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

Monday, 24 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 178 | Hormuz Day 178 | US SANCTIONS TRANCHE DUE 24-AUG | IAEA Blackout Day 177 | Ebola PHEIC Day 100 | Reporting period 96 hours: no 21, 22 or 23-AUG edition was produced

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

WX-CON 3 GUARDED (closed at 3 on 13-AUG; neither re-opening trigger met this cycle - see the wildfire entry below)

SWX-CON ALERT IN FORCE (SWPC alerts pulled 24-AUG: all three NOAA scales read zero observed on both the 23 and 24-AUG panels, but the 2MeV electron integral flux has exceeded 1,000 pfu CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 21-AUG 1105Z and has been re-alerted on 22, 23 and 24-AUG - a satellite-charging hazard rather than an HF or grid one. Flare probability has risen to R1 45 percent and R3 10 percent. The 20-AUG 1,201 km/s Type II shock did NOT storm, resolving that call as assessed. No FFTP SWX-CON level above NSTR is defined in the governing files; an operator ruling on the ladder is owed.)

Publication (UTC)	17 AUGUST 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	17-AUG-2026 1600Z through 17-AUG-2026 1600Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 42 of 59 mandatory live-pulled, 18 blocked with a declared substitute - 59 of 59 dispositioned MONDAY ROLLUP: PARTIAL, 100 of 638 registry sources dispositioned (see DTR Full Section 12)

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 24-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 178 | Treasury has said the details of its Iran economic-isolation measures will be announced on 24-AUG, after the President described the initiative as an economic D-Day. Three named tropical cyclones are active and Tropical Depression Moke has the ENTIRE BIG ISLAND of Hawaii under a Flood Watch. The DRC Ebola outbreak reached DAY 100 at 5,290 cases and 2,516 deaths, with Ituri holding 84 percent of them. Extreme heat is the dominant domestic hazard with 24 Extreme Heat Warnings and 31 Heat Advisories in force, and NIFC reports new wildfire starts DOUBLING to 200 with zero contained.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED | SWX-CON ACTIVE - R2 OBSERVED PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 3 GUARDED | SWX-CON ALERT IN FORCE | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 20 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (17 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 13 states; see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table)

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- SANCTIONS TRANCHE DUE 24-AUG, AND A CORRECTION IS OWED

CORRECTION FIRST. THE 20-AUG EDITION STATED OFAC LAST ACTED ON IRAN ON 07-AUG. THAT WAS WRONG: the OFAC Recent Actions register carries Iran-related designations on 12-AUG and again on 21-AUG, the latter inside a combined counter-narcotics, counter-terrorism, Cuba and Iran package. The claim is withdrawn. **WHAT SURVIVES IS THAT THE LARGER MEASURE IS STILL NOT PUBLISHED.** Treasury Secretary Bessent wrote on 23-AUG that an economic D-Day is coming for Iran, threatening countries that continue to do business with Tehran while giving little detail,

