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Huginn & Muninn: an open-source intelligence brief on national and global events, emerging signals, and U.S. regional hazards. Covers about 7:55 PM ET Oct 31 to 8:20 PM ET Nov 1. All times are Eastern. Clocks fell back an hour overnight.

> **Bottom line: Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3**, and election officials say federal threat-sharing is at its weakest since 2016 while they plan for AI-assisted cyberattacks. Abroad, indirect U.S.–Iran talks in Doha over a two-day plan to reopen the Strait of Hormuz ran a third day with no deal, while both sides keep threatening a new round after the midterms. Youth "Gen Z" protests turned into riots across Germany and Switzerland, with more than 100 police officers hurt in Frankfurt alone. Late tonight, Ukraine's main air-raid alert app was hacked and pushed false nuclear, chemical, and street-fighting warnings. At home, an atmospheric river is causing flooding, evacuations, and rescues across Arizona, and a business jet crashed in Palm Beach County, Florida, killing all nine aboard.

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NATIONAL

- **Election security:** CNN reports that the channels federal officials use to pass foreign threat information to election officials are at their weakest since 2016, with Russia, China, and Iran still active. A last-minute DHS threat-sharing platform has little credibility with officials, and an October classified briefing was marred by technical failures. (CNN)
- **AI-assisted cyberattacks:** Election officials say they are planning as if an Election Day cyberattack will happen. Arizona's election security chief says the state has had no CISA cybersecurity adviser since March 2025. (Washington Post via Arkansas Democrat-Gazette)
- **Federal monitors:** The Justice Department plans to monitor counties in Texas and other states on Election Day. Monitors cannot enter polling places without local consent. (El Paso Matters)
- **Business jet crash:** A Learjet 60 flying from Austin to the Bahamas crashed onto a road in Palm Beach County, Florida, around 12:50 PM, killing all nine aboard, Transportation Secretary Duffy said. The crew had reported icing and turbulence before an overspeed dive. The NTSB is investigating and no cause has been given. About 600 nearby residents were moved to shelters. (AP, NBC 6, Flightradar24)

GLOBAL

- **Iran and the Strait of Hormuz:** Iranian negotiators held a third day of talks with Qatari mediators in Doha on a "two-day plan": the U.S. would take a set of steps on day one and Iran would reopen the strait on day two. Iran's conditions include sanctions relief, restored oil waivers, and a smaller U.S. military presence. Washington has not accepted the framework. Trump says

talks are "going fine" but "not very reliable," and Gulf officials say they are "braced for the worst." Late today the IRGC said two crude tankers caught fire after hitting mines in the strait. The mine claim is single-source (IRGC). (Al Jazeera, Guardian, CNA/Reuters, Al Jazeera live)

- **Germany and Switzerland riots:** About 120,000 joined "GenZ regelt!" youth protests across Germany on Oct. 31. At night, Frankfurt saw looting, Molotov cocktails, and water cannon; Hesse's interior minister says more than 100 officers were injured there, and 54 people aged 13 to 29 were detained. Zurich and Basel also saw fires and attacks on police. See Signal #4. (AFP, DW, FAZ, Swissinfo)
- **Ukraine:** The national Air Alert app was hacked at about 3:47 PM ET and sent false radiation, nuclear, chemical, and street-fighting alerts (see Signal #6). Separately, Ukraine's military evacuated 167 people from parts of southern Kherson region as a temporary local ceasefire around Oleshky expired. (BBC, Guardian) @visegrad24 reports Ukrainian drones damaged Russia's Kstovo oil refinery on Oct. 31. Unconfirmed: single source. (@visegrad24)
- **Poland:** No resolution in the Constitutional Tribunal standoff. PM Tusk rules out compromise, the European Commission backs him, and President Nawrocki's crisis talks produced no breakthrough. The judges' assembly on **Nov. 3** is the next flashpoint. (PAP, Politico)
- **Shipping off Somalia:** UKMTO now classifies yesterday's boarding off Somalia as a hijacking (see Signal #9). (@sentdefender)

EMERGING SIGNALS: STRATEGIC AND PREPAREDNESS INDICATORS

Each signal has two labels. **Confirmation:** Confirmed (official or primary source) · Corroborated (several independent credible sources) · Reported (one credible source) · Unverified chatter (widely discussed, no solid sourcing) · Disputed. **Chatter:** High / Medium / Low, with who is talking. X volumes are daily post counts from X's counts tool (UTC days, Oct 26–Nov 1).

