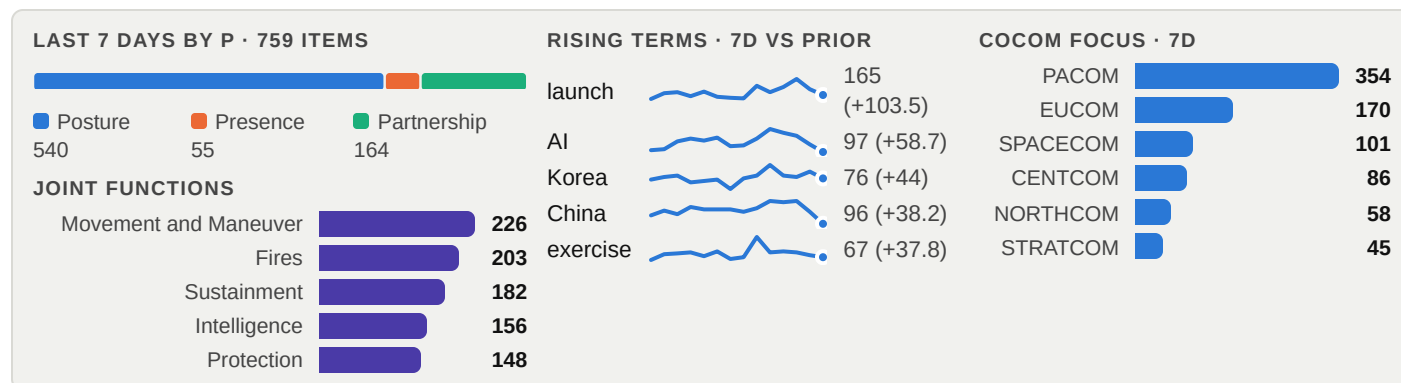


BLUF — Posture (capability): DPRK fired what Kim Yo Jong called an intermediate-range strategic missile from Wonsan on 3 Oct; JCS says it flew over 700 km (Yonhap). Posture (resilience): SDA launches 21 more Tranche 1 transport satellites 5 Oct, taking PWSA to 84. Attention: Partnership (share): Space Forces-Japan has embedded Regional Space Advisors in daily operations; use them to move Japan toward Plan.



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(LEAD) N.K. leader's sister says intermediate-range strategic missile was launched during firing drill

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DPRK fired a ballistic missile from Wonsan into the East Sea on 3 Oct; JCS said it flew over 700 km and Kim Yo Jong called it an intermediate-range strategic missile.

So what: Another IRBM-class shot tests theater warning and US-ROK-Japan track sharing.

Space Force laying groundwork to connect future satellite 'enclaves' as it prepares for additional launches

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SDA launches 21 Northrop Tranche 1 Transport satellites from Vandenberg on 5 Oct, taking PWSA to 84; USSF has begun work to link PWSA with the Space Data Network.

So what: More planes in the transport mesh harden data paths against attacks on single satellites.

Pentagon Doubles Down on Pacific Area Denial, Need for High-end Munitions

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A 22 Sep NDS report to SASC commits DoW to deterrence by denial along the First Island Chain: mobile launchers, stand-in forces, mines and Typhon (USNI News).

So what: Dispersed island-chain shooters need space targeting, PNT and SATCOM to close kill chains.

Hegseth issues new directive to hasten U.S. military's counter-drone pursuits

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Hegseth's 2 Oct memo has approval authorities treat counter-drone delays as operational risk, targets spectrum and safety-review lags, and makes JIATF-401 the C-UAS lead.

So what: Faster C-UAS spectrum approvals crowd bands that space and EW users must deconflict.

B-52s Get Prototype System for Beyond-Line-of-Sight Communications

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-02 [Capability](#) [STRATCOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [SATCOM](#)

AFGSC fielded IRIS, a prototype beyond-line-of-sight SATCOM system using Iridium LEO broadband, on the B-52H for long-range strike missions.

So what: Adds commercial LEO SATCOM to the bomber force; a path the theater must plan to protect.

7th Air Force Ends 'Super Squadron' Test, Returns F-16s to Kunsan

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7th AF ended its F-16 Super Squadron test at Osan and returned jets to Kunsan; Korea now has three F-16 squadrons, two at Kunsan and one at Osan.

So what: Restored two-base fighter posture in Korea changes the space support footprint USFK needs.

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PACAF Trilateral AOC Exchange drives combined C2, operational readiness

U.S. Pacific Command · 2026-09-28 [C2](#) [PACOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

US, Australian and Japanese air operations center leaders met at JBPHH 14–16 Sep for AOC-to-AOC Exchange 26-2 to build combined C2 and readiness.

So what: Combined AOC links are where Guardian liaisons can put space effects into air tasking.

Marine Corps plans new warfighter test for future generals

Military Times · 2026-10-02 [Planning](#) [PACOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Exercises](#)

The Marine Corps will test colonels up for brigadier general in a Joint Warfighter Evaluation: plan and lead an all-domain JTF operation against a peer by Feb 2027.

So what: Future GOs will be graded on all-domain planning; space must be in the scenario.

Tropic Lightning Division Tests Communication Capabilities Under Combat Conditions

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The 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Mobile Brigade tested new command-and-control systems under live tactical conditions in Exercise Nakoa Fleek in Hawaii.

So what: Hawaii field C2 tests are a ready venue to add degraded SATCOM and GPS conditions.

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Partner to Win: Space forces Japan Integrates Regional Space Advisors to Deepen Japanese Partnership

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U.S. Space Forces-Japan at Yokota has put Regional Space Advisors into its daily operations to deepen space cooperation with Japan.

So what: Advisors embedded in daily ops set conditions to move Japan from Share toward Plan.

Taiwan, U.K. sign science, technology deal covering 3 areas

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Taiwan and the UK signed an agreement on joint projects in satellite communications, silicon photonics and semiconductor talent, Taiwan's NSTC said on 3 Oct.

So what: Partner SATCOM ties with Taiwan widen the base for resilient regional communications.

Taiwan-donated patrol vessel commissioned into Philippine Coast Guard

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A patrol vessel donated by Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration was commissioned into the Philippine Coast Guard on 2 Oct (Focus Taiwan).

So what: Taiwan-Philippine maritime ties grow; space MDA shared with Manila gains another user.

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 mixed formations near Auli during Yudh Abhyas 2026, which closed 27 Sep after three weeks.

So what: Mixed US-Indian formations hold India at Train; space support can join the next iteration.

WATCH LIST

- SDA T1 Transport Layer (Northrop) launch 5 Oct 0817Z; DPRK follow-on launches and claims of a new IRBM.
- GPS NANU 2026083: PRN12 outage 8–9 Oct; SWPC G1 watch 4 Oct; COSMOS 1598 vs FENGYUN 1C debris CDM.
- ROK Nuri 5th launch 7 Oct; PRC Long March 12 NET 9 Oct; Next-Gen OPIR GEO-1 NET Oct.
- NMESIS on Yonaguni during bilateral drills this month; FPDA Bersama Lima 12–21 Oct.