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

Monday, 31 August 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 185 | Hormuz Day 185 | US STRIKES RESUME AFTER ONE-MONTH LULL, IRAN RETALIATES

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)

SWX-CON: KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED (the G2 watch for 28-29 AUG EXPIRED WITHOUT VERIFYING; Kp 4 persisted on Persistence-condition extensions through at least 30-AUG 2359Z without ever crossing the G1 threshold. Status past 30-AUG unconfirmed, needs direct pull.)

Publication (UTC)	31 AUGUST 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	28-AUG-2026 1600Z through 31-AUG-2026 1300Z (three-day gap -- no Saturday or Sunday cycle built)
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 registry static; approximately 24 of 59 mandatory directly verified this cycle, remainder carried from 28-AUG or pending re-pull

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 31-AUG-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 185 | US FORCES STRUCK IRANIAN ROCKET LAUNCHERS ON LARAK ISLAND ON 30-AUG, THE FIRST US MILITARY ACTION IN A MONTH, AFTER IRGC FORCES WERE OBSERVED PREPARING TO LAUNCH ROCKETS CARRYING SEA MINES INTO THE STRAIT. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting indicates Iranian strikes on US allies overnight into 31-AUG. This reverses the corridor-progress framing carried through 28-AUG. Brent crude rose to \$90.69/bbl on the news. FIVE EASA MIDDLE EAST BULLETINS EXPIRE TODAY, 31-AUG, WITH NO RENEWAL FILED AS OF LAST CHECK. TROPICAL STORM DOLLY DEGENERATED to an open wave; the Leeward watch/warning call from 27-AUG DID NOT VERIFY. This edition was compiled from direct source verification and web reconnaissance rather than the full scripted pipeline -- see the source registry note for what remains to be re-pulled.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | WX-CON 3 GUARDED | SWX-CON KP4 PERSISTENCE, NO G1/G2 OBSERVED

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- STRIKES RESUME AFTER ONE-MONTH LULL

THE STRIKE. US Central Command confirmed US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG -- the first US military action in a month -- after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch rockets carrying sea mines into the strait, days after the US finished clearing existing mines from the main shipping lane. Iran's Revolutionary Guards acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation; open-source reporting (Washington Post, citing US officials) indicates Iranian strikes on US allies in the region overnight into 31-AUG. **WHAT THIS OVERTAKES.** The Iran-Oman corridor terms published 27-AUG remain on record but unimplemented; a fresh kinetic exchange makes near-term implementation less likely, not more. Brent crude rose 2.93 percent to

