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

Thursday, 03 September 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 188 | Hormuz Day 188 | CENTCOM DENIES TARGETING CIVILIANS, IRAN FILES ICC COMPLAINT

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 remains closed since 30-AUG. ALTEF3 electron-flux alert continues (serial 3734, 03-SEP, max 1,239 pfu); a new Type IV radio emission alert (ALTTP4) was issued 02-SEP -- see SWX-001 below; neither changes SWX-CON tier.

Publication (UTC)	03 SEPTEMBER 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	02-SEP-2026 1600Z through 03-SEP-2026 1300Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 56 mandatory: 7 returned new findings, 1 confirmed NSTR, 48 not independently pulled this cycle - - full disposition in DTR Full Section 12.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 03-SEP-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 188 | CENTCOM HAS RESPONDED TO THE 01-SEP WEDDING-STRIKE CLAIM FOR THE FIRST TIME: "THE U.S. MILITARY NEVER TARGETS CIVILIANS, UNLIKE THE IRGC," WITHOUT ADDRESSING VERIFICATION OR TARGETING SPECIFICS. Iran's confirmed-by-name death toll settled at 4 (two children, two women) after an earlier unconfirmed claim of 11 was not sustained. Iran's Red Crescent filed a formal complaint with the ICC 03-SEP. TEXAS OUTAGE RECOVERY CONTINUES: live poweroutage.us shows 52,014 TX customers without power statewide, down from roughly 56,800 yesterday and roughly 71,000 at Edouard's peak. Red Flag Warning geography shifted to Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana. NIFC acreage ticked up slightly to 3,935,537. CISA added seven new KEV entries 02-SEP, including a CVSS 10.0 SonicWall flaw. Ebola: direct ECDC pull shows DRC now at 6,186 confirmed cases / 3,007 deaths, closing a three-cycle-stale gap. EASA's Gulf airspace posture eased 31-AUG (Bahrain/Kuwait/Qatar/UAE reopened) but predates this week's escalation and has not been revisited since. Brent \$95.25/bbl (-0.40% day), snapping a three-day rally.

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FLASH WILDFIRE Acreage ticks up slightly -- Sec 7B	NIFC's 02-SEP direct pull: 3,935,537 acres in large fires, up slightly from 3,928,914. YTD now 52,626 fires / 8.2M+ acres. NPL remains 5. Per-state breakdown not re-derived this cycle -- 02-SEP figures (Idaho/Washington leading at 13 each) carried.
CYB-001 Seven new KEV entries 02-SEP, incl. CVSS 10.0 SonicWall SSRF	CISA added SEVEN new KEV entries 02-SEP: Sangoma Switchvox, Starlette, Kestra, LiteLLM (chainable, linked to Qilin ransomware exploitation), JFrog Artifactory, and two SonicWall SMA1000 flaws -- one an SSRF scored CVSS 10.0. Catalogue running total still not independently re-derived.
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 110, direct ECDC pull closes a 3-cycle gap	DAY 110, DIRECT ECDC PULL CLOSES A THREE-CYCLE GAP. DRC now 6,186 confirmed cases / 3,007 deaths (data to 31-AUG), up from 5,945/2,862. Recovered: 1,409. Contact follow-up: 88 percent. Uganda remains closed per the 26-AUG WHO declaration.
SWX-001 Electron-flux alert continues; new Type IV radio emission alert	ALTEF3 electron-flux alert continues: serial 3734 (03-SEP), yesterday's max 1,239 pfu, still climbing since 31-AUG. New: ALTTP4 serial 716, a Type IV radio emission alert issued 02-SEP -- typically associated with a CME in transit; no geomagnetic storm watch issued yet. Kp4 arc remains closed since 30-AUG; SWX-CON STAND-DOWN unchanged.
SEC 7 WEATHER Heat expands to 17 states, SPC raises risk to SLIGHT	CARRIED FROM 01-SEP, NOT 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). A fresher SPC outlook (02-SEP, direct pull) carries a SLIGHT risk of severe storms across the Lower Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic -- see DTR Full WX-001 for detail. Texas Gulf Coast: outage recovery continues, not an active storm hazard -- see THE ONE THING TODAY above.
SEC 7D Tropical -- TX outage recovery continues; Pacific systems active	Live poweroutage.us shows 52,014 TX customers without power statewide, down from ~56,800 yesterday and ~71,000 at Edouard's peak; Jefferson County remains hardest-hit (21,697 customers). Hurricane Karina, Hurricane Lowell (Central Pacific, major) and Tropical Storm Marie remain active in the Pacific -- current position not independently re-verified this cycle.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. Gulf Coast/Texas -- Outage Recovery Continues:** live poweroutage.us shows 52,014 TX customers without power statewide, down from roughly 56,800 yesterday and roughly 71,000 at Edouard's peak. Jefferson County remains hardest-hit (21,697 customers, 17.9pct of county total).
- 2. Wildfire -- Acreage Ticks Up Slightly:** NIFC's 02-SEP direct pull shows 3,935,537 acres in large fires, up slightly from 3,928,914. YTD now 52,626 fires / 8.2M+ acres. NPL remains 5.
- 3. Cyber -- Seven New KEV Entries:** CISA added Sangoma Switchvox, Starlette, Kestra, LiteLLM, JFrog Artifactory and two SonicWall SMA1000 flaws 02-SEP, one an SSRF scored CVSS 10.0 -- organizations running SonicWall SMA1000 appliances should prioritize patching immediately.
- 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 -- Ebola Jumps, Gap Closed:** direct ECDC pull shows DRC now at 6,186 confirmed cases / 3,007 deaths, up from 5,945/2,862 -- the 86-case increase concentrated in Ituri (49), North Kivu (32) and Haut-Uele (5).
- 6. Fuel, Freight and Comms -- Crude Reverses, Pump Flat:** Brent \$95.25/bbl (-0.40% day, 03-SEP) snapping a three-day rally; Crude/WTI \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP), different publisher than Brent, spread not restated.

