

RWI SITREP 012 — Evening, 26-27 October 2026

Window **26 Oct 21:50 → 27 Oct 02:45 UTC** (17:50 → 22:45 EDT; 15:50 → 20:45 MDT), following SITREP 011. 167 sites. Imagery: 2 Sentinel-2 passes (1 usable), no radar. Thermal: NASA FIRMS to the 26 Oct night passes over the Gulf and Black Sea (checked 02:39 UTC). Night lights: no new nights (the night of 26 Oct arrives ~14:30 UTC). Live military ADS-B at watched sites: 23:46-00:33 UTC. Part 2 reports the DECODEDELTA1 flight scan back to 1 January. Times UTC unless marked.

REPORTER LEADS — things in our data that no public reporting explains yet. Leads, not findings: each needs a reporter to confirm or kill it.

L1. Al-Watiya: the only two aircraft to come down there this year (carried from SITREP 010, L1 — strengthened)

Turkish Air Force A400M 15-0051 on the ground 2 Sep 12:03-14:51 UTC; A400M 18-0093 probably landed 3 Sep (Plates T1-T2 in SITREP 010)

Why it is a lead: the scan now covers 287 days with data, 1 Jan – 25 Oct. No other aircraft — military, state or civil — came down within 10 km of Al-Watiya in open ADS-B. The two flights fall in the busiest week of Turkish A400M traffic to western Libya this year (Part 2). Still unreported.

What would settle it: Turkish or Libyan MoD comment on what was delivered on 2-3 Sep; trackers' logs for those days. (Plate L1)

L2. A USAF VIP jet at Chièvres, beside SHAPE (carried from SITREP 011)

C-37A 01-0030 (SPAR75) on the ground at Chièvres Air Base, 26 Oct 13:37 UTC, 12 km from SHAPE

Why it is a lead: SPAR callsigns carry senior US officials; still no announced visit to SHAPE or Belgium.

What would settle it: who flew in; the NATO and US European Command schedules for 26-27 Oct.

L3. Night fires on the west Zawiya coast (11 Aug - 11 Sep) and south of Sabratha (27 Aug) (carried from SITREPs 010-011)

See SITREP 011, Plates F1-F4

Why it is a lead: no change visible at 10 m and nothing reported.

What would settle it: local reporting for those nights; what the coastal yard and the Sabratha compound are.

1. Bottom line

1.1 **Quiet evening.** No thermal detections at any conflict site on the passes in so far — none in Crimea, the Zaporizhzhia front, southern Lebanon, Gaza or western Libya. We found no new reports for those areas tonight.

NOTHING TO MATCH

1.2 **Industrial heat routine:** Bandar Abbas 19 night detections (7-day average ~31/day), Ras Laffan 13, Abqaiq 2 (plant flare), Novorossiysk 2 on the usual waterfront spot. FIRMS watch flagged nothing. **NOTHING TO MATCH**

1.3 **A USAF E-3 AWACS over CFB Gagetown** at 00:00-00:05 (SHUCK81, 76-1605, 26,000-29,000 ft, passing over the base). E-3s fly NORAD training over Canada regularly; we found no announcement for tonight. NORAD has an Exercise AMALGAM DART release online that we could not open to check dates. **PARTIAL**

1.4 **Other live traffic routine:** an RCAF CC-295 (295513) on the ground at Winnipeg until 00:19; RCAF and contractor training aircraft at Moose Jaw and Southport; US Army and Navy helicopters at Fort Carson and Norfolk; a KC-135 and two C-12s at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. **NOTHING TO MATCH**

1.5 **Imagery:** Kotzebue long-range radar site (Alaska, North Warning System) clear at 22:37 with first snow, nothing notable; Cape Romanzof overcast. **NOTHING TO MATCH**

