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Baseline work today: the Taiwan Strait (IP-T1) Statement of Normalcy is written and the topic is scored for the first time. Korea (IP-T2), the South China Sea (IP-T3) and Africa remain NOT YET SCORED.

BLUF. The Middle East stays at **PROBABLE CRISIS** but its trend turns back to ↑: Iran's Revolutionary Guard navy claims **seven tankers** were hit or mined in the Strait of Hormuz overnight (none independently confirmed; UKMTO did confirm two projectile hits on 20–21 Oct), debris from a drone intercepted over Aramco's **Shaybah** field killed two workers, and the coalition reports more drones over Medina and the Eastern Province while the Houthis deny "deep" operations. Brent settled flat at **\$108.82**. **Europe/Russia** holds at **POTENTIAL CRISIS (↑)**: the Kremlin says Russia is ready "in principle" to resume trilateral talks around **10 November**, and hours later Russia fired 21 ballistic missiles at Kyiv, one reportedly with a cluster warhead, and hit energy sites for a **ninth straight day** (RUS-10 now 9 of 10). The **Americas** hold at **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS (=)**: a federal judge ordered expedited discovery in *NAACP v. DHS*; 16.8M early votes cast. **Global roll-up: PROBABLE CRISIS (↑)**.

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REGION / TOPIC	CRISIS LEVEL	DOM. INDICATOR	KEY DRIVER (today)	TREND
Global roll-up (GL-T1)	PROBABLE CRISIS	EXTREME	Highest regional level (Middle East); Hormuz attack claims and a third US carrier en route; Russia talks and Kyiv strikes in parallel	↑ (was =)
Middle East: widespread war (ME-T1)	PROBABLE CRISIS	EXTREME	IRGC claims 7 tankers hit; UKMTO-confirmed hits off Bukha and Al Faw; Shaybah debris kills 2; Brent \$108.82; Iran rejects US demands	↑ (was =)
Europe/Russia: Russian aggression (EU-T1)	POTENTIAL CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	9th straight energy-strike day; 21 ballistic missiles at Kyiv, cluster warhead reported; Kremlin ready for trilateral talks ~10 Nov	↑
Americas: US election integrity (AM-T1)	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	Expedited discovery granted in part (responses 26–28 Oct); no TRO/PI motion; 16.82M early votes	=
Indo-Pacific: Taiwan Strait (IP-T1)	NO CRISIS	ROUTINE	First scored line: 7-day PLA aircraft average ~9.6/day; one "joint combat readiness patrol" on 20 Oct	= (new)
Indo-Pacific: Korea, South China Sea (IP-T2, IP-T3)	NOT YET SCORED	—	Statements of Normalcy in the rotation	—
Africa (AF-T1, AF-T2)	NOT YET SCORED	—	Statements of Normalcy in the rotation	—

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

Level change since 21 Oct: none (IP-T1 newly scored). Trend change: Middle East = → ↑; Global = → ↑. Trend key: ↑ toward crisis, ↓ away, = no net change.

Moved indicators (vs 21 Oct). No indicator changed score. Within-band moves: **W-1 EXTREME** ↑ (seven-tanker IRGC claim; two UKMTO-confirmed projectile hits; IRGC threat to US bases); **W-2 EXTREME** ↑ (first reported deaths on Saudi soil from an interception this week; Houthi strike claims on Aden and Mukalla); **W-6 SIGNIFICANT** ↑ (Macron in Riyadh; Sisi frames support as defense of Saudi territory); **W-5 SIGNIFICANT** ↑ (third US carrier and thousands of troops reported en route); **W-7 SIGNIFICANT** = (\$108.82); **W-8 SIGNIFICANT** ↑ (Tehran rejects US demands via Pakistan); **R-3 SIGNIFICANT** ↑ (21 ballistic missiles at Kyiv; cluster warhead reported); **R-10 ABNORMAL** ↓ (trilateral talks agreed in principle); **M-1 SIGNIFICANT** = (discovery ordered, no emergency motion).

