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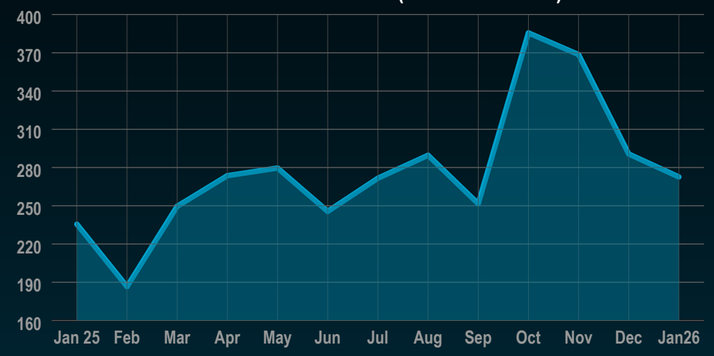
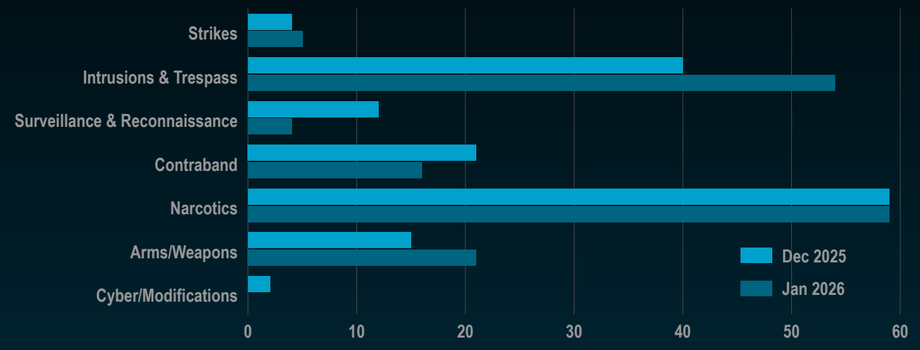
Drone Incident Summary

Jan 1st – Jan 31st 2026

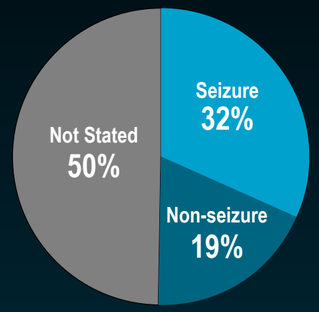
Number of Incidents (Past 12 Months)



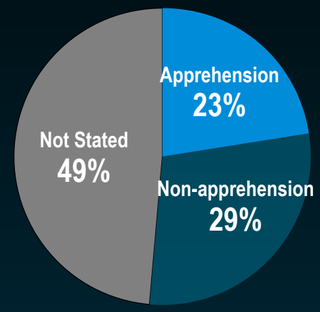
Categories of Drone Incidents (Two Months Comparison)



Seizure Rates (For Jan 2026)



Apprehension Rates (For Jan 2026)



9 reported cases of drone-dropped contraband into multiple prisons

Drone drops two volleyballs containing narcotics into prison

Hobbyist drone collides into hot air balloon

Drone spotted near airport leading to runway closure

47 counts of aerial and surface drones used for transporting narcotics

Molniya drones equipped with Starlink modules

RU OWA drones equipped with Starlink struck UA vessels

Drone transporting pigs down mountain collides into power lines

Drone sighted over restricted area

Cartel used multiple drones to overwhelm prison guards

Russian Geranium-5 drone intercepted

Servicemen sold military weapons, explosives and drones

Drone dropped pistol and saw blades into prisons

South Korean drone jammed and seized

Drone over hospital delays helicopter take off

Iranian drone ferries 6.6kg narcotics across border

Cartel members using drone to drop bottles as practice for munition drops

Drone diverts two medical helicopters

Tourist flies drone near nuclear plant

Drone drops narcotics into prison

Firearms and drone seized from cartel

Drone light show disrupted by GNSS jamming

DJI Matrice 400 drones ferry rifles across border

DJI Matrice 4TD drops arrows on animals during wildlife hunt

Unidentified drone over Miraflores Palace

FPV OWA drone struck Burmese Army armored vehicle

ISWAP drone struck Nigerian army base

Cambodian FPV drone with 60mm mortar round siezed

SDF utilise FPV OWA and Mugin-3 drones to strike Syrian Army

DJI Matrice 400 ferries narcotics across coast

Cartel drone drops explosives on military and police positions

More than 60 drones detected over prison

Drone sighted near forest fire

35 OWA drones struck civilian and critical infrastructure

26 incidents of cross border narcodrones and remote controlled balloons

12 cross border drone deliveries; 1 IED, 119.64kg narcotics, 20 pistols, and 5 grenade seized

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Legend

- Claimed Regions
- Incident Regions
- Medium-priority
- High-priority

Incident by type

- Consumer Drone
- Military Drone
- Mitigation
- Strike
- Collision
- Contraband
- Stolen / Missing
- Near Miss
- Attention
- Intrusion
- Crash
- Sighting

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