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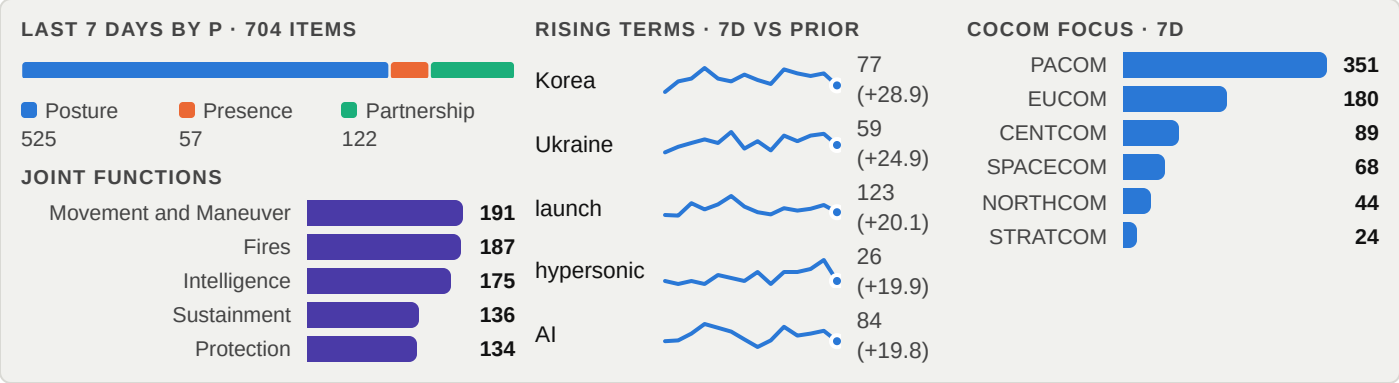
Makani Lab · Theater Joint Force Space Component
Posture · Presence · Partnership

BLUF — Posture (resilience): FBI, CISA and NSA tied PRC cyber tools hitting Japan airports and Taiwan to Integrity Tech, and DOJ seized two; a report says Russia may weigh nuclear space weapons. Presence (planning): the U.S. and Philippines ran their first combined IAMD exercise. Attention: SDA Tranche 1 Transport launches 10 Oct 0739Z; G2 storm watch for 11 Oct (NOAA SWPC).



Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Chinese Government-linked Cyber Threat Actors Combine Automated and Hands-on Hacking Tools to Steal Sensitive Data

CISA Advisories · 2026-10-08 **Resilience** PACOM Protection Cyber Operations

FBI, CISA and NSA warned that Integrity Tech-backed PRC actors scan, phish and spray Exchange; DOJ seized Microscan and FishHub, used on Japan airports and Taiwan.

So what: Same tools hit theater allies; harden Exchange, VPN and IoT edges on command networks.

Russia may turn to nuclear space weapons to counter U.S. missile defenses, report says

SpaceNews · 2026-10-09 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection Russia

A new report says Russia may turn to nuclear space weapons to counter U.S. missile defenses (SpaceNews).

So what: A nuclear detonation in LEO would hit proliferated SATCOM and warning layers at once.

Chinese researchers make Arctic-to-Antarctic call using rival to Musk's Starlink

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-09 **Capability** PACOM Command and Control China / PLA

Chinese polar researchers made an Arctic-to-Antarctic video call over the Guowang LEO constellation, its first publicly reported test (SCMP, citing state media).

So what: A working PRC LEO SATCOM layer gives the PLA a Starlink-like link for its forces.

Space weather: WATCH: Geomagnetic Storm Category G2 Predicted

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center · 2026-10-08 **Resilience** SPACECOM Command and Control Space Weather

SWPC moved its G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm watch to 11 Oct; it warns of satellite orientation errors, more LEO drag and high-latitude HF fades.

So what: Plan for LEO drag and HF fades on 11 Oct; fold the watch into the ops brief.