I. MIDDLE EAST: ME-T1 WIDESPREAD WAR (ISRAEL-ORIGINATED) | **PROBABLE CRISIS**

Hormuz (as of 220500 EDT). Iranian state television, quoting the Revolutionary Guard navy, said **seven oil tankers** were hit overnight into Thursday: four "transferring oil" were targeted and caught fire, and three struck naval mines and were immobilized. It gave no names, flags or casualties. The IRGC also warned it may target US bases if the US keeps guiding ships through other parts of the strait ([AP via The](#)

[Independent](#), 22 Oct; [Arab News](#), 22 Oct; [Iran International](#)). AP notes that UKMTO did not report these attacks and that monitors have seen some shippers reluctant to report. Separately, **UKMTO did confirm two projectile hits**: a tanker struck 11 nm west of Bukha, Oman, at 0145 UTC on 21 Oct (fire extinguished, crew safe; identified by Vanguard Tech and Seatrade as the Kuwaiti-flagged KOTC Aframax *Al Dasma*), and a tanker struck 30 nm southeast of Al Faw, Iraq, at 1830 UTC on 20 Oct (no damage), the first hit off Iraq in over a month ([gCaptain](#), 21 Oct; [Seatrade Maritime](#), 21 Oct). Bloomberg, via gCaptain, reports UKMTO has logged **32 attacks** on ships around the Arabian Peninsula so far in October, against 16 in all of September ([gCaptain/Bloomberg](#), 21 Oct). JMIC's 18 Oct advisory kept the Hormuz threat at **SEVERE** and raised the wider Persian Gulf to **SUBSTANTIAL** (gCaptain).

Flows. Kpler puts Persian Gulf crude and condensate flows at a high of **24.6 mb/d in the week to 18 Oct**, but **16.7 mb/d for October to date**, still below pre-war levels; Vortexa puts the same week at 18 mb/d. Both firms estimate pre-war flows of at least 18.5 mb/d, and both warn that dark tankers make real-time figures unreliable and subject to upward revision ([gCaptain/Bloomberg](#), 21 Oct). This is a broader regional measure than the Kpler "Total Hormuz Clearance" series that WAR-15 tracks; the latest reading on that series in hand is still the 20 Oct briefing (7-day average 14,104 kbd vs a 17,146 kbd baseline).

Houthi-Saudi. Saudi Arabia's energy ministry said falling debris from a drone intercepted while targeting a processing facility at Aramco's **Shaybah** oil field killed two residents (a Filipino and a Nepali) and injured two (a Pakistani and an Indian); a contractor vehicle burned outside the perimeter and operations were unaffected ([Arab News](#), 22 Oct; [Reuters via Business Recorder](#)). Coalition spokesman Turki al-Malki reported drones intercepted over the Eastern Province and Medina on Wednesday, with a sixth attributed to the Houthis that evening, and **four more over the Eastern Province early Thursday** ([AFP via Business Recorder](#); [Anadolu](#), 22 Oct). Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree said the group carried out no "deep" operations in Saudi territory, but claimed a ballistic missile at the coalition operations room at Badr camp in Aden and an attack on equipment at **Riyan airport, Mukalla**; local officials told Reuters and AFP that missiles and drones hit a base there ([Dawn/agencies](#), 22 Oct). A Houthi official told Fars that all negotiations with Riyadh are deadlocked ([Newsquawk](#), 21 Oct). Argus, citing sources, reported Aramco's Yanbu and Shaybah facilities undamaged after Monday's Houthi claims ([Newsquawk](#)).

Gulf-state and partner involvement. President Macron made an unannounced "solidarity" visit to Riyadh on 21 Oct, the first Western leader to visit since the Houthi escalation; France has deployed defensive capabilities to protect the Yanbu terminal, and Paris secured additional Saudi diesel ([France 24](#); [Al Jazeera](#), 21 Oct). President Sisi said Egypt's proposed support is to "defend Saudi territory, and does not include an attack on Yemen," per state-linked Al-Qahera News; Egypt's parliament postponed its debate to next week. Iran's foreign minister Araghchi warned that any Egyptian or other foreign role in Yemen would make matters "more difficult" ([Dawn/agencies](#)).