A. Military posture and homeland defense

1. Post-midterm strike window on Iran (update)

- **What:** Diplomacy and war talk are running side by side. Trump says the U.S. still needs to "take care of" several Iranian sites, naming a suspected underground nuclear complex, and Reuters reports he has said there will be no new attacks before the vote but has not ruled them out afterward. Iran's supreme leader says any response would be "immediate" and "without geographical limitations." Gulf officials say they are "braced for the worst" while they wait for Washington's answer to Iran's two-day plan.
- **Sources:** Al Jazeera · Guardian · CNA/Reuters · S2 Wire, Oct 28
- **Why it matters:** National fuel prices, security posture at U.S. bases, and retaliation risk against U.S. personnel and travelers in the region.
- **Who it affects:** Nationwide (fuel prices); military families; travelers to the Middle East.
- **Labels:** That a plan exists is `Corroborated` (S2, a senator's account, Trump's own remarks). Timing is `Reported`. **Chatter: Medium.** X posts tying Iran strikes to "after the midterms" peaked at 1,096 on Oct. 28 and ran 398 on Oct. 31 and 317 on Nov. 1. **Status:** building. The window opens Wednesday.

2. Pentagon FORTRESS America (fading as chatter)

- **What:** No new official steps were found today on the plan for bases to run independently of the civilian grid.
- **Sources:** DefenseScoop, Oct 7
- **Who it affects:** Nationwide (grid resilience policy); military communities near major U.S. bases.
- **Labels:** `Confirmed` (program). **Chatter: Low.** About 265 X posts on Oct. 31, down from a peak of 1,316 on Oct. 26. **Status:** fading as chatter, building as policy.

B. Governments telling citizens to prepare

3. The U.S. gap continues

- **What:** Ready.gov's fall calendar covers cybersecurity, fire prevention, and winter weather. There is still no new federal household-supplies push comparable to the UK's "Be Ready" campaign.
- **Sources:** Ready.gov calendar
- **Who it affects:** Nationwide.
- **Labels:** `Confirmed` by absence. **Chatter: Low. Status:** watch.

C. Allied political instability

4. Youth riots spread from France and Italy to Germany and Switzerland (new)

- **What:** The "Gen Z" protest wave reached Germany and Switzerland on Halloween night. Hesse's interior minister says more than 100 officers were injured in Frankfurt and blames about 100 "clearly identified left-wing extremists." Part of the grievance is opposition to Germany's military buildup and new voluntary service model. Separately, @visegrad24 reports a French firefighter was shot near Marseille while responding to car fires (unconfirmed, single source). @visegrad24 and other right-leaning accounts frame the riots as migrant-driven looting; AFP and DW describe a youth cost-of-living movement infiltrated by extremists.
- **Sources:** AFP · DW · FAZ · ABC (Australia) · Swissinfo · @visegrad24
- **Why it matters:** Unrest driven by fuel and living costs is spreading across allied countries, with an anti-conscription angle.
- **Who it affects:** Travelers to Germany, Switzerland, France, and Italy; Europe watchers.
- **Labels:** `Corroborated` (AFP, DW, FAZ, Swissinfo). The migrant-looting framing is `Disputed`. **Chatter: High.** X posts on German or Swiss riots went from 590 on Oct. 30 to 6,758 on Oct. 31 and 23,300 on Nov. 1 (OSINT, political, and mainstream accounts). **Status:** new, escalating.

5. Poland's court standoff (update)

- **What:** No compromise. Tusk rules one out, the European Commission backs him, and Nawrocki's crisis talks stalled. The judges' assembly on Nov. 3 is the next flashpoint.
- **Sources:** PAP · Politico · Al Jazeera
- **Who it affects:** Travelers to Poland and Central Europe; NATO and Ukraine watchers.
- **Labels: Corroborated.** The "coup" framing is `Disputed`. **Chatter: High. Status:** escalating into Nov. 3.

