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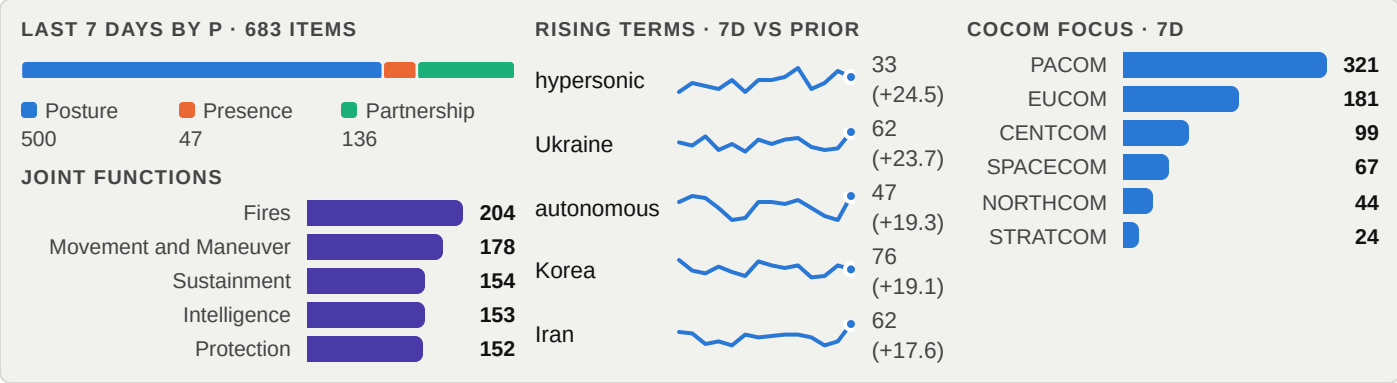
Posture · Presence · Partnership

BLUF — Presence (execution): North Korea fired multiple ballistic missiles from near Pyongyang on 12 Oct that flew over 900 km, days after Seoul's hypersonic test (Yonhap). Posture (capability): Poland says PAC-3 MSE deliveries will slip as the Iran war draws U.S. stocks, and the PLA is running live-fire drills off its coast all week. Attention: DPRK test tempo against thinning interceptor stocks.



Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Patriot interceptor deliveries to Poland will be delayed, top general says

Defense News · 2026-10-12 **Capability** EUCOM Fires Missile Warning / Defense

Poland's operational commander said U.S. PAC-3 MSE interceptor deliveries will slip as the Iran war draws down U.S. weapons stocks (Defense News).

So what: Interceptor strain thins the missile defense that theater warning cues.

Taiwan says it is closely monitoring series of Chinese live-fire drills

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-10-11 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

The PLA is running week-long live-fire drills off China's coast under no-sail notices for five areas; Taiwan says none are near Taiwan (Straits Times).

So what: Gives SDA and ISR a baseline to spot any shift of PLA activity toward Taiwan.

Space Force has money to grow. Building guardians is harder.

SpaceNews · 2026-10-12 **Force** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

SpaceNews reports the Space Force has the money to grow but that producing trained Guardians is the harder problem.

So what: Guardian production, not funding, will set how fast theater billets fill.

Anduril Unveils Steelfin Family Of Modular Surface-To-Air Missiles

The War Zone · 2026-10-11 **Capability** PACOM Fires Missile Warning / Defense

Anduril unveiled Steelfin, modular low-cost interceptors for point to upper-tier missile defense, aimed at the Army's $1.7B Future Interceptor effort (TWZ).

So what: Cheaper interceptors at volume would ease the shooter shortfall warning feeds.

Defence Readiness Bill to give government reserve powers

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-12 **C2 & authorities** EUCOM Sustainment FVEY

UK minister Luke Pollard said a Defence Readiness Bill will give the government reserve powers, including over industry, for escalation toward war (UKDJ).

So what: A FVEY model for crisis authorities over defense industry and supply chains.

Taiwan aims to raise pilot retirement age to 58 as new F-16V jets arrive

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-12 **Force** PACOM Sustainment Taiwan

Taiwan plans to let military pilots serve to age 58, up from about 48, as it forms squadrons for 66 new F-16V Block 70s (SCMP).

So what: Partner aircrew gaps raise reliance on U.S. ISR and warning in a Taiwan crisis.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

(3rd LD) N. Korea fires multiple ballistic missiles after S. Korea's hypersonic weapon test

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-11 Execution PACOM Fires DPRK

North Korea fired multiple ballistic missiles from near Pyongyang into the East Sea on 12 Oct; ROK JCS said they flew over 900 km (Yonhap).

So what: A live test of theater missile warning and tracking handoff to Seoul and Tokyo.

Seventeen nations join NATO nuclear exercise in Italy

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-12 Exercises EUCOM Command and Control Exercises

NATO's Steadfast Noon nuclear deterrence exercise opens 13 Oct in Italy with 17 nations, up from 14 last year; U.S. crews fly from Aviano (UKDJ).

So what: Rehearses alliance nuclear C2, which relies on space-based warning and SATCOM.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

US Army gets first mobile cannon to replace M777 howitzer, officials say

Defense News · 2026-10-12 Plan PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

The U.S. Army took delivery of its first Hanwha Mobile Tactical Cannon, based on ROK's K9, to replace the M777; production must onshore in two years.

So what: Moves U.S.-ROK industrial ties toward Depend as Army fires adopt a Korean design.

Starlink India launch: Why Elon Musk is still waiting

Deutsche Welle (World) · 2026-10-12 Share PACOM Command and Control SATCOM

Starlink's India service remains stalled despite key approvals, amid security clearance and competition concerns (DW).

So what: Leaves a Quad partner without a proven commercial LEO SATCOM pathway.

OT-ISAC, SUTD combine research and industry threat intelligence to strengthen OT cybersecurity preparedness

Industrial Cyber · 2026-10-12 Share PACOM Protection Cyber Operations

Singapore's OT-ISAC and SUTD signed an MOU to share OT cyber threat intelligence and run regional exercises and training (Industrial Cyber).

So what: Sets a Share channel for OT threat data that partner ground segments can use.

Germany eyes joining GCAP fighter jet project with U.K, Italy and Japan

The Japan Times · 2026-10-09 Plan PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

Germany is weighing joining the UK-Italy-Japan GCAP fighter program after a rival Franco-German program collapsed in June (Japan Times).

So what: Widens the allied industrial planning circle around Japan's next fighter.

Beijing sanctions Paraguayan and Belizean ministers over support for Taiwan

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-11 Share PACOM Information China / PLA

Beijing sanctioned Paraguay's ICT minister and Belize's foreign minister over deals with Taipei; Taiwan's MOFA condemned the move (SCMP).

So what: PRC pressure on Taiwan's partners tests how far Taipei's ties can move past Share.

WATCH LIST

- G1 storm watch 13 Oct (SWPC); SDX01 (India) reentry predicted 13 Oct near Mindanao (Space-Track TIP).
- GPS maintenance outages: SVN52 (PRN31) 13 Oct and SVN53 (PRN17) 15 Oct (NANU).
- PLA live-fire drills in five areas off China's coast run all week; watch for any move toward Taiwan.
- Steadfast Noon runs about 10 days from 13 Oct; Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct with NMESIS on Yonaguni.