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BLUF. No topic changed crisis level overnight. Four predictions resolved today: three hits and one miss. **Diplomacy on Russia moved further than at any point this month:** Zelensky met Witkoff in person in Oslo on 20 Oct (**RUS-08 HIT**), and the Kremlin confirms Putin received Witkoff in St Petersburg this morning (**RUS-11 HIT**), where Russia freed US citizen Stephen Hubbard. Strikes did not stop. The Energy Ministry reported energy sites hit in Kyiv city and Kyiv, Volyn and Odesa oblasts, making 21 Oct the **eighth straight energy-strike day (RUS-07 HIT; RUS-10 now 8 of 10)**. NATO's North Atlantic Council met on Black Sea shipping attacks and is sending more surveillance assets. Russia stays at **POTENTIAL CRISIS (↑)**. The regional war holds at **PROBABLE CRISIS**, with the trend now = (**from ↑**). Kpler's 20 Oct briefing puts the 7-day Hormuz clearance average at **14.1 mb/d (~82% of baseline)**, which breaks the 12 mb/d bar and scores **WAR-03 a MISS**. Brent settled lower at **\$108.79**, and Pakistan and Qatar are pushing a new mediation proposal. Pressure continues: the Saudi-led coalition intercepted five drones over the **Medina** and Eastern regions (the Houthis deny launching them), the Houthi missile toll at Shabwa rose to **73** (Reuters), and the IRGC claims a third mined tanker (unconfirmed). The midterms hold at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)**: only routine filings appeared on the four D.D.C. dockets, and **13.06M** early votes have been cast (NBC). Bitcoin holds at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (↓)** at **~\$83.3k**. **B-1 drops to ROUTINE (border)** now that the drawdown is under 35%. Running record: **5 resolved (4 hits, 1 miss), mean Brier 0.262**.

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: coalition intercepts 5 drones over Medina and Eastern regions (Houthis deny); Shabwa toll 73; IRGC claims third mined tanker (unconfirmed); Kpler 7-day Hormuz clearance up to 14.1 mb/d; Brent \$108.79; Pakistan–Qatar proposal; Iran sets conditions first	= (no level change; was ↑)
Russian aggression	POTENTIAL CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	R-3/R-4/R-10: 8th straight energy-strike day (Kyiv, Kyiv obl., Volyn, Odesa); 186 drones + Iskander-K; Russia hits 5 cargo ships; NAC meets on Black Sea; Oslo talks held and Putin–Witkoff meeting in St Petersburg	↑ (no level change)
US midterm results	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	M-1: no consolidation order and no TRO/PI motion; only pro hac vice, errata, and summons filings; ~13.06M early votes (NBC, 21 Oct)	= (no level change)
Bitcoin	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	ABNORMAL	B-5/B-7: BTC ~\$83.3k (~34% off ATH; B-1 ↓ ROUTINE); 20 Oct close \$82.94k; ETFs +\$23.2M Tue; Oct hike odds ~15.5%	↓ (no level change)

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

Level change since 20 Oct brief (200730 EDT): none. Indicator score change: B-1 ABNORMAL → ROUTINE (border). Trend change: war ↑ → =; Bitcoin = → ↓. Trend key: ↑ toward crisis, ↓ away, = no net change (analyst addition; not in the white paper).

Moved indicators (vs 20 Oct). One indicator changed score. **B-1** moves ABNORMAL → **ROUTINE (border)** (↓) because the drawdown from the ~\$126.2k ATH narrowed to ~34% at ~\$83.3k, inside the framework's "35% or less" Routine band. Within-band moves: **W-1** EXTREME ↓ (Kpler 7-day clearance 14.1 mb/d, ~18% below baseline; Extreme still holds on attack tempo of 12 attacks in UKMTO's latest week and continuing mine claims); **W-2** EXTREME = (Medina and Eastern-region intercepts, Shabwa toll 73, Houthi missile at Aden's Badr camp); **W-7** SIGNIFICANT ↓ (two lower settles to \$108.79); **W-8** SIGNIFICANT = (new mediator proposal, but Tehran and Rubio both say a deal is far off); **R-4** SIGNIFICANT ↑ (five cargo ships struck, NAC meeting, NATO assets to the Black Sea); **R-10** ABNORMAL ↓ (Oslo talks held; Putin–Witkoff meeting; proposal to restart trilateral technical talks); **R-3** SIGNIFICANT = (186 drones, unbroken energy tempo); **M-1** SIGNIFICANT =; **B-4** ROUTINE =.

