

DTR LITE -- Executive Brief

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

Monday, 3 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 157 | Hormuz Day 157 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 156 | Ebola PHEIC Day 80 | SWX-CON 2 MODERATE

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

WX-CON 3 GUARDED (held; escalation to 2 recommended this cycle pending operator confirmation -- see WX-002 and the Spokane Complex entry below)

SWX-CON 2 MODERATE (NOAA SWPC observed G2 geomagnetic storm levels at 02-AUG 1759 UTC, alert ALTK06 serial 724; escalated from NSTR last cycle)

Publication (UTC)	03 AUG 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	28-JUL-2026 1600Z through 03-AUG-2026 1600Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 34/56 mandatory sources dispositioned

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 03-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 157 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 156 | Ebola PHEIC Day 80 | NPL 5 of 5 held

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED (escalation to 2 recommended) | **SWX-CON 2 MODERATE (G2 observed 02-AUG)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 23 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (20 OOS / 3 DEGRADED; up from 18 stations, see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table) | Brent \$87.38/bbl (03-AUG intraday) against \$87.93 close 31-JUL and \$89.03 settle 30-JUL, easing on resumed US-Iran talks | AAA national average \$4.09/gal (30-JUL), flat week-on-week

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- STRIKES RESUMED 29-30 JUL, CANCELLED 01-AUG, TALKS RESUME TODAY

STRIKE WAVE THEN CANCELLATION -- NEGOTIATIONS OPEN 03-AUG --

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FLASH WILDFIRE Spokane Complex (WA) -- Sec 7B

SPOKANE COMPLEX (WA) -- 600+ STRUCTURES DESTROYED, STATEWIDE WA

EMERGENCY -- Three fires west and north of Spokane -- Old Trails, Autumn Lane and Fairview -- ignited 01-AUG under a rare Particularly Dangerous Situation Red Flag Warning, burned 5,381 acres combined at 0% containment and destroyed more than 600 structures, with Level 3 "Go Now" evacuations across large parts of the city. Governor Ferguson declared a statewide wildfire emergency and burn ban with 17 further fires burning in Washington. Avista implemented Public Safety Power Shutoffs from about 1300 PDT 01-AUG in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. [WX-002/Section 7B]

HIGH CYB-001 New KEV Already Overdue

CVE-2026-20316 (CISCO FMC) ADDED 29-JUL, DEADLINE 01-AUG ALREADY

PASSED -- CISA added one new KEV this cycle: CVE-2026-20316, a hard-coded password flaw in Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center that lets an unauthenticated remote attacker log in with a low-privileged account. Its BOD 26-04 deadline was 01-AUG, so it enters this cycle overdue. The SharePoint, SimpleHelp, iCalendar and Balboa Forms

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	deadlines all remain unmet. KEV additions slowed to three in seven days from nine the week before; the catalogue now holds 1,274 entries. [CYB-001]
FLASH WILDFIRE NPL 5 of 5 held (Sec 7B)	NPL 5 OF 5 HELD -- 99 UNCONTAINED LARGE FIRES -- NIFC holds the National Preparedness Level at 5 of 5, the maximum, with 99 uncontained large fires, 18 new large incidents and 45,835 fires / 5,275,247 acres year to date -- roughly 1.09 million acres added in six days. An Australian and New Zealand incident management team plus 59 fireline personnel are assigned to the Northwest Area and two MAFFS C-130 tankers have deployed to Klamath Falls, Oregon. [WX-002/Section 7B]
HIGH EBOLA PHEIC Day 80	EBOLA PHEIC DAY 80 -- NOW THE LARGEST EBOLA OUTBREAK EVER RECORDED IN THE DRC -- WHO reports 3,605 confirmed cases and 1,587 deaths in the DRC as of 30-JUL, a crude case fatality ratio of 44%, and now classes this as the largest Ebola outbreak ever reported in the country and as intensifying. The outbreak spans five provinces and 49 of 140 health zones; ECDC records 78.3% of identified contacts under follow-up. Uganda holds at 20 confirmed cases and 2 deaths. No approved vaccine or treatment exists for the Bundibugyo strain. [PHS-002]
WATCH SWX-001 SWX-CON 2 -- G2 Storm Observed	G2 (MODERATE) GEOMAGNETIC STORM OBSERVED 02-AUG 1759 UTC -- A partial-halo CME from a long-duration M1.9 flare in Active Region 4492 on 30-JUL reached Earth on 02-AUG, and SWPC recorded G2 storm levels at 1759 UTC (alert ALTK06 serial 724, warning WARK06 serial 668). Impacts are primarily poleward of 55 degrees geomagnetic latitude: possible high-latitude grid voltage alarms, increased low-Earth-orbit satellite drag, and HF fading on polar routes. Disturbed conditions were forecast to continue through today. SWX-CON escalates from NSTR to 2. [SWX-001]
FLASH STSB-002 Twin Falls ID Mass Shooting	STSB-002 -- TWIN FALLS, IDAHO (01-AUG): a gunman with an AR-pattern rifle killed three people and wounded seven outside an In-N-Out Burger at about 1429 MDT before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. An off-duty Idaho State Police trooper and an armed private citizen returned fire and, per the police chief, drove him from the scene and prevented further casualties. Five of the wounded remained hospitalised on 02-AUG, two in critical condition. Police assess he acted alone; motive is undetermined.
NSTR SEC 7D Tropical -- All Basins Clear	TROPICAL: NSTR ACROSS ALL BASINS -- The National Hurricane Center states tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven days for the North Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf, for the eastern and central North Pacific east of 180, and for the central North Pacific between 140W and 180W (all products 03-AUG). Two tropical waves are tracked without development potential. [Section 7D]

