

# DTR LITE -- Executive Brief

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**Thursday, 27 August 2026 | Executive and director-level brief**



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

**Thursday, 27 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 181 | Hormuz Day 181 | IRAN AND OMAN REACH A HORMUZ AGREEMENT | IAEA Blackout Day 180 | Ebola PHEIC Day 103 | Reporting period 48 hours: no 26-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 G2 WATCH IN FORCE (SWPC pulled 27-AUG 1458Z: all three NOAA scales read zero on BOTH the 27-AUG and 26-AUG panels, but WATA30 serial 280, corrected and reissued 26-AUG 1636Z, predicts G1 MINOR on 27-AUG and G2 MODERATE on 28 and 29-AUG - a high-speed stream followed by CMEs. Impacts primarily poleward of 55 degrees geomagnetic latitude: power grid fluctuations, high-latitude voltage alarms, satellite orientation irregularities. The 2MeV electron flux alert is on its SEVENTH consecutive day. Flare probability has EASED to 45 percent from 55. No FFTP SWX-CON level above NSTR is defined in the governing files; an operator ruling remains owed.)**

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| <b>Publication (UTC)</b> | 17 AUGUST 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Reporting Period</b>  | 17-AUG-2026 1600Z through 17-AUG-2026 1600Z                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>SOP</b>               | v5.64 Addendum   ICD 203/206 Compliant   Registry v2.25   42 of 59 mandatory live-pulled, 17 blocked with a declared substitute - 59 of 59 dispositioned   Monday rollup not due on a Thursday cycle |

**BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 27-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 181 | IRAN AND OMAN HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT** on each country share of the Strait of Hormuz waters and the related revenues, though Tehran cautions that reopening requires more than an Omani deal. **BRENT HAS FALLEN \$5.27 IN THREE DAYS** as markets read the US sanctions tranche as **LESS AGGRESSIVE** than feared. **SWPC has issued a G2 GEOMAGNETIC STORM WATCH** for 28 and 29-AUG. The Ebola route blocked for two cycles is **RECOVERED** - and the source was never down, the URL this product used was wrong.

**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 G2 WATCH IN FORCE | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | 19 NWR OOS/DEGRADED (16 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 12 states; see DTR Full for the per-transmitter table)

# FLASH GEO-CF- IRAN -- IRAN AND OMAN AGREE, AND THIS PRODUCT CALLED IT WRONG

**THE AGREEMENT.** Iran and Oman have reached agreement on each country share of the Strait of Hormuz waters and the related revenues. Tehran cautions that reopening the waterway requires more than an agreement with Oman, so this is a boundary and revenue settlement rather than a reopening. **THE 25-AUG EDITION OF THIS PRODUCT ASSESSED A JOINT IRAN-OMAN STATEMENT BEFORE THIS CYCLE AS VERY UNLIKELY AT LOW CONFIDENCE,** reasoning that the OFAC alert of 24-AUG and Tehran raised maritime penalties had moved both parties further from any shipping-only

