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BLUF. No topic changed crisis level overnight, and the war and Russia topics stay on upward trends. One indicator moved a full step: **R-5 (hybrid/sabotage) rises to SIGNIFICANT** now that two Starlink-infrastructure attacks within 30 days (Poland, 23 Sep; Lithuania, 18 Oct) have been officially attributed to Russia. Russia holds at **POTENTIAL CRISIS (↑)**: the Energy Ministry reported energy sites hit in **seven oblasts**, making 20 Oct the **seventh straight energy-strike day** (RUS-07 now 7 of 8), although the overnight raid was a smaller **165 drones**. Poland again scrambled jets and briefly shut Lublin and Rzeszów airports. Zelensky meets US envoy Witkoff **in person in Oslo today** (RUS-08 pending confirmation), and Witkoff plans to go on to Moscow. The regional war holds at **PROBABLE CRISIS (↑)**. The Houthis claimed six strikes on Saudi energy and airport targets, Saudi air defences intercepted a ballistic missile aimed at Riyadh this morning, Riyadh postponed FII to 2027, and the **UK will fly defensive Typhoon missions over Saudi Arabia**. Egypt's House pushed its Saudi-defense vote back to **Mon 26 Oct**. The IRGC claimed two more mined tankers and an MQ-9 shootdown, none of it confirmed. Hegseth met Netanyahu on an unannounced visit. Brent settled at **\$109.55**. The midterms hold at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)**: the four D.D.C. dockets show only a notice of appearance, and ~**10.14M** early ballots are in (NBC). Bitcoin holds at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)** at ~**\$81.4k**. Its 19 Oct close of ~\$81.85k triggered neither BTC-06 nor BTC-07, and spot ETFs took in **+\$526.7M** on Monday.

0. W.I.R.E. Topic Crisis Assessment Dashboard

TOPIC	CRISIS LEVEL	DOM. INDICATOR	KEY DRIVER (today)	TREND
Widespread war (Israel-originated)	PROBABLE CRISIS	EXTREME	W-2/W-1: Houthis claim 6 strikes on Saudi energy/airports; Riyadh missile intercepted; UK Typhoons to defend Saudi; IRGC claims 2 more mined tankers + MQ-9 (unconfirmed); Egypt vote to 26 Oct; Hegseth–Netanyahu meeting	↑ (no level change)
Russian aggression	POTENTIAL CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	R-3/R-5: day 7 of energy strikes (7 oblasts; 165 drones); Poland scrambles twice; R-5 ↑ SIGNIFICANT (Polish + Lithuanian Starlink sabotage attributed to Russia); Zelensky–Witkoff in Oslo today	↑ (no level change)
US midterm results	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	M-1: only a notice of appearance across the four D.D.C. dockets; no consolidation order or TRO motion; ~10.14M early votes (NBC, 20 Oct)	= (no level change)
Bitcoin	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	B-1/B-4: BTC ~\$81.4k (~35.5% off ATH); 19 Oct close ~\$81.85k; ETFs +\$526.7M Mon; Oct hike odds ~17%	= (no level change)

Indicator: **ROUTINE** **ABNORMAL** **SIGNIFICANT** **EXTREME** Crisis level: **NO CRISIS** **ENV. FOR CRISIS** **POTENTIAL** **PROBABLE** **IMMINENT**

Level change since 19 Oct brief (190730 EDT): none. Indicator score change: R-5 ABNORMAL → SIGNIFICANT. Trend: ↑ toward crisis, ↓ away, = no net change (analyst addition; not in the white paper).

