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Wednesday, 04 November 2026 | Executive and director-level brief

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

Wednesday, 04 November 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 250 | Hormuz Day 250 | IAEA Blackout Day 249 | Ebola PHEIC Day 172

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

WX-CON 1 MARGINAL -- severe and flash flood, Southeast and southern Appalachians; flash flood SE FL

SWX-CON: STAND-DOWN

Publication (UTC)	04 NOVEMBER 2026 / Cycle close 1600 UTC
Reporting Period	03-NOV-2026 1600Z through 04-NOV-2026 1600Z (24 hours)
SOP	v5.64 Addendum | ICD 203/206 Compliant | Registry v2.25 | 56 mandatory: 32 checked, 10 route-blocked, 14 not run or inconclusive -- per-source disposition retained in the build log.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT -- 04-NOV-2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | Hormuz Day 250

Correction: US forces made limited, defensive strikes on Iran's Qeshm Island on 02-NOV (Trump confirmed); the 03-NOV edition missed it. Iran calls the US reply "not convincing"; strike plans are reported ready from Wednesday evening. A tanker was reported hit off northeast Oman (single source) and an Indian dhow crewman was killed on 03-NOV; Brent $102.20, down 1.35 percent.

Election: bomb threats evacuated polling places in Toledo OH and Gibraltar MI; a judge extended Toledo voting to 9:15 PM; no cyber incident; AP called the House for Democrats.

WX-CON lowered to 1 MARGINAL (Southeast and southern Appalachians, SE FL); 9 Tornado Warnings in LA and AR on 03-NOV; WordPress Core patch due 06-NOV; CDC: DRC Ebola 10,532 confirmed.

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | WX-CON 1 MARGINAL | SWX-CON STAND-DOWN

FLASH GEO-CF-IRAN -- US struck Qeshm Island	Limited US strikes on an anti-aircraft site on Qeshm Island (02-NOV, Trump confirmed); IRGC drone-shootdown claims (CENTCOM: false); Rezaei: US reply "not convincing"; tanker hit off Oman (single source). Full DTR: Section 3.
WATCH ELEC-001 -- Polling-place bomb threats; Toledo hours extended	Beverly Elementary (Toledo OH) and Carlson High School (Gibraltar MI) evacuated; court extended Toledo to 9:15 PM, LaRose objects; Westchester NY scanner failure was programming, not cyber. Full DTR: Section 4B.
WATCH GEO-YEM-001 -- Saudi intercepts over the Eastern Province	Coalition intercepted drones over the Mecca region and the Eastern Province (03-NOV); the Houthis deny it; no damage reported. Full DTR: Section 3.

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WATCH NUC-001 -- NSTR	No IAEA or Majlis action; Trump says the talks cover the stockpile; blackout Day 249. Full DTR: Section 3.
SEC 5 SEISMIC -- four M5.0-5.2 abroad	Volcano Islands (Japan), Mid-Indian Ridge, Kyrgyzstan and Philippines, M5.0-5.2; no US impact. Full DTR: Section 5.
HIGH CYB-001 / PHY-001 -- WordPress Core due 06-NOV	KEV +1 (1,767): WordPress Core upgrade-race code execution, due 06-NOV; update to 7.1.4; no new UK or US charges. Full DTR: Sections 4A and 4B.
WATCH SWX-001 / PHS-002 -- Quiet; Ebola 10,532	Space weather quiet (K4 warning at high latitudes); CDC: DRC 10,532 confirmed / 5,126 deaths (to 01-NOV); US entry attestation in force. Full DTR: Sections 8C and 10.
SEC 8 WEATHER -- Southeast Marginal; 9 TOR in LA and AR	9 TOR (LA 6, AR 3) and 6 SVR on 03-NOV; SPC and WPC Marginal for the Southeast and southern Appalachians, WPC Marginal SE FL; two Monday-night Oklahoma tornadoes logged. Full DTR: Sections 8 and 8B.
SEC 6 COMMUNICATIONS -- cables, GPS, HF, cellular	Subsea cables: 14 active incidents, no US landing affected; NWR: 21 impaired, 12 states (Utqiagvik AK new); Summerville GA out inside the Marginal (single site, no HIGH-GAP). Full DTR: Sections 6 and 8B.

