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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 withdrew[699](#) 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 October[705](#) 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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