	\$90.69/bbl on the news. THE CHINA-BANK QUESTION, UPDATED NOT RESOLVED: OFAC's 28-AUG action designated a Dubai-based individual linked to Bank Melli Iran's access to UAE banks -- that targets UAE banking access, not a Chinese financial institution, so the specific question from 27-AUG remains open. CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure is carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.
FLASH WILDFIRE The picture is clean again, and it is adverse -- Sec 7B	NIFC'S 30-AUG EDITION READ IDENTICALLY on two consecutive direct pulls (R-40 satisfied): 98 large fires, up from 92 on 27-AUG; 3,961,407 acres active; only 2 fires newly contained against 8 new large fires and 184 new fires that day. 22,168 personnel assigned. Year to date: 51,961 fires and 8,221,246 acres, 126 percent of the ten-year average for fires and 163 percent for acres. Idaho now leads state fire counts with 15, overtaking the Pacific Northwest cluster. RED FLAG WARNING GEOGRAPHY (last confirmed 28-AUG, all five in California) IS IN TENSION WITH THIS DATA -- the actual large-fire concentration has shifted to Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana; a direct Red Flag re-pull is needed before that geography can be restated as current. National Preparedness Level carried at 5 of 5, not independently re-confirmed this cycle.
HIGH CYB-001 All 27-28 AUG KEV deadlines passed -- no fresh catalogue pull this cycle	ALL FIVE DEADLINES FROM THE 27-28 AUG ADDITIONS HAVE NOW PASSED: Gitea CVE-2026-60004 (28-AUG), Citrix NetScaler CVE-2026-8452 and Microsoft SQL Server CVE-2019-1068 (29-AUG), ownCloud CVE-2023-49105 and Linux Kernel CVE-2026-53362 (30-AUG). No reported federal compromise against any of the five was located. NO NEW CATALOGUE ADDITIONS WERE CONFIRMED for 29 through 31-AUG -- this was a search-based check, not a direct KEV JSON/CSV pull, so treat as unconfirmed rather than NSTR. The legacy-backfill pattern flagged 28-AUG (ownCloud a 2023 CVE; four of the last ten additions predated 2026) remains a valid asset-inventory point independent of today's count.
MONITOR CYB-004 Water and wastewater OT campaign -- withdrawn 28-AUG, remains withdrawn	WITHDRAWN ON 28-AUG UNDER R-23 AT 24 DAYS UNVERIFIED, REMAINS WITHDRAWN. No CISA, FBI or EPA product had named the Iran-linked water and wastewater OT campaign since the entry opened; no re-opening trigger identified in this cycle's sweep. RE-OPENING TRIGGER: any named CISA, FBI or EPA advisory identifying Iran-linked intrusion against US water or wastewater operational technology, or a utility-confirmed OT compromise in the sector. No figure or attribution from the closed entry is restated.
HIGH PHS-002 Ebola Day 107 -- figures unchanged since 28-AUG, ECDC update due today	DAY 107, FIGURES UNCHANGED SINCE THE 28-AUG CYCLE, confirmed on a direct pull this cycle. ECDC's page still self-stamps "last updated 28 August at 14:40," carrying the same DRC update of 27-AUG on data to 26-AUG: 5,794 confirmed cases and 2,786 deaths, a case fatality rate of 48.1 percent. THE REVERSAL REPORTED 28-AUG STANDS as the latest confirmed data point: new cases 81 against 57, deaths 42 against 29, contact follow-up down to 82.3 percent from 84.6, hospitalisations at 843. The outbreak spans 60 of 151 health zones across six provinces. ECDC DOES NOT UPDATE WEEKENDS; today, 31-AUG, is the next scheduled update and had NOT posted as of this pull -- re-check before relying on these figures further. Uganda remains closed per the 26-AUG WHO declaration.
WATCH SWX-001 Watch expired without ever verifying -- three-day Kp4 plateau	THE THREE-DAY ARC IS CLOSED: ONSET VERIFIED, THE STORM NEVER DID. Kp reached 4 at onset (28-AUG 1409Z) and was held there by successive Persistence-condition warnings (WARK04 serials 5409, 5410) through at least 30-AUG 2359Z, never crossing the G1 threshold of Kp 5. BOTH scored forecasts from the 29-AUG cycle -- G2 observed, at-least-G1 observed -- DID NOT VERIFY. The observed NOAA scales correctly read G0 throughout, because they do not move below Kp 5; a reader checking only the scales product would have seen zeros for three straight days and concluded nothing was happening, which undersells the genuinely sustained (if sub-storm) disturbance. Effects stayed confined poleward of 65 degrees geomagnetic for the full window -- weak grid fluctuations and aurora over Canada and Alaska only; no CONUS HF impact occurred. Status past 30-AUG 2359Z is UNCONFIRMED -- this was sourced via a secondary