	and Trading Economics reports he said the details would be announced on 24-AUG. Iran has answered directly: it has warned that vessels violating its transit rules face detention or confiscation, and security chief Mohsen Rezaei threatened to halt oil flow entirely should neighbouring countries join the US crackdown - a response to the Emirati suspension of 19-AUG. A LEADERSHIP FRACTURE IS NOW VISIBLE IN TEHRAN: President Pezeshkian said the country cannot continue with war forever and defended the June memorandum as a victory for Iran, saying he would prefer to conclude the war while Iran remains in a position of strength, against the supreme leader reported misgivings. MarineTraffic counted at least six vessels transiting the Strait in the 24 hours to 23-AUG; the US military states it has escorted more than 660 million barrels of crude through the waterway since early May.
FLASH WILDFIRE Uncontained fires fall to 87, acres YTD highest in eleven years -- Sec 7B	NEW STARTS DOUBLE TO 200, ZERO CONTAINED, NPL 5 HOLDS -- All national figures are the NIFC 23-AUG edition. NIFC reports 200 new fires in the prior period against 97 on the 19-AUG edition, five of them large, and ZERO fires contained. Personnel fell again, from 26,890 to 22,122 - a release of 4,768 on top of the 2,658 released in the three days before. Acres on all active fires held near flat at 94,962 against 97,537. Year to date the season stands at 50,580 fires and 7,738,302 acres, 129 percent of the ten-year average on starts and 169 percent on acres, and 91 percent above the same date in 2025. ALL TEN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS NOW LIST AT LEAST ONE LARGE FIRE, with Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Minnesota carrying incidents outside the Western pattern. THE FIGURE COLLISION HAS RECURRED AND IS RECORDED, NOT RESOLVED: the NIFC narrative says 79 large fires are being worked while its own statistics table gives 41. On 20-AUG the same two figures were 75 and 34. A consistent gap indicates the two measure different populations rather than that either is wrong.
HIGH CYB-001 Catalogue republished without additions; six-day pause	CATALOGUE ADVANCES TO 1,674 -- FIVE DEADLINES ELAPSED, ONE FALLS 24-AUG -- CISA published catalogue version 2026.08.21 on 21-AUG 1746Z with three additions, taking the total from 1,671 to 1,674. THE FOUR 21-AUG DEADLINES HAVE ELAPSED without a follow-on CISA product: Microsoft Internet Key Exchange CVE-2026-33824 on the IPsec VPN path, Broadcom VMware vCenter CVE-2026-59310 on the virtualisation management plane, Microsoft SharePoint CVE-2026-55040 and Apple macOS CVE-2026-65400. CVE-2026-72529 in TrueConf Server also elapsed, on 23-AUG over the weekend. CVE-2026-73570 in the SYNACOR ZIMBRA COLLABORATION SUITE falls due on the publication date and carries a THREE-DAY deadline, the shortest interval the catalogue uses and the marker CISA reserves for active exploitation. CVE-2026-68820 in Microsoft WinSock AFD falls 25-AUG. The operative question this cycle is no longer what is coming due but what was left undone.
MONITOR CYB-004 Water and wastewater OT campaign -- code RESERVED, no current data	NO NEW CISA PRODUCT ON THE CAMPAIGN -- CISA published two ICS advisories dated 18-AUG, Siemens Simcenter Nastran and CISA Malcolm, ending the four-day pause reported on 17-AUG. Neither concerns the Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign, which stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint FBI, EPA and CISA advisory of 30-JUL. No state count, utility name or system total is restated. The entry code is RESERVED rather than opened, because a code carrying no current verified data is a pointer into nothing. It opens on a new CISA, FBI or EPA product naming the campaign.
HIGH PHS-002 Ebola Day 100 -- 5,290 cases and 2,516 deaths; Ituri holds 84 percent	DRC 5,290 / 2,516 ON DATA TO 19-AUG -- DAY 100, AND THE CONCENTRATION IS THE STORY -- The DRC published a situation update on 20-AUG reporting 5,290 confirmed cases and 2,516 related deaths on data to 19-AUG, with 837 patients hospitalised in isolation and 1,152 recovered. ITURI PROVINCE HOLDS 4,447 CASES AND 1,984 DEATHS ACROSS 28 OF ITS 36 HEALTH ZONES - 84 percent of all confirmed cases and 79 percent of all deaths. The five other affected provinces carry small numbers: Haut-Uele 160 cases, Tshopo 15, Bas-Uele two. Overall 56 of 151 health zones are affected across six provinces and 82.9 percent of identified contacts are under follow-up. THE DAILY INCREMENT HAS SLOWED: the two reporting days to 18-AUG added 187 cases and 98 deaths, roughly 94 and 49 a day, while the single day to 19-AUG added 81 and 40. One day is not a trend. A DISCREPANCY IS RECORDED, NOT RESOLVED: ECDC states an

