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BLUF — Partnership (depend): Ukraine's MoD says Starlink/Starshield speeds were restored on 24 Oct after about 10 days of throttling (Politico Europe). Posture (capability): PRC put seven Yaogan ISR satellites into orbit on 23 Oct, one in a highly retrograde orbit (SpaceNews). Presence: Army will tie its space warfare systems into tactical C2 at Project Convergence 7. Attention: no one has said who can limit a partner's commercial SATCOM.

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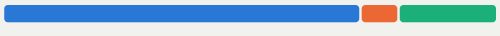

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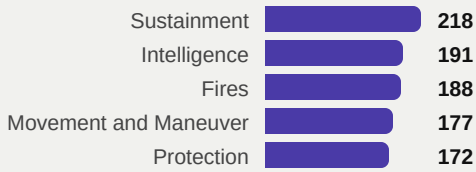

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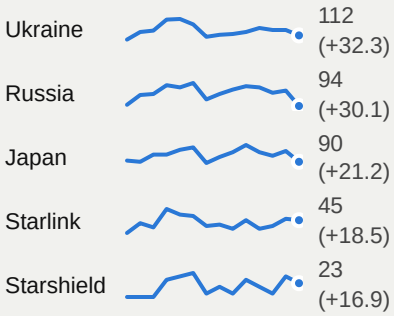

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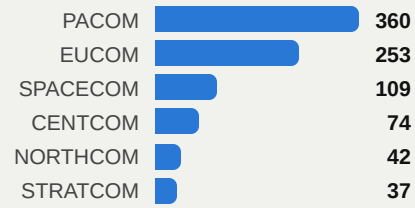

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

China launches highly retrograde Yaogan-50 spy satellite, Long March 4B lofts six further Yaogan spacecraft

SpaceNews · 2026-10-23 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

PRC sent Yaogan-50 03 to a highly retrograde orbit on 23 Oct, then a Long March 4B put six more Yaogan ISR satellites in LEO from Jiuquan (SpaceNews).

So what: More PRC ISR revisit over the theater shortens time to target U.S. and allied forces.

Kadena Implements Curfew, Alcohol Restrictions for Junior Troops After Japanese Civilian Dies

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-23 Force PACOM Protection Japan / ROK

18th Wing barred E-1 to E-4 Airmen and Guardians at Kadena from alcohol and night liberty through 8 Nov after a Marine's arrest in an Okinawa killing; PACAF confirmed.

So what: Force conduct on Okinawa is now an alliance issue for every Guardian in Japan.

Four KJ-3000 Radar Jets At Chinese Factory Point To Serial Production

The War Zone · 2026-10-22 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

Vantor imagery from 5 Oct shows four KJ-3000 AEW&C jets at Xi'an; a Mitchell Institute analyst assesses serial production has begun (TWZ).

So what: More PLA airborne C2 and sensing raises demand for space-based tracking and warning.

DOD's CDD for the PTS-P program

Inside Defense · 2026-10-23 Resilience SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

Inside Defense released the May 2026 Capability Development Document for USSF's Enhanced Protected Tactical SATCOM Prototype (PTS-P), cleared on 24 Sep.

So what: Sets the anti-jam requirements for tactical SATCOM in a contested theater.

Ukraine’s Starlink woes should be a wake-up call for Taiwan, analysts say

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-24 Resilience PACOM Command and Control Taiwan

Analysts told SCMP Taiwan should not rely on one foreign satellite provider for wartime communications after Starlink limits disrupted Ukraine's drone operations.

So what: A single-provider SATCOM plan for a Taiwan contingency is a single point of failure.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Army aims to network space warfare systems for remote operations in 2027

Inside Defense · 2026-10-23 **Execution** SPACECOM Fires Electronic Warfare

SMDC says Army space warfare systems cannot yet be run remotely or monitored on a common network; it will test links to tactical C2 at Project Convergence 7 in 2027.

So what: Networked Army space effects can be synchronized with fires; until then, they cannot.

USNI News Western Pacific Pulse: Oct. 23, 2026

USNI News · 2026-10-23 **Exercises** PACOM Movement and Maneuver Exercises

TR CSG leads Japanese, Australian, Canadian and French ships in Keen Sword 27, while PLAN carrier Liaoning's group transited the Basilan Strait on 23 Oct (USNI News).

So what: Keen Sword is where space support to the fleet gets tested with a PLA carrier nearby.

DUNE Project Aims to Unite Legacy and Cloud Tools in Air Ops Centers

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-23 **C2** Command and Control Emerging Space Tech

Kessel Run's DUNE merges cloud and legacy on-premises tools so Air Operations Centers get software updates worldwide in real time and can run distributed C2.

So what: A common AOC software base eases putting space liaisons' data into air C2.

Army unit experimenting with small drones for ‘tailored cyber effects’

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-22 **Execution** CYBERCOM Fires Cyber Operations

The Army is testing drone-mounