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Wednesday, 28 October 2026 | Executive and director-level brief

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

Wednesday, 28 October 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 243 | Hormuz Day 243 | IAEA Blackout Day 242 | Ebola PHEIC Day 165

COMCON 4 -- INCREASED VIGILANCE (see DTR Full Section 6)

WX-CON 2 SLIGHT -- Central MN / NW WI (SPC Day 1 Slight)

SWX-CON: STAND-DOWN

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BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 28-OCT-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Hormuz Day 243

UK police charged two men in the RAF Fairford case and named Iran; no US-based plot was located. No strike on Iran; CNN says US forces could act within 96 hours of an order. Israel's count has no majority. Brent $115.22. The Houthis claim a hit on Ras Tanura (unconfirmed by Saudi Arabia); Egypt approved troops for Saudi Arabia. WX-CON 2 SLIGHT: central MN / NW WI today; Texas flood risk Thursday; HIGH-GAP in SE New Mexico continues.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | WX-CON 2 SLIGHT | SWX-CON STAND-DOWN

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- 96-hour window	No strike; Trump says "anything is possible" after the midterms; UKMTO logs a suspicious fire off Iraq. Full DTR: Section 3.
SEC 8D TROPICAL -- Vance nears NW Mexico	TS Vance (40 mph) becomes a remnant low Thursday; its moisture feeds the Texas rain. Full DTR: Section 8D.
WATCH GEO-YEM-001 -- Ras Tanura claim	Claimed refinery hit unconfirmed; intercepts over the Eastern Region and Riyadh. Full DTR: Section 3.
WATCH NUC-001 -- Grossi at the UNSC	The IAEA cannot verify no diversion; blackout Day 242. Full DTR: Section 3.
SEC 5 SEISMIC -- Vanuatu M6.0	The Vanuatu swarm continues (M6.0); an M5.4 struck WSW of Guam; no damage. Full DTR: Section 5.

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HIGH CYB-001 / PHY-001 -- PHP due 29-OCT; UK charges	Patch two exploited PHP flaws by 29-OCT; the UK named Iran in the Fairford charges. Full DTR: Sections 4A and 4B.
WATCH SWX-001 / PHS-002 -- Quiet sun; Ebola 10,060	No geomagnetic storm; the DRC passed 10,000 Ebola cases (CDC 10,060); Kenya 9 / 2. Full DTR: Sections 8C and 10.
SEC 8 WEATHER -- Upper Midwest Slight; Texas rain	SPC Slight for MN/WI; 8 FFWs and 14 SVRs in NM/TX; EM-3660-NM; DR-4955-FL. Full DTR: Sections 8 and 8B.
SEC 6 COMMUNICATIONS -- cables, GPS, HF, cellular	Subsea cables: 14 active incidents, no US landing affected; NWR: 19 impaired, HIGH-GAP in SE New Mexico continues. Full DTR: Sections 6 and 8B.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. **Personnel abroad:** UK names Iran in base-spying charges; check State advisories and enroll travelers in STEP.
2. **Saudi Arabia / Gulf:** Ras Tanura claim, Egypt troops, ordered departure stands; defer nonessential travel.
3. **Network edge:** Patch the two exploited PHP flaws by 29-OCT; Adobe Commerce by 10-NOV.
4. **Maritime / energy:** Suspicious fire off Iraq; Brent $115.22; keep Gulf routing under review.
5. **Weather:** SPC Slight MN/WI today; WPC Slight TX Thu, AZ Fri; NWR out in SE NM.
6. **Elections:** Israel has no majority (results 04-NOV); the US votes 03-NOV; review event security.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE IRAN CONFLICT THIS CYCLE

Energy / fuel: Brent $115.22 and WTI $101.95 (28-OCT); AAA regular $4.25, diesel $6.35.

Maritime / supply chain: UKMTO: suspicious fire off Al-Faw; Iranian Navy mine claim (unverified).

Escalation trajectory: CNN 96-hour report; Egypt troops to Saudi Arabia; Israel has no majority.

No direct US-household safety action from the Iran conflict this cycle; travelers abroad should check State advisories.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES (updated 28-OCT)

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	SEVERE TSTM WARNINGS	EBOLA PHEIC
$115.22/bbl	**$4.25 regular**	**19 impaired**	**14 issued**	**10,060 / 4,887**
28-OCT; WTI $101.95.	AAA, 28-OCT; diesel $6.35.	weather.gov feed 28-OCT; 12 states; HIGH-GAP SE NM.	26-28 OCT; 10 in New Mexico.	DRC to 25-OCT (CDC); Day 165.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 IRAN: STRIKE WINDOW AFTER 03-NOV:

No strike; CNN says forces could act within 96 hours of an order, and Trump says "anything is possible" after the midterms.

LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. At least one further merchant vessel is struck or forcibly diverted in Hormuz, the Gulf or the Gulf of Oman before the next cycle.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE THIS: A US strike on Iranian territory or a route deal that reopens Hormuz; indicators in GEO-CF-IRAN, Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-2 SAUDI FRONT: RAS TANURA CLAIM:

The Houthis claim a refinery hit at Ras Tanura; Saudi Arabia has not confirmed it, and Egypt is sending troops.

LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Further Houthi strikes or attempted strikes inside Saudi Arabia before the next cycle.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE THIS: A Houthi-Saudi pause, or a US strike on the Houthis that widens the conflict; Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-3 UK CHARGES AND TEXAS RAIN:

UK police named Iran in the Fairford charges; WPC has a Slight flood risk for Texas Thursday. Full DTR Sections 4B and 8.

LIKELIHOOD: unlikely. CONFIDENCE: LOW. A confirmed Iran-linked attack or disrupted plot against a US-based target is publicly reported before the next cycle.

LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. At least one Flash Flood Warning is issued for part of Texas before the next cycle.

IN TODAY'S FULL DTR

22 pages, 13 scored entries with SALUTE, alternative hypotheses and forecast grading. New: the UK charges, the Ras Tanura claim, Grossi at the UNSC, EM-3660-NM and the Upper Midwest Slight.

26-OCT forecast scorecard: 27 correct or met, 1 not met, 2 not verified, 1 pending. Full grading in the DTR Full.

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