	increase of 81 confirmed cases while its own totals differ by 82, and notes the DRC data are under continuous review and harmonisation. A SECOND RATIO IS NOT MIXED IN. WHO Disease Outbreak News 615 gives a crude case fatality ratio of 46.8 percent on data to 12-AUG; the 19-AUG totals compute to 47.6 percent. Different as-of dates, and the two are not presented as one series. ON THE DAY COUNTER: this product carries Day 100 from the PHEIC declaration of 17-MAY-2026, verified against WHO DON 602 and 603. MSF marked 100 days on 23-AUG, counting from the DRC outbreak declaration rather than the PHEIC - different anchors for different events, and the FFTP anchor is unchanged.
WATCH SWX-001 The 20-AUG shock did not storm; a different alert is now in force	ELECTRON FLUX ABOVE THRESHOLD FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS -- The 20-AUG edition recorded a Type II radio emission at 1,201 km/s and assessed escalation to G2 or above as UNLIKELY at LOW confidence because the CME geometry was not established. IT DID NOT STORM: the 24-AUG 1424Z pull reads R0, S0 and G0 observed on both the 23 and 24-AUG panels, with G0 forecast on all three forward days. A second Type II at 927 km/s on 20-AUG 1848Z also produced no geomagnetic response. WHAT IS IN FORCE IS A DIFFERENT HAZARD. The 2MeV electron integral flux exceeded 1,000 pfu at 21-AUG 1105Z and the alert has been CONTINUED on 22, 23 and 24-AUG - four consecutive days above threshold. Sustained high-energy electron flux drives deep dielectric charging in geostationary spacecraft, so the exposed parties are operators of satellite communications and imagery services rather than radio users. Flare probability has RISEN rather than fallen: R1 45 percent and R3 10 percent on each forward day against 35 and 5 percent on 20-AUG.
SEC 7 WEATHER Extreme heat dominates; flash flooding confined to southeast Arkansas	WX-001 -- THE HAZARD HAS CHANGED CHARACTER, NOT LOCATION. Nine days of Ohio Valley and Appalachian flooding ended with the 20-AUG Mid-Atlantic event and NO FLASH FLOOD WARNING REMAINS ANYWHERE IN THAT CORRIDOR. What has replaced it is extreme heat: 24 Extreme Heat Warnings, 31 Heat Advisories and 4 Extreme Heat Watches against three Flash Flood Warnings. NWS Las Vegas warns of 115 to 118 across Death Valley and the Colorado River Valley and 108 to 112 across the Las Vegas, Moapa, Pahrump and Morongo valleys, with NOCTURNAL LOWS ONLY IN THE UPPER 80s TO LOW 90s - a multi-day heat event kills through the absence of night-time recovery rather than through the daytime peak, and this warning runs through the work week. NWS Lubbock warns of 113 across the Texas Rolling Plains. Texas holds 208 alert zones, California 109, Arizona 45, Oklahoma 42 and Louisiana 38. The residual flood risk is narrow: three Flash Flood Warnings in southeast Arkansas on 2 to 4 inches already fallen, and a FLASH FLOOD WATCH FOR THE ASPEN ACRES BURN SCAR in Pueblo County, Colorado, where NWS Pueblo warns of debris flows over ground burned by the incident this product named on 17-AUG as the largest on the national roster. SPC AC 241230 carries SLIGHT in four separate areas with large hail and damaging wind the modes. RESOLUTION OF THE 20-AUG FORECAST: that edition carried HREF localised maxima of 3 to 5 inches over New York City. No verified rainfall total or damage report was obtained this cycle; the corridor is clear now and the outcome is not restated in either direction.
SEC 7D Tropical -- three named systems; Big Island under a Flood Watch	TROPICAL DEPRESSION MOKE PUTS THE ENTIRE BIG ISLAND UNDER A FLOOD WATCH -- THE 20-AUG CALL VERIFIED. That edition carried EP90 at a 90 percent formation chance with CPHC advising Hawaiian interests to monitor closely; it became TROPICAL DEPRESSION MOKE, now 380 mi southwest of Hilo at 35 mph and 1004 mb, moving west at 13 mph. NWS Honolulu holds a FLOOD WATCH FOR ALL EIGHT BIG ISLAND ZONES through Monday afternoon, warning that flood-prone roads and low-lying areas may close and that urban areas may see more significant flooding from rapid runoff. TROPICAL STORM LALA has weakened to 65 mph and 988 mb at 33.3N, 405 mi north of Pearl and Hermes Atoll, and THE PAPA HANAUMOKU AKEA HURRICANE WARNING IS CANCELLED; forty-eight advisories in, it is the longest-lived Central Pacific system this product has tracked. TROPICAL STORM ISELLE is 540 mi southwest of southern Baja at 60 mph with no coastal watches or warnings. THE ATLANTIC NSTR RUN HAS ENDED: AL95, a broad low east-southeast of Bermuda, carries a 50 percent formation chance through both 48 hours and 7 days while tracking well northeast of the island. THE INVERSION IS THE LESSON: the storm that carried a hurricane warning threatened no residents, and the storm that never exceeded depression strength put an entire county under a watch.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. Extreme Heat -- The Southwest and Southern Plains, Through the Work Week: If you hold outdoor crews, warehouse staff without conditioned air, or field operations across Texas, California, Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana or Nevada, this is the exposure that matters this week. Twenty-four Extreme Heat Warnings, thirty-one Heat Advisories and four Extreme Heat Watches are in force. NWS Las Vegas warns of 115 to 118 across Death Valley and the Colorado River Valley and 108 to 112 across the Las Vegas and Pahrump valleys, and states plainly that dangerously hot conditions run THROUGH THE WORK WEEK rather than through an afternoon. The line to plan against is the nocturnal one: lows only in the upper 80s to low 90s in desert valleys. Multi-day heat kills through the absence of night-time recovery, so a crew that coped on day one is at higher risk on day three, not lower. Move physical work to the first hours of daylight, mandate shade and fluid cycles rather than leaving them to individual judgement, and check that any facility relying on standby cooling has fuel - diesel is up 16.80 cents on the week. THE NWR ROSTER IMPROVED ON NET BUT ONE GAP MATTERS. Twenty transmitters are impaired against 22 on 20-AUG, and four named last cycle have been RESTORED: Duke Island, Gravina Island and Mount McArthur in southeast Alaska, which ended the three-station Juneau cluster, plus Hattiesburg, Mississippi. South Point on the Big Island has also returned. KULANI CONE HAS NOT. It remains out of service on the Big Island while all eight Big Island zones sit under a Flood Watch, and it is the one single-station gap inside an active hazard this cycle. NEW YORK CITY (KWO35) IS NEWLY OUT alongside Albany - no active New York weather hazard, so a resilience gap rather than an alerting one, but a resilience gap over roughly 8.5 million residents. Pensacola and Augusta are new and sit under heat products, which are not a trigger.