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|                                                                                             | instrument. THAT REASONING WAS WRONG AND THE JUDGEMENT IS RECORDED AS FAILED. President Trump stated around 10 million barrels of oil passed through the Strait on 25-AUG and reiterated that mines had been cleared; neither claim was independently verified this cycle and both are stated as claims. THE MARKET HAS READ THE SANCTIONS TRANCHE AS WEAKER THAN THE BRIEFING. Trading Economics reports oil under pressure this week because the fresh US measures proved LESS AGGRESSIVE than markets had feared, with the White House SO FAR SPARING IRAN TRADING PARTNERS from tougher measures - directly against the briefing that a major financial institution could be designated and that China would not be exempt. NO SUCH DESIGNATION HAS APPEARED: OFAC most recent action, 26-AUG, is a Counter Terrorism package with no Iranian financial institution named. Satellite data reportedly indicates Saudi Arabia may be increasing loadings from Persian Gulf terminals.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FLASH WILDFIRE<br>Uncontained fires fall to 87, acres YTD highest in eleven years -- Sec 7B | THE FIRE LOAD IS CLIMBING AND ONLY ONE FIRE WAS CONTAINED -- All national figures are the NIFC 27-AUG edition. Firefighters are working to contain 94 large fires, up from 86, with 113 new fires and seven new large fires in the prior period and ONLY ONE CONTAINED. Personnel fell again to 21,854, a third consecutive decline, while acres on all active fires rose to 3,862,696. THE SHAPE IS ADVERSE ON THREE MEASURES AT ONCE: large fires up, personnel down, and one contained against seven new large ones. Year to date the season reached 51,434 fires and 7,971,399 acres, 93.5 percent above the 4,118,620 acres recorded on the same date in 2025. NPL holds at 5 of 5. The narrative and the statistics table both read 94, so the collision reported on 20 and 24-AUG remains resolved for a second edition. FIVE RED FLAG WARNINGS are in force against two on 25-AUG, and the NWS Medford product NAMES THE WRIGHTS SPRING FIRE inside its warning area - an incident this product recorded as absent from the NIFC roster in earlier cycles, which is a reminder that a fire can leave the national roster and remain a live fire-weather concern. |
| HIGH CYB-001<br>Catalogue republished without additions; six-day pause                      | CATALOGUE ADVANCES TO 1,682 -- AND FOUR OF THE SEVEN ADDITIONS ARE LEGACY -- CISA published version 2026.08.26 with SEVEN additions, taking the total from 1,675 to 1,682. THE COMPOSITION IS THE FINDING RATHER THAN THE COUNT. Four are old: CVE-2021-23758 in Ajax.NET Professional, CVE-2015-3246 in Red Hat Libuser, CVE-2015-5287 in Red Hat ABRT and CVE-2022-0995 in the Linux kernel, all on 09-SEP deadlines. CISA does not add decade-old flaws speculatively; a backfill of this kind indicates exploitation observed against components that routine current-version patching does not necessarily reach - unsupported libraries, embedded appliances and long-lived Linux estates. AN ORGANISATION FULLY PATCHED TO CURRENT RELEASES MAY STILL BE EXPOSED THROUGH THESE. Near-term: CVE-2026-8452 in Citrix NetScaler ADC and Gateway falls 29-AUG and is the one to action first, being an internet-facing access appliance; CVE-2019-1068 in Microsoft SQL Server falls the same day; CVE-2026-60004 in Gitea falls 28-AUG; and CVE-2026-21962 in Oracle HTTP Server and WebLogic falls due ON THE PUBLICATION DATE.                                     |
| MONITOR CYB-004<br>Water and wastewater OT campaign -- code RESERVED, no current data       | NO NEW PRODUCT NAMED THE CAMPAIGN -- No new CISA, FBI or EPA product named the Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign in this window. It stands last confirmed 04-AUG on the joint advisory of 30-JUL, now 23 DAYS UNVERIFIED. No state count, affected-system total or named utility is restated. The code remains RESERVED rather than opened, and at 23 days the reserve should either be opened on new data or withdrawn with a stated re-opening trigger in the next cycle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| HIGH PHS-002 Ebola<br>Day 103 -- route recovered; North Kivu CFR is 68 percent              | DAY 103, ROUTE RECOVERED, AND A CORRECTION IS OWED FIRST. The 24 and 25-AUG editions of this product recorded ECDC as returning HTTP 404 and reported that no Ebola figure could be obtained. THE SOURCE WAS NEVER DOWN - the URL this product used was wrong. The working route states it is updated every weekday and was last updated 27-AUG at 1413. Two cycles of "no new figure" rest on a route error of this product own making. THE SERIES: 5,713 confirmed cases and 2,744 related deaths on data to 25-AUG, with 770 hospitalised in isolation and 1,269 recovered, against the 5,290 and 2,516 carried as of 19-AUG - an increase of 423 cases and 228 deaths in six days. THE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                                 | <p><b>DAILY INCREMENT IS DECELERATING FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE REPORT: 81 cases and 40 deaths to 19-AUG, 72 and 35 to 24-AUG, 57 and 29 to 25-AUG. Contact follow-up improved to 84.6 percent from 82.9.