Moved indicators (vs 19 Oct). One indicator changed score: **R-5 ABNORMAL → SIGNIFICANT (↑)**. The framework's Significant descriptor is "multiple attributed attacks on critical infrastructure within 30 days." Polish prosecutors attribute the 23 Sep Starlink ground-station arson to Russian services, and Lithuania's crisis center calls the 18 Oct attempt "part of Russian attempts to disrupt Starlink." Within-band moves: **W-2 EXTREME ↑** (Aramco/Shaybah/Riyadh-airport claims, Riyadh intercept, 53 killed in Shabwa, UK deployment); **W-6 SIGNIFICANT =** (Egypt vote deferred again); **W-5 SIGNIFICANT =** (Konarak claim denied by the US; MQ-9 claim unconfirmed); **W-4 ABNORMAL =** (Hegseth–Netanyahu meeting, but Netanyahu says no attack before 27 Oct); **R-3 SIGNIFICANT =** (lower volume, unbroken tempo); **R-10 ABNORMAL ↓** (in-person Oslo talks, proposed Putin meeting); **B-4 ROUTINE ↓** (largest daily ETF inflow since 22 Sep); **M-1 SIGNIFICANT =**; **B-1 ABNORMAL =**.

I. WIDESPREAD WAR (ISRAEL-ORIGINATED) | PROBABLE CRISIS

Houthi–Saudi (as of 200700 EDT). Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree claimed **six operations in 48 hours** using ballistic and cruise missiles and drones. Claimed targets included Aramco facilities in **Yanbu**, the **Shaybah** oilfield, **King Khalid International Airport** in Riyadh, Abha airport, radars, King Khalid Air Base, and a Najran radar. He called them a response to more than 200 Saudi strikes on Sanaa and other areas ([Xinhua, 19 Oct](#)). Saudi Arabia has not confirmed the claims, and Reuters could not verify them ([Reuters via Business Recorder](#)). A Houthi missile strike on a Yemeni government base in **Shabwa** killed **53** and injured more than 200, per the local government (Xinhua). This morning the Saudi Defence Ministry said air defences **intercepted a ballistic missile aimed at Riyadh**, and AFP heard two blasts ([SPA, 20 Oct](#); [Dawn/AFP](#)). Riyadh has postponed the 26–29 Oct **FII** conference to 2027 (Xinhua). Britain announced that **RAF Typhoons will fly defensive counter-air missions** over Saudi cities and infrastructure, "will not conduct offensive strikes," and will add an A400M, advisers, and extended air-to-air refuelling, including for Saudi operations "to degrade Houthi military targets in Yemen" ([GOV.UK, 20 Oct](#)).

Egypt. The House adjourned its second closed session on 19 Oct. Speaker Hisham Badawi set the next sitting for **Monday 26 Oct at 11 a.m.** ([Egypt Today, 19 Oct](#); [Parliament Gate](#); [Reuters via Dawn](#)). Approval needs a two-thirds roll-call majority under Art. 152. Al-Masry Al-Youm reports that several MPs objected to an "open and vague" mandate and at least one abstained, citing the economy and the Suez Canal ([Al-Masry Al-Youm, 20 Oct](#)).

Hormuz. The IRGC said that overnight two “offending” tankers were “set ablaze and stopped” by its mines on a southern route, and that it shot down a US **MQ-9** ([ynet](#), [20 Oct](#); [CGTN](#); [Anadolu](#)). No ship was named, and no CENTCOM confirmation was found. JMIC Update 106 (18 Oct), read directly, says of the earlier claims that “there is no substantiation to these claims.” It records 254 transits in the week to 14 Oct (~70% below pre-conflict) and about 28 US-assisted transits a day ([UKMTO/JMIC](#)). UKMTO concedes that most attacked vessels no longer report to it ([Seatrade](#), [18 Oct](#)). CENTCOM commander Brad Cooper says the strait “remains open for business,” with about 400 merchant transits last week ([Gulf News](#), [20 Oct](#)). Kpler’s 19 Oct briefing puts the 7-day average of confirmed Hormuz clearance at **10.17 mb/d**, about 41% below baseline. Kpler notes that preliminary figures typically settle 1.5–2× higher ([Kpler](#), [19 Oct](#)). The IRGC also threatened seven undersea cables that run through the strait ([Gulf News](#)).

