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

Tuesday, 01 September 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 186 | Hormuz Day 186 | IRAN RETALIATES ON JORDAN,
TANKER MINE CLAIM DISPUTED BY CENTCOM

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: STAND-DOWN. The Kp4 arc closed 30-AUG 2359Z without ever reaching G1/G2; both scored forecasts DID NOT VERIFY. No newer WARK04/ALTEF3 serial located this cycle; direct alerts.json pull still owed to confirm rather than infer.

Publication (UTC)	01 SEPTEMBER 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	31-AUG-2026 1600Z through 01-SEP-2026 1300Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 12 of 59 mandatory touched this cycle (6 direct, 5 search-based, 1 operator-supplied); remainder carried from 31-AUG or not attempted. R-31 Monday 638-source rollup remains overdue.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 01-SEP-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 186 | IRAN RETALIATED FOR THE 30-AUG LARAK STRIKE WITH BALLISTIC MISSILES AT KING HUSSEIN AND AL-AZRAQ AIR BASES, JORDAN, ON 31-AUG; ALL EIGHT MISSILES WERE INTERCEPTED, AND THE UAE SEPARATELY INTERCEPTED AN IRANIAN DRONE. Iranian state media separately claims a tanker struck two mines and a bulk carrier was seized near Bandar Abbas; CENTCOM disputes any vessel striking a mine in Hormuz -- both claims carried, neither adopted. EASA RENEWED the Persian Gulf/Gulf of Oman bulletin (valid to 30-SEP), closing last cycle's lapse risk. TROPICAL STORM EDOUARD FORMED IN THE GULF, TX landfall imminent -- the 31-AUG development forecast VERIFIED. Brent \$91.28/bbl. This edition reflects a priority sweep of check-first items, not the full scripted pipeline; the R-31 Monday rollup remains overdue.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | WX-CON 3 GUARDED | SWX-CON STAND-DOWN

**FLASH GEO-CF-
IRAN -- IRAN
RETALIATES ON
JORDAN, TANKER
MINE CLAIM
DISPUTED**

THE RETALIATION. Iran struck King Hussein and Al-Azraq air bases in Jordan with ballistic missiles on 31-AUG in retaliation for the 30-AUG Larak strike; Jordan's military reports all eight missiles intercepted, and the UAE separately intercepted an Iranian drone over its territorial waters. Iranian state media separately claims a tanker struck two mines and a bulk carrier was seized near Bandar Abbas near the same time; CENTCOM disputes any vessel striking a mine in Hormuz -- both claims are carried, neither is adopted as fact. Trump has floated retaliation against Kharg Island, not yet executed. WHAT THIS OVERTAKES. The Iran-Oman corridor terms remain on record but unimplemented; a second exchange of fire makes near-term implementation less likely still. Brent \$91.28/bbl