	aggregator, not a direct SWPC pull, this cycle. The 2MeV electron flux chain's status past 27-AUG (seven days confirmed) is also unconfirmed.
SEC 7 WEATHER Heat expanding to central US; new Gulf disturbance; carried detail below is 28-AUG	NOT RE-PULLED DIRECT THIS CYCLE -- what follows is carried from the 28-AUG api.weather.gov pull (267 alerts) and is NOT today's count. Confirmed for 31-AUG from general reconnaissance instead: heat is expanding into the central US, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic behind the existing Southwest heat wave; flash-flood risk continues over the Four Corners/Great Basin; severe storms are outlooked from the eastern Great Lakes into the Mid-Atlantic through Tuesday; a new Gulf of Mexico disturbance (70 percent NHC development chance) is tracking toward Texas; Houston/Galveston carries an ozone advisory through Monday evening; DFW stands at 46 consecutive days without measurable rainfall. 28-AUG DETAIL, CARRIED: Heat products had fallen a third consecutive cycle to 29 - 22 Extreme Heat Warnings and 7 Heat Advisories - confined to Arizona, California and Nevada plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. SPC had DOWNGRADED to MARGINAL. Flood watches had fallen to zero while eight Flood Warnings persisted on the Illinois and Wabash systems. Air quality had risen a third cycle to 13 alerts across eleven states.
SEC 7D Tropical -- Dolly closed, new Gulf disturbance active	DOLLY IS CLOSED. The system degenerated to an open tropical wave on 28-AUG per NHC and never regenerated a closed circulation. THE FORECAST IS FULLY ADJUDICATED: this product assessed a Leeward watch or warning as a ROUGHLY EVEN CHANCE ; none was ever issued; IT DID NOT VERIFY. A NEW, better-organized disturbance has formed in the Gulf of Mexico carrying a 70 percent NHC development chance as of this sweep, tracking WNW toward the Texas coast with increased flash-flood risk for Houston/Galveston on Tuesday. Karina (45 kt, forecast toward hurricane strength) and Lowell (40 kt, strengthening) figures are carried from 28-AUG and NOT re-verified this cycle.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. Gulf Coast/Texas -- New Disturbance Behind Dolly's Remnants:** a Gulf of Mexico system carries a 70 percent NHC development chance, tracking toward the Texas coast with increased rain and flash-flood risk for Houston/Galveston Tuesday -- arriving into a state already 46 days without measurable rainfall at DFW and carrying an active North Central Texas fire-weather drought advisory. **CARRIED, NOT RE-VERIFIED:** the Carolinas/SE Virginia/Coastal Georgia heavy-rain item from 28-AUG (WPC SLIGHT, SPC MARGINAL) may no longer be current; needs a direct re-pull.
- 2. Wildfire -- The National Figure Is Clean and It Is Worsening:** NIFC's 30-AUG edition confirms 98 large fires (up from 92), 3,961,407 acres active, only 2 newly contained against 8 new large fires. Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana now lead state fire counts. This IS a day-over-day worsening, unlike the divergence flagged 28-AUG. **CAUTION:** the California-concentrated Red Flag Warning geography confirmed 28-AUG is now in tension with this data and needs a direct re-pull before you act on it as current.
- 3. Cyber -- All Five Federal Deadlines Have Now Passed:** Gitea CVE-2026-60004 (28-AUG), Citrix NetScaler ADC/Gateway CVE-2026-8452 and Microsoft SQL Server CVE-2019-1068 (29-AUG), ownCloud CVE-2023-49105 and Linux Kernel CVE-2026-53362 (30-AUG). No reported federal compromise located against any of the five. No new catalogue additions confirmed 29-31 AUG in this sweep -- treat as unconfirmed, not NSTR, since this was search-based rather than a direct KEV pull. Treat the ownCloud item as an inventory question rather than a patching one - it is a 2023 CVE, and four of the last ten KEV additions predated 2026.
- 4. Water and Wastewater Operators -- The Entry Is Withdrawn, Not Downgraded:** after 24 days with no confirming CISA, FBI or EPA product, we have withdrawn CYB-004 rather than carry it. This is not an all-clear and it is not evidence the campaign ended; it is an admission that we cannot substantiate it. We will re-open on any named federal advisory or a utility-confirmed OT compromise.
- 5. Public Health -- Figures Unchanged Since 28-AUG, Update Due Today:** the 81-against-57 case reversal and the fall in contact follow-up to 82.3 percent (from 84.6) remain the latest confirmed data point as of this pull -- ECDC has not posted since 28-AUG. For organisations with staff or partners in the six affected DRC provinces, the operative fact is still that surveillance coverage was deteriorating as incidence rose. **TODAY, 31-AUG,** is the next scheduled ECDC update and had not posted as of this pull -- re-check before relying on these figures further.
- 6. Fuel and Freight -- Crude Jumped, the Pump Hasn't Caught Up:** Brent rose 2.93 percent to \$90.69/bbl on the Larak Island strike; AAA gasoline continues to ease regardless, at \$4.0807/gal (direct pull, 31-AUG) -- the pump has not caught the crude spike yet. Diesel figure carried from 28-AUG (\$5.6105/gal), NOT re-pulled this cycle; a same-day read is overdue given how sharply crude has moved.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$90.69/bbl on 31-AUG, up 2.93 percent on the day, directly attributed by that publisher to the Larak Island strike. WTI (\$84.99/bbl, Oilprice.com, 31-AUG) is NOT the same publisher as Brent this cycle, so no spread is stated -- the R-5 same-publisher discipline held for four consecutive cycles through 28-AUG (last reading \$5.12) but breaks here pending a same-publisher WTI figure.

Maritime / supply chain: US forces struck two Iranian rocket launchers on Larak Island on 30-AUG after IRGC forces were observed preparing to launch sea mines into the strait -- the first US military action in a month, ending the diplomatic-track lull. Iran acknowledged casualties and vowed retaliation. No fresh UKMTO/MARAD advisory text covering the strike was located this sweep -- direct pull needed before the next cycle. CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure and the 25-AUG Khasab tanker incident are carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.

Escalation trajectory: the softening narrative from 28-AUG is REVERSED -- crude has jumped on a real kinetic strike, not merely rotated attention elsewhere. OFAC did act again on 28-AUG (a UAE-bank designation tied to Bank Melli Iran), so the "four days of silence" framing is also withdrawn. TODAY IS THE DECISION POINT for EASA: five Middle East conflict-zone bulletins (Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Persian Gulf) expire 31-AUG, and a direct pull this cycle still shows the Persian Gulf bulletin Active with no renewal filed -- hours after the Larak strike raised the stakes on that call.