Iran–Israel / US posture. Hegseth made an unannounced visit to Israel on 19 Oct and discussed Iran with Netanyahu, according to three Israeli officials. The Pentagon declined to comment. Netanyahu has said he is not seeking to attack Iran before the 27 Oct election, and Trump has said he will not attack before the midterms ([Reuters via Yahoo](#), [20 Oct](#)). At a Kansas rally Trump said, “We could leave right now,” adding that Iran will not get a nuclear weapon ([Gulf News](#)). The Iranian Navy said two US projectiles hit a 35 mm gun at **Konarak** naval base, wounding two. A US official called the claim “inaccurate ... as usual” ([Hindustan Times/CNN](#), [20 Oct](#)). **Lavrov** met Pezeshkian, Araghchi, and security chief Rezaei in Tehran. He said Russian specialists are returning to Bushehr, called for restoring navigation through Hormuz, and revived Moscow’s Gulf collective-security proposal ([Russian MFA](#), [19 Oct](#); [Al Jazeera](#)). Trump said “Russia’s done very little for Iran” ([Iran International](#)). Qatar says US–Iran contact continues ([The National live](#)). No Iranian launch at Israel and no acknowledged US strike on Iran were reported.

Lebanon. Lebanese and Israeli military delegations resume US-mediated talks in **Tampa** today. Beirut is rejecting direct military coordination, officials expect little before Israel’s vote, and Netanyahu says Israel will stay in its zone until Hezbollah is disarmed ([The National](#), [19–20 Oct](#)). Strikes in the south continue. No Beirut strike was found.

Energy. Front-month (Dec) Brent **settled at \$109.55** on 19 Oct (–\$0.31) after trading more than \$3 lower intraday. Expiring Nov WTI rose to \$103.66 ([Dow Jones/Morningstar](#); [Reuters via Euronext](#)). Brent was ~\$109.8 in Asian trading Tuesday ([Gulf News](#)).

Indicators. W-1 EXTREME (=; mining claims, ~70% transit shortfall). W-2 EXTREME (↑ within band; Aramco/airport claims, Riyadh intercept, Shabwa toll). W-3 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-4 ABNORMAL (=). W-5 SIGNIFICANT (=; Konarak claim denied). W-6 SIGNIFICANT (=; vote deferred). W-7 SIGNIFICANT (=; \$109.55). W-8 SIGNIFICANT (=). Roll-up: 2 Extreme + 6 Significant = PROBABLE. No tripwire met.

ANALYST NOTE. The center of gravity has moved to the Saudi front. The Houthis are claiming strikes on Aramco and Riyadh’s airport, and Riyadh has just cancelled its flagship investor event. Britain stepping in with defensive fighters is a new Western combat-air commitment to that front. It is defensive by design, but it puts UK aircraft in the engagement chain. New **WAR-13** (a UK intercept by 3 Nov, 50%) tests whether that commitment turns kinetic. Egypt’s second delay, now to 26 Oct with open dissent on the floor, shows that Cairo’s political class is uneasy about an open mandate. We still judge WAR-09 **likely**, but less firmly than on Monday, and WAR-10 (deployment) **unlikely** before 3 Nov. On Iran, words and visits are rising: the Hegseth–Netanyahu meeting, Netanyahu’s preemption doctrine, and the Konarak and MQ-9 claims. Both leaders, however, have publicly pushed any new round past their elections. New **WAR-14** (an Israeli strike on Iranian soil by 3 Nov, 15%) prices that tension. The IRGC’s mine claims, now five tankers in four days, none named, look like pressure on insurers. JMIC and Kpler data still show a strait operating at roughly half capacity, not closed. Mortgage-rate watch: Brent holding just under \$110 keeps W-7 and B-5 at the top of their bands.