US-Iran track. Araghchi said Iran is ready for diplomacy but will defend itself and sees little reason to expect progress. Al Hadath reported that security chief Rezaei told Pakistan's military chief Munir that Tehran explicitly rejects US demands; the US issued new Iran-related sanctions while licensing a 30-day wind-down that lets some blocked vessels offload non-Iranian cargo ([Newsquawk](#)). The National and Al Arabiya report Tehran rules out moving enriched material abroad and keeps its seven-day Hormuz reopening plan conditional on US concessions first ([The National](#), 21 Oct; [Al Arabiya](#), 20 Oct). AP reports Trump rejected the seven-day proposal, indirect talks continue, attacks on shipping have risen since, and the US is sending **a third aircraft carrier and thousands of troops** to the region (AP via The Independent). Putin told Witkoff that diplomacy with Tehran "is far from being exhausted" ([Kremlin](#), 21 Oct).

Iran-Israel. No Iranian launch at Israel and no acknowledged US or Israeli strike on Iran were found. AP frames the period before Israel's 27 Oct election and the US midterms as one of rising concern that US-Israeli strikes could resume, and reports Tehran has signaled it could add undersea cables and data centers to its target set (AP via The Independent).

Lebanon. Day 2 of the US-mediated military talks at CENTCOM in Tampa ended without agreement on verification: Israel sought a direct joint operations room with the Lebanese military for two pilot zones; Beirut rejected any Israeli authority over its forces' movements ([MTV Lebanon](#), 21 Oct; LBCI evening bulletin, 21 Oct). Anadolu reports Israeli airstrikes and shelling in south Lebanon and a ground force advancing into a town ([Anadolu](#), 22 Oct). No strike on Beirut's southern suburbs was found.

Energy. December Brent **settled at \$108.82** on 21 Oct (+\$0.03) after trading more than \$2 higher intraday; WTI (now December) settled at \$97.15 ([Reuters via StreetInsider](#); [WSJ](#)). EIA showed larger-than-expected crude and gasoline draws ([Newsquawk](#)).

Indicators. W-1 EXTREME (↑ within band). W-2 EXTREME (↑ within band). W-3 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-4 ABNORMAL (=). W-5 SIGNIFICANT (↑ within band). W-6 SIGNIFICANT (↑ within band). W-7 SIGNIFICANT (=). W-8 SIGNIFICANT (↑ within band). Roll-up: 2 Extreme + 5 Significant = **PROBABLE**. Tripwires (W-5 Extreme, W-6 Extreme, or W-4 and W-3 both Extreme) not met.

Analyst Comment. Yesterday's easing did not last. The physical oil system is still adapting, but every pressure gauge that measures intent moved the wrong way overnight: the IRGC's largest single-night claim of the war, a warning aimed at US bases, a public rejection of US demands, and a reported third carrier heading in. The seven-tanker claim is **unverified** and may be inflated for leverage, as earlier unnamed mine claims were; the UKMTO-confirmed hits off Bukha and Al Faw show attacks are real and spreading north toward Iraq. On the Saudi front, the Shaybah deaths are the first we have logged from interception debris on Saudi soil in this cycle, and Houthi denials of "deep" operations now sit beside confirmed Houthi strikes in Aden and Mukalla. Hence the trend moves back to ↑ without a level change. We judge a

US or Israeli strike on Iran before 3 Nov still **unlikely** (WAR-05 10%, WAR-14 15% stand), but the window after Israel's 27 Oct vote is the one to watch. New **WAR-16** tests whether the Saudi front keeps producing casualties.

