

DTR LITE -- Executive Brief

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

Tuesday, 4 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 158 | Hormuz Day 158 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 157 | Ebola PHEIC Day 81 | SWX-CON NSTR

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

WX-CON 3 GUARDED (held; escalation to 2 recommended pending operator confirmation -- see the Spokane Area Fires entry below)

SWX-CON NSTR (SWPC WARK04 serial 5398 extends a K-index 4 warning to 04-AUG 1500Z, below the G1 storm threshold; de-escalated from 2)

Publication (UTC)	04 AUG 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	03-AUG-2026 1600Z through 04-AUG-2026 1600Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 54/56 mandatory sources live-pulled

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 04-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 158 | MOU VOID 16-JUL | IAEA Blackout Day 157

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED (escalation to 2 recommended) | **SWX-CON NSTR (K4 warning, below storm level)** | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 23 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (20 OOS / 3 DEGRADED; see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table)

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- TEHRAN DENIES NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY

IRAN DENIES A NEGOTIATING TRACK -- IRGC STRIKES US BASE IN KUWAIT --

Iran's foreign ministry stated on 03-AUG that it has no negotiations with the United States and no plans to host or send delegations, directly contradicting the US account of talks in progress; Iran says it is dealing with Oman alone on a temporary corridor. The IRGC attacked a US base in Kuwait on 04-AUG with at least three drones. No US strike inside Iran has been announced since the 29-30 JUL wave, a sixth consecutive night. The US military states 44 vessels have been diverted under the blockade.

FLASH WILDFIRE Spokane Area Fires (WA) -- Sec 7B

SPOKANE AREA FIRES (WA) -- 10,280 ACRES, 0% CONTAINED, ARSON ARREST --

The three fires west and north of Spokane -- Old Trails, Autumn Lane and Fairview -- reached 10,280 combined acres at 0% containment as of 04-AUG 0808 local, up 28% from the 8,026 acres reported the previous morning. An arrest was made on 03-AUG for intentionally setting a fire that spread into the Old Trails Fire; InciWeb still lists cause as under investigation and the two statements have not been reconciled. Structure loss remains unresolved between an InciWeb unconfirmed estimate of at least 600 and an official range of 700 to 1,100. Washington now leads the nation in power outages, with 31,713 Spokane County customers out.

HIGH CYB-001 New KEV -- MSP Management Plane

CVE-2026-18577 (N-ABLE N-CENTRAL) ADDED 03-AUG, FEDERAL DEADLINE 06-AUG --

CISA added CVE-2026-18577, an authentication bypass in the N-able N-central remote monitoring and management platform, with an 06-AUG federal deadline. Attackers gain remote administrative access to the N-central server and then use the built-in Take Control feature to pivot into managed customer endpoints, establishing persistence by registering Cloudflare tunnels as Windows services. Huntress reports exploitation ongoing with 55.6% of its monitored estate unpatched. Cisco FMC CVE-2026-20316 is now three days overdue; Fortinet CVE-2025-68686 is due 10-AUG.