II. RUSSIAN AGGRESSION | POTENTIAL CRISIS

Energy strikes (day 7). The **Energy Ministry** said Russia attacked energy facilities overnight and this morning in **Kirovohrad, Zhytomyr, Lviv, Odesa, Rivne, Ternopil, and Khmelnytskyi** oblasts, with new outages from shelling in five frontline oblasts and hourly outage schedules in effect ([UNN](#), [20 Oct](#)). Ukrenergo reports new outages in 12 regions ([Interfax-Ukraine](#)). DTEK says three Odesa-region facilities were hit, leaving more than 32,000 families without power ([Al Jazeera](#), [20 Oct](#)). The Air Force counted **165 drones** (105 jet-powered) from 1800 on 19 Oct, with 115 downed or jammed, 20 still airborne at 0800, and hits at 30 locations ([Ukrainska Pravda](#), [20 Oct](#)). Seven people were killed in Kyiv city and oblast, three of them on the Kyiv–Odesa highway, and energy sites were hit in Ternopil and Lviv oblasts ([Hromadske](#), [20 Oct](#)). ISW’s 19 Oct assessment counts **28 substations and energy objects** hit in 11 oblasts on 19 Oct and about 550,000 households cut off in 15 oblasts. It cites PM Koretsky’s figure of **2,147 strikes** on the energy system since 16 Jul ([ISW](#), [19 Oct](#)). **RUS-07: 7 of 8 confirmed** (14–20 Oct), with 11 window days left. **RUS-10: 7 of 10.** RUS-09: not met.

Ukrainian deep strikes. Satellite imagery cited by ISW shows heavy damage to the VK data center and oil tanks in St Petersburg from the 17–18 Oct raid ([ISW](#), [19 Oct](#)). Tambov’s governor reported a fire at an oil pumping station after a drone attack overnight ([Al Jazeera](#)).

NATO flank and hybrid (R-4/R-5). Poland scrambled aircraft at least twice overnight and this morning, and Lublin and Rzeszów airports again briefly suspended flights. Poland reported no violation of its airspace ([UNN](#), [20 Oct](#)). Lithuania’s National Crisis Management Centre called the failed 18 Oct arson at a Starlink-equipment firm “a sabotage act,” “part of Russian attempts to disrupt Starlink operations,” and linked it to the **23 Sep** Starlink ground-station fire in Poland, which Polish prosecutors attribute to Russian special services, and to a ~9–10 Oct antenna fire near Sofia ([EUalive/European Pravda](#), [19 Oct](#)). Bulgaria issued European arrest warrants for two German citizens over the Sofia fire but has not publicly attributed it (AP headline). No Article 4 request (RUS-04).

Negotiations. Norway’s PMO says Witkoff is travelling to Oslo to join **today’s** meetings with Zelensky, Finnish President Stubb, and PM Støre, with Kushner (ill) taking part remotely ([Norway PMO](#), [20 Oct](#)). A US official told Axios that E4, EU, and NATO officials are expected, and that Witkoff then plans to travel to Russia to present a peace proposal to Putin ([Axios](#), [20 Oct](#)). Trump said it is “time for somebody else to negotiate on behalf of Ukraine” and that he is open to a Putin–Xi meeting at APEC ([RFE/RL](#), [20 Oct](#)). A press conference is due Tuesday evening Oslo time ([NTB via Dagsavisen](#)). There was no Kremlin halt confirmation (RUS-05) and no Grom announcement (RUS-01).

Indicators. R-3 SIGNIFICANT (=; lower volume, unbroken energy tempo). R-4 SIGNIFICANT (=). **R-5 SIGNIFICANT** (↑ from ABNORMAL). R-6 ABNORMAL (=). R-8 ABNORMAL (=). R-10 ABNORMAL (↓ within band; in-person talks, planned Putin meeting). R-1 ROUTINE (=). Roll-up: 3 Significant = POTENTIAL. Tripwires (R-4 or R-6 Extreme) not met.

ANALYST NOTE. Seven straight days of energy strikes, even on a lighter 165-drone night, confirm that the 11 Oct “energy ceasefire” is dead in practice. RUS-07 (8+ days) is now **very likely** and RUS-10 (10+) **likely**. The R-5 upgrade is the day’s analytic change. Two governments have now attributed attacks on Starlink infrastructure to Russia inside 25 days, and Lithuania describes a coordinated campaign against Ukraine’s satellite backbone. A third attributed attack, or one on energy or rail, would put R-5 at the top of Significant. Diplomacy is moving in the opposite direction. An in-person Oslo round and a proposed Witkoff trip to Moscow are the most concrete process steps in weeks, so R-10 eases within band. RUS-08 should resolve today if the meeting is confirmed. New **RUS-11** (Witkoff meets Putin by 31 Oct, 55%) tests whether the Moscow leg happens. Trump’s “somebody else should negotiate” line and the Patriot delivery dispute show how hard any deal will be.