AAA gasoline not re-pulled this cycle -- carried, now unconfirmed-unchanged for a third day. Submarine cables not independently re-pulled -- see DTR Full COMMS-001 for last confirmed status.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$95.25/bbl on 03-SEP, down 0.40 percent on the day, snapping a three-day rally as markets weigh renewed hostilities against efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Crude/WTI \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP) -- different publisher than Brent, spread not restated.

Maritime / supply chain: no new maritime incident this cycle -- the Khasab, Oman tanker strike (UKMTO) remains from 01-SEP. Estimated crude transit through the strait continues at roughly 8 million barrels a day. MARAD Advisory status not independently re-pulled this cycle.

Escalation trajectory: CENTCOM has now responded to the wedding-strike claim ("never targets civilians, unlike the IRGC") without addressing verification specifics, and Iran's Red Crescent has moved the casualty dispute to a formal ICC complaint -- a shift from public statements to a legal track. Iran's confirmed-by-name death toll settled at 4, down from an earlier unconfirmed claim of 11 that was not sustained.

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 03-SEP)

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	WILDFIRE	EBOLA PHEIC
\$95.25/bbl (03-SEP)	\$4.0954	17 affected	3.94M acres	6,186 confirmed (3,007 deaths)
DOWN 0.40% on the day (Trading Economics, 03-SEP), snapping a three-day rally. Crude/WTI \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP), different publisher, spread not restated.	AAA national average not re-pulled this cycle -- carried, now unconfirmed-unchanged for a third day. Diesel \$5.6105 remains carried from 31-AUG, now four cycles stale.	Single timestamped roster for 03-SEP, no conflict: 15 OOS / 2 DEGRADED across 13 states. Neahkahnie OR and South Shore SD newly listed; Muncie IN no longer listed. No HIGH-GAP alert assessed, provisional.	NIFC's 02-SEP edition, direct pull: 3,935,537 acres in large fires, up slightly from 3,928,914. YTD now 52,626 fires / 8.2M+ acres. NPL 5 of 5, directly confirmed present.	DRC national series, direct ECDC pull (data to 31-AUG), up from 5,945/2,862 - closes a three-cycle gap. Recovered: 1,409. Contact follow-up: 88 percent.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 CENTCOM RESPONDS, ICC COMPLAINT FILED: THE CASUALTY DISPUTE MOVES TO A FORMAL LEGAL TRACK:

CENTCOM has responded to the 01-SEP wedding-strike claim for the first time: "the U.S. military never targets civilians, unlike the IRGC," without addressing verification or targeting specifics. Iran's confirmed-by-name death toll settled at 4 (two children, two women) after an earlier unconfirmed claim of 11 was not sustained. Iran's Red Crescent has filed a formal complaint with the ICC -- the first time this conflict's casualty disputes have moved to a formal international legal venue rather than competing public statements.

LIKELIHOOD: [CARRIED FORECAST FROM 02-SEP, NOT TESTED THIS CYCLE: Iran conducts at least one further retaliatory strike before the next cycle -- no new strike confirmed or ruled out this cycle.] NEW FORECAST -- LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance. CONFIDENCE: LOW. Iran's ICC complaint advances to a formally docketed case (not just filed) within 30 days -- ICC jurisdiction over US nationals is itself contested, and prior Iranian ICC referrals in this conflict have not progressed past filing.

The shift from public statements to a formal ICC filing is itself notable regardless of whether the case advances -- it gives Iran a standing diplomatic grievance it can reference independent of the case's legal merits, and keeps the wedding-strike question live in international forums even if CENTCOM declines further comment.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 187):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8, unverified for approximately 188 days. Directly checked this cycle: no IAEA statement or Board document newer than GOV/2026/33 (04-JUN-2026) located. 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.

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Hormuz Day 188 | IAEA Blackout Day 187 | Ebola PHEIC Day 110 | SWX-CON STAND-DOWN**

KJ-3 WILDFIRE TICKS UP, EBOLA JUMPS -- DIRECT PULL CLOSES A THREE-CYCLE GAP (NPL 5; Ebola Day 110):

THE DAILY FIRE TOTAL TICKED UP SLIGHTLY (3,935,537 acres, up from 3,928,914; YTD 8.2M+ acres/52,626 fires), directly re-pulled this cycle. EBOLA JUMPED: direct ECDC pull (data to 31-AUG) shows DRC now 6,186 confirmed cases / 3,007 deaths, up from 5,945/2,862 -- closing a gap unresolved for three consecutive cycles.

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

CONFIDENCE: MODERATE -- NPL 5 directly confirmed present this cycle, held since 18-JUL, with year-to-date acreage now at 163 percent of the ten-year average.

[PRIOR FORECAST VERIFIED: the next ECDC publication exceeded 5,945 DRC confirmed -- 6,186 posted 01-SEP.] NEW FORECAST -- LIKELIHOOD: almost certain. CONFIDENCE: HIGH, consistent with the sustained transmission pattern seen across prior cycles.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

Produced under ICD 203/206 analytic standards | Master Source Registry v2.25 (638 sources) | Likelihood: 0.55 estimative ladder | 56 mandatory: 7 new findings, 1 confirmed NSTR, 48 not independently pulled this cycle -- full disposition in DTR Full Section 12

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