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

Houthi–Saudi (as of 210700 EDT). The coalition spokesman Turki al-Malki said four drones were "intercepted and destroyed" in the **Medina** and Eastern regions, and a fifth later over the Eastern region. He did not say who launched them (**Ahram/AFP, 21 Oct; Sabq**). Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree said the group launched no drones toward Medina and conducted no operations against Saudi Arabia on Wednesday (**Reuters via Investing.com, 21 Oct**). Reuters now puts the toll from Tuesday's Houthi missile strike on a government training camp in **Shabwa** at **73** killed. Saree later claimed a ballistic missile at the coalition's operations room at the **Badr camp in Aden**, and Al Jazeera reports a rocket aimed at Aden airport (**Express Tribune/Anadolu/Reuters; Al Jazeera live, 21 Oct**). The UK's defensive Typhoon deployment, announced 20 Oct, was confirmed by BBC and AP. No UK intercept has been reported yet (**GOV.UK; AP**).

Hormuz. Kpler's 20 Oct media briefing, read directly, shows Total Hormuz Clearance at **24,506 kbd on 18 Oct**. The **7-day average rose to 14,104 kbd** (from 10,779 kbd on 11 Oct), about 82% of the 17,146 kbd pre-war baseline. The jump came from strait transits and a surge in Gulf of Oman ship-to-ship exports (9,670 kbd on 18 Oct). Tanker crossings were 14 on 18 Oct against 50 pre-war. Kpler cautions that all figures are preliminary floors and include all oil, not crude only ([Kpler, 20 Oct](#)). Basrah loadings hit a two-month high of 3.9 mb/d, and about 30 VLCCs are heading to Fujairah (Kpler). The IREG said a third "violating" supertanker carrying more than 2M barrels hit a mine and caught fire, adding to Tuesday's claim of two tankers ([Xinhua, 21 Oct](#)). gCaptain notes that none of the vessels has been named and that JMIC's last advisory found "no substantiation" for the 17 Oct claims ([gCaptain, 20 Oct](#)).

US-Iran track. Pakistan's military chief Asim Munir met Pezeshkian, Qalibaf and security chief Rezaei in Tehran. According to Iranian media relayed by Reuters, Iran said there would be no talks with Washington until its seven conditions are met, including an end to the US port blockade, the lifting of oil sanctions, and an end to hostilities on all fronts. Rezaei said enriched material stays in Iran ([Reuters via Yahoo, 20 Oct](#)). The New Arab reports that Qatar and Pakistan put forward a new proposal. It involves interest on \$6B of frozen Iranian assets in exchange for an IAEA visit, and Arab media claim both sides gave it preliminary approval. An official close to the talks called reports of a near-deal wrong ([The New Arab; Newsquawk](#)). Rubio told US media that a deal is "extremely difficult" and that economic pressure continues until Iran stops targeting shipping ([Al Jazeera live](#)).

Iran-Israel. The FT, via Times of Israel, reports that the IDF was ready to strike Iranian nuclear, regime, and energy sites on the weekend of 10 Oct, but that Trump opposed restarting the war before the midterms. One source called a restart in the coming weeks "not an unreasonable scenario" ([Times of Israel, 21 Oct](#)). No Iranian launch at Israel and no acknowledged US or Israeli strike on Iran were reported.