III. US MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Courts. CourtListener shows one new entry across the four D.D.C. suits: a **notice of appearance** (ECF 4, 19 Oct) in *NAACP v. DOJ* (1:26-cv-03626), with the filer not shown in RECAP. The latest in the other three are still the 16 Oct status reports: *LULAC v. DHS* ECF 26, *NAACP v. DHS* ECF 35–36, and *DSCC v. ICE* ECF 15. **No consolidation order** and **no TRO or PI motion** have been filed (CourtListener). Separately, a FOIA suit, *NAACP v. Dhillon* (1:26-cv-03461), has carried a TRO motion since 5 Oct seeking records on the DOJ monitor plan, and DOJ opposed it on 13 Oct. That case is outside MID-05 and MID-06 (Democracy Docket).

Process. NBC’s tracker shows **10,141,268** mail and early in-person votes as of 0630 ET 20 Oct (7.1M mail, 3M in person), up about 590k from Monday, and 55.6M mail ballots requested or sent, with 14 days to go (NBC News). Party-registration shares say nothing about how ballots were cast.

Indicators. M-1 SIGNIFICANT (=). M-2 ABNORMAL (=). M-7 ABNORMAL (=). M-3 to M-9 pending Election Day. Roll-up: 1 Significant + 2 Abnormal = ENVIRONMENT.

ANALYST NOTE. Early voting passed 10 million on schedule, with no process anomalies. On the dockets, a notice of appearance in the DOJ-monitor suit is routine, but it means the case is staffing up. With MID-04 (consolidation) due on 24 Oct and MID-06 (a TRO/PI motion) on 27 Oct, both remain **roughly even**, and MID-04 is fading as the court stays silent. The separate FOIA TRO motion shows that plaintiffs are already willing to seek emergency relief over the monitor plan. That modestly supports MID-06. This assessment takes no position on any party’s prospects.

IV. BITCOIN | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Price and flows. The **19 Oct UTC close** was **\$81,853.54** on Yahoo (high \$83,072) and **\$81,875.26** on CoinGecko, so neither BTC-06 (<\$78k) nor BTC-07 (>\$85k) triggered. BTC traded ~**\$81.4k** at 1125 UTC on 20 Oct (Yahoo history; CoinGecko). That is ~35.5% below the ~\$126.2k ATH, inside the B-1 Abnormal band. CoinDesk ties the dip to falling Asian chip stocks and to options traders buying downside protection (CoinDesk, 20 Oct). US spot ETFs took in **+\$526.7M** on Monday (IBIT +\$665.2M; FBTC –\$83.6M; GBTC –\$54.9M) (Farside).

Fed odds. CME FedWatch implies ~**83% hold** / ~**17% hike** for 27–28 Oct, and ~78% odds of a cumulative 25 bp hike by December (FXBus relay of CME, 20 Oct). The Fed is in its blackout period.

Indicators. B-1 ABNORMAL (=). B-5 ABNORMAL (=; Brent \$109.55, hike odds low for October). B-4 ROUTINE (↓ within band; strong inflow day). B-7 ABNORMAL (=). B-2 ROUTINE. B-10 ROUTINE. Roll-up: 3 Abnormal = ENVIRONMENT. Tripwires (B-7/B-8 Extreme) not met.

ANALYST NOTE. The best ETF day in four weeks did not lift the price. BTC closed Monday below Sunday and slipped to ~\$81.4k this morning, so the five-session range (\$80.6k–\$83.1k) holds. Flows argue against a break lower, and price argues against a break higher. BTC-06 and BTC-07 both remain **unlikely** over the eight days left. With Monday’s \$526.7M in hand, BTC-08 (a net-inflow week) has turned **likely**, though it needs no large outflow days through Friday. The macro risk has shifted from October to December: markets now price a December hike as more likely than not, which keeps B-5 at Abnormal regardless of the 28 Oct outcome. No new Bitcoin prediction today; the open set already covers the range and the flows.