Space Force Completes Personnel Management Act Transfers from Air Force

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-08 **Force** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

USSF finished transferring the Reserve and Guard members covered by the Personnel Management Act, about 250 part-time Guardians, into its hybrid force.

So what: Part-time Guardians add a manpower pool to source theater space billets.

Pentagon, Raytheon ink up to $6.3 billion multi-year contract for SM-3 IB missiles

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-08 **Capability** PACOM Fires Missile Warning / Defense

DoD awarded Raytheon a multiyear contract worth up to $6.3B for SM-3 Block IB interceptors, months after a framework deal to raise production.

So what: More SM-3 IB stock deepens the missile defense the theater warning chain cues.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

US, Philippine forces sharpen plans to counter missile and drone attacks

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-08 Planning PACOM Fires Allies & Partners

U.S. and Philippine planners tested how they would defend the Philippines against simultaneous missile and drone attacks in their first dedicated combined IAMD exercise.

So what: Missile warning and SDA must be in the IAMD plan from mission analysis onward.

USNI News Western Pacific Pulse: Oct. 9, 2026

USNI News · 2026-10-09 Execution PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

PLA J-16s intercepted a Philippine patrol aircraft at Scarborough Shoal; JASDF scrambled on a PLA TB-001 drone west of Okinawa; TR CSG is in 7th Fleet (USNI).

So what: Space-enabled ISR and warning feed the daily intercepts the joint force answers.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

SpaceX calls for better coordination in orbit after near-misses with Starlink

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-10-08 Share SPACECOM Intelligence On-Orbit Threats

SpaceX, whose 11,000 Starlinks are two-thirds of active LEO satellites, cited conjunctions of tens to hundreds of meters and urged operators to share data (Ars).

So what: Commercial SSA sharing is Share stage; it feeds the theater SDA picture.

Space Force experiment uses HawkEye 360 satellites to listen for signals in orbit

SpaceNews · 2026-10-06 Train SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

A Space Force experiment uses HawkEye 360's commercial RF satellites to listen for signals from objects in orbit (SpaceNews).

So what: Testing commercial RF sensing with USSF moves SDA partnership to Train.

Seoul's push for wartime control draws warning from ex-US Forces Korea commander

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-07 Plan PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

Retired Gen. Robert Abrams, ex-USFK commander, warned Seoul's push for wartime OPCON transfer may strain combined coordination and alliance unity (Stars and Stripes).

So what: OPCON transfer reshapes combined plans; space support to CFC must be replanned too.

Edgewing opens first GCAP engineering site in Turin

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-09 Share PACOM Fires Allies & Partners

Edgewing, the UK-Italy-Japan GCAP fighter venture, opened its first engineering site in Turin; British and Japanese sites follow in coming months.

So what: Deeper Japan-UK industrial ties are Share stage for future allied kill webs.

NIOA, AeroVironment team to offer and support loitering munitions Down Under

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-07 Share PACOM Fires Allies & Partners

Australia's NIOA and AeroVironment teamed to offer and support loitering munitions for Australia and New Zealand.

So what: Common U.S.-ally munitions ease targeting and sustainment links at Share stage.

Japan to launch research study on rapid-response space transport

The Japan Times · 2026-10-09 Share PACOM Movement and Maneuver Japan / ROK

Japan will launch a research study on rapid-response space transport as China, Russia and the U.S. build up military space capabilities (Japan Times).

So what: Japanese responsive launch is a future allied option to reconstitute theater space.

WATCH LIST

- SDA Tranche 1 Transport Layer A Go for 10 Oct 0739Z, Vandenberg; Long March 12 from Wenchang 9 Oct 1925Z.
- G2 storm watch 11 Oct; ISRO SDX01 reentry 12 Oct 0723Z ±17 h, South Pacific (Space-Track TIP).
- FPDA Bersama Lima field phase 12–23 Oct in Singapore, Malaysia and the South China Sea.
- Keen Sword 27 runs 19–29 Oct; SpaceX CRS-35 to the ISS NET 13 Oct.