Lebanon. Day 1 of the US-mediated military-technical talks at CENTCOM in Tampa ended with no agreement, and they resume Wednesday ([Anadolu](#)). Katz warned that any rocket or drone fire would bring strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs and said Israel holds a ~700 km² "security zone" ([Anadolu, 21 Oct](#)). No new Dahiye strike was found; Lebanese media report Israeli drones overflying it.

Energy. Dec Brent **settled at \$108.79** on 20 Oct (-\$0.76). It touched a five-month high of \$111.99 before falling on mediation headlines to a low near \$105.95 ([Dow Jones/Morningstar; Reuters via Investing.com; Newsquawk](#)). Expiring Nov WTI settled at \$101.79.

Indicators. W-1 EXTREME (↓ within band; flows recovering, attacks and mine claims continue). W-2 EXTREME (=). W-3 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-4 ABNORMAL (=). W-5 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-6 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-7 SIGNIFICANT (↓ within band; \$108.79). W-8 SIGNIFICANT (=). Roll-up: 2 Extreme + 6 Significant = PROBABLE. No tripwire met.

ANALYST NOTE. Today's pressures are mixed, so the trend moves from ↑ to =. On the relief side, the oil system is adapting. Kpler's 7-day clearance is now near four-fifths of normal, mostly through workarounds such as Gulf of Oman ship-to-ship transfers and Fujairah, with strait crossings still at about a quarter of pre-war. Brent has fallen for two sessions, and mediators are pushing a new proposal. On the risk side, the Saudi front is still hot, and the Medina intercepts, if Houthi in origin, would cross a line the group itself drew. Tehran is publicly conditions-first, and the FT report shows how close Israel came to a new round on 10 Oct. That raises the tail risk after Israel votes on 27 Oct and the US votes on 3 Nov. WAR-14 (15%) holds. **WAR-03 is our first miss.** We called flows staying under 12 mb/d through mid-November, but the workaround routes recovered faster than we judged. New **WAR-15** (Kpler 7-day clearance back to pre-war baseline by 3 Nov, 20%) tests whether that recovery runs all the way. Mortgage-rate watch: the 30-year fixed rate was 7.40% on 15 Oct (Freddie Mac, via Seoul Economic Daily), a three-year high. Brent near \$109 keeps W-7 and B-5 elevated.

II. RUSSIAN AGGRESSION | POTENTIAL CRISIS

Energy strikes (day 8). The Energy Ministry said Russia again struck energy infrastructure overnight and this morning in **Kyiv city and Kyiv, Volyn and Odesa oblasts**, leaving some consumers without power. Repairs continue in Ternopil and Khmelnytskyi, and hostilities caused new outages in Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv and Kherson ([Ukrainska Pravda, 21 Oct; UNIAN](#)). PM Koryntsev separately listed energy sites hit in Mykolaiv and attacks on rail, shopping centers and homes ([UNN, 21 Oct](#)). Ukrenergo applied hourly outages (up to two queues) and industrial limits nationwide (UNIAN). The Air Force counted **186 drones** (88 jet-powered) plus an unstated number of Iskander-K cruise missiles from 1800 on 20 Oct. It reported 150 downed or jammed and hits at 27 locations ([Ukrainska Pravda, 21 Oct](#)). A drone hit a 24-story building in Kyiv's Sviatoshynskiy district, killing two (Klitschko via UNN). **RUS-07: 8 of 8 (HIT). RUS-10: 8 of 10**, with 10 window days left. RUS-09 not met.

Black Sea and NATO flank (R-4). Russia's military said it struck three cargo vessels at Reni and two en route to Odesa on 20 Oct. The Guardian reports that at least five ships were hit near Romanian and Bulgarian coasts in two weeks, with 23 sailors dead or missing, and that the London market's high-risk area now covers the whole Black Sea except Romanian, Bulgarian and Turkish territorial waters. NATO ambassadors met in the **North Atlantic Council** on Black Sea security. NATO will send maritime patrol aircraft, radar, drones, forensics, and intelligence staff ([Guardian, 20 Oct](#)). President Nicușor Dan said Romania asked for counter-drone and surveillance capabilities ([Mediafax, 21 Oct](#)). Koryntsev says a drone hit a merchant vessel in the Black Sea overnight (UNN). Search synthesis says Romania and Bulgaria did not invoke Article 4. No Article 4 request was found (RUS-04).