</b> THE GEOGRAPHY IS SHIFTING AND THAT IS THE FINDING. Ituri holds 4,750 cases and 2,133 deaths across 28 of 36 health zones - 83.1 percent of cases against 84.0 percent on 19-AUG. NORTH KIVU NOW HOLDS 753 CASES AND 512 DEATHS ACROSS 13 OF 34 HEALTH ZONES, A CASE FATALITY RATIO OF 68.0 PERCENT AGAINST ITURI 44.9 PERCENT, and eighteen of the 57 newest cases were North Kivu. A satellite province running a CFR twenty-three points above the epicentre is either detecting later or treating worse, and it is the item for the next cycle. A SECOND CORRECTION: this product has carried a claim that Uganda 42-day surveillance window closes on 27-AUG. No source supports that date and the claim is WITHDRAWN; ECDC records Uganda declaring the outbreak over on 28-JUL with the last case 21-JUN.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| WATCH SWX-001 A G2 storm watch the scales product does not show | <p><b>G2 PREDICTED FOR 28 AND 29-AUG WHILE ALL SCALES READ ZERO --</b> All three NOAA scales read zero on BOTH the 27-AUG and 26-AUG panels of the 1458Z pull. SWPC WATA30 serial 280, corrected and reissued 26-AUG 1636Z, predicts G1 MINOR on 27-AUG and G2 MODERATE on 28 and 29-AUG, attributing it to a high-speed stream on the 27th followed by CMEs on the 28th and 29th. THIS SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WATCHES. SWPC states impacts are primarily poleward of 55 degrees geomagnetic latitude, with induced currents causing power grid fluctuations, high-latitude systems experiencing voltage alarms, and satellite orientation irregularities possible. THE FLARE ESCALATION HAS EASED WHILE THE GEOMAGNETIC RISK HAS RISEN - the two are not the same hazard and moved in opposite directions this window. No R2 blackout was observed on 26 or 27-AUG after four in seven days, and flare probability fell to R1 45 percent from 55. A fourth Type II radio emission was recorded 26-AUG 0658Z. The 2MeV electron integral flux alert was continued at 27-AUG 0934Z, a SEVENTH consecutive day. FOR OPERATORS: the exposure this window is geomagnetic and satellite rather than HF. High-latitude grid operators and satellite fleet operators have something to do; radio users have less to do than at any point this week.</p> |
| SEC 7 WEATHER Heat eases, flooding returns to the I-95 corridor | <p>WX-001 -- THE HAZARD HAS SWUNG BACK FROM HEAT TO WATER ON THE SAME CORRIDOR. Heat products fell from 57 to 31 - 20 Extreme Heat Warnings and 11 Heat Advisories, still in two cores but a much reduced footprint. Individual zone lists are not reproduced; the national watch, warning and advisory map carries it. WHAT REPLACED IT IS FLOODING ON THE I-95 CORRIDOR. Five Flash Flood Watches are in force: central and southern New Jersey including Atlantic, Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington; northern Delaware with Camden, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren in New Jersey; and Lancaster, Lebanon and Schuylkill in central Pennsylvania, from noon EDT through late on 27-AUG. SPC AC 271238 places a SLIGHT severe risk across parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast over the SAME GROUND, so the two hazards are co-located rather than sequential. AIR QUALITY IS UP TO ELEVEN PRODUCTS and still splits by driver. THE TIMING GUIDANCE STILL INVERTS: ozone peaks late afternoon, smoke peaks pre-dawn and early morning. Anyone in the smoke footprint following standard heat guidance walks into the PM2.5 peak.</p>                                                                                                                                                          |
| SEC 7D Tropical -- the Atlantic has a named system              | <p><b>TROPICAL STORM DOLLY FORMS; LEEWARD ISLANDS ADVISED TO MONITOR</b> -- TROPICAL STORM DOLLY formed over the central tropical Atlantic, NHC Advisory 1 at 1500 UTC 27-AUG placing the centre near 13.6N 38.7W and moving WEST AT 24 MPH, which is fast. INTERESTS IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD MONITOR. A second Atlantic area, AL96, is under watch behind it. THAT BASIN WAS NSTR ON 20-AUG and carried only a 50 percent development area on 24-AUG; it now has a named system and a second area of interest as it enters its climatological peak. TROPICAL STORM LALA persists in the far northwest Central Pacific on ADVISORY 61 at 37.2N 178.6W, 45 mph and 999 mb - a sixteenth day, the longest-lived system this product has tracked, and now purely a maritime item. Moke and the Hawaii item closed on 25-AUG and are not carried further. NO US COASTAL WATCH OR WARNING IS IN FORCE FOR ANY SYSTEM. THE LESSON FROM THE PACIFIC APPLIES HERE: two cycles ago the storm carrying a hurricane warning threatened no residents while a mere depression put an entire county under a Flood Watch. Intensity is a poor proxy for exposure, and Dolly at Advisory 1 is the more consequential of the two.</p>                                                                                                                     |

