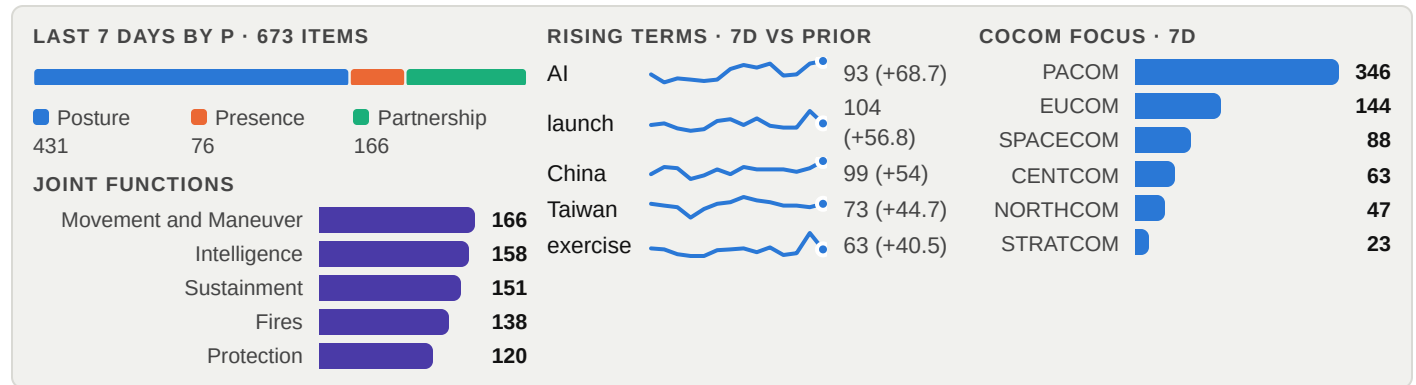


BLUF — Posture (capability): DIU and USSF will start buying commercial satellites to monitor GEO, and USSF reset its satellite control antenna program to lease commercial systems. Partnership moved India to Train as Misawa F-35s joined Tarang Shakti. Attention: the Citrix NetScaler KEV deadline is 30 Sep; confirm command and partner patches.



■ Posture

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DIU, Space Force team up to kick-start buys of commercial sats for monitoring GEO

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DIU and USSF are teaming to start buying commercial satellites to monitor the GEO belt; both firms already hold DoD contracts to demo RPO (Breaking Defense).

So what: Adds commercial GEO custody to the SDA mix watching PRC inspector satellites.

Space Force Interested in Commercial Antennas to Control Satellites

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USSF/MDA reset SCAR, the 19-antenna Satellite Control Network upgrade, as a CSO after the \$1.4B BlueHalo deal was cut; leases and antenna-as-a-service in play.

So what: Adds commanding capacity but multi-tenant cyber risk; white papers due 15 Oct.

Senator Asks Pentagon to Review Supply Chain Over F-35 Incident

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-09-29 [Resilience](#) [PACOM](#) [Protection](#) [China / PLA](#)

SSCI chair asked SecWar Hegseth to review the DoD supply chain after F-35 parts diverted to Hong Kong on a UPS flight reached PRC hands (Bloomberg).

So what: Supply-chain leak to the PRC; the same risk runs through space and ground hardware.

US Navy launches drone command that could reshape Taiwan war planning

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-09-29 [Force](#) [PACOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Taiwan](#)

The Navy stood up a Robotic and Autonomous Systems Warfighting Development Center on 24 Sep for drone doctrine, training and testing, linked to Taiwan (SCMP).

So what: Unmanned fleets will lean on SATCOM and PNT; build that demand into space support.

■ Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Nothing significant to report.

■ Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

For First Time, US F-35s Will Join Exercise in India

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Six F-35As from Misawa's 13th FS and 200+ Airmen arrived in Jodhpur on 26 Sep for Tarang Shakti, the first USAF F-35 exercise in India; it runs to 12 Oct.

So what: Moves India from Share to Train with 5th-gen jets; room to add space support.

U.S., Indian Forces Fly, Fight Together in Combined Air Assault

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US and Indian Army forces ran a combined air assault in shared formations near Auli; Yudh Abhyas 2026 closed 27 Sep after three weeks (INDOPACOM).

So what: India trains in combined formations; space support should be in the next one.

New Zealand, Australia sign pact to deepen naval cooperation

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The Australian and NZ navies signed Plan Tasman, a strategic guidance document with an annual deputy-chief dialogue and working groups (Defense News).

So what: FVEY navies formalize Share; a channel for maritime space support in the South Pacific.

WATCH LIST

- Crew-13 and Transporter-18 NET 1 Oct; NROL-97 Falcon Heavy 2 Oct 0353Z.
- SWPC G1 watch 2 Oct (28 Sep CME); three STARLINK reentries 1–2 Oct with Pacific nominal points.
- SCAR white papers due 15 Oct; Tarang Shakti with USAF F-35s runs to 12 Oct.
- FY-27 funding limbo runs into December; CCA production stalled (Inside Defense).