Hybrid (R-5). Euromaidan Press and DW report that Bulgaria charged two German citizens in absentia over the Sofia Starlink fire, and AP reports two Turkish nationals were detained in Germany over the Polish ground-station arson ([Euromaidan Press, 20 Oct; DW](#)). Bulgaria still has not publicly attributed the fire to Russia. No new attributed attack was found.

Negotiations. Zelensky met Witkoff in Oslo on 20 Oct with Stubb and Støre, and Kushner joined by video. A US official called the talks "constructive," saying they covered security guarantees, a post-war economic plan and European security architecture ([Reuters via Investing.com, 20 Oct; BBC; Euronews](#)). Zelensky said US early-warning intelligence "works now" and called for a Trump-Putin-Zelensky meeting. This morning the **Kremlin published a readout of Putin receiving Witkoff at Constantine Palace**, with Ushakov and Dmitriev present. Putin raised a "possible meeting in the People's Republic of China." Witkoff brought documents on settlement approaches and asked Putin to consider restarting trilateral technical-level talks ([Kremlin, 21 Oct](#)). Russia released **Stephen Hubbard**. Trump said no swap was needed but linked the release to his sanctions waiver ([CBS, 21 Oct](#)). Lavrov had said Moscow would rule out "any political concessions" (BBC). No Kremlin energy-halt confirmation (RUS-05) and no Grom announcement (RUS-01).

Indicators. R-3 SIGNIFICANT (=). R-4 SIGNIFICANT (↑ within band; Black Sea shipping attacks, NAC meeting). R-5 SIGNIFICANT (=). R-6 ABNORMAL (=). R-8 ABNORMAL (=). R-10 ABNORMAL (↓ within band; talks in progress, but the announced energy truce is still being violated). R-1 ROUTINE (=). Roll-up: 3 Significant = POTENTIAL. Tripwires (R-4 or R-6 Extreme) not met.

ANALYST NOTE. Russia is talking and striking at the same time. An eighth straight day of energy strikes closes RUS-07 as a hit. RUS-10 (10 days) needs only two more of the remaining ten and is **very likely**. The Black Sea is the new escalation channel, with Russian strikes on cargo ships near NATO coasts, insurers pricing the whole sea as high-risk, and NATO reinforcing surveillance. A casualty or a hit inside Romanian or Bulgarian waters would be the R-4 tripwire to watch. On diplomacy, the Oslo-to-St Petersburg sequence is the most concrete US-brokered process in weeks. The Hubbard release is a goodwill gesture, but it came alongside a public “no political concessions” line. Putin’s nod to a meeting in China points to the APEC window. New **RUS-12** (a Trump–Putin in-person meeting by 20 Nov, 30%) tests that. RUS-02 (a trilateral by 31 Oct) is still **unlikely**: Witkoff asked for technical-level trilateral talks, and Moscow gave no answer.

III. US MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Courts. CourtListener (RECAP) shows no new entries in *LULAC v. DHS* (1:26-cv-03157) or *DSCC v. ICE* (1:26-cv-03330) since the 16 Oct joint status reports. *NAACP v. DHS* (03263) added four pro hac vice appearances (ECF 37–40, 20 Oct). *NAACP v. DOJ* (03626, now captioned *NAACP v. Blanche*) added a pro hac vice appearance, an errata after a clerk’s new-case error notice, a sealed document, and a request for summons (ECF 5–8, 20 Oct). **No consolidation order** (the court’s 9 Oct minute order only said it is “contemplating consolidation”) and **no TRO or PI motion** (CourtListener).