FLASH WILDFIRE NPL 5 of 5 held (Sec 7B)	NPL 5 OF 5 HELD -- 102 UNCONTAINED LARGE FIRES -- NIFC holds the National Preparedness Level at 5 of 5, the maximum, with 102 uncontained large fires, 7 new large incidents and 44,722 fires / 5,154,596 acres year to date - 128% and 137% of ten-year averages. 29,201 personnel are committed nationally. SPC carries NO CRITICAL fire weather area on either Day 1 or Day 2, so the near-term risk is existing fires rather than new starts.
HIGH EBOLA PHEIC Day 81	EBOLA PHEIC DAY 81 -- WORST WEEK OF THE OUTBREAK -- WHO figures are unchanged at 3,605 confirmed cases and 1,587 deaths in the DRC as of 30-JUL, a crude case fatality ratio of 44%, but epidemiological week 30 recorded 567 cases and 296 deaths, the highest weekly totals of the outbreak. Uganda declared its own outbreak over on 28-JUL at 20 confirmed and 2 deaths. ACLED assesses spread is concentrated inside conflict areas where health infrastructure is being actively degraded.
WATCH SWX-001 SWX-CON returns to NSTR	GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY FALLS BELOW STORM LEVEL -- The partial-halo CME that drove the 02-AUG G2 has passed and been absorbed. SWPC message WARK04 serial 5398, issued 04-AUG 0810 UTC, extends a K-index 4 warning to 04-AUG 1500Z on a persistence condition - one step below the Kp5 threshold that defines G1. SWX-CON returns from 2 to NSTR. Impacts are now confined poleward of 65 degrees geomagnetic latitude, which removes the continental United States from the stated area entirely.
FLASH STSB-002 Twin Falls ID -- Motive Undetermined at Day 3	STSB-002 -- TWIN FALLS, IDAHO (01-AUG): motive remains undetermined three days after the attack that killed three and wounded seven outside an In-N-Out Burger, with hundreds of witnesses still to be interviewed. The victim and the intervening armed civilian have been publicly identified; police have corrected online misinformation naming an uninvolved person.
NSTR SEC 7D Tropical -- All Basins Clear	TROPICAL: NSTR ACROSS ALL BASINS -- The National Hurricane Center 2-Day and 7-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlooks for the North Atlantic, Eastern Pacific and Central Pacific all read no disturbances, on a direct nhc.gov pull this cycle.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. GEO-CF-IRAN -- Tehran Denies a Negotiating Track:** The central claim of the last cycle did not hold. Washington asserted talks would open 03-AUG; Tehran denied on the record that any negotiations exist. The pause now rests on a disputed rather than merely unsigned basis, and the only kinetic activity in the window came from the Iranian side against a US base in Kuwait. Treat any reported breakthrough as unconfirmed absent a Tehran-sourced statement.
- 2. Wildfire -- Spokane Area Fires and NPL 5:** The complex grew 28% in about 26 hours to 10,280 acres at 0% containment while fire weather was easing, which is the signal worth acting on: containment lines built under favourable conditions face hotter weather returning 05-AUG. 102 uncontained large fires nationally.
- 3. Cyber -- New KEV in the MSP Management Plane:** CVE-2026-18577 is due 06-AUG. If you run N-able N-central, confirm hotfix 2026.3.1.7 is applied, then treat every managed endpoint as in scope: hunt for svchost.exe running from a user Documents folder and a registered service named Cloudflared. IP blocking is of limited value - four of the six published attacker addresses are commercial VPN exit nodes.
- 4. Space Weather -- De-escalation to NSTR:** Conditions have fallen below storm level and the CONUS aurora and grid-fluctuation advisories of the last cycle no longer apply. No R-scale radio blackout is in force.
- 5. Ebola PHEIC Day 81 -- Worst Week Recorded:** Headline figures are unchanged only because of the reporting calendar. Week 30 recorded 567 cases and 296 deaths, so the next WHO update should be expected to move sharply rather than incrementally.
- 6. Soft Target -- Twin Falls, Idaho:** A high-throughput drive-through with queued, immobilised vehicles and no access control is the target profile, and intervention came from bystanders rather than from site security. Motive is still undetermined at Day 3, which is consistent with an investigation without an ideological thread to follow.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Brent stands at \$80.60/bbl and WTI at \$76.95/bbl on 04-AUG against a \$87.93 Brent close on 31-JUL - a 48-hour fall of \$7.33, or 8.3%. The OPEC Basket fell 10.04% in a single session. The pump has not followed: AAA has the national average at \$4.0890/gal, flat, because retail lags crude by one to two weeks. Diesel remains at \$5.313/gal per EIA for 27-JUL, up \$1.508 year-on-year.

