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

Friday, 04 September 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 189 | Hormuz Day 189 | VANCE SAYS IRAN FIGHT "ISN'T A WAR" AS STRIKES APPEAR TO PAUSE

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. No operator space weather data received this cycle -- the 03-SEP status (Kp4 arc closed since 30-AUG, ALTEF3 electron-flux chain continuing) is carried, not re-verified -- see SWX-001 below.

Publication (UTC)	04 SEPTEMBER 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	03-SEP-2026 1600Z through 04-SEP-2026 1300Z
SOP	v5.64 Addendum ICD 203/206 Compliant Registry v2.25 56 mandatory: 6 returned new findings, 2 confirmed NSTR, 48 not independently pulled this cycle - - full disposition in DTR Full Section 12.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 04-SEP-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Op Epic Fury / Hormuz Day 189 | VP VANCE SAID TODAY THE IRAN CONFLICT "ISN'T A 'WAR'" AS THE ADMINISTRATION NAVIGATES AN UNPOPULAR FIGHT AHEAD OF ELECTIONS; IRAN INTERNATIONAL REPORTS TWO NIGHTS WITHOUT NEW US STRIKES AS OF YESTERDAY -- A POSSIBLE PAUSE, NOT CONFIRMED. Hospital officials say most of the ~70 wounded in the 01-SEP wedding strike have been discharged; 11 remain, 5 in ICU. IRGC disclosed its own losses: 4 Aerospace Force, 2-3 Basij, 1 navy member killed. Pentagon's casualty database now shows 767 total US troops wounded since the war began. HURRICANE LOWELL BRIEFLY REACHED CATEGORY 5 -- first in the Central Pacific since 2018 -- and is now a strong Category 4 roughly 1,000 miles south of Hawaii, under a hurricane watch with a direct-landfall track possible early next week. Karina weakened to Category 4, no Hawaii threat; Marie strengthened to a Category 1 hurricane. Texas outage recovery continues (52,014, 03-SEP, not re-pulled this cycle). Red Flag Warnings today span Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota. NIFC's national daily total directly re-confirmed unchanged at 3,935,537 acres; YTD 8,272,749. Ebola: direct ECDC pull shows DRC now at 6,250 confirmed cases / 3,039 deaths, continuing to rise. Brent \$95.23/bbl (-0.31% day), extending yesterday's reversal.

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

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- VANCE: CONFLICT "ISN'T A WAR"; STRIKES APPEAR TO PAUSE

VP Vance said today the Iran conflict "isn't a 'war,'" as the administration navigates an unpopular fight ahead of elections. Iran International separately reports two nights without new US strikes as of yesterday -- a possible pause, not yet confirmed as a trend. Hospital officials say most of the ~70 wounded in the 01-SEP wedding strike have been discharged; 11 remain, 5 in ICU. IRGC disclosed its own losses: 4 Aerospace Force, 2-3 Basij, 1 navy member killed. Pentagon's casualty database shows 767 total US troops wounded since the war began. Brent \$95.23/bbl (-0.31% day, 04-SEP), extending yesterday's reversal.

FLASH WILDFIRE Daily total confirmed unchanged, YTD progresses -- Sec 7B	Directly re-pulled this cycle: national daily total confirmed unchanged at 3,935,537 acres (same figure re-verified on a fresh pull, not simply repeated). YTD now 8,272,749 acres, fire count steady at 52,626. Big Grass Fire (OR) unchanged at 578,637ac. Red Flag Warnings today span Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.
CYB-001 NSTR on new entries -- 02-SEP seven-entry batch remains most recent	No new KEV additions located dated 03/04-SEP; the 02-SEP seven-entry batch (Sangoma Switchvox, Starlette, Kestra, LiteLLM, JFrog Artifactory, two SonicWall SMA1000 flaws incl. a CVSS 10.0 SSRF) remains most recent. 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 111, cases continue rising	DAY 111, CASES CONTINUE RISING. Direct ECDC pull (data to 01-SEP): DRC now 6,250 confirmed cases / 3,039 deaths, up from 6,186/3,007. 869 hospitalized in isolation. Uganda remains closed per the 26-AUG WHO declaration.
SWX-001 NSTR -- no operator space weather data this cycle	No operator-supplied space weather data received this cycle and no independent confirmation located; the 03-SEP status (ALTEF3 electron-flux chain continuing, ALTTP4 Type IV radio emission alert) is carried, not re-verified. SWX-CON STAND-DOWN unchanged.
SEC 7 WEATHER Heat continues in IL/MO/IA, SPC SLIGHT risk shifts to Great Lakes/Ohio Valley	DIRECTLY RE-PULLED THIS CYCLE: Extreme Heat Warnings confirmed active today in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa, heat index values 100-110F, several extending through Friday/Saturday. SPC carries a SLIGHT risk of severe thunderstorms today across the southern Great Lakes, middle/upper Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic -- damaging wind gusts the main threat. Code Orange ozone air quality alerts confirmed active today in the Memphis TN and Winston-Salem NC areas, heat-linked -- see DTR Full WX-001 for detail.
SEC 7D Tropical -- Lowell hit Category 5, now threatens Hawaii	Hurricane Lowell briefly reached Category 5 Wednesday -- first in the Central Pacific since 2018 -- and is now a strong Category 4 roughly 1,000 miles south of Hawaii, under a hurricane watch with a direct-landfall track possible early next week. Karina weakened to Category 4, no Hawaii threat; Marie strengthened to a Category 1 hurricane, no land threat. Texas outage figures not independently re-pulled this cycle -- 52,014 (03-SEP) carried.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