Process. NBC’s tracker shows **13,058,362** mail and early in-person votes as of 0700 ET 21 Oct (8.5M mail, 4.6M in person), up about 2.9M from Tuesday. 56.08M mail ballots have been requested or sent, with 13 days to go (NBC News). Party-registration shares do not show 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. The dockets are filling with routine work. More counsel and a sealed filing in the DOJ-monitor case show plaintiffs preparing, but nobody has asked for emergency relief. With three days left on MID-04 (consolidation by 24 Oct) and no order 12 days after the court flagged it, MID-04 is now **unlikely**. MID-06 (a TRO/PI motion by 27 Oct) stays **roughly even**. Early voting accelerated sharply. New **MID-07** (NBC tracker ≥20M by 26 Oct, 60%) is a process check on turnout pace, not on outcomes. This assessment takes no position on any party’s prospects.

IV. BITCOIN | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

Price and flows. The **20 Oct UTC close** was **\$82,941.00** on Yahoo (high \$83,288; low \$81,107) and **\$82,943.83** on CoinGecko, so neither BTC-06 (<\$78k) nor BTC-07 (>\$85k) triggered. BTC traded ~**\$83.3k** at 1123 UTC on 21 Oct (Yahoo history; CoinGecko). That is ~34% below the ~\$126.2k ATH, inside the B-1 Routine band (≤35%) by a thin margin. CoinDesk ties the uptick to a recovery in Asian tech stocks (CoinDesk, 21 Oct). US spot ETFs took in a net **+\$23.2M** on Tuesday (IBIT +\$29.9M; FBTC +\$3.6M; BITB –\$10.3M), and the week to date stands at about **+\$549.9M** (HedgeCo, citing Farside).

Fed odds. CME FedWatch on 20 Oct implied **84.5% hold / 15.5% hike** for 27–28 Oct, down from 18.8% hike odds a day earlier. Analysts cite the AI-stock pullback and weak housing data, with September pending home sales at a record-low index of 66 (NAR) (Seoul Economic Daily, citing CME, 21 Oct).

Indicators. **B-1 ROUTINE** (↓ from **ABNORMAL**; border). B-5 ABNORMAL (=). B-7 ABNORMAL (=). B-4 ROUTINE (=). B-2 ROUTINE. B-10 ROUTINE. Roll-up: 2 Abnormal = ENVIRONMENT. Tripwires (B-7/B-8 Extreme) not met.

ANALYST NOTE. BTC broke the top of its five-session range (\$80.6k–\$83.1k) and closed Tuesday at a one-week high. That pulled the drawdown under 35% for the first time this cycle, so B-1 eases to Routine, and the trend reads ↓. Being only about \$1k above the band edge, it could flip back on a single bad session. Tuesday’s small inflow keeps BTC-08 (a net-inflow week) **likely**: the week is +\$550M with three sessions left. BTC-07 (>\$85k close by 28 Oct) is still **unlikely**, though less firmly, and BTC-06 (<\$78k) is **unlikely**. Falling hike odds favor a BTC-05 miss on 28 Oct. No new Bitcoin prediction today.

V. INDICATORS TO WATCH | EWC / EWP ASSESSMENT

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
EXTREME	EWP	W-2 Houthis-Saudi / Bab el-Mandeb	Medina/Eastern drone intercepts (Houthis deny); Shabwa toll 73; Aden Badr camp missile	UK intercept (WAR-13); US decision (WAR-06)
EXTREME	EWC	W-1 Hormuz attacks / flows	Kpler 7-day clearance 14.1 mb/d (82% of baseline); IREG claims third mined tanker	Baseline recovery (WAR-15); confirmed sinking (WAR-07)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-4 NATO / partner spillover	Russia strikes 5 cargo ships; Black Sea-wide insurance listing; NAC meets; NATO assets	Casualty on NATO soil/waters = tripwire; Article 4 (RUS-04)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	R-3 Strikes on Ukraine	Day 8 of energy strikes; 186 drones; Kyiv high-rise hit	>400 night (RUS-09); 10+ days (RUS-10)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-5 Hybrid / sabotage	Starlink cases: charges in Bulgaria, arrests in Germany	Third attributed attack; attack on energy/rail
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-6 Gulf-state belligerency	Egypt House reconvenes 26 Oct	Vote (WAR-09); deployment (WAR-10)