2. Wildfire -- New Starts Doubled and Resources Are Being Released: NIFC reports 200 new fires in the prior period against 97 three days earlier, five of them large, and ZERO fires contained. Personnel fell again, from 26,890 to 22,122 - 4,768 released in four days, on top of 2,658 in the three before. That combination is the one to watch: resources drawn down into a rising ignition rate. Acres on all active fires held near flat at 94,962, and year-to-date acreage reached 7,738,302, 169 percent of the ten-year average and 91 percent above the same date last year, with NPL holding at 5 of 5. ALL TEN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS NOW LIST AT LEAST ONE LARGE FIRE, with Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Minnesota outside the Western pattern. The driver is lightning, not heat: NIFC forecasts fast-moving thunderstorms with little rainfall over the Northern Rockies and eastern Pacific Northwest producing HIGH-RISK significant fire potential, and NWS Boise has issued a Red Flag Warning specifically for abundant lightning with outflow gusts to 55 mph. Dry lightning into drawn-down resources is how a flat acreage figure becomes an unstable one inside a week.

3. Cyber -- Five Deadlines Elapsed, One Falls 24-AUG, and Nothing Will Prompt You: The question has inverted. It is no longer what is coming due but what was left undone. Five federal remediation deadlines elapsed inside this window - Microsoft IKE, Broadcom VMware vCenter, Microsoft SharePoint and Apple macOS on 21-AUG, and TrueConf Server on 23-AUG - and NO FOLLOW-ON CISA PRODUCT MARKED ANY OF THEM. Nothing external will now remind an organisation that missed them. VCENTER FIRST, because compromise of the management plane is compromise of everything beneath it. CVE-2026-73570 in the Synacor Zimbra Collaboration Suite falls due on the publication date and carries a three-day deadline, the shortest CISA uses and the marker it reserves for active exploitation; collaboration suites are internet-facing by design and hold the mail store. Microsoft WinSock AFD follows on 25-AUG. The Cisco Secure Firewall and Metabase deadlines that elapsed on 14-AUG remain past their required-action date with no further notice.