## **PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS**

**1. Mid-Atlantic and Northeast -- Flooding and Severe Storms on the Same Ground:** If you hold staff, freight or facilities from central Pennsylvania through New Jersey and northern Delaware, the 27-AUG afternoon and evening is the exposure window. FIVE FLASH FLOOD WATCHES are in force from noon EDT through late on 27-AUG, covering central and southern New Jersey, northern Delaware and Lancaster, Lebanon and Schuylkill in central Pennsylvania. SPC places a SLIGHT SEVERE RISK ACROSS THE SAME GROUND, so damaging wind and flash flooding are co-located rather than sequential - which matters because the standard advice for one is to shelter in place and for the other is to move off low ground, and the two can conflict in the same hour. Move vehicles off low ground before the afternoon rather than during it, and treat any water over a road as impassable. Heat has eased sharply, from 57 products to 31, so the crew-scheduling pressure of the past week is off - but the air quality timing inversion still applies where alerts remain: ozone peaks late afternoon, wildfire smoke peaks pre-dawn, and one rule applied to both regions is wrong in one of them. THE NWR ROSTER IS UNCHANGED IN COUNT BUT NOT IN COMPOSITION. Nineteen transmitters remain impaired across twelve states. NEW YORK CITY (KWO35) HAS BEEN RESTORED - the resilience gap over roughly 8.5 million residents named on 24 and 25-AUG is closed. Against that, MT. ROBERT BARRON (KZZ87) is newly out of service, giving WFO Juneau a third impaired station. No multi-station cluster sits under an active wildfire or severe-convective hazard, so no HIGH-GAP alert is raised. Georgia holds three impaired transmitters and Tennessee one in areas carrying air quality alerts rather than storm warnings; air quality is not a HIGH-GAP trigger, but both are named. THE ROSTER NOW COMES FROM

THE NWS REGISTER DIRECTLY rather than a manual paste - the route recovered on 25-AUG reproduced the operator feed exactly and is now primary.

**2. Wildfire -- Load Up, Crews Down, One Fire Contained:** NIFC reports 94 large fires being worked against 86, with 113 new fires and seven new large fires in the prior period and ONLY ONE CONTAINED. Personnel fell again to 21,854, a third consecutive decline, while acres on all active fires rose to 3,862,696. THE SHAPE IS ADVERSE ON THREE MEASURES AT ONCE and that combination is worth planning against: more large fires, fewer people, and containment effectively stalled. FIVE RED FLAG WARNINGS are in force against two on 25-AUG - Owyhee Mountains and southeast Oregon, the Okanogan Valley and Waterville Plateau in Washington, and Modoc County with the Klamath Basin, where NWS Medford warns any fire that develops will likely spread rapidly. THAT PRODUCT NAMES THE WRIGHTS SPRING FIRE inside its warning area, an incident this product recorded as absent from the NIFC named roster in earlier cycles. A fire leaving the national roster does not mean it has left the ground.