II. EUROPE/RUSSIA: EU-T1 RUSSIAN AGGRESSION | **POTENTIAL CRISIS**

Strikes (day 9). The Energy Ministry, briefing via first deputy minister Artem Nekrasov, said overnight and morning strikes on 22 Oct hit energy facilities in **Poltava, Volyn and Rivne oblasts**, with new outages in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Sumy, Kharkiv and Kherson oblasts and a power worker killed in Kharkiv oblast; equipment damage forced emergency outages in parts of Kyiv ([Interfax-Ukraine](#), 22 Oct; [Informator](#)). The Air Force counted **210 strike drones** (110 jet-powered) plus Iskander-M, S-400, Zircon and Onyx missiles; 181 drones were downed or suppressed by 0900, with hits at 32 locations (as relayed by [Ukrinform](#) and [UNN](#)). Zelensky said **21 ballistic missiles** were fired at Kyiv in three waves ([Ynet](#)). Kyiv reported one dead and 22–24 injured, including children, with an ambulance station, six ambulances and metro infrastructure on the South Bridge damaged ([Ukrinform](#); [Kyiv Post](#)). Defense ministry adviser Serhii Beskrestnov said an Iskander carried a cluster warhead into central Kyiv ([Interfax-Ukraine](#); [Kyiv Independent](#)). Ukrinform counts about 60 Russian strikes on energy and oil-and-gas infrastructure in three days ([Ukrinform](#), 21 Oct). **RUS-10: 9 of 10 days.** RUS-09 (>400 in a night) not met.

Negotiations. Kremlin aide Ushakov said Putin told Witkoff in a nearly three-hour meeting that Russia is "in principle" ready to resume **trilateral talks around 10 November**, on a post-war security system for Russia and Ukraine; he said the Oslo proposals contained "little" that could help resolve the crisis. Kushner joined by video. Ushakov said a possible first Russia–China–US leaders' meeting at the **APEC summit in Shenzhen** "has not been rejected" by any capital, and confirmed work under the 9 Oct Putin–Trump call on Russian diesel supplies after the US lifted some sanctions on Russian diesel ([Kremlin](#), 21 Oct). Zelensky said Ukraine supports trilateral talks "as soon as possible" ([Anadolu](#), 22 Oct); CNN and AP report the November resumption ([CNN](#); [AP](#)). No Kremlin confirmation of an energy-strike halt (RUS-05).

Black Sea and NATO flank (R-4). No new attack on shipping near NATO coasts was confirmed overnight. AP reports Bulgaria says Russia is likely behind the Black Sea drone attacks on shipping, and NATO is adding surveillance and forensic capabilities after the North Atlantic Council discussion ([AP](#); [BGNES](#)). No Article 4 request was found (RUS-04).

Indicators. R-3 SIGNIFICANT (↑ within band; ballistic salvo on the capital, cluster warhead reported, ninth energy day). R-4 SIGNIFICANT (=). R-5 SIGNIFICANT (=). R-6 ABNORMAL (=). R-8 ABNORMAL (=). R-10 ABNORMAL (↓ within band; trilateral talks agreed in principle). R-1 ROUTINE (=). Roll-up: 3 Significant = **POTENTIAL**. Tripwires (R-4 or R-6 Extreme) not met.

Analyst Comment. Moscow is again pairing a diplomatic concession with heavier force. The offer to resume trilateral talks is real but deliberately paced: it lands after the Oslo package was dismissed, after the US midterms, and close to the APEC window, which keeps Russia's options open on a leaders' meeting. The overnight salvo on Kyiv, 21 ballistic missiles and a reported cluster warhead hours after the meeting, is the sharper signal on the ground, and the energy campaign is now nine days unbroken. We keep the trend at ↑ on strike intensity. RUS-10 (10 days by 31 Oct) is **almost certain** to hit. RUS-02 (an in-person trilateral by 31 Oct) is now **very unlikely**, since Moscow named ~10 Nov. New **RUS-13** asks whether that November meeting actually happens.

