines Overdue a 4th+ Cycle, No New Cluster:** 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) 62% Contained, NPL at Maximum:** Babylon 107,173 acres/62% contained (up from 57%) remains larger than Cottonwood (~97,462 acres/~88%, 2nd-largest, source conflict flagged). NIFC NPL raised to 5 of 5, the maximum level, effective 18-JUL. See WX-002/Section 7B. Tripwire: containment plateau/reversal; new large fire starts.
- 5. Ebola PHEIC Day 66 -- Uganda Nearing Virus-Free Status:** DRC 2,124 confirmed/828 deaths (CFR ~39.0%) per ECDC 16-JUL. Uganda discharged its last patient and entered a 42-day clock toward virus-free status. Tripwire: WHO DON publication; further case-count trajectory.
- 6. WC-001 - Retired This Cycle - entry removed:** Spain defeated Argentina 1-0 (AET) 19-JUL to win the 2026 title; tournament concluded. No 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: ~\$85.95/bbl (17-JUL), near a 3-week high on the strike escalation; AAA \$3.8900/gal (13-JUL) -- EIA's weekly release confirms gasoline \$3.855/gal and diesel \$4.796/gal.

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: Nine consecutive nights of strikes, a third US KIA, and mutual Pickaxe Mountain threats all raise the stakes further. PREP-CON held at 3 per Triggers Annex v1.1 (the Jordan KIAs are non-CONUS) -- 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 ~\$85.95/bbl	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$3.8900	NWR AFFECTED 20	VENEZUELA 5,208 dead	EBOLA PHEIC 2,124 confirmed (828 deaths, CFR ~39.0%)
near a 3-week high, driven by the strike escalation and zero tanker transits since 15-JUL	AAA -- up from \$3.8720 on 14-JUL; EIA's weekly release posted 14-JUL as scheduled, both gasoline and diesel fresh	roster refreshed 20-JUL 1125 GMT; composition changed vs. last cycle (multiple cleared, multiple new)	Day 27 injured figure (16,740) remains stale, now unverified across multiple consecutive cycles	DRC (ECDC 16-JUL) Uganda discharged last patient, 42-day clock Day 66

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 US-IRAN STRIKE ESCALATION / 3RD US KIA (Op Epic Fury Day 143 / MOU Day 28):

MOU Day 28 [VOID 16-JUL]: Tehran declared the memorandum void 16-JUL; Iran's negotiator separately calls it merely "suspended." CENTCOM has now run nine consecutive nights of strikes; a third US service member is confirmed KIA at a Jordan base, cumulative US KIA 17 since 28-FEB, up from 14. Iran struck Kuwaiti oil/desalination infrastructure and a US fuel pier at Ahmadi; a desalination plant near Jask was destroyed; Jordan intercepted 10 Iranian ballistic missiles; tanker transits have fallen to zero since 15-JUL. PREP-CON held at 3 per Triggers Annex v1.1 -- the Jordan KIAs are a non-CONUS casualty, not meeting the Annex's CONUS-casualty threshold for PREP-CON 2.

LIKELIHOOD: A confirmed CONUS-based US casualty or a struck Pickaxe Mountain site within the week (either would trigger PREP-CON 2 reassessment): **UNLIKELY** -- current casualties remain confined to non-CONUS bases, but both risks are elevated given the KIA trajectory and Trump's public Pickaxe Mountain statement. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: strike tempo escalated from 6 to 9 consecutive nights and US KIA rose from 14 to 17 -- the war has moved from a naval-interdiction/closure dispute to direct infrastructure strikes and confirmed US military deaths. Brent ~\$85.95/bbl (17-JUL), near a 3-week high.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 142):

440.9 kg 60%-HEU -- last IAEA-verified 28-FEB-2026; unverified since, now Day 142 of the blackout. Live-checked directly against [iaea.org/current-reporting](https://www.iaea.org/current-reporting) this cycle: no new Board action or Grossi statement found. New context: Trump has publicly stated the US will strike Pickaxe Mountain if it is not opened to inspection -- a firmer, US-side threat than Iran's threat-only framing carried previously.

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.

KJ-3 EBOLA PHEIC TRAJECTORY (Day 66):

DRC 2,124 confirmed (828 deaths, CFR ~39.0%) per ECDC's 16-JUL threat assessment. Uganda discharged its last hospitalized patient and entered a 42-day clock toward virus-free status -- a genuine divergence from the still-growing DRC epicenter. 2nd American case remains medevac'd to Frankfurt, Germany, not CONUS. Bundibugyo strain has no approved vaccine or treatment.

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.

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