**3. Cyber -- A Legacy Backfill, and One Deadline Falls 27-AUG:** CVE-2026-21962 in Oracle HTTP Server and WebLogic falls due on the publication date. CVE-2026-8452 in CITRIX NETSCALER ADC AND GATEWAY falls 29-AUG and is the one to action first - an internet-facing access appliance where compromise is compromise of the perimeter. CVE-2019-1068 in Microsoft SQL Server falls the same day and CVE-2026-60004 in Gitea on 28-AUG. THE MORE INTERESTING ITEM IS THE COMPOSITION OF THIS WEEK ADDITIONS. Four of the seven are legacy CVEs from 2015, 2021 and 2022, all on 09-SEP deadlines. CISA does not add decade-old flaws speculatively; a backfill of this kind means exploitation has been observed against components that routine current-version patching does not necessarily reach. AN ESTATE FULLY PATCHED TO CURRENT RELEASES MAY STILL BE EXPOSED through unsupported libraries, embedded appliances and long-lived Linux builds. This is an inventory question, not a patching one.

**4. Water and Wastewater Operators -- Twenty-Three Days Unverified:** 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 - now 23 days unverified. 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, and at 23 days it should either be opened on new data or withdrawn with a stated re-opening trigger next cycle.

**5. Public Health -- Route Recovered, and North Kivu Is Running a 68 Percent CFR:** A CORRECTION FIRST: the 24 and 25-AUG editions reported that no Ebola figure could be obtained because ECDC returned HTTP 404. THE SOURCE WAS NEVER DOWN - the URL this product used was wrong, and two cycles of "no new figure" rest on that error. THE SERIES: 5,713 confirmed and 2,744 deaths to 25-AUG, up 423 and 228 against the figure carried as of 19-AUG. The daily increment is DECELERATING for a third consecutive report, 81 to 72 to 57 cases. But brief the geography rather than the total: ITURI SHARE HAS FALLEN from 84.0 to 83.1 percent while the total rose, and NORTH KIVU NOW HOLDS 753 CASES AND 512 DEATHS - A 68.0 PERCENT CASE FATALITY RATIO AGAINST ITURI 44.9 PERCENT. Eighteen of the 57 newest cases were North Kivu. That is the signal flagged on 25-AUG as the one to watch: a satellite province running a CFR twenty-three points above the epicentre is detecting later or treating worse. For US organisations the exposure remains travel and healthcare; CDC records no US case.

**6. Fuel and Freight -- The Diesel Rise Has Paused, the Gap Has Not Closed:** AAA has on-highway diesel at \$5.6183/gal on 27-AUG, DOWN half a cent on the day but still up 7.06 cents on the week and 32.22 cents on the month. THE WEEKLY RISE HAS SLOWED FROM ROUGHLY 15 CENTS TO 7 - the first easing in four cycles. Regular sits at \$4.0997/gal and has now fallen on the day, the week AND the month. Diesel remains 51.3 percent above its year-ago level against 27.8 percent for regular, so the decoupling reported over four cycles is intact even as the rise slows. EIA reports crude inventories virtually unchanged with GASOLINE AND DIESEL STOCKS AT SEASONAL LOWS, which is the supply-side reason the gap has not closed. If you hold fuel exposure in a contract renewing this quarter, keep modelling diesel separately - a pause is not a reversal.

## **CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT**

**Energy / fuel:** Trading Economics marks Brent at \$86.93/bbl and WTI at \$81.36/bbl, BOTH on the 27-AUG mark, giving a BRENT-WTI SPREAD OF \$5.57 - the THIRD consecutive cycle in which both ends carry the same publisher and the same date, and the spread has compressed on three consecutive readings from \$7.33 to \$7.01 to \$5.57. BRENT HAS FALLEN \$5.27 IN THREE DAYS from the \$92.20 close of 24-AUG, with both benchmarks down about 1 percent on the day. TE attributes the decline to the fresh US sanctions proving LESS AGGRESSIVE THAN MARKETS HAD FEARED, with the White House so far sparing Iran trading partners, and to signs of increased Persian Gulf flows including reported satellite indications that Saudi Arabia may be raising loadings from Gulf terminals.