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS	
1. GEO-CF-IRAN -- Strikes Resumed Then Cancelled, Talks Open Today: CENTCOM struck dozens of IRGC targets on 29-30 JUL; no US strikes inside Iran followed on 30-31 JUL; Trump cancelled a further planned attack on 01-AUG and negotiations resume 03-AUG. Iran claimed a drone attack on Kuwait's Ahmad Al-Jaber Air Base on 31-JUL that neither Kuwait nor CENTCOM confirmed. Tripwires: whether the 03-AUG round produces a written instrument; any verified change in Hormuz transit volume above the 14 vessels counted 29-JUL; resumption of US strikes. 2. Wildfire -- Spokane Complex and NPL 5: More than 600 structures destroyed inside a metropolitan area in a single 24-hour period, a statewide Washington emergency and burn ban, and 99 uncontained large fires nationally. Tripwires: containment progress on Old Trails, Autumn Lane and Fairview; any NPL change; further utility Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Organisations with Inland Northwest exposure should assume multi-day power outages in PSPS areas. 3. Cyber -- One New KEV, Overdue on Arrival: CVE-2026-20316 (Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center) passed its 01-AUG remediation deadline before this cycle opened. Inventory Firewall Management Center instances, confirm no low-privileged account exposure, and conduct a compromise assessment before patching. The older SharePoint, SimpleHelp, iCagenda and Balboa backlog remains unremediated. 4. Space Weather -- G2 Storm Observed, SWX-CON 2: The first SWX-CON escalation in several cycles, on observed rather than forecast data. High-latitude and polar-route operators should expect HF fading; satellite operators should expect increased drag and possible orientation corrections. Mid-latitude CONUS impact is limited. Tripwire: a fresh SWPC pull confirming whether conditions have subsided below G1. 5. Ebola PHEIC Day 80 -- Largest DRC Outbreak on Record: 3,605 confirmed and 1,587 deaths (CFR 44%) as of 30-JUL, across five provinces and 49 health zones, with WHO describing transmission as sustained. Contact-tracing coverage at 78.3% is the metric to watch, because coverage below full is what converts a controllable outbreak into a regional one. Tripwires: WHO weekly situation report; any further exported case. 6. Soft Target -- Twin Falls, Idaho: A high-throughput drive-through with queued, immobilised vehicles and no access control is the target profile here, and intervention came from bystanders rather than a response force. Organisations running comparable sites should review queue geometry, staff duress signalling and lockdown triggers. Note also the rapid circulation of a wrongly identified suspect, which police had to publicly correct -- anticipate that in incident communications planning.	

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Brent traded \$87.38/bbl intraday 03-AUG against a \$87.93 close on 31-JUL and a \$89.03 settle on 30-JUL, with WTI front-month off about 6% in Monday trading on the cancelled strike and resumed talks; Brent still closed July up approximately 21% per Bloomberg, the largest monthly gain since March. AAA national average \$4.09/gal on 30-JUL, unchanged week-on-week and about a dollar above the same week last year. EIA weekly gasoline and diesel next publish 04-AUG.

Maritime / supply chain: Kpler counted 14 commodity vessels transiting Hormuz on 29-JUL, up from single-digit daily levels the prior week but still roughly a tenth of pre-war throughput. War-risk premium holds at 7.5-10% of hull value against a pre-war 1-3%. MARAD 2026-001A, 2026-004 and 2026-006 remain in force and JMIC holds the region at SEVERE. Saudi Arabia proposed a multinational Red Sea maritime defence coalition on 30-JUL. A drone struck the US-owned tanker Energos Winter at Damietta, Egypt on 29-JUL.