III. AMERICAS: AM-T1 US ELECTION INTEGRITY (MIDTERMS) | **ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS**

Courts. In *NAACP v. DHS* (1:26-cv-03263), Judge Loren AliKhan on 21 Oct **granted in part** the plaintiffs' motion for expedited discovery. Defendants must answer requests 1 and 4 (documents already identified in a related FOIA case, and two DHS directives on election-related investigations) by **26 Oct**, and request 3 (threat assessments and rules governing federal personnel near voting locations) by **28 Oct**; a joint status report is due **29 Oct**. The court denied request 2 and both interrogatories as too broad. Plaintiffs told the court they will give notice of any emergency relief they seek within three business days of a substantive production ([Order](#), [ECF 41](#), via [Democracy Docket](#)). No consolidation order and no TRO or PI motion were found in the four tracked cases.

Process. NBC's tracker shows **16,820,608** mail and early in-person votes cast nationally as of its 0500 ET 22 Oct update (10.1M mail, 6.7M in person), up about 3.76M from 21 Oct; 56.56M mail ballots requested or sent; 12 days remain ([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 Comment. The discovery order matters more for timing than for substance. It sets the plaintiffs' path to emergency relief: production on 26 and 28 Oct, then up to three business days to say what relief they want. That pushes a likely motion past 27 Oct, so MID-06 (a TRO/PI motion by 27 Oct) falls to **unlikely**, and a motion before Election Day becomes the live question (new **MID-08**). MID-04 (consolidation by 24 Oct) remains **unlikely**. Early voting is running fast enough that MID-07 (20M by 26 Oct) is **very likely**. This assessment takes no position on any party's prospects.

IV. INDO-PACIFIC

Baseline work: Statement of Normalcy, IP-T1 Taiwan Strait

SUBJECT: Taiwan Strait **INDICATOR:** I-1 PLA aircraft around Taiwan (Regional Conflict; PMESII-PT: Military) **ROUTINE:** 7-day average under 20 aircraft sorties a day, with periodic one-day "joint combat readiness patrol" spikes **ABNORMAL:** 7-day average 20–40 a day, or repeated patrol spikes within a week **SIGNIFICANT:** 7-day average over 40, or a named large-scale exercise around Taiwan **EXTREME:** a declared blockade, quarantine or exclusion zone **Companion indicators:** I-2 China Coast Guard boarding or inspection claims (Routine none; Extreme an enforced inspection regime); I-3 median-line crossings (routine pattern since 2022); I-4 US/allied transits (routine at a few per year) **Baseline sources / period reviewed:** Taiwan MND daily PLA activity reports, 16–22 Oct 2026; thresholds per the family plan **Current reading.** Taiwan's MND daily reports (0600–0600 local) show PLA aircraft sorties of 8 (16 Oct), 9 (17 Oct), 2 (18 Oct), 5 (19 Oct), 14 (20 Oct), **29 (21 Oct)** and 0 (22 Oct), with 6–7 PLAN ships and 7–9 "official" ships present daily ([MND, 19 Oct](#); [MND, 20 Oct](#); [MND, 21 Oct](#); [MND, 22 Oct](#)). The 21 Oct total reflects a "joint combat readiness patrol" and "long-range flight training" on 20 Oct: 27 sorties including J-16, H-6 and KJ-500 types, 21 crossing the median line ([MND press release, 20 Oct](#)). The 7-day average is about **9.6 sorties a day**.

Indicators. I-1 ROUTINE (7-day average ~9.6). I-3 ROUTINE (crossings within the post-2022 pattern). I-2 and I-4 not scored today (no source read). Roll-up: all scored indicators Routine = **NO CRISIS** (first scored line).

Analyst Comment. The patrol spike is the familiar pressure pattern, not a posture change. A second patrol within a week, or a named exercise, would move I-1 to Abnormal or higher. Korea (IP-T2) remains in the rotation; the last DPRK ballistic launches found were on 12 Oct, with one missile flying more than 900 km ([Yonhap, 12 Oct](#)).