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-7 Energy price shock	Brent \$108.79 after \$111.99 intraday high	Settle >\$120 (WAR-08) or <\$100 (WAR-11)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-8 Diplomacy / ceasefire	Pakistan–Qatar proposal; Iran conditions-first; Rubio “extremely difficult”	Any US–Iran announcement (WAR-01)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-5 US forces	No acknowledged US strike; FT: Israeli strike plan shelved at US request	Israeli vote 27 Oct; US vote 3 Nov; WAR-05/WAR-14
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	M-1 Federal posture on elections	Routine filings only; no TRO/PI motion	MID-04 by 24 Oct; MID-06 by 27 Oct
ABNORMAL	EWP	R-10 Negotiation track	Oslo held; Putin received Witkoff; Hubbard freed; trilateral request	Trilateral (RUS-02); Trump–Putin (RUS-12)
ABNORMAL	EWC	W-4 Iran-Israel exchange	FT: IDF ready to strike on 10 Oct; Trump opposed	Any launch (WAR-04); Israeli strike (WAR-14)
ABNORMAL	EWP	B-5 Macro and rates	Hike odds 15.5%; Brent ~\$109; 30-yr mortgage 7.40%	FOMC 28 Oct (BTC-05)

VII. PREDICTION LEDGER CHECK

Open: 37 (38 prior – 4 resolved + 3 new). Due today: 0. Resolved today: 4 (3 hits, 1 miss). Running record: 5 resolved (4 hits, 0 partial, 1 miss); mean Brier 0.262. Ledger backed up to WIRE_Prediction_Ledger_backup_2026-10-21.csv. Resolution columns were filled for the four resolved rows and notes were appended. No core fields were edited.

- RUS-07 (energy strikes on 8+ days, 14–31 Oct, 55%): RESOLVED HIT.** Day 8 (21 Oct) was confirmed by the Energy Ministry (Kyiv city; Kyiv, Volyn, Odesa oblasts). Days 14–21 Oct = 8 of 8. **Brier $(1 - 0.55)^2 = 0.2025$.**
- RUS-08 (Zelensky meets Witkoff/Kushner in person by 31 Oct, 50%): RESOLVED HIT.** Oslo meeting on 20 Oct, confirmed by Reuters, BBC, Euronews, and AP. **Brier $(1 - 0.50)^2 = 0.2500$.**
- RUS-11 (Witkoff meets Putin in person by 31 Oct, 55%): RESOLVED HIT.** Kremlin readout, 21 Oct, at Constantine Palace in St Petersburg; CBS and NBC agree. **Brier $(1 - 0.55)^2 = 0.2025$.**
- WAR-03 (Hormuz weekly average stays <12 mb/d in every reported week through 15 Nov, 75%): RESOLVED MISS.** Kpler's 20 Oct briefing shows a 7-day average Total Hormuz Clearance of 14,104 kbd, on the same metric this ledger tracked since 16 Oct. We scored it a miss despite three technical caveats: the figure is all oil rather than crude only, it is preliminary, and it was read from Kpler directly rather than via a wire. **Brier $(0 - 0.75)^2 = 0.5625$.**
- RUS-10 (10+ days, 70%):** 8 of 10. Very likely. **RUS-09 (>400 in a night by 25 Oct):** 186 drones plus Iskander-K. Not met. **RUS-06:** Not met. **RUS-05:** No Kremlin confirmation; trending miss. **RUS-02:** No trilateral; Witkoff requested technical-level talks. **RUS-01 / RUS-04:** No Grom; no Article 4 (NAC met on the Black Sea).
- WAR-09:** Vote on Mon 26 Oct. **WAR-07:** Third IRGC mine claim; no confirmed sinking. **WAR-08 / WAR-11:** Settled at \$108.79; neither hit. **WAR-12:** No Dahiye strike; Katz threat. **WAR-13:** No UK intercept yet. **WAR-02 / 04 / 05 / 06 / 10 / 14:** No qualifying event.
- BTC-06 / BTC-07:** 20 Oct close \$82.94k; neither hit. **BTC-05:** Hike odds 15.5%; trending miss. **BTC-08:** Week to date +\$549.9M; trending hit.
- MID-04 / MID-05 / MID-06:** Routine filings only. MID-04 is now unlikely.
- New predictions (dated 2026-10-21):**
- WAR-15:** A Kpler media briefing reports a 7-day average Total Hormuz Clearance at or above its pre-war baseline (~17.1 mb/d). **20%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-03.
- RUS-12:** Trump and Putin meet in person (any venue), confirmed by the White House, the Kremlin, or Reuters/AP/AFP. **30%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-20.
- MID-07:** NBC News early-vote tracker shows ≥20,000,000 votes cast nationally at any update on or before 26 Oct. **60%, likely.** Resolve by 2026-10-26.