V. INDICATORS TO WATCH | EWC / EWP ASSESSMENT

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
EXTREME	EWP	W-2 Houthi-Saudi / Bab el-Mandeb	Aramco/Shaybah/Riyadh-airport claims; Riyadh missile intercepted; FII postponed; UK Typhoons	UK intercept (WAR-13); US decision (WAR-06)
EXTREME	EWC	W-1 Hormuz attacks / flows	IRGC claims 2 more mined tankers + MQ-9; Kpler 7-day 10.17 mb/d; JMIC: claims unsubstantiated	Confirmed sinking (WAR-07); next Kpler briefing
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-6 Gulf-state belligerency	Egypt vote deferred to 26 Oct amid floor dissent	Vote (WAR-09); deployment (WAR-10)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-7 Energy price shock	Brent settles \$109.55; ~\$109.8 Asia	Settle >\$120 (WAR-08) or <\$100 (WAR-11)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	R-3 Strikes on Ukraine	Day 7; 7 oblasts; 7 killed in Kyiv region	>400 night (RUS-09); 10+ days (RUS-10)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-5 Hybrid / sabotage	↑ Polish + Lithuanian Starlink attacks attributed to Russia within 25 days	Third attributed attack; any attack on energy/rail
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-4 NATO / partner spillover	Repeated Polish scrambles; airports shut; no violation	Casualty on NATO soil = tripwire; Article 4 (RUS-04)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-5 US forces	Konarak claim denied; MQ-9 claim unconfirmed; Hegseth in Israel	Israeli vote 27 Oct; US vote 3 Nov; WAR-05

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	M-1 Federal posture on elections	Only a notice of appearance; FOIA TRO pending elsewhere	MID-04 by 24 Oct; MID-06 by 27 Oct
ABNORMAL	EWC	W-4 Iran-Israel exchange	Hegseth–Netanyahu meeting; both leaders defer past elections	Any launch (WAR-04); Israeli strike (WAR-14)
ABNORMAL	EWP	R-10 Negotiation track	Zelensky–Witkoff in Oslo today; Witkoff to Moscow	RUS-08 confirmation; Putin meeting (RUS-11)
ABNORMAL	EWC	B-1 BTC drawdown	~35.5% off ATH at ~\$81.4k despite +\$527M ETF day	BTC-06 <\$78k; BTC-07 >\$85k; ETF week (BTC-08)

VII. PREDICTION LEDGER CHECK

Open: 38 (35 prior + 3 new). Due today: 0. Resolved today: 0. Running record: 1 resolved (1 hit, 0 partial, 0 miss); mean Brier 0.090.

Ledger backed up to WIRE_Prediction_Ledger_backup_2026-10-20.csv. Notes appended; no resolution or core fields edited.

- RUS-08 (Zelensky meets Witkoff/Kushner in person by 31 Oct, 50%):** Meeting **scheduled today** in Oslo (Norway PMO, Axios), but not confirmed as held at cutoff. Resolution deferred until confirmation, following the RUS-03 convention. If confirmed: HIT, Brier $(1 - 0.50)^2 = 0.250$.
- RUS-07 (8+ days, 55%):** 7 of 8 confirmed (20 Oct via the Energy Ministry). Very likely. **RUS-10 (10+, 70%):** 7 of 10. Likely.
- RUS-09 (>400 in one night by 25 Oct, 55%):** 19–20 Oct = 165 drones. Not met. ISW's 463 figure for 18 Oct is a daytime military command count, not a single overnight attack.
- RUS-06 (>800, 30%):** Not met. **RUS-05:** No Kremlin confirmation; trending miss. **RUS-02:** No trilateral; Witkoff plans a Moscow trip. **RUS-01 / RUS-04:** No Grom; no Article 4.
- WAR-09 (Egypt House approves by 31 Oct, 70%):** Vote moved to Mon 26 Oct; dissent on the floor. Still likely.
- WAR-03 (Hormuz <12 mb/d, 75%):** Kpler 7-day average 10.17 mb/d (17 Oct), subject to upward revision. Trending hit.
- WAR-07 (another sinking, 45%):** Two more IRGC mine claims; no sinking confirmed.
- WAR-08 / WAR-11:** Settled at \$109.55; neither band hit.
- WAR-05:** The Konarak claim was denied by a US official; no acknowledgment. **WAR-02 / WAR-06:** The UK, not the US, is adding defensive missions. **WAR-04 / WAR-10 / WAR-12:** No launch at Israel; no Egyptian deployment; no Dahiyyeh strike.
- BTC-06 / BTC-07:** 19 Oct close ~\$81.85k; neither hit. **BTC-05:** Hike odds ~17%; trending miss. **BTC-08:** +\$526.7M Monday; trending hit.
- MID-04 / MID-05 / MID-06:** Only a notice of appearance (03626 ECF 4).
- New predictions (dated 2026-10-20):**
- WAR-13:** UK forces intercept or destroy a Houthi drone or missile over Saudi territory (UK MoD/GOV.UK or Reuters/AP/BBC). **50%, roughly even.** Resolve by 2026-11-03.
- WAR-14:** Israel conducts a strike on Iranian territory, acknowledged by Israel or reported by Reuters/AP/AFP citing Israeli or US officials. **15%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-03.
- RUS-11:** Witkoff meets Putin in person, confirmed by the Kremlin, the White House, or a leading outlet. **55%, roughly even.** Resolve by 2026-10-31.