	(+0.87% day, 01-SEP). THE CHINA-BANK QUESTION REMAINS OPEN: no new OFAC action located past the 28-AUG UAE-bank-access designation despite the escalation.
FLASH WILDFIRE Numbers eased, geography confirmed north -- Sec 7B	NIFC'S 01-SEP EDITION, TWO CONSECUTIVE DIRECT PULLS AGREE (R-40 satisfied): 3,946,886 acres active, down from 3,961,407 on 30-AUG; personnel up to 22,434 (from 22,168), YTD acreage now 8,238,284. Large-fire count (93, down from 98) was not re-derived on the second pull. Per-state detail carried from 30-AUG, not re-pulled this cycle. RED FLAG WARNING GEOGRAPHY HAS NOW FOLLOWED THE FIRES NORTH: active warnings sit in Idaho (Sawtooth Range) and the NV/CA Sierra Front, closing the tension flagged last cycle. National Preparedness Level carried at 5 of 5, not independently re-confirmed this cycle.
HIGH CYB-001 Two new KEV entries 31-AUG -- five prior deadlines closed	CISA added two new KEV entries dated 31-AUG (PaperCut NG/MF, CVE-2026-81578/82078, chainable) -- confirmed via direct CISA advisory read, closing part of last cycle's sourcing gap. The five 27-28 AUG deadlines (Gitea, Citrix NetScaler, MS SQL, ownCloud, Linux Kernel) closed 28-30 AUG with no reported federal compromise located. Full catalogue running total not independently re-derived this cycle -- direct JSON/CSV pull still needed.
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 108 -- ECDC's 31-AUG update posted, +82 cases/+38 deaths	DAY 108. ECDC's 31-AUG update (data to 28-AUG, aggregator-sourced this cycle, not a direct ecdc.europa.eu fetch) shows the DRC total rising to 5,945 confirmed cases and 2,862 deaths -- +82 cases/+38 deaths over the prior report, continuing rather than reversing the trend flagged last cycle. New cases concentrated in Ituri (66 of 82), North Kivu (12) and Haut-Uele (4). Contact follow-up recovered to 84.4 percent (from 82.3). 1,327 patients have recovered. Uganda remains closed per the 26-AUG WHO declaration.
CLOSED SWX-001 Arc closed 30-AUG, quiet -- no new warning located this cycle	THE THREE-DAY ARC CLOSED 30-AUG 2359Z WITHOUT EVER REACHING G1/G2 (fully adjudicated last cycle; both 29-AUG scored forecasts DID NOT VERIFY, recorded as failed). What's new this cycle: no newer WARK04 or ALTEF3 serial was located despite specifically searching for one -- consistent with quiet conditions but not the same as a confirmed direct alerts.json read. SWX-CON now reads STAND-DOWN on that basis; R-41's formal ladder ruling remains pending operator action. No CONUS HF impact indicated. The 2MeV electron flux chain's status past 27-AUG remains unconfirmed across three cycles now -- direct pull is overdue.
SEC 7 WEATHER Heat expands to 17 states, SPC raises risk to SLIGHT	THE THREE-CYCLE DECLINE READ WAS WRONG. Directly re-verified this cycle: 19 NWS offices carry Heat Advisories/Extreme Heat Warnings across 17 states from the southern Plains through the Midwest, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic (heat indices 99-110F), reversing the decline framing carried since 28-AUG. SPC's Day 1 Outlook carries a SLIGHT risk of severe storms, central/northern Plains and Midwest into PA/NY/NJ, up from MARGINAL. Edouard's Gulf landfall (see Section 7D) remains the dominant near-term hazard for the upper Texas coast.
SEC 7D Tropical -- Edouard active, TX landfall imminent; Karina Cat 4	TROPICAL STORM EDOUARD FORMED 31-AUG from the Gulf disturbance carried at 70 percent development chance last cycle -- THE FORECAST VERIFIED. TS Warning up for Port Bolivar TX to the Vermilion/Iberia LA line; landfall expected near Port Arthur Tuesday evening, 3-6in rain (locally 9in), flash-flood risk along/east of I-45. Hurricane Karina (E. Pacific) is now Category 4 (~130mph/950mb, direct nhc.gov pull), no land threat, producing rip-current/surf hazard for Baja/SW Mexico/Southern California through 2-3 SEP.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. Gulf Coast/Texas -- Tropical Storm Edouard, Landfall Imminent:** the 70-percent development forecast **VERIFIED** -- Edouard formed 31-AUG, TS Warning up for Port Bolivar TX to Vermilion/Iberia LA, landfall expected near Port Arthur Tuesday evening with 3-6in rain (locally 9in), arriving into a state already carrying pre-existing drought stress. Flash-flood risk concentrated along/east of I-45.
- 2. Wildfire -- Numbers Eased, Geography Confirmed North:** NIFC's 01-SEP pull is now two-read confirmed -- 3,946,886 acres active (down from 3,961,407), personnel up to 22,434, YTD 8,238,284 acres. Red Flag Warning geography has followed the fires north to Idaho and the NV/CA Sierra Front.
- 3. Cyber -- Two New KEV Entries 31-AUG:** PaperCut NG/MF (CVE-2026-81578/82078, chainable), confirmed via direct CISA advisory. The five 27-28 AUG deadlines (Gitea, Citrix NetScaler, MS SQL, ownCloud, Linux Kernel) closed with no reported federal compromise. Full catalogue running total not independently re-derived this cycle - direct JSON/CSV pull still needed.
- 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 -- ECDC's 31-AUG Update Posted, Transmission Continuing:** DRC cases rose to 5,945 (+82) and deaths to 2,862 (+38); contact follow-up recovered to 84.4 percent from 82.3. For organisations with staff or partners in the affected DRC provinces, Ituri remains the dominant transmission driver (66 of the 82 new cases).
- 6. Fuel, Freight and Comms -- Crude Climbing, Pump Catching Up, New Cable Faults Named:** Brent \$91.28/bbl (+0.87% day, 01-SEP), Crude/WTI \$86.57/bbl, R-5 spread \$4.71. AAA gasoline is now \$4.0954/gal (direct pull, 01-SEP, up from \$4.0807) -- the pump has begun catching the crude spike. Diesel (\$5.6105/gal) remains carried from 31-AUG. **NEW THIS CYCLE:** a submarine-cable outage tracker (subseadown.com, alternate source for the unreachable TeleGeography registry entry) shows seven cables currently degraded -- two (Indigo-West, Perth-Jakarta; BRUSA, Virginia Beach-San Juan) past their own recovery estimates with no update, and two (SEACOM/Tata TGN-Eurasia; Europe India Gateway) open-ended since early June. No confirmed downstream service impact; see DTR Full COMMS-001 for the full list.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$91.28/bbl on 01-SEP, up 0.87 percent on the day, and Crude/WTI at \$86.57/bbl, up 0.94 percent -- same publisher for both this cycle, restoring R-5 compliance. Spread: \$4.71, down from \$5.12 on 28-AUG.

