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BLUF — Posture (capability): SpaceNews reports the Space Force will deploy satellite jammers more widely; a DoD IG audit says unencrypted SMS metadata on DoD phones can expose command posts. Presence: Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct with Japanese long-range missiles and U.S. weapons on Yonaguni. Partnership held at Share, with U.S.-ROK intel ties strained (Bloomberg). Attention: Kyiv says Starlink limits persist and no one owns the order.

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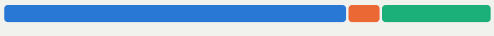

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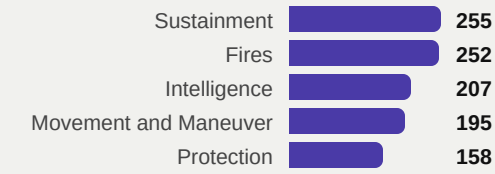

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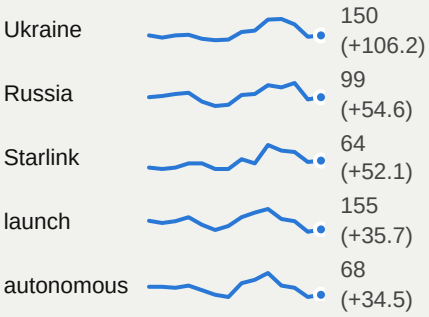

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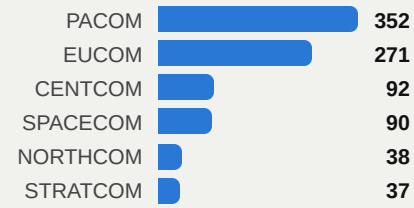

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Space Force plans wider global deployment of satellite jammers

SpaceNews · 2026-10-18 **Capability** SPACECOM Fires USSF

SpaceNews reports the Space Force plans to deploy its satellite jammers more widely around the globe.

So what: Counterspace EW fielded forward needs theater basing, authorities and fires integration.

Pentagon's wireless services left locations, data exposed, watchdog finds

Task & Purpose · 2026-10-17 **Resilience** Protection Cyber Operations

DoD IG found unencrypted SMS and unvetted carrier metadata on 568,000 Spiral 4 lines could reveal command posts; fixes remain unresolved (Task & Purpose).

So what: Phone metadata can fix a dispersed space C2 node; SMS discipline is a survivability issue.

As Space Force opens market for in-orbit surveillance, Northrop Grumman touts its experience

SpaceNews · 2026-10-16 **Capability** SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

SpaceNews reports the Space Force is opening a market for commercial in-orbit surveillance, with Northrop Grumman pitching its experience.

So what: Commercial in-orbit SDA could thicken custody of on-orbit threats over the theater.

Three Chinese reusable launch startups emerge with diverse rocket designs and funding

SpaceNews · 2026-10-16 **Capability** PACOM Sustainment China / PLA

Three newer Chinese reusable-rocket startups announced rocket series or funding within one week despite a crowded launch sector (SpaceNews).

So what: More PRC reusable lift shortens the time to replace or proliferate PLA satellites.

Navy accepts delivery of future E-130J TACAMO aircraft

Inside Defense · 2026-10-16 **Resilience** STRATCOM Command and Control Policy & Budget

Lockheed delivered the first C-130J for the Navy's E-130J TACAMO fleet, which replaces the E-6B; the Navy plans 31 aircraft on a $26B baseline (Inside Defense).

So what: A survivable airborne relay backs up nuclear C2 if space links are contested.

NSA publishes zero-trust guidance aimed at securing defense operational technology systems

Inside Defense · 2026-10-15 **Resilience** CYBERCOM Protection Cyber Operations

NSA's 8 Oct guidance lists high-impact zero-trust activities and compensating controls for operational technology on national security systems (Inside Defense).

So what: Ground-station and launch-range OT is a soft path into space C2; this sets the hardening bar.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Joint Japan-U.S. military drill set to break new ground

The Japan Times · 2026-10-17 Exercises PACOM Fires Exercises

Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct; Japan will deploy longer-range missiles and the U.S. will send advanced weapons to Yonaguni, with the Roosevelt CSG in Japan (Japan Times).

So what: Long-range fires on Yonaguni need space targeting and warning; exercise them degraded.

Who capped Starlink in Ukraine? Musk, Trump and Rubio give three different answers

France 24 (English) · 2026-10-18 Execution EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Kyiv says Starlink limits still hamper drone defense; Trump denies ordering a curb, Musk says it came from the president, and Kyiv is weighing French options (France 24).

So what: SATCOM throttled by an outside decision stalls execution; plans need a PACE path.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

US Ties With South Korea Hit Low Point Over Intelligence Row

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-10-15 Share PACOM Intelligence Japan / ROK

Bloomberg says U.S.-ROK ties are at a low point over investment deals and intelligence leaks, compromising Seoul's ability to respond to North Korea.

So what: A strained intel channel with Seoul puts missile-warning sharing at risk of sliding back.

Fiji to deploy solar-powered Australian military drones at sea

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-10-15 Plan PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

Fiji will deploy solar-powered Australian military drones at sea in 2027, officials said (Straits Times).

So what: Moves AUS-Fiji maritime awareness to a fielding plan that U.S. space ISR can cue.

Ukraine’s Delta system proves NATO compatible at sea

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-18 Train EUCOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

Ukraine ran maritime drone operations through its Delta C2 system at NATO's REPMUS 2026 to STANAG 4817, reporting steady use under unstable links (UKDJ).

So what: A partner C2 system training on NATO data standards sets the bar for coalition space data.

Firms queue for Ukraine’s captured Russian weapons data

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-17 Share EUCOM Intelligence Russia

Ukraine's TrophyLab portal on captured Russian weapons drew 650+ applications, 389 from foreign defense firms, which can order samples for study (UKDJ).

So what: Shared exploitation data on Russian EW and munitions speeds partner countermeasures.

SpaceX Satellite Rival Set to Be Fast-Tracked by EU Commission

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-10-15 Share EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

The EU aims to fast-track antitrust approval of a Leonardo, Airbus and Thales satellite venture seen as Europe's answer to SpaceX, a source told Bloomberg.

So what: Allied sovereign SATCOM gives partners a hedge if one commercial provider is throttled.

US arms firm Anduril could make interceptors in Europe, executive says

Defense News · 2026-10-18 Share EUCOM Fires Allies & Partners

Anduril says it could build its Steelfin interceptor, due to fly in 2027, in Europe and is already in talks with Poland's PGZ on Barracuda-500 production (Defense News).

So what: Allied interceptor lines ease the stock shortfall that missile warning ultimately serves.

WATCH LIST

- Keen Sword 27 opens 19 Oct; watch for space, EW and targeting roles tied to Yonaguni and Japan's missiles.
- Japan's H3 launches JAXA's MMX from Tanegashima 19 Oct UTC; SWPC has a G1 storm watch for 20 Oct.
- Starshield: who ordered the limits, the Senate push for a DoD IG review, and Kyiv's French options.
- Typhoon Champi nears Taiwan: CWA sea warning possible night of 21 Oct, land warning 22 Oct.