D. Cyber and public alerting

6. Ukraine's air-raid alert app hacked with false nuclear warnings (new)

- **What:** At about 10:47 PM Kyiv time (3:47 PM ET), the official Air Alert app, which has about seven million daily users, pushed false alerts: a radiation threat in Kyiv, a Russian-language message about an incoming Oreshnik missile, a chemical threat, and street fighting. Loudspeakers in Lviv region played the radiation signal. Ukraine's Air Force said the app was "likely compromised by the enemy" and that there was no radiation threat. All-clears followed about an hour later, and the app was taken offline, then partly restored. Faytuks reports Ukrainian hackers answered with false alerts on Russian emergency systems.
- **Sources:** BBC · Kyiv Independent · Telegraph · Ukrainska Pravda · @Faytuks
- **Why it matters:** Public warning systems are now a demonstrated target. A false alert can cause panic, and a trusted channel that is compromised loses credibility when a real threat comes.
- **Who it affects:** Ukraine and Europe watchers; emergency managers and alerting-app operators nationwide.
- **Labels:** The hack and false alerts are `Confirmed` (Ukrainian Air Force, app developers). Russian attribution is `Reported` (Ukrainian officials, not yet proven). The retaliatory hack of Russian systems is `Unverified chatter`. **Chatter: Medium.** About 1,000 X posts since the attack, from near zero. **Status:** new.

7. "Black October" cyber cluster

- **What:** The industry label for a cluster of October incidents: PHP2Shell remote-code-execution flaws, a malicious LiteLLM release, a Railway credential exposure, and AI-agent attacks on 100+ companies. It isn't one campaign. Election offices had to patch mid-freeze because of one of the flaws (see National).
- **Sources:** Fortune · TechTarget · S2 Wire, Oct 29
- **Who it affects:** Nationwide; IT and website administrators; election offices.
- **Labels: Corroborated. Chatter: Medium** (tech press, S2). **Status:** ongoing.

E. Reserves and shipping

8. Strategic Petroleum Reserve at a 44-year low

- **What:** EIA shows 282.6 million barrels for the week ended Oct. 23, the lowest since October 1982. This corrects the "below about 279M" estimate cited in yesterday's edition.
- **Sources:** EIA
- **Who it affects:** Nationwide (fuel prices).
- **Labels: Confirmed. Chatter: Low. Status:** building.

9. Piracy off Somalia: UKMTO now calls it a hijacking

- **What:** UKMTO upgraded the Oct. 30–31 boarding of a vessel off Somalia to a hijacking, and warned the boarded fishing vessel could be used by pirates as a base for further attacks. AP separately reports Somali pirates hijacked the Iranian fishing vessel AZINI on Oct. 29. The sources don't say whether the two are the same incident.

- **Sources:** @sentdefender · UKMTO warning · AP
- **Why it matters:** More pressure on shipping routes that are already rerouting around Hormuz.
- **Who it affects:** Shipping and maritime workers; fuel and freight prices.
- **Labels:** `Corroborated` (UKMTO, AP). **Chatter: Low. Status:** building.

Readiness note (general information)

These are general takeaways from today's signals, not personal advice. Follow official guidance where you live.

- **Have more than one way to get alerts:** Ukraine's hack is a reminder not to rely on a single app. Wireless Emergency Alerts on your phone, NOAA Weather Radio, and local officials' channels are separate paths. (Ready.gov alerts)
- **Flood-watch areas (Southwest, South Florida):** Never drive through flooded roads, washes, or low-water crossings. (NWS flood safety)
- **Travelers abroad:** Check State Department advisories before trips to the Gulf or to European cities with ongoing unrest. (Travel advisories)

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Hazards, infrastructure, security, and notable state actions by U.S. region. Times are Eastern unless noted.

Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

- **Frost tonight:** NWS frost advisories cover South Jersey and southeast Pennsylvania (Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Cumberland, Cape May, eastern Chester, eastern Montgomery, and lower Bucks counties) until 8 AM Monday. (NWS Mount Holly)
- **Otherwise quiet:** No other significant hazards found.

Southeast

- **Palm Beach County (FL) jet crash:** All nine aboard a Learjet 60 died when it crashed along Military Trail. The road is closed between 10th Avenue North and Purdy Lane, and about 600 residents of a nearby mobile home community were moved to shelters. The NTSB will brief Monday. (AP, CBS12)
- **South Florida flooding:** A flood watch covers Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties through 3 PM Monday, with a flash flood warning in Palm Beach County this evening. High surf and coastal flood advisories run along the Atlantic coast and the Keys. (NWS Miami, NWS Melbourne)
- **North Carolina:** MCAS Cherry Point runs its annual "Sudden Crisis" exercise Nov. 2–4. (New Bern Sun Journal)

South Central and Texas

- **West Texas / southeast New Mexico:** A high wind warning covers the Guadalupe Mountains through Monday evening. (NWS Midland)