V. AFRICA | NOT YET SCORED

Stand-up sub-WIRE; Statements of Normalcy for Sudan and the Horn (AF-T1) and the Sahel (AF-T2) come next in the rotation. Context only, unscored: the Centre for Information Resilience reports Sudanese government forces and allied Joint Forces advancing in North Kordofan while RSF drone strikes threaten El Obeid ([CIR Sudan Witness](#)); Malian authorities reported 957 escorted fuel tankers reaching Bamako on 10 Oct under JNIM's fuel blockade ([Sputnik Africa, 10 Oct](#), a Russian state outlet). Yemen and the Red Sea front stay scored under the Middle East (W-2).

VI. INDICATORS TO WATCH | EWC / EWP ASSESSMENT

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
EXTREME	EWC	W-1 Hormuz attacks / flows	IRGC claims 7 tankers hit; UKMTO-confirmed hits off Bukha and Al Faw; 32 October attacks (UKMTO via Bloomberg); IRGC threat to US bases	Independent confirmation or a sinking (WAR-07); Kpler baseline recovery (WAR-15)
EXTREME	EWP	W-2 Houthi-Saudi / Bab el-Mandeb	Shaybah debris kills 2; drones over Medina and Eastern Province; Houthi strikes in Aden and Mukalla	Further Saudi casualties (WAR-16); UK intercept (WAR-13); US decision (WAR-06)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	R-3 Strikes on Ukraine	Day 9 of energy strikes; 21 ballistic missiles at Kyiv; cluster warhead reported	10th day (RUS-10); >400 in a night (RUS-09)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-4 NATO / partner spillover	Bulgaria says Russia likely behind ship attacks; NATO surveillance build-up	Casualty in NATO waters = tripwire; Article 4 (RUS-04)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	R-5 Hybrid / sabotage	Starlink sabotage cases (charges in Bulgaria, arrests in Germany)	Third attributed attack; Iran signals cable/data-center targeting
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-5 US forces	Third carrier and thousands of troops reported en route; IRGC threat to US bases	Israeli vote 27 Oct; US vote 3 Nov; WAR-05/WAR-14
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-6 Gulf-state belligerency	Macron in Riyadh; Sisi limits Egyptian role to defending Saudi territory	Egyptian vote (WAR-09); deployment (WAR-10)
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-8 Diplomacy / ceasefire	Tehran rejects US demands via Pakistan; new US sanctions with wind-down licence	Any US–Iran announcement (WAR-01)

SCORE	TYPE	INDICATOR	WHY IT MATTERS	NEXT TRIGGER
SIGNIFICANT	EWP	W-7 Energy price shock	Brent \$108.82, flat; intraday range above \$110	Settle >\$120 (WAR-08) or <\$100 (WAR-11)
SIGNIFICANT	EWC	M-1 Federal posture on elections	Expedited discovery ordered; productions 26/28 Oct	TRO/PI motion (MID-06, MID-08)
ABNORMAL	EWP	R-10 Negotiation track	Russia ready for trilateral talks ~10 Nov; APEC leaders' idea "not rejected"	Trilateral held (RUS-13); Trump–Putin (RUS-12)
ABNORMAL	EWC	W-4 Iran-Israeli exchange	AP: concern over renewed US–Israeli strikes before the votes	Any launch (WAR-04); Israeli strike (WAR-14)

VII. PREDICTION LEDGER CHECK (WI prefixes)

No WI prediction resolved today. Open WI calls due within 7 days (by 29 Oct): - **MID-04** (consolidation by 24 Oct, 55%): no order found. **Unlikely**. - **RUS-09** (>400 drones and missiles in one night by 25 Oct, 55%): 210 drones plus a missile salvo including 21 ballistic missiles at Kyiv. Not met. - **MID-07** (NBC tracker ≥20M by 26 Oct, 60%): 16.82M at 0500 ET 22 Oct. **Very likely**. - **MID-06** (TRO/PI motion by 27 Oct, 50%): discovery schedule points past the window. **Unlikely**. - **WAR-12** (Israeli strike on Dahiye by 27 Oct, 20%): none found.

