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On 29 June 2026, SAF and the Joint Forces reportedly regained control of Kulbus town, which had been under the control of the RSF since October 2024.698 However, on 10 July 2026, the Joint Forces withdrew699 to positions outside the town.700 The Jebel Moon and Kulbus areas have experienced intermittent clashes since the beginning of 2026.701 In early August 2026, clashes between Darfur Joint Forces and RSF were reported in Bir Saliba and Hajar Marfa'in areas.702 Bir Saliba is strategically located on the Sudan-Chad border, and the area serves as a key supply corridor and access point to SAF military bases in Gargira and Tina in North Darfur. Control of the area has shifted repeatedly since the conflict began. The SAF retook the area on 11 July 2026, bringing its forces and allies closer to the state capital El Geneina,703 while the RSF sought to maintain the area as a defensive line protecting El Geneina.704

During the reference period, drone strikes were reported in El Geneia in October705 and December 2025,706 as well as in April,707 May,708 and June 2026.709 SAF drone strikes were also reported at the Adukong border crossing with Chad,710 near the town of Forbaranga,711 in the Abu Jadad area of Sirba district,712 and in the Habayil area and Sisi town.713

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