PRACTITIONER POSTURE -- 72-HOUR DECISION TRIGGERS

1. Personnel abroad: The US struck Qeshm Island 02-NOV, and strike plans are reported ready from Wednesday evening; Iran reserves the right to self-defense. Check State advisories and enroll travelers in STEP.

2. Saudi Arabia / Gulf: Drone intercepted over the Eastern Province (03-NOV); Air India suspended to 14-NOV; ordered departure stands.

3. Network edge: Update WordPress to 7.1.4 by Friday 06-NOV and block web access to wp-content/upgrade/; keep Ivanti Connect Secure patched.

4. Maritime / energy: Dhow and tanker hits continue; JMIC rates Hormuz SEVERE; Brent $102.20, WTI $95.26.

5. Weather: SPC and WPC Marginal for the Southeast and southern Appalachians, WPC Marginal SE FL; Summerville GA weather radio is out inside the risk area.

6. Elections: Expect litigation over Toledo's extended-hours ballots and charges in the Michigan case; keep threat plans current for schools used as polling places through the canvass.

CALLOUT -- IMPACT OF THE IRAN CONFLICT THIS CYCLE

Energy / fuel: Brent $102.20 and WTI $95.26 (04-NOV); AAA regular $4.12, diesel $6.27.

Maritime / supply chain: Indian dhow struck 03-NOV (one dead); tanker hit off northeast Oman (single source); JMIC rates Hormuz SEVERE.

Escalation trajectory: US struck Qeshm Island 02-NOV; Iran calls the US reply "not convincing"; strike plans reportedly ready from Wednesday evening.

no new safety action from the Iran conflict; regular gas eased 2.5 cents to $4.12. Travelers abroad should check State advisories.

NUMBER STRIP -- CURRENT-CYCLE MOVING VALUES (updated 04-NOV)

BRENT CRUDE	PUMP AVG (NAT)	NWR AFFECTED	TORNADO WARNINGS	EBOLA PHEIC
$102.20/bbl 04-NOV; WTI $95.26.	**$4.12 regular**	**21 impaired**	**9 issued**	**10,532**

	AAA, 04-NOV; diesel $6.27.	weather.gov feed 04-NOV; 12 states; Utqiagvik AK new.	03-NOV, LA (6) and AR (3); 6 SVR.	DRC confirmed (CDC, to 01-NOV); Day 172.

KEY JUDGMENTS

KJ-1 IRAN: A STRIKE ALREADY MADE, A REPLY REJECTED:

The US struck Qeshm Island before the vote, Iran rejected the US reply, and ships are still being hit; the post-election window is open.

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 (Thursday 05-NOV).

An Iranian response to Qeshm, a CENTCOM strike announcement, or a renewed attack at sea; the US-strike forecast is now roughly even. Indicators in GEO-CF-IRAN, Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-2 SAUDI FRONT: AN EASTERN PROVINCE INTERCEPT:

Saudi Arabia says it intercepted a drone over the Eastern Province oil region on 03-NOV; the Houthis deny launching anything that day.

LIKELIHOOD: very likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Further Houthi strikes or attempted strikes inside Saudi Arabia before the next cycle (Thursday 05-NOV).

A weapon that gets through to a Saudi oil site or city, or a Houthi-Saudi pause; Full DTR Section 3.

KJ-3 ELECTION AFTERMATH AND WEATHER:

Hoax bomb threats disrupted voting at polling places in Ohio and Michigan, and a court extended Toledo hours; a Michigan suspect is identified and charges are expected. The severe risk is Marginal in the Southeast. Full DTR Sections 4B and 8.

LIKELIHOOD: likely. CONFIDENCE: MODERATE. Charges are filed in at least one 03-NOV polling-place bomb threat before the next cycle (Thursday 05-NOV).

LIKELIHOOD: roughly even chance. CONFIDENCE: LOW. At least one Tornado Warning is issued in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina or South Carolina before the next cycle (Thursday 05-NOV).

IN TODAY'S FULL DTR

21 pages, 14 scored entries with SALUTE, alternative hypotheses and forecast grading. New: the Qeshm strike correction, the polling-place bomb threats and Toledo court order, the Eastern Province intercept, the WordPress KEV and the Louisiana Tornado Warnings.

03-NOV forecast scorecard: 29 correct or met, 1 not met, 2 pending. The 02-NOV scorecard is corrected to 26 correct or met and 4 not met (Qeshm strike, dhow). Full grading in the DTR Full.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

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