- **Louisiana:** A flood warning is in effect for a river point in Calcasieu Parish into Wednesday, and coastal flood advisories cover parts of the New Orleans area and the Mississippi coast into Monday morning. (NWS Lake Charles, NWS New Orleans)
- **Texas election monitoring:** The Justice Department plans Election Day monitoring in Texas counties; El Paso officials say they are prepared. (El Paso Matters)

Midwest and Plains

- **Western South Dakota:** A high wind watch covers the Black Hills region and western plains, including Rapid City, into Tuesday morning. (NWS Rapid City)
- **Lake Michigan:** Small craft advisories run along the Illinois and Wisconsin shores into midweek. (NWS Chicago)

Mountain West and Southwest

- **Arizona flooding:** Sedona ordered mandatory evacuations as Oak Creek reached historic levels, and crews carried out six rooftop rescues. Tucson-area agencies reported at least 16 water rescues, with no injuries reported. Evacuations also hit Camp Verde, Cornville, Gila County, and Queen Valley. Flash flood warnings remain in Apache, Navajo, and southeast Arizona counties tonight, and flood warnings cover dozens of points in Maricopa and Yavapai counties. (KNAU, FOX 10, KOLD, AP, NWS Flagstaff)
- **Four Corners:** Flood watches and warnings continue across northwest New Mexico, southwest Colorado (La Plata and Rio Grande counties), and southern Utah, with a flood watch for Colorado's San Luis Valley into Friday. A severe thunderstorm watch covers central New Mexico tonight. (NWS Albuquerque, NWS Grand Junction, NWS Pueblo)
- **High-country snow:** Winter storm warnings cover the San Juan Mountains into Monday, with avalanche advisories, and winter weather advisories reach Colorado's central mountains, Wyoming, Montana's Bighorns, and Utah's Wasatch. (NWS Grand Junction)

Pacific and West Coast

- **Coast:** Beach hazards statements cover much of the California coast from Del Norte to San Diego and the southern Oregon coast into Monday or Tuesday. (NWS Bay Area, NWS Los Angeles)
- **Central Valley:** A dense fog advisory covers parts of the San Joaquin Valley until 10 AM PST Monday. (NWS Hanford)
- **Washington:** National Guard members continue watching ballot drop boxes in seven counties through Nov. 10. (Washington State Standard, Oct. 30)

Alaska and Hawaii

- **Alaska:** Gale warnings cover much of the Bering Sea, with storm warnings near the western Aleutians. (NWS Anchorage)
- **Hawaii:** A high surf advisory covers shores of Kauai, Niihau, Oahu, Molokai, and Maui through Monday evening local time. (NWS Honolulu)

METHODOLOGY AND LABELS

This brief collects open-source reporting: official sources (government agencies, NWS, embassies, courts), mainstream and local news, defense trade press, and open-source-intelligence (OSINT) accounts and channels such as S2 Underground's The Wire and OSINTdefender. Every item links to its sources.

Each item in **Emerging Signals** has three labels and a **Who it affects** tag so readers can find what applies to them:

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  - `Confirmed`: an official or primary source.
  - `Corroborated`: several independent credible sources.
  - `Reported`: one credible source.
  - `Unverified chatter`: widely discussed, without solid sourcing.
  - `Disputed`: credible sources contradict the claim or its framing.
- **Chatter volume: High**, **Medium**, or **Low**, with a note on who is talking (OSINT accounts, mainstream media, forums). Volume comes from public post counts on X over the previous seven days.
- **Status: new**, **building**, **fading**, **confirmed**, or **watch**.

Unverified chatter is included on purpose. Early warning often shows up in open-source discussion before official confirmation. Inclusion does not mean endorsement, and the labels show how much weight each item can bear. When a framing is contested, the brief says who is using it.

Feeds checked for this edition: NWS national active alerts and regional offices, Ready.gov, EIA, UKMTO, AP, CNN, Washington Post, El Paso Matters, NBC 6, CBS12, Flightradar24, KNAU, FOX 10 Phoenix, KOLD, Washington State Standard, New Bern Sun Journal, Al Jazeera, Guardian, CNA/Reuters, AFP, DW, FAZ, ABC (Australia), Swissinfo, PAP, Politico, BBC, Kyiv Independent, Telegraph, Ukrainska Pravda, Fortune, TechTarget, DefenseScoop, S2 Underground (The Wire, Telegram; no new Wire since Oct. 30), and on X @sentdefender, @Faytuks, and @visegrad24, plus public X post counts.

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