VIII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- IRGC claims.** The two tankers claimed today are unnamed, there is no CENTCOM response on the MQ-9 claim, and the Al Arabiya report did not load.
- Houthi target claims.** Aramco Yanbu, Shaybah, and King Khalid airport hits are claimed by the Houthis only; there is no Saudi or Aramco confirmation.
- Konarak.** The Iranian Navy's claim conflicts with a US official's denial. Unresolved.
- Oslo meeting.** It is scheduled, but whether it took place falls after cutoff; RUS-08 is held open.
- R-5 basis.** The Polish attribution is read via EUalive/European Pravda and an AP headline; the AP article body did not load. Bulgaria has not publicly attributed the Sofia fire.
- Kpler.** The figures are preliminary floors that Kpler says typically settle 1.5–2× higher. CENTCOM's “~400 ships/week” and JMIC's 254 transits use different definitions.
- Fed odds** come via an aggregator relaying CME, not read on the CME site.
- South Lebanon toll** (4 killed, 19 Oct) comes from a secondary outlet citing the Health Ministry.
- NAACP v. DOJ ECF 4:** RECAP does not show the filer.
- Not re-verified.** UA daily clash counts (R-2); Israeli election polls; Hegseth visit details beyond Reuters.

Sources

Xinhua (19 Oct); Reuters via Business Recorder, Dawn, Euronext, and Yahoo (19–20 Oct); SPA (20 Oct); GOV.UK MoD (20 Oct); Egypt Today (19 Oct); Parliament Gate (19 Oct); Al-Masry Al-Youm (20 Oct); ynet (20 Oct); CGTN (20 Oct); Anadolu (20 Oct); UKMTO/JMIC Update 106 (18 Oct); Seatrade Maritime (18 Oct); Kpler media briefing (19 Oct); Gulf News (20 Oct); Hindustan Times/CNN (20 Oct); Russian MFA (19 Oct); Al Jazeera (19–20 Oct); Iran International (19 Oct); The National (19–20 Oct); Dow Jones/Morningstar (19 Oct); UNN/Ministry of Energy (20 Oct); Interfax-Ukraine (20 Oct); Ukrainska Pravda/Air Force (20 Oct); Hromadske (20 Oct); ISW (19 Oct); EUalive/European Pravda (19 Oct); AP (19 Oct, headline); Norway PMO (20 Oct); Axios (20 Oct); RFE/RL (20 Oct); NTB via Dagsavisen (20 Oct); CourtListener RECAP; Democracy

Docket; NBC News early-vote tracker (20 Oct); Yahoo Finance; CoinGecko; CoinDesk (20 Oct); Farside Investors; FXBus/CME FedWatch (20 Oct); Metropolis of Morpou; Metropolis of Atlanta; Orthodox Times (19–20 Oct).

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