4. Water and Wastewater Operators -- No Change, and That Is the Report: No new CISA, FBI or EPA product named the Iran-linked OT campaign in this window. It stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint advisory of 30-JUL. Nothing has changed for operators since that date and no figure from the earlier reporting is restated. The entry code remains RESERVED rather than opened.

5. Public Health -- Day 100, and Eighty-Four Percent of It Is in One Province: The DRC series published 20-AUG reads 5,290 confirmed and 2,516 deaths on data to 19-AUG. If you brief this, brief the concentration rather than the total: ITURI HOLDS 4,447 CASES AND 1,984 DEATHS ACROSS 28 OF ITS 36 HEALTH ZONES - 84 percent of cases and 79 percent of deaths - while the five other affected provinces carry small numbers, Bas-Uele two cases and Tshopo fifteen. That gives the response a defensible shape: hold Ituri, prevent the satellites becoming epicentres. The daily increment slowed to 81 cases and 40 deaths in the day to 19-AUG from roughly 94 and 49 a day before, which is one day and not a trend. For US organisations the exposure remains travel and healthcare: CDC records no US case and assesses risk to the American public as low. Uganda closes its 42-day surveillance window on 27-AUG, three days out.

6. Fuel and Freight -- Diesel Has Now Diverged From Gasoline Outright: AAA has on-highway diesel at \$5.6134/gal on 24-AUG, up 16.80 cents in seven days and 37.33 cents in a month, and 52.3 percent above its year-ago level. Regular sits at \$4.0991/gal - up 3.55 cents on the week but 0.63 cents BELOW its month-ago level, and 30.0 percent above a year ago. THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKLY RISES OF ROUGHLY 15 CENTS IN DIESEL AGAINST A FLAT-TO-FALLING PUMP PRICE IS NOT A SHARED CRUDE SIGNAL. It is distillate-specific, and EIA distillate stocks at their lowest in more than a month are the mechanism. Diesel is the freight, agriculture, rail and standby-generator input. If you hold fuel exposure in a contract renewing this quarter, model diesel separately from gasoline rather than off a blended index.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$94.39/bbl and WTI at \$87.06/bbl, BOTH at the 21-AUG close, giving a BRENT-WTI SPREAD OF \$7.33. This is the first cycle in three in which both ends carry the same publisher AND the same date, so the spread is computed rather than withheld; the two preceding cycles withheld it. Neither series carried a 24-AUG mark at cut-off. Brent held a second consecutive weekly gain of around 6 percent on expectations of further US pressure on Iran, with Ukrainian strikes on Russian refineries and ports adding supply pressure. PUBLISHER DIVERGENCE, NAMED NOT AVERAGED: Fortune marked Brent at \$94.12 at 0900 ET 24-AUG, 27 cents below the Trading Economics close.

Maritime / supply chain: THE TRANSIT FIGURE HOLDS AT ROUGHLY SIX A DAY. MarineTraffic counted at least six vessels crossing the Strait in the 24 hours to 23-AUG, three of them tankers and two cargo ships entering the Gulf of Oman, with one tanker entering the Persian Gulf; at least 44 vessels transited the Bab-el-Mandeb over the same period. The 20-AUG Kpler figure of six against a ten-day average of eleven came from a different publisher and the two are not differenced. Iran has warned that vessels violating its transit rules face detention or confiscation. The US military states it has escorted more than 660 million barrels of crude through the Strait since early May. UKMTO returned HTTP 404 for a sixth consecutive cycle and MARAD MSCI HTTP 403 for an eighth.