Escalation trajectory: This is the fourth announced pause of the conflict and, like the previous three, it rests on a claim rather than a signed instrument. Trump has publicly committed Iran to an "immediate, complete, and total opening" of the Strait while Iran has confirmed only that talks with Oman are advanced; that gap is where the pause holds or fails. PREP-CON held at 3.

No direct US-household action required today -- this remains a monitoring item unless you have direct exposure (travel, shipping, fuel-dependent operations). Households in the Inland Northwest should treat wildfire evacuation readiness and multi-day power outage preparation as an action item today.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	WILDFIRE	EBOLA PHEIC
\$87.38/bbl (03-AUG intraday) down from \$87.93 close 31-JUL and \$89.03 settle 30-JUL; WTI front-month off about 6% Monday on the cancelled strike and resumed talks; Brent July gain approximately 21%	\$4.09 AAA national average, 30-JUL -- unchanged week-on-week; EIA weekly gasoline and diesel next release 04-AUG	23 operator-supplied roster as of 03-AUG 1425 UTC -- 20 OOS / 3 DEGRADED, up from 18 stations last cycle	99 uncontained NPL 5 of 5 45,835 fires / 5,275,247 acres YTD Spokane Complex 600+ structures destroyed	3,605 confirmed (1,587 deaths, CFR 44%) DRC (WHO, data to 30-JUL) largest DRC Ebola outbreak on record Day 80

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 US-IRAN: STRIKE WAVE, CANCELLATION, TALKS RESUME (Op Epic Fury Day 157):

CENTCOM completed a "heavy wave" of strikes against dozens of IRGC targets on 29-30 JUL in response to an Iranian ballistic-missile attempt on US forces on 28-JUL; three civilians were killed on Qeshm Island. No US strikes inside Iran were reported on 30-31 JUL. Trump cancelled a further planned attack on 01-AUG, saying Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar and Iran had asked him to hold off and that the "perimeters of a deal" had been agreed; negotiations resume 03-AUG. Iranian FM Araghchi says Iran-Oman talks on the Strait are in their "final stages," but Iran has published no confirmation of any commitment to reopen it.

LIKELIHOOD: Renewed US strikes inside Iran before the next cycle: ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE -- three prior announced pauses in this conflict were each broken within days, but negotiations opening today are a live restraining factor. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the 13-consecutive-nights framing is superseded -- strikes resumed as a single wave on 29-30 JUL, not a continuing nightly tempo. US casualty accounting corrected to 18 dead / 624 wounded, superseding the 14 / 482 figure carried last cycle, which could not be substantiated.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 156):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched and 184.1 kg of 20%-enriched UF₆ assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 28-FEB-2026 and unverified for 156 days. No IAEA statement or Board action was issued in the window and no nuclear facility was struck, including in the 29-30 JUL wave; Pickaxe Mountain remains unstruck. New this cycle: the US Director of National Intelligence and Iran's ambassador to the IAEA both state that enrichment has not resumed, and the IAEA reports no satellite evidence of renewed enrichment.

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

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: the blackout is unchanged, but the assessment is qualified this cycle -- no-visibility does not currently equate to active enrichment, per two independent official statements and the absence of satellite evidence. Trump separately names denuclearisation as in scope for the 03-AUG negotiations.

KJ-3 EBOLA PHEIC TRAJECTORY (Day 80):

WHO reports 3,605 confirmed cases and 1,587 deaths in the DRC as of 30-JUL, a crude CFR of 44%, and now classes this as the largest Ebola outbreak ever reported in the DRC, surpassing the 2018-2020 Kivu epidemic. Initially confined to one health zone in Ituri, it has expanded over two months to five provinces and 49 of 140 health zones. ECDC recorded an increase of 82 cases and 34 deaths in a single day to 28-JUL, with 797 patients hospitalised in isolation and 78.3% of identified contacts under follow-up.

LIKELIHOOD: Confirmed case count exceeds 4,000 before the next weekly WHO update: **LIKELY** -- the recent daily increment is in the range of 80 cases. **CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

CHANGE FROM PRIOR: figures move from 3,200 / 1,405 to 3,605 / 1,587 and the outbreak crosses a qualitative threshold -- WHO now calls it the largest ever recorded in the DRC and describes transmission as sustained. The Africa CDC source conflict flagged previously is resolved in favour of the reconciled WHO and ECDC series.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: \$0.55 estimative ladder | 34 of 56 mandatory sources individually dispositioned this cycle, 22 not run | Unresolved source conflicts are reported rather than averaged: CENTCOM blockade vessel counts and Spokane evacuation population.

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

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