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

Friday, 24 July 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 147 | Hormuz Day 147 | MOU Day 28 [VOID 16-JUL] | IAEA Blackout Day 146 | Ebola PHEIC Day 70 | WC-001 retired -- tournament concluded 19-JUL (Spain 1-0 Argentina) | Venezuela EQ Day 31 | DOM-002 retired | Brent ~\$97-101/bbl over the past 48 hours (23-24-JUL), near a 5-week high, driven by the strike escalation, new Houthi tanker attacks in the Red Sea (23-JUL), and a drone strike on Kazakhstan's CPC export terminal

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 NSTR (no NOAA SWPC alert, watch, or warning product supplied this cycle -- the prior WATA20 G1 watch, forecast through 22-JUL, has lapsed; only a sub-G1 K4 advisory remains active)

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BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 24-JUL-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 147 | MOU Day 28 [VOID 16-JUL] | IAEA Blackout Day 146 | Ebola PHEIC Day 70 | NPL 5 of 5 (raised from PL 4, 18-JUL 0730 MST IMSR) | WC-001 retired -- tournament concluded 19-JUL | Venezuela EQ Day 31 -- Recovery/Reconstruction

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED (down from 4, see WX-001) | **SWX-CON NSTR (sub-G1 K4 advisory active)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 20 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (17 OOS/3 DEGRADED; up from 18 stations -- two new outages, no restorations, see DTR Full for per-transmitter table) | Brent ~\$97-101/bbl over the past 48 hours (23-24-JUL) | KEV deadlines overdue: SimpleHelp, SharePoint, iCagenda/Balbooa Forms; NEW this cycle: Check Point SmartConsole (CVE-2026-16232) and a pre-auth-exploited SharePoint deserialization flaw (CVE-2026-50522), both added 22-JUL, due 25-JUL; the 16-JUL DD-WRT/Langflow/WordPress cluster is due today | UPDATE: Tropical Depression Bertha (formerly Tropical Storm) weakened early 24-JUL after a second landfall near the TX/LA border (23-JUL PM); no deaths/damage reported, NHC forecasts dissipation in 24-48 hrs -- see DTR Full WX-001. NEW: Houthi naval blockade against Saudi shipping (Bab al-Mandeb) and a fresh, unconfirmed-casualty Iranian attack on Kuwait/Jordan (23-JUL)

**FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN --
13TH NIGHT OF STRIKES,
KUWAIT/JORDAN/BAHRAIN
HIT, 17 CUMULATIVE US
KIA**

MOU VOID, 13TH NIGHT OF STRIKES, 17 CUMULATIVE US KIA -- Tehran declared the MOU void 16-JUL; CENTCOM has now run 13 consecutive nights of strikes, and Kuwait/Jordan separately confirmed a fresh Iranian attack this morning with casualties unconfirmed. Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck despite renewed Trump threats; Brent has climbed sharply to ~\$97-101/bbl (48-hr range). PREP-CON held at 3 -- no confirmed CONUS casualty. [GEO-CF-IRAN / NUC-001]