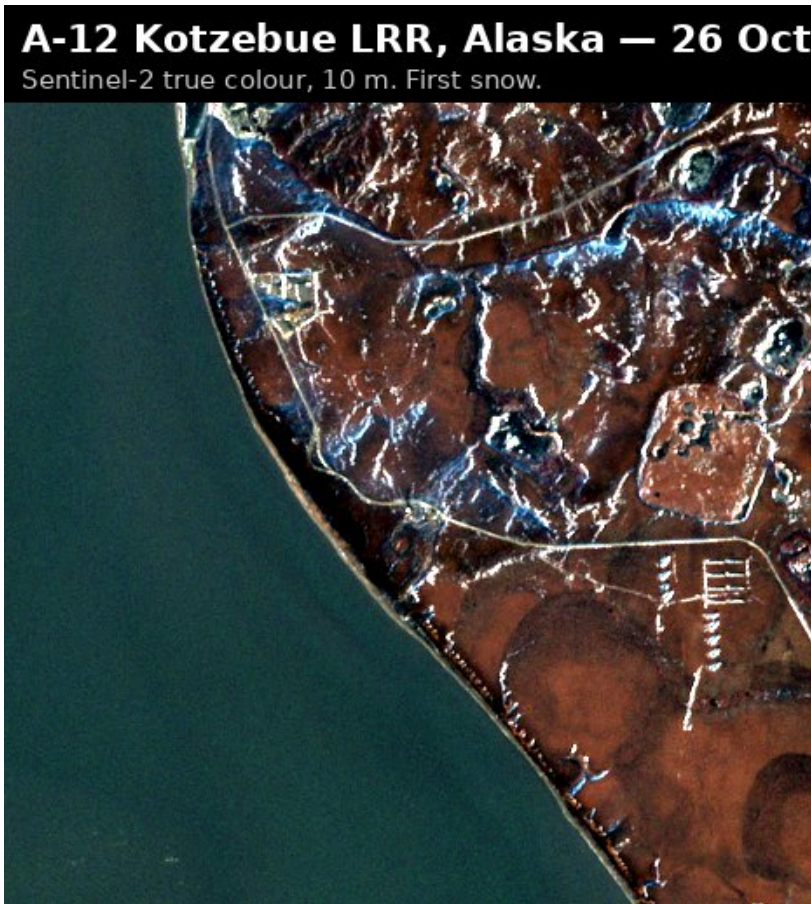


Plate I1 — A-12 Kotzebue, 26 Oct 22:37 UTC.

2. Thermal detections new since SITREP 011

Site	UTC (26 Oct)	Satellite	Position	FRP (MW)	Read	News
Bandar Abbas	21:29-22:33	all VIIRS	27.16-27.18N 56.05-56.10E	1.6-4.4	Refinery / port industrial (19)	NOTHING TO MATCH
Ras Laffan	21:53-22:33	NOAA-20/21	25.88-25.91N 51.53-51.55E	1.0-6.2	LNG flares (13)	NOTHING TO MATCH
Abqaiq	22:33, 23:12	NOAA-21, S-NPP	25.93N 49.70E	1.2-1.4	Plant flare	NOTHING TO MATCH
Novorossiysk	22:29	NOAA-21	44.734N 37.805-37.811E	1.1	Recurring waterfront hotspot	NOTHING TO MATCH

Part 2 — DECODEDELTA1: the year-to-date flight scan

2.1 Scope. The Libya flight scan now runs from 1 Jan to 25 Oct 2026: 298 days, of which 287 have data. Two days are missing from the archive (30 Apr, 4 May) and nine are empty (15, 20, 31 Mar; 5, 7 May; 1, 11 Jun; 2, 16 Aug). Same method as SITREP 010: every aircraft low or on the ground near Al-Watiya, and every military or state aircraft over western Libya and its approaches.

2.2 Al-Watiya. In those 287 days, the only aircraft that came down within 10 km of the base were the two Turkish A400Ms on 2 and 3 Sep. The base does not show up in open ADS-B otherwise, so those two flights stand out more, not less. **NOT IN NEWS**

2.3 The September surge is the year's peak. Turkish A400Ms came within 100 km of a western Libyan airfield on 38 aircraft-days this year — roughly one a week. The week of 31 Aug had six; the next-highest week (2 Mar) had four (Plate L1). Eight A400Ms took part across the year, including one not seen in the 90-day scan (14-0013, eight flights January-June). **NOT IN NEWS**