Other open WI calls: **RUS-10** 9 of 10 days (almost certain). **RUS-02** very unlikely (Moscow named ~10 Nov). **RUS-05** no Kremlin confirmation; trending miss. **RUS-06** not met. **RUS-01 / RUS-04** no Grom, no Article 4. **WAR-07** seven claimed tankers, none confirmed sunk. **WAR-08 / WAR-11** \$108.82; neither hit. **WAR-09** Egyptian debate postponed to next week. **WAR-13** no UK intercept reported. **WAR-15** latest Kpler series reading in hand 14,104 kbd (82%). **WAR-01 / 02 / 04 / 05 / 06 / 10 / 14**, **RUS-12**, **MID-01 / 02 / 03 / 05** no qualifying event.

New predictions (dated 2026-10-22): - **WAR-16**: Saudi authorities or the coalition report at least one more death on Saudi territory caused by a drone or missile attack (including interception debris) between 23 Oct and 3 Nov. **60%, likely**. Resolve by 2026-11-03. - **RUS-13**: Officials of Russia, the US and Ukraine meet in person in a trilateral format between 22 Oct and 20 Nov. **50%, roughly even**. Resolve by 2026-11-20. - **MID-08**: A plaintiff files a TRO or PI motion in any of the four tracked D.D.C. polling-place cases (or a consolidated successor) between 22 Oct and 3 Nov. **45%, roughly even**. Resolve by 2026-11-03.

VIII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- **Seven-tanker IRGC claim**. No vessel names, flags or casualties; not reported by UKMTO or JMIC at time of writing. Treated as a claim only.
- **AI Dasma identification** rests on Vanguard Tech via Seatrade; UKMTO did not name the vessel.
- **Kpler 21 Oct media briefing** was published but the downloaded PDF could not be parsed; the Total Hormuz Clearance series is carried from 20 Oct. The 24.6 mb/d figure is a different, broader regional measure (via Bloomberg).
- **Shaybah attribution**. The energy ministry did not name the launcher; the coalition attributed only the sixth drone to the Houthis, who deny deep operations.
- **Third US carrier** is from AP's summary; no DoD release was read.
- **Al Hadath report** on Rezaei's rejection was read via Newsquawk, not the original.
- **Ukraine Air Force totals**. Missile count by type for 22 Oct comes via Ukrinform/UNN summaries; the Air Force post itself was not read. Kyiv injury counts differ (22 vs 24).
- **Cluster warhead** is an adviser's assessment, not an official finding.
- **Lebanon ground advance** is from Anadolu and Daily Beirut; no IDF statement read.
- **Taiwan MND 16–18 Oct counts** came from a search summary of MND pages that were not opened directly.
- **Consolidation and TRO status** across the four D.D.C. dockets was not re-read on CourtListener today; it rests on the 21 Oct order and search results.
- **Not re-verified**: Israeli election polls; Black Sea casualty totals; Article 4 status beyond search results.

Sources

AP via The Independent (22 Oct); Arab News (21–22 Oct); Iran International (22 Oct); gCaptain (21 Oct); gCaptain/Bloomberg (21 Oct); Seatrade Maritime (21 Oct); Reuters via Business Recorder and StreetInsider (21–22 Oct); AFP via Business Recorder (22 Oct); Anadolu (22 Oct); Dawn/agencies (22 Oct); Newsquawk (21 Oct); WSJ (21 Oct); France 24; Al Jazeera (21 Oct); The National (21 Oct); Al Arabiya (20 Oct); Kremlin.ru (21 Oct); MTV Lebanon (21 Oct); LBCI (21 Oct); Interfax-Ukraine (22 Oct); Informator (22 Oct); Ukrinform (21–22 Oct); UNN (22 Oct); Ynet (22 Oct); Kyiv Post (22 Oct); Kyiv Independent (22 Oct); CNN (21 Oct); AP (21–22 Oct); BGNES; D.D.C. order, ECF 41,

NAACP v. DHS (21 Oct); NBC News early-vote tracker (22 Oct); Taiwan MND (19–22 Oct); Yonhap (12 Oct); Centre for Information Resilience; Sputnik Africa (10 Oct).

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