Escalation trajectory: Both sides hardened, and for the first time a crack appeared. Washington has scheduled the announcement for the publication date and Tehran has answered with a threat to halt oil flow entirely if neighbouring states join the crackdown. Against that, President Pezeshkian said the country cannot continue with war forever and defended the June memorandum as a victory - the first visible split in the Iranian leadership this product has recorded, and the single most consequential development of the cycle if it holds. The testable question by the next cycle is simple and binary: did the tranche publish, and did OFAC name entities.

No direct US-household action required today -- this remains a monitoring item unless you have direct exposure (travel, shipping, fuel-dependent operations). The action items this cycle are domestic: extreme heat across the Southwest

and southern Plains running through the work week, diesel up 16.80 cents in a week, and five elapsed federal patch deadlines that nothing will remind you about. Households and operators in the affected corridor should treat multi-day heat as cumulative rather than daily, and check on anyone working or living without conditioned air.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	WILDFIRE	EBOLA PHEIC
\$94.39/bbl (21-AUG close)	\$4.0991	20 affected	79 large fires	5,290 confirmed (2,516 deaths)
Up 0.65% on the prior trading day, 0.34% on the month and 39.36% on the year, all Trading Economics marks on the same series; CFD mark, not an ICE settle; WTI carried at \$87.06/bbl on the SAME publisher and the SAME 21-AUG close, so the BRENT-WTI SPREAD OF \$7.33 IS COMPUTED this cycle - the first in three. Neither series carried a 24-AUG mark at cut-off. Fortune marked Brent at \$94.12 at 0900 ET 24-AUG, a 27-cent publisher divergence named rather than averaged	AAA national average, 24-AUG -- PLUS 0.05c on the day, PLUS 3.55c on the week, but 0.63c BELOW the month-ago level of \$4.1054; year-ago \$3.1533, so 30.0% above a year ago; AAA daily diesel \$5.6134/gal, PLUS 16.80c on the week and PLUS 37.33c on the month, 52.3% above a year ago - a third consecutive weekly rise of roughly 15 cents against a flat-to-falling pump price, which is distillate-specific rather than a shared crude signal; Hawaii holds the highest state average at \$5.4116	operator-supplied timestamped roster as of 24-AUG 1409 UTC -- 17 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 13 states; no HIGH-GAP ALERT. FOUR RESTORED since 20-AUG: Duke Island, Gravina Island and Mount McArthur, ending the three-station WFO Juneau cluster, plus Hattiesburg MS; South Point on the Big Island also returned. THE SINGLE-STATION GAP INSIDE AN ACTIVE HAZARD IS KULANI CONE (WWG76), out of service on the Big Island while all eight Big Island zones sit under a Flood Watch. New York City (KWO35) is newly out alongside Albany (WXL34) - no active New York hazard, so a resilience gap, but over roughly 8.5 million residents. Pensacola FL (KEC86) and Augusta GA (WXX54) are new and sit under heat products, which are not a trigger	NPL 5 of 5 50,580 fires / 7,738,302 acres YTD, 129% of the ten-year average on starts and 169% on acres, 91% above the same date in 2025 200 NEW FIRES in the prior period against 97, five of them large, ZERO contained 22,122 personnel, down 4,768 in four days 94,962 acres on all active fires, near flat against 97,537 all ten geographic areas now list at least one large fire FIGURE COLLISION RECORDED NOT RESOLVED: NIFC narrative says 79 large fires being worked, its own table says 41; on 20-AUG the same pair read 75 and 34	DRC national series via ECDC, on data to 19-AUG, published 20-AUG -- PLUS 81 cases and 40 deaths in the single day to 19-AUG, down from roughly 94 and 49 a day over the two days before 837 hospitalised in isolation, 1,152 recovered, 82.9% of contacts under follow-up ITURI HOLDS 4,447 CASES AND 1,984 DEATHS, 84% of cases and 79% of deaths, across 28 of its 36 health zones 56 of 151 health zones across six provinces ECDC states +81 while its own totals differ by 82 and notes the data are under continuous review - RECORDED, NOT RESOLVED WHO DON 615 CFR 46.8% is on data to 12-AUG and is NOT mixed with the 19-AUG totals, which compute to 47.6%

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 THE TRANCHE IS DUE 24-AUG, AND A CRACK HAS APPEARED IN TEHRAN:

Washington has scheduled the announcement of its economic-isolation measures for the publication date, after the President described the initiative as an economic D-Day and Bessent wrote on 23-AUG that one is coming. Iran has answered by warning that vessels violating its transit rules face detention or confiscation, with security chief Rezaei threatening to halt oil flow entirely should neighbouring states join the crackdown. AGAINST THAT HARDENING, A LEADERSHIP FRACTURE IS NOW VISIBLE: President Pezeshkian said Tehran cannot continue with war forever and defended the June memorandum as a victory for Iran, saying he would prefer to conclude the war while Iran remains in a position of strength, against the supreme leader reported misgivings. That is the first visible split this product has recorded and it is the development to watch. A CORRECTION IS ALSO OWED: the 20-AUG edition stated OFAC last acted on Iran on 07-AUG; the register shows Iran-related designations on 12-AUG and 21-AUG. The claim is withdrawn.

LIKELIHOOD: The Iran economic-isolation tranche is published and names Iranian entities before the next cycle: **LIKELY** -- Treasury has scheduled the announcement for the publication date, which is a far more specific commitment than the open-ended promises of the two preceding cycles. Further Extreme Heat Warnings are issued or extended in the Southwest before the next cycle: **VERY LIKELY** -- NWS Las Vegas states the conditions run through the work week. Renewed US strikes inside Iran before the next cycle: **UNLIKELY** **CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.**

A joint Iran-Oman statement published before the next cycle is assessed VERY UNLIKELY, CONFIDENCE LOW: Iran has moved to a statutory permission regime with detention and confiscation as stated penalties, and Rezaei threat to halt oil flow entirely if neighbours join the crackdown moves the terms further from any shipping-only instrument.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 177):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched and 184.1 kg of 20%-enriched UF₆ assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8 and unverified for 178 days. The IAEA has lost continuity of knowledge across all declared Iranian nuclear facilities.

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

Nothing this cycle created a forum in which the nuclear file could be tabled. The scheduled tranche is an economic instrument, not a negotiating one, and Tehran response has been to raise the maritime penalty rather than to open a channel. The one hopeful signal is Pezeshkian defence of the June memorandum: a leadership that argues publicly about whether to conclude the war is a leadership that could eventually convene something. The file moves only if a separate negotiation opens or the Agency is granted access unilaterally, and neither has an announced pathway.

KJ-3 WILDFIRE AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRAJECTORY (NPL at level 5; Ebola Day 100):

New wildfire starts DOUBLED to 200 in a single period with ZERO contained, while personnel fell 4,768 to 22,122. That is the inverse of the 20-AUG reading, when a collapsing acreage figure indicated containment reaching the largest complexes. Resources are now being released into a rising ignition rate. Acres on all active fires held near flat at 94,962 and year-to-date acreage reached 7,738,302, 169 percent of the ten-year average. All ten geographic areas list at least one large fire. The fire-weather driver is dry lightning over the Northern Rockies and eastern Pacific Northwest, where NIFC forecasts HIGH-RISK significant fire potential and NWS Boise has warned of abundant lightning with 55 mph outflow gusts.

LIKELIHOOD: National Preparedness Level remains at 5 through the next cycle: ALMOST CERTAIN -- NIFC holds level 5 as of 18-JUL, new starts doubled to 200 with zero contained, and HIGH-RISK significant fire potential is forecast over the Northern Rockies. **CONFIDENCE:** HIGH.

The next authoritative Ebola publication exceeding 5,290 DRC confirmed is assessed ALMOST CERTAIN, CONFIDENCE HIGH: the single day to 19-AUG added 81 cases and 40 deaths and WHO describes the outbreak as expanding faster than any previous Ebola outbreak. The figure to watch is not the total but Ituri share of it - 84 percent of cases in one province across 28 of 36 health zones. If that share falls while the total rises, the satellite clusters are becoming epicentres and the response shape has failed.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: 0.55 estimative ladder | 42 of 59 mandatory live-pulled, 59 of 59 dispositioned | MONDAY ROLLUP: PARTIAL, 100 of 638

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