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FLASH VENEZUELA EQ Day 31 Recovery/Reconstruction	VENEZUELA M7.2+M7.5 EQ -- DAY 30 -- RECOVERY/RECONSTRUCTION PHASE -- Toll rose to 5,346 confirmed dead per Agencia EFE (up from 5,278); injured figure (16,740) remains unrefreshed since early July across multiple cycles, a data-integrity gap in its own right. 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 and SharePoint remain unremediated a 4th+ cycle; two additional SharePoint-chain CVEs were confirmed added to the KEV catalog this cycle. Federal agencies remain in violation of BOD 26-04 -- no workarounds, patch only. [CYB-001]
FLASH WILDFIRE NPL 5 Cottonwood (Sec 7B)	BABYLON FIRE (UT) -- 95% CONTAINED, NPL AT MAXIMUM -- Babylon Fire (UT) holds at 107,189 acres/95% contained; Cottonwood Fire (UT) holds at 97,464 acres/90% contained -- both static, remain the nation's two largest active fires. NIFC NPL remains at 5 of 5, the maximum. [WX-002/Section 7B]
HIGH EBOLA PHEIC Day 70	EBOLA PHEIC DAY 70 -- DRC/UGANDA -- UGANDA NEARING VIRUS-FREE STATUS -- DRC: 2,473 confirmed (999 deaths, CFR ~40.4%), continuing to climb; Uganda remains clear and is partway through its 42-day virus-free clearance clock. No approved vaccine or treatment exists for the Bundibugyo strain. [PHS-002]
NSTR SWX SWX-CON -- No Active Product This Cycle	SWX-CON NSTR -- SUB-G1 K4 PERSISTENCE ADVISORY ACTIVE, PRIOR G1 WATCH LAPSED -- The prior WATA20 G1-Minor watch (forecast through 22-JUL) has lapsed; this cycle's feed shows only a sub-G1 K4 Persistence advisory (WARK04, active to 1500 UTC 24-JUL). SWX-CON scored NSTR this cycle -- no G1+ SWPC product. 20 stations OOS/DEGRADED (17 OOS/3 DEGRADED), up from 18 -- two new outages this cycle (AK Rugged Island, OK Woodward), no restorations -- 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 -- 13th Night of Strikes, 17 Cumulative US KIA: Tehran declared the MOU void 16-JUL. CENTCOM has now run 13 consecutive nights of strikes; cumulative US KIA remains 17 since 28-FEB (corrects an erroneous 18-count carried last cycle). Iran struck Kuwaiti oil/desalination infrastructure and a US fuel pier at Ahmadi; a desalination plant near Jask was destroyed; tanker transits corrected this cycle: not zero, down 66% week-on-week (53 vs. 157). 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 31 -- Recovery/Reconstruction: 5,346 dead, up from 5,278; injured figure (16,740) remains unrefreshed since early July across multiple cycles, a data-integrity gap in its own right. 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) 95% Contained, NPL at Maximum: Babylon 107,189 acres/95% contained (20-JUL, most recent available) -- evacuation notifications lifted remains larger than Cottonwood (97,464 acres/90%, 2nd-largest, conflict resolved this cycle). 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 70 -- Uganda Nearing Virus-Free Status: DRC 2,473 confirmed/999 deaths (CFR ~40.4%), case growth accelerating. 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: ~\$97-101/bbl (48-hr range, up sharply from ~\$88-90 on 21-JUL), near a 5-week high on the strike escalation; AAA \$4.09/gal (23-JUL, up 15c w/w; up from \$3.89 on 13-JUL). EIA's weekly release (14-JUL data: gasoline \$3.855/diesel \$4.796) is now 9 days old -- no fresher EIA release identified this cycle.

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: Thirteen 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 ~\$97-101/bbl (48-hr range)	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$4.06	NWR AFFECTED 20	VENEZUELA 5,346 dead	EBOLA PHEIC 2,473 confirmed (999 deaths, CFR ~40.4%)
near a 5-week high, driven by the strike escalation, new Houthi Red Sea tanker attacks (23-JUL), and a Kazakhstan CPC terminal drone strike	AAA, 23-JUL -- up 15c w/w; up from \$3.89 on 13-JUL; EIA's weekly release, prior data pending refreshd, both gasoline and diesel fresh	roster refreshed 20-JUL 1125 GMT; composition changed vs. last cycle (multiple cleared, multiple new)	Day 31 injured figure (16,740) remains stale, now unverified across multiple consecutive cycles	DRC (ECDC 21-JUL) Uganda discharged last patient, 42-day clock Day 70

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 US-IRAN STRIKE ESCALATION / 3RD US KIA (Op Epic Fury Day 147 / 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 13 consecutive nights of strikes; cumulative US KIA remains 17 since 28-FEB (corrects an erroneous 18-count carried last cycle), up from 14 two cycles ago. 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 corrected this cycle -- not zero, down 66% week-on-week. 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 has intensified to 13 consecutive nights, up from 9 a week ago, and US KIA holds at 17 -- the war has moved from a naval-interdiction/closure dispute to direct infrastructure strikes and confirmed US military deaths. NEW THIS MORNING (23-JUL): Kuwait and Jordan both confirmed a fresh IRGC attack on US-linked targets; casualties unconfirmed as of this sweep. Brent ~\$97-101/bbl over the past 48 hours (23-24-JUL), near a 5-week high.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 146):

440.9 kg 60%-HEU -- last IAEA-verified 28-FEB-2026; unverified since, now Day 146 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 70):

DRC 2,473 confirmed (999 deaths, CFR ~40.4%) per ECDC's 21-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.

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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 held at 2,473/999 per ECDC (21-JUL), re-verified this cycle, no change; Africa CDC separately cites a higher, unreconciled death toll (1,031, 22-JUL) from a different data cut.

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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