- 1. Hawaii -- Hurricane Lowell Now A Direct Threat:** Lowell briefly reached Category 5 Wednesday and is now a strong Category 4 roughly 1,000 miles south of Hawaii, under a hurricane watch with a direct-landfall track possible early next week -- a sharp escalation from prior no-threat framing.
- 2. Wildfire -- Daily Total Confirmed Unchanged:** national daily total re-verified at 3,935,537 acres on a fresh pull (not simply carried). YTD now 8,272,749 acres. Red Flag Warnings today span Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.
- 3. Cyber -- NSTR On New Entries:** no new KEV additions located; the 02-SEP seven-entry batch (incl. a CVSS 10.0 SonicWall SSRF) remains most recent -- organizations running SonicWall SMA1000 appliances that haven't yet patched should still prioritize it.
- 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 Continues Rising: direct ECDC pull shows DRC now at 6,250 confirmed cases / 3,039 deaths, up from 6,186/3,007.

6. Fuel, Freight and Comms -- Crude Extends Reversal: Brent \$95.23/bbl (-0.31% day, 04-SEP); only six commodity vessels transited Hormuz Wednesday, below the ~13-vessel 10-day average. Crude/WTI carried at \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP), different publisher. AAA gasoline not re-pulled this cycle.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE CONTINUED/ESCALATING IRAN CONFLICT

Energy / fuel: Trading Economics marks Brent at \$95.23/bbl on 04-SEP, down 0.31 percent on the day, extending yesterday's reversal; only six commodity vessels transited the Strait of Hormuz Wednesday, below the roughly 13-vessel 10-day average. Crude/WTI carried at \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP), different publisher.

Maritime / supply chain: EASA's Gulf airspace posture (Bahrain/Kuwait/Qatar/UAE reopened, Jordan bulletin lifted) remains unchanged since 31-AUG despite renewed tensions triggering flight delays at Dubai and Abu Dhabi 02-SEP, and a brief Najaf (Iraq) route suspension. State Dept issued a security advisory for Americans in the Middle East.

Escalation trajectory: VP Vance downplayed the conflict's framing today; Iran International reports two nights without new US strikes as of yesterday -- a possible pause. Hospital officials say most of the wedding-strike wounded have been discharged (11 remain, 5 in ICU); IRGC disclosed its own losses (4 Aerospace Force, 2-3 Basij, 1 navy member).

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 04-SEP)

BRENT CRUDE \$95.23/bbl (04-SEP)	PUMP AVG (NAT) \$4.0954	NWR AFFECTED 15 affected	WILDFIRE 3.94M acres, confirmed	EBOLA PHEIC 6,250 confirmed (3,039 deaths)
DOWN 0.31% on the day (Trading Economics, 04-SEP), extending yesterday's reversal. Six vessels transited Hormuz Wednesday, below the ~13-vessel average. Crude/WTI carried at \$90.72/bbl (Forbes, 02-SEP).	AAA national average not re-pulled this cycle -- carried, now unconfirmed-unchanged for a fourth day. Diesel \$5.6105 remains carried from 31-AUG, now five cycles stale.	Single timestamped roster for 04-SEP, no conflict: 13 OOS / 2 DEGRADED across 11 states. Petoskey MI and Neahkahnie OR no longer listed. No HIGH-GAP alert assessed.	National daily total directly re-verified unchanged at 3,935,537 acres (fresh pull, not carried). YTD now 8,272,749 acres. Red Flag Warnings today span Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.	DRC national series, direct ECDC pull (data to 01-SEP), up from 6,186/3,007. 869 hospitalized in isolation.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 VANCE: CONFLICT "ISN'T A WAR" -- STRIKES APPEAR TO PAUSE AS ADMINISTRATION MANAGES OPTICS:

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LIKELIHOOD: Directly confirmed this cycle: the current pause (two nights without new US strikes) holds through the next cycle: **LIKELIHOOD:** roughly even chance. **CONFIDENCE:** LOW -- IRGC's Khatam al-Anbiya HQ has previously framed operations as continuing, not concluding, so a resumption remains plausible.

A political framing shift ("isn't a war") alongside a pause in new US strikes suggests the administration is trying to manage domestic optics without a real de-escalation commitment; IRGC's prior statements about continuing operations "until they regret their actions" have not been walked back.

KJ-2 IAEA VERIFICATION BLACKOUT (Day 188):

440.9 kg of 60%-enriched UF6 assessed still in country, last IAEA-verified 27-FEB-2026 in GOV/2026/8, unverified for approximately 189 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.

KJ-3 LOWELL HIT CATEGORY 5, HAWAII UNDER HURRICANE WATCH; EBOLA CONTINUES RISING (NPL 5; Ebola Day 111):

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LIKELIHOOD: Hawaii's hurricane watch is upgraded to a warning before the next cycle: roughly even chance. CONFIDENCE: LOW -- Lowell's track has historically been difficult to pin down this far out; National Preparedness Level remains at 5: very likely, CONFIDENCE: MODERATE.

[The next ECDC publication exceeds 6,250 DRC confirmed: LIKELIHOOD: almost certain. CONFIDENCE: HIGH, consistent with the sustained transmission pattern seen across recent 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: 6 new findings, 2 confirmed NSTR, 48 not independently pulled this cycle -- full disposition in DTR Full Section 12

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