**Maritime / supply chain:** THE TRANSIT PICTURE HAS CHANGED IN CHARACTER. Iran and Oman have reached agreement on each country share of the Strait waters and the related revenues, though Tehran cautions that reopening requires more than an Omani deal - so this is a boundary and revenue settlement rather than a reopening. President Trump stated around 10 million barrels passed through the Strait on 25-AUG and reiterated that mines had been cleared; neither claim was independently verified this cycle and no transit figure is stated on that authority. UKMTO returned HTTP 404 for an eighth consecutive cycle and MARAD MSCI HTTP 403 for a tenth, so no advisory number or incident count is stated on those authorities.

**Escalation trajectory:** The market has priced the tranche as weaker than the podium described it, and the Oman agreement is the second signal pointing the same way. Brent has given back \$5.27 in three days precisely because the White House has SO FAR SPARED Iran trading partners - the measure most briefed, a major financial institution designation with China explicitly not exempt, has not appeared, and OFAC most recent action is an unrelated Counter Terrorism package. MEANWHILE TEHRAN HAS SETTLED A BOUNDARY AND REVENUE QUESTION WITH

OMAN, which is what a state does when it intends to monetise a waterway rather than close it indefinitely. THE TEST REMAINS ENFORCEMENT. A bank designation would reprice this in a day; its continued absence is now itself the information.

**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: flash flood watches and a co-located severe risk on the I-95 corridor this afternoon, a KEV legacy backfill that turns patching into an inventory question, and a G2 geomagnetic storm watch for 28 and 29-AUG. Households and operators in the affected corridor should move vehicles off low ground before the afternoon and treat any water over a road as impassable.

## NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

| <b>BRENT CRUDE</b><br><b>\$86.93/bbl (27-AUG)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>PUMP AVG (NAT)</b><br><b>\$4.0997</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>NWR AFFECTED</b><br><b>19 affected</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>WILDFIRE</b><br><b>94 large fires</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>EBOLA PHEIC</b><br><b>5,713 confirmed (2,744 deaths)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| DOWN 1.03% on the prior trading day, UP 5.91% on the month and 27.88% on the year, all Trading Economics marks on the same series; CFD mark, not an ICE settle; WTI carried at \$81.36/bbl on the SAME publisher and the SAME 27-AUG mark, so the BRENT-WTI SPREAD OF \$5.57 IS COMPUTED - third consecutive compliant cycle, compressing from \$7.33 to \$7.01 to \$5.57. BRENT HAS FALLEN \$5.27 IN THREE DAYS as markets read the US sanctions tranche as less aggressive than feared, with the White House so far sparing Iran trading partners | AAA national average, 27-AUG -- DOWN 0.17c on the day, DOWN 0.47c on the week and DOWN 1.00c on the month; the pump is now flat to falling on every horizon AAA publishes; year-ago \$3.2081, so 27.8% above a year ago; AAA daily diesel \$5.6183/gal, DOWN half a cent on the day but still PLUS 7.06c on the week and PLUS 32.22c on the month, 51.3% above a year ago - THE WEEKLY RISE HAS SLOWED FROM ROUGHLY 15 CENTS TO 7, the first easing in four cycles, but the decoupling from gasoline is intact | NWS ccl-data.js register, Last-Modified 27-AUG 1425 UTC -- 16 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 12 states; no HIGH-GAP ALERT. No operator feed was supplied this cycle and none was needed: this route reproduced the operator feed EXACTLY on 25-AUG, zero divergence across all 19 stations, and is now primary. NEW YORK CITY (KW035) HAS BEEN RESTORED, closing the resilience gap over roughly 8.5 million residents named on 24 and 25-AUG. MT. ROBERT BARRON (KZZ87) is newly out, giving WFO Juneau a third impaired station. Georgia holds three impaired transmitters and Tennessee one in areas carrying air quality alerts rather than storm warnings - not a HIGH-GAP trigger, but both named | NPL 5 of 5   51,434 fires / 7,971,399 acres YTD, 93.5% above the 4,118,620 acres recorded on the same date in 2025   113 new fires and seven new large fires in the prior period, ONLY ONE CONTAINED   21,854 personnel, a third consecutive decline   3,862,696 acres on all active fires, UP from 3,627,600   narrative and statistics table both read 94, so the collision reported on 20 and 24-AUG remains resolved   FIVE Red Flag Warnings against two on 25-AUG | DRC national series via ECDC, on data to 25-AUG - ROUTE RECOVERED after two cycles of self-inflicted blockage; the source was never down, the URL used was wrong   UP 423 cases and 228 deaths against the figure carried as of 19-AUG   daily increment DECELERATING for a third consecutive report: 81 to 72 to 57 cases, 40 to 35 to 29 deaths   770 hospitalised in isolation, 1,269 recovered, 84.6% of contacts under follow-up   ITURI 4,750 cases and 2,133 deaths across 28 of 36 health zones, share DOWN from 84.0% to 83.1%   NORTH KIVU 753 cases and 512 deaths, a 68.0% CFR against Ituri 44.9% |