Maritime / supply chain: Kpler recorded 106 Hormuz crossings by 96 distinct vessels over 27-JUL to 02-AUG, up about 8% week-on-week but volatile between 8 and 25 per day. The routing matters more than the volume: on 02-AUG seven of nine transits used Iran's Unilateral Scheme and none used the established traffic separation scheme. The bulk carrier Minoan Pioneer was struck 20 NM northeast of Al Khasab at 2200Z 03-AUG with one crew member missing. War-risk premium holds at 7.5-10% of hull value.

Escalation trajectory: This is the fourth announced pause, and it is the weakest of the four because one of the two parties denies the negotiating track exists. Markets are pricing de-escalation - equities closed at a record on 03-AUG and crude fell again today - even after a vessel was struck in the Strait and the IRGC hit a US base. That dislocation means positioning is short geopolitical risk into a tactical picture that got worse, not better, in the last 24 hours.

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 follow local evacuation instructions.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE \$80.60/bbl (04-AUG) down \$7.33 or 8.3% from the \$87.93 close on 31-JUL; WTI \$76.95, OPEC Basket \$79.50 and off 10.04% in one session; operator-supplied live quotes rather than official settles	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$4.0890 AAA national average, 04-AUG -- flat against 30-JUL; EIA independently has US regular at \$4.096 for 27-JUL and diesel at \$5.313	NWR AFFECTED 23 operator-supplied timestamped roster as of 04-AUG 1125 UTC -- 20 OOS / 3 DEGRADED	WILDFIRE 102 uncontained NPL 5 of 5 44,722 fires / 5,154,596 acres YTD Spokane Area Fires 10,280 acres, 0% contained	EBOLA PHEIC 3,605 confirmed (1,587 deaths, CFR 44%) DRC (WHO, data to 30-JUL) week 30 the worst of the outbreak at 567 cases Day 81
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KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 US-IRAN: TEHRAN DENIES A NEGOTIATING TRACK (Op Epic Fury Day 158):

Iran's foreign ministry denied on 03-AUG that any negotiations with the United States exist, contradicting the US account. No US strike inside Iran has been announced since 29-30 JUL, but the IRGC attacked a US base in Kuwait on 04-AUG with at least three drones. Iran asserts permission-based control of both Hormuz corridors, including the southern route through Omani waters that Washington maintains is open as of right.

LIKELIHOOD: Renewed US strikes inside Iran before the next cycle: ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE -- the Kuwait attack supplies a casus belli, but the US has absorbed comparable provocations during this pause without responding.**CONFIDENCE:** MODERATE.

The US casualty pair carried previously is withdrawn: 18 dead / 624 wounded could not be corroborated by any single source and appears to be a composite. Official counts run 13-15 killed with 365-543 wounded.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 157):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched and 184.1 kg of 20%-enriched UF₆ assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 and unverified for 157 days. No IAEA statement or Board action issued in the window and no nuclear facility struck.

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

Denuclearisation was named as a deal component on 02-AUG, but Tehran's denial that negotiations exist removes the forum in which it could be tabled.

KJ-3 EBOLA PHEIC TRAJECTORY (Day 81):

WHO holds at 3,605 confirmed cases and 1,587 deaths in the DRC as of 30-JUL, a crude CFR of 44%, across five provinces and 49 of 140 health zones. Epidemiological week 30 recorded 567 cases and 296 deaths, the worst week of the outbreak.

LIKELIHOOD: Confirmed case count exceeds 4,000 before the next weekly WHO update: LIKELY -- week 30 alone added 567 cases, and this judgement remains unresolved because the weekly report had not posted at pull time.
CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

Uganda declared its outbreak over on 28-JUL at 20 confirmed and 2 deaths, 12 days after the last discharge on a 42-day count taken from an earlier date - treat as provisional.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: \$0.55 estimative ladder | 54 of 56 mandatory sources live-pulled this cycle

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