No direct US-household action required today -- this remains a monitoring item unless you have direct exposure to Gulf shipping, regional aviation or fuel-indexed contracts.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES

BRENT CRUDE \$90.69/bbl (31-AUG) UP 2.93% on the day (Trading Economics, 31-AUG) following the Larak Island strike. WTI \$84.99/bbl (Oilprice.com) is a different publisher this cycle -- no spread stated; last R-5-compliant spread was \$5.12 on 28-AUG.	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$4.0807 AAA national average, 31-AUG (direct pull), continuing to ease even as crude jumped on the Larak strike -- pump has not caught up. Diesel \$5.6105 carried from 28-AUG, NOT re-pulled this cycle.	NWR AFFECTED 17 affected Operator-supplied roster current 31-AUG 01:25:27 GMT -- 14 OOS / 3 DEGRADED across 11 states; NOT independently cross-checked against the NWS ccl-data.js register this cycle. No HIGH-GAP alert assessed, provisional.	WILDFIRE 98 large fires NPL carried at 5 of 5, not independently re-confirmed. NIFC's 30-AUG edition, confirmed on two consecutive reads: prose and table agree, up from 92 on 27-AUG. 51,961 fires / 8,221,246 acres YTD, 163% of the ten-year average for acres.	EBOLA PHEIC 5,794 confirmed (2,786 deaths) DRC national series via ECDC on data to 26-AUG, UNCHANGED SINCE 28-AUG (confirmed direct pull). Contact follow-up at 82.3 percent. Today's, 31-AUG, scheduled update had not posted as of this pull.
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KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 STRIKES RESUME: THE KINETIC TRACK HAS REOPENED ALONGSIDE THE DIPLOMATIC ONE:

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LIKELIHOOD: The temporary corridor is implemented before the next cycle: **UNLIKELY**, reaffirmed and strengthened by the 30-AUG strike. **CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.**

A Chinese financial institution designated under the Iran programme before the next cycle is assessed UNLIKELY, CONFIDENCE LOW -- UPDATED, NOT RESOLVED. OFAC's 28-AUG action designated a Dubai-based individual linked to Bank Melli Iran's access to UAE banks -- a UAE-banking-access designation, not a direct Chinese bank designation; the specific question from 27-AUG remains open, and its continued absence is still informative.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 184):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8, unverified for approximately 185 days. NOT directly re-pulled from IAEA this cycle; content is carried from 28-AUG with the day counter rolled forward. Pickaxe Mountain remains uninspected.

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

The nuclear file is now absent from the only live negotiating channel rather than merely deadlocked. Iran's four published preconditions are entirely maritime and economic, the Oman track is explicitly confined to the strait, and Washington has declined the June memorandum under which a wider agenda would have been framed. There is no venue in which progress could occur even if the will existed.

KJ-3 WILDFIRE REPORTING IS CLEAN AGAIN, PUBLIC HEALTH IS STILL 28-AUG (NPL carried at level 5; Ebola Day 107):

THE FIRE FIGURE IS RESOLVED THIS CYCLE, THE 28-AUG DIVERGENCE IS CLOSED. NIFC's 30-AUG edition read identically on two consecutive direct pulls: 98 large fires, up from 92 on 27-AUG; 3,961,407 acres active; only 2 newly contained against 8 new large fires. That is a genuine day-over-day worsening on a single clean source, not the unresolved divergence carried on 28-AUG. EBOLA IS UNCHANGED, NOT FRESH: the 81-against-57 reversal and 82.3-percent contact follow-up remain the latest confirmed figures because ECDC has not posted since 28-AUG; today's scheduled update had not appeared as of this pull.

LIKELIHOOD: National Preparedness Level remains at 5 through the next cycle: VERY LIKELY.

CONFIDENCE: MODERATE, down from HIGH since NPL itself was not independently reconfirmed this cycle -- held since 18-JUL with year-to-date acreage now at 163 percent of the ten-year average on the confirmed 30-AUG figures.

The next authoritative Ebola publication exceeding 5,794 DRC confirmed is assessed ALMOST CERTAIN, CONFIDENCE HIGH. ECDC's next scheduled update is TODAY, 31-AUG, and had not posted as of this pull -- re-check before the next cycle closes.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: 0.55 estimative ladder | registry static; approximately 24 of 59 mandatory directly verified this cycle, remainder carried from 28-AUG or pending re-pull

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