

Alert Status — Quick Reference

Snapshot as of Sat Sep 19, 2026 · Mountain Time · Print and keep with your readiness file

U.S. National Alert Level

NO ACTIVE NATIONAL BULLETIN. The DHS National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) feed returns an empty alert set — verified Sep 19, 2026. There is no active NTAS bulletin, no elevated advisory, and no imminent warning in force.

Read this correctly: it means the federal government is not telling the public to change behavior. It does not mean no risk exists. Every item below comes from agency advisories, foreign governments, or press — not from a national alert.

Current Track Ratings

Track	Rating	Driver
U.S. domestic terrorism	NO BULLETIN	NTAS empty; no active advisory
Cyber	ELEVATED	Confirmed active exploitation; federal patch deadline Mon Sep 21
Red Sea / Bab el-Mandeb	RED	Riyadh air-raid alerts; chokepoint consolidation by Houthi forces
Strait of Hormuz	AMBER	IRGC threat to block regional oil exports; "safe passage" toll economy; tanker cyberattacks
Taiwan Strait	AMBER	Political only — no named PLA exercise; three-day quiet in official disclosures
Yom Kippur window	WIN OPEN	Sep 20–21; Sukkot immediately following

Actionable Deadlines

When	What	Consequence if missed
Mon Sep 21	Federal remediation deadline — three Linux kernel vulnerabilities on CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerabilities list	Confirmed active exploitation; Linux underlies most cloud, server and industrial infrastructure
Sun Sep 20 – Mon Sep 21	Yom Kippur	Highest-risk 48-hour window for Jewish institutions this year
Mon Sep 21	Japan PM Takaichi travels to the U.S.; addresses UNGA	Watch for Taiwan arms-sale decisions during the visit
Mon Sep 21	Oil markets reopen	First pricing of the Riyadh strikes and the export-block threat

Escalation Triggers — Act on AMBER, Never RED

Every historical mass evacuation fails the same way: the decision comes too late, roads are full, fuel is gone. Set your triggers in writing now and act without debate.

- **Cyber:** multi-state grid, water, or payment-network outage lasting more than 24 hours
- **Energy:** fuel rationing or allocation in the Mountain West; a confirmed Hormuz closure
- **Financial:** payment-network or bank-account access interruption beyond 48 hours
- **Military:** declared quarantine of Taiwan; a live-fire encirclement exercise
- **Domestic:** an NTAS "Elevated" or "Imminent" bulletin; a coordinated attack on multiple U.S. sites
- **Local (Cody area):** Buffalo Bill Dam release warning; wildfire evacuation order; civil disorder in Billings or Casper

Where to Report

To report	Where
Terrorism tips / suspicious activity	tips.fbi.gov · 1-800-CALL-FBI
Cyber incidents	cisa.gov/report · your local FBI field office
Threats against a house of worship	Local police first; then FBI. Ask the institution for its posted security plan
Emergency	911 (voice) · 711 (TTY) · text-to-911 where available

Telecom caveat. Nation-state actors have compromised U.S. telecom lawful-intercept systems (Salt Typhoon). For anything sensitive, use end-to-end encrypted apps rather than SMS or standard voice calls.

Holiday Window Watch

Yom Kippur opens the evening of Sep 20 and runs through Sep 21. This is the highest-risk 48-hour window for Jewish institutions in this project, arriving one week after Sweden expelled an Iranian diplomat over operations against Jewish and Israeli interests, and Germany arrested a synagogue arsonist. **Sukkot follows immediately**, extending elevated risk to roughly the end of September.

No specific plot or incident was reported as of Sep 19. Elevated posture, not a known threat.