2.4 Landings elsewhere. The landing watch, run over the full year, finds 26 low passes and landings at the six airfields — 14 before 28 Jul. Turkish A400Ms came down at Misrata on 8 Apr, 10 Jun, 17 Jun (two aircraft on the ground the same afternoon) and 13 Jul; Italian C-130Js at Mitiga and Misrata in June and July; a US C-12 (83-0494) at 825 ft near Mitiga on 20 May; a Hellenic Air Force Gulfstream V (678) at 125 ft near Mitiga on 27 Apr; and a Turkish military Challenger (KLH71) on the ground at Mitiga from 09:26 to 21:15 on 23 Jun. None at Al-Watiya. **NOTHING TO MATCH**

2.5 The daily landing watch makes its first scheduled run at 09:37 UTC today (27 Oct), covering 25 and 26 Oct. A test run over the backlog this evening pushed nothing, as designed (only flights within the last three days are pushed).

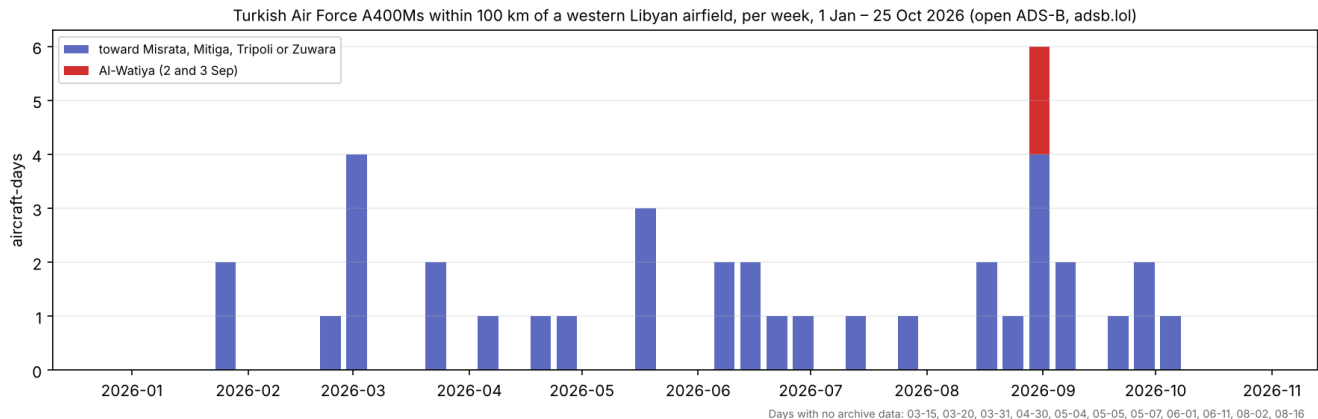


Plate L1 — Turkish A400M aircraft-days per week within 100 km of a western Libyan airfield, 1 Jan – 25 Oct 2026. Red: the 2 and 3 Sep Al-Watiya flights.

3. System notes

3.1 Wilco Watch: this evening's scheduled run wiped the morning's daily read from the 26 Oct entry. The read step failed and the failure was hidden. Fixed: a second run on the same day now keeps the existing read, and read failures now show as a warning. The 26 Oct read is restored. No new clear pass of Calgary today.

3.2 The hourly live ADS-B logger ran once in this window (23:46–00:33 UTC).

4. Follow-ups

4.1 Night lights for the night of 26 Oct (Sevastopol, Crimea; due ~14:30 UTC).

4.2 First daily Libya landing watch, 09:37 UTC.

4.3 SPAR75 at Chièvres: identify the passenger.

How to read the news tags: **CORRELATED** reporting confirms an event at that place and time · **PARTIAL** reporting in the area/period but not a clean match · **NOT IN NEWS** we see something the news does not (a lead, not a finding) · **NOTHING TO MATCH** nothing notable in our data to match.

Sources

- NASA FIRMS (VIIRS S-NPP/NOAA-20/NOAA-21, MODIS); Copernicus Sentinel-2 (Element 84); adsb.lol live military feed and daily global archive (globe_history).
- NORAD, NORAD and USNORTHCOM to conduct Exercise AMALGAM DART — www.norad.mil/Newsroom/Press-Releases/Article/4578809/ (could not be opened).
- RWI SITREP 010 DECODEDELTA1 rev. 1 and SITREP 011 (midday, 26 Oct).