Maritime / supply chain: MARAD Advisory 2026-004 remains Active (direct pull, thru 09-SEP). A tanker was struck by unknown projectiles transiting the southern Strait 01-SEP per UKMTO; Iranian claims of a separate mine strike and bulk-carrier seizure near Bandar Abbas are disputed by CENTCOM -- not adopted as fact. CENTCOM's 75-ships-redirected figure carried from 28-AUG, not re-verified.

Escalation trajectory: a second exchange of fire (Jordan/UAE, 31-AUG) confirms the kinetic track is now a pattern, not a single incident. **THE EASA LAPSE RISK FLAGGED LAST CYCLE IS CLOSED:** the Persian Gulf/Gulf of Oman bulletin was renewed 31-AUG, now valid to 30-SEP, narrowed from the prior broader avoid-all-airspace recommendation. No new OFAC action located past the 28-AUG UAE-bank designation despite the escalation.

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 (updated 01-SEP)

BRENT CRUDE \$91.28/bbl (01-SEP) UP 0.87% on the day (Trading Economics, 01-SEP) as markets price the 31-AUG Jordan/UAE retaliation. Crude/WTI \$86.57/bbl, same publisher -- R-5 spread restored at \$4.71.	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$4.0954 AAA national average, direct pull 01-SEP, up from \$4.0807 -- the pump has begun catching the crude spike. Diesel \$5.6105 remains carried from 31-AUG.	NWR AFFECTED 18 affected Operator-supplied roster, 01-SEP -- 14 OOS / 4 DEGRADED across 14 states, up from 17/14/3/11 on 31-AUG. Seven stations marked restored on 31-AUG reappeared today (re-failures,	WILDFIRE 93 large fires NIFC's 01-SEP edition, two-read confirmed: 3,946,886 acres active, down from 3,961,407 on 30-AUG. Personnel up to 22,434; YTD now 8,238,284 acres. NPL	EBOLA PHEIC 5,945 confirmed (2,862 deaths) DRC national series via ECDC's 31-AUG update, data to 28-AUG (aggregator-sourced this cycle, not a direct fetch) -- +82 cases/+38 deaths over the prior report.
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not fresh outages). No
HIGH-GAP alert assessed,
provisional.

carried at 5 of 5, not
independently re-confirmed.

Contact follow-up recovered
to 84.4 percent.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 IRAN RETALIATES: THE KINETIC EXCHANGE IS NOW A PATTERN, NOT AN INCIDENT:

Iran retaliated for the 30-AUG Larak strike with ballistic missiles at King Hussein and Al-Azraq air bases in Jordan on 31-AUG (all eight intercepted per JAF) and a drone at the UAE (intercepted) -- the prior cycle's LIKELY/MODERATE forecast of a further kinetic exchange VERIFIED within a day. Iranian state media's disputed claim of a tanker mine strike and bulk-carrier seizure near Bandar Abbas is a genuine source conflict with CENTCOM, not adopted as fact. The Iran-Oman corridor terms remain on record but unimplemented; this second exchange makes near-term implementation less likely still.

LIKELIHOOD: The temporary corridor is implemented before the next cycle: UNLIKELY, reaffirmed by the second exchange of fire. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

A Chinese financial institution designated under the Iran programme before the next cycle is assessed UNLIKELY, CONFIDENCE LOW -- STILL OPEN. No new OFAC action was located this cycle past the 28-AUG UAE-bank-access designation despite the escalation; the continued absence remains informative.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 185):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF₆ assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8, unverified for approximately 186 days. Not directly re-pulled from IAEA this cycle; day counter rolled forward only. 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 NUMBERS EASE, EBOLA TRANSMISSION CONTINUES (NPL carried at level 5; Ebola Day 108):

THE DAILY FIRE TOTAL EASED THIS CYCLE, NOW TWO-READ CONFIRMED (3,946,886 acres, down from 3,961,407 on 30-AUG; personnel up to 22,434; YTD 8,238,284 acres). Red Flag Warning geography has followed the fires north to Idaho and the NV/CA Sierra Front. EBOLA TRANSMISSION IS CONTINUING, NOT REVERSING: ECDC's 31-AUG update adds a further 82 cases and 38 deaths, while contact follow-up recovered to 84.4 percent -- a different signal than the surveillance-deteriorating read carried last cycle.

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

[PRIOR FORECAST VERIFIED: the next ECDC publication exceeded 5,794 DRC confirmed -- 5,945 posted 31-AUG.] NEW FORECAST: the next ECDC publication exceeds 5,945 DRC confirmed -- ALMOST CERTAIN, CONFIDENCE HIGH, consistent with the sustained transmission pattern.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: 0.55 estimative ladder | 12 of 59 mandatory touched this cycle (6 direct, 5 search-based, 1 operator-supplied); R-31 Monday rollup remains overdue

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