VIII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- Medina drones.** The coalition did not name the launcher and the Houthis deny it. The origin is unresolved.
- IRGC tanker claims.** Three tankers are claimed across 20–21 Oct, none named. There is no JMIC/UKMTO assessment newer than 18 Oct.
- Kpler figures** are preliminary floors that include STS cargo without origin attribution. Strait-only 7-day averages were not given in the 20 Oct briefing.
- Mediator proposal.** The \$6B interest-for-IAEA visit terms rest on The New Arab and Arab-media claims, and an official close to the talks disputes them.
- FT Israeli strike plan.** Read via a Times of Israel summary, not the FT original. It rests on unnamed sources.
- Rubio quote.** Taken from an Al Jazeera live-blog summary; the original interview was not reviewed.
- Article 4.** That Romania and Bulgaria did not invoke it comes from a search synthesis. The Guardian and Mediafax describe a NAC meeting without the term.
- Iskander-K count** overnight was not reported. Kyiv casualty counts differ between UA.NEWS (1) and Klitschko via UNN (2).
- ETF flows** come via HedgeCo and Liquid State citing Farside; Farside was not loaded directly. **Fed odds** come via Seoul Economic Daily relaying CME.
- Hubbard's son** is described by Witkoff as a priest “in the Greek church.” His jurisdiction was not verified.

- **Germany arrests.** The report that two Turkish nationals were detained in Germany over the Polish Starlink arson comes from a search synthesis; the article body was not read.
- **Not re-verified.** UA daily clash counts (R-2); Israeli election polls; Black Sea casualty figures beyond the Guardian.

Sources

Ahram Online/AFP (21 Oct); Sabq (21 Oct); Reuters via Investing.com and Yahoo (20–21 Oct); Express Tribune/Anadolu (21 Oct); Al Jazeera live (21 Oct); GOV.UK MoD (20 Oct); AP (20–21 Oct); Kpler media briefing (20 Oct); Xinhua (21 Oct); gCaptain (20 Oct); The New Arab (20 Oct); Newsquawk (20 Oct); Times of Israel (21 Oct); Anadolu (21 Oct); Dow Jones/Morningstar (20 Oct); Ukrainska Pravda (21 Oct); UNIAN (21 Oct); UNN (21 Oct); The Guardian (20 Oct); Mediafax (21 Oct); Euromaidan Press (20 Oct); DW; BBC (20–21 Oct); Euronews (20 Oct); Kremlin.ru (21 Oct); CBS News (21 Oct); CourtListener RECAP; NBC News early-vote tracker (21 Oct); Yahoo Finance; CoinGecko; CoinDesk (21 Oct); HedgeCo/Farside (21 Oct); Seoul Economic Daily/CME FedWatch (21 Oct); Metropolis of Morphou; Metropolis of Atlanta; Orthodox Times (21 Oct); BNT (21 Oct).

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