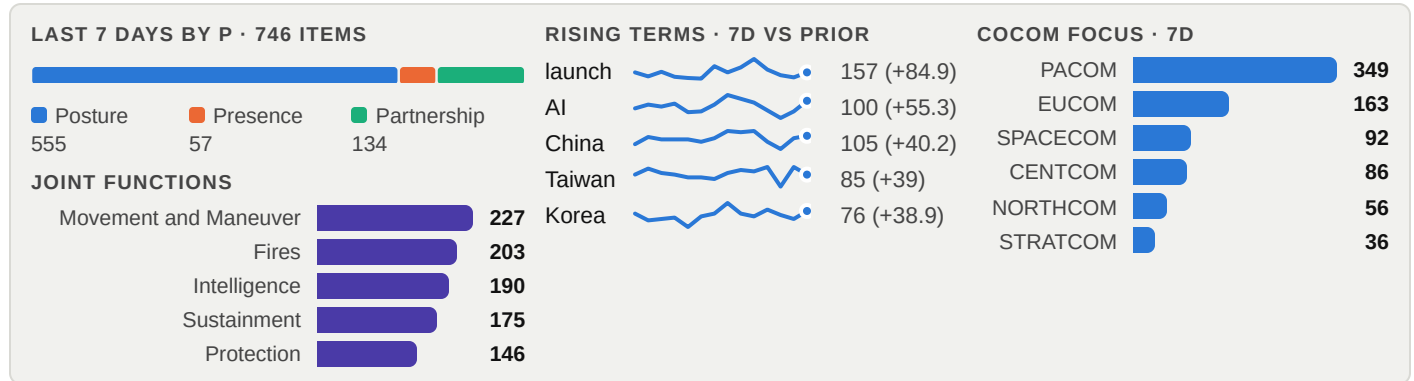


BLUF — Posture (capability): DPRK says its latest missile flew 'skip points' that ROK and Japanese tracking missed; SDA's 21-satellite transport launch slipped to 6 Oct 0817Z. Presence (exercises): USMC will put NMESIS and MADIS on Yonaguni for Keen Sword. Attention: Posture (resilience): a G2 storm hit late on 4 Oct; confirm LEO tracking and HF links before the SDA launch.



Posture

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North Korea says missile 'skip points' expose gaps in South Korean, Japanese tracking

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North Korea says its latest missile used 'skip points' that exposed gaps in ROK and Japanese tracking, disputing both governments' accounts (Stars and Stripes).

So what: A disputed allied track tests theater missile-warning fusion; confirm the shared data.

Live coverage: SpaceX to launch 21 data transport satellites for the Space Development Agency

Spaceflight Now · 2026-10-04 [Capability](#) [SPACECOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Launch](#)

SpaceX will launch 21 SDA Tranche 1 Transport Layer satellites from Vandenberg; Launch Library lists the launch one day later, at 0817Z on 6 Oct.

So what: More PWSA transport nodes widen the data links the joint force needs for theater targeting.

York Space satellites cleared for Space Force GEO tracking mission

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York Space satellites have been cleared for a Space Force mission to track objects in geosynchronous orbit, SpaceNews reported on 5 Oct.

So what: More GEO custody improves warning on PRC RPO activity over the Indo-Pacific.

US Army Welcomes First 600 Enlisted Space Soldiers

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On 1 Oct, 600+ soldiers moved into the Army's new 40D space MOS, trained in counter-SATCOM and navigation warfare; posts include Indo-Pacific commands (Payload).

So what: Enlisted Army space teams add trained counterspace forces SPACEPAC must integrate.

Space weather: ALERT: Geomagnetic K-index of 6

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SWPC reported a G2 (Kp 6) storm at 2057Z on 4 Oct and kept a K5 warning to 1500Z on 5 Oct; LEO drag and high-latitude HF fade are possible.

So what: Check LEO tracking and HF links ahead of the SDA launch window on 6 Oct.