## KEY JUDGMENTS

### KJ-1 IRAN AND OMAN AGREE, THIS PRODUCT CALLED IT WRONG, AND THE MARKET PRICED THE TRANCHE DOWN:

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**LIKELIHOOD:** A major financial institution is designated under the new Iran measures before the next cycle:

UNLIKELY -- briefed for the week of 24-AUG and still absent at the 27-AUG cut-off, with the market pricing the tranche as weaker than described. The Strait of Hormuz reopens to normal commercial transit before the next cycle:

VERY UNLIKELY -- Tehran states explicitly that reopening requires more than the Omani agreement. A tropical storm

watch or warning is issued for any Leeward Island before the next cycle: ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE**CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.**

*A US acceptance of the Iran-Oman arrangement published before the next cycle is assessed UNLIKELY, CONFIDENCE LOW: Washington opposed joint Iranian and Omani management of the exit route when it was first reported, and the OFAC alert of 24-AUG on Iranian demands for Hormuz passage remains the standing US position on transit conditions.*

## KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 180):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched and 184.1 kg of 20%-enriched UF<sub>6</sub> assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8 and unverified for 181 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.

*The Iran-Oman agreement is the first instrument in weeks that could conceivably widen into a broader negotiating frame, but nothing in it touches the nuclear file and Tehran has explicitly limited its scope. The file moves only if a separate negotiation opens or the Agency is granted access unilaterally, and neither has an announced pathway. Day 180 is a round number and nothing more.*

## KJ-3 WILDFIRE AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRAJECTORY (NPL at level 5; Ebola Day 103):

THE FIRE SHAPE IS ADVERSE ON THREE MEASURES AT ONCE: large fires up from 86 to 94, personnel down a third consecutive cycle to 21,854, and ONLY ONE FIRE CONTAINED against seven new large ones. Acres on all active fires rose to 3,862,696 and year-to-date acreage reached 7,971,399, 93.5 percent above the same date in 2025. Five Red Flag Warnings are in force against two. ON PUBLIC HEALTH the daily increment is decelerating for a third report, but the GEOGRAPHY is deteriorating: Ituri share fell from 84.0 to 83.1 percent while the total rose, and North Kivu is running a 68.0 percent case fatality ratio against Ituri 44.9. A decelerating national count concealing a worsening satellite province is exactly the pattern that makes headline totals misleading.

**LIKELIHOOD:** National Preparedness Level remains at 5 through the next cycle: ALMOST CERTAIN -- 94 large fires being worked, only one contained, five Red Flag Warnings in force and personnel already drawn down three cycles running. **CONFIDENCE:** HIGH.

*The next authoritative Ebola publication exceeding 5,713 DRC confirmed is assessed ALMOST CERTAIN, CONFIDENCE HIGH: the series updates every weekday and the most recent single-day increment was 57 cases. The figure to watch is not the total but NORTH KIVU SHARE AND ITS CASE FATALITY RATIO. If North Kivu continues to take a rising share of new cases at a 68 percent CFR, the response shape - hold Ituri, contain the satellites - is failing at the margin even while the national increment falls.*

## 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 not due on a Thursday cycle

Full source registry: [fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards) | [fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr](https://fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr)

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