New \$110M PNT center coming to Huntsville

Inside Defense · 2026-10-05 [Resilience](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [PNT / GPS](#)

Advanced Navigation America is opening a \$110M PNT center in Huntsville to build counter-EW navigation sensors for autonomous systems (Inside Defense).

So what: GPS-independent navigation hardens joint forces against PRC jamming in theater.

■ Presence

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US Marine Corps anti-ship weaponry to see exercise action on remote Japan island near Taiwan

Defense News · 2026-10-05 [Exercises](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Exercises](#)

USMC will deploy NMESIS anti-ship and MADIS air-defense systems to Yonaguni, 110 km from Taiwan, for Keen Sword this month (Defense News).

So what: Island-based fires in Keen Sword need space targeting and PNT that hold under jamming.

US defence experts to work inside Taiwan military HQ under reported pact

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-04 [C2](#) [PACOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Taiwan](#)

Taiwanese media report the Pentagon will place an OUSD(P) official and an IDA expert inside Taiwan's military HQ long term (SCMP); DoD has not confirmed.

So what: US advisers inside Taiwan's HQ would put US planners where crisis decisions are made.

Rated Ready is Not Ready: What America's Korea Exercises Actually Measure

War on the Rocks · 2026-09-29 · think tank [Exercises](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Exercises](#)

A former Camp Casey artillery officer argues US exercises in Korea grade units ready without testing how they fight under real conditions (War on the Rocks).

So what: Exercises should grade units on fighting through degraded space support, not on checklists.

China, Philippines trade accusations over South China Sea aircraft encounter

CNA (Asia) · 2026-10-05 [Execution](#) [PACOM](#) [Intelligence](#) [south_china_sea](#)

Manila said a PLA fighter repeatedly flew close to a routine Philippine military patrol over the South China Sea; Beijing said the aircraft entered its airspace (CNA).

So what: Space ISR that documents PLA intercepts backs allied patrols and the public record.

■ Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

American rocket artillery opens fire in joint drill

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-05 [Train](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

US Army M270 crews and Singapore Armed Forces fired together in Daring Warrior 2026 at Fort Sill on 21 Sep to practice coordinated precision fires (US Army).

So what: Combined fires training with Singapore is a ready venue to add shared space support.

UK warships to enter South China Sea despite China protest

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-04 [Train](#) [PACOM](#) [Movement and Maneuver](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

HMS Spey and HMS Tamar enter the South China Sea for FPDA Bersama Lima 26 with Australia, Malaysia, NZ and Singapore, over PRC objections (Royal Navy).

So what: FPDA drills train partners in the SCS where shared space awareness could be added.

Okinawa governor confronts US military over Marine suspected of weekend homicide

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-04 [Share](#) [PACOM](#) [Protection](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

Okinawa Gov. Genta Koja called for revision of the US-Japan SOFA after a Marine was arrested in a weekend homicide (Stars and Stripes).

So what: SOFA friction can slow basing and access talks that space units in Japan rely on.

Taiwan's Envoy Prods Trump Administration on Stalled Arms Sale

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-10-04 [Share](#) [PACOM](#) [Sustainment](#) [Taiwan](#)

Taiwan's representative to the US said he expects President Trump to approve a stalled \$14 billion arms package for Taiwan (Bloomberg).

So what: A stalled sale holds Taiwan at Share and delays systems that would tie into allied sensors.

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- SDA T1 Transport Layer A launch 6 Oct 0817Z; ROK Nuri launches NeonSat-2 to 6 on 7 Oct 0323Z.
- FENGYUN 1C DEB vs METEOR 1-24 Pc 1.1e-2, TCA 6 Oct 1717Z; GPS NANU PRN12 outage 8–9 Oct.
- DPRK follow-on launches; PRC Long March 12 NET 9 Oct; Next-Gen OPIR GEO-1 NET Oct.
- Keen Sword with NMESIS on Yonaguni later this month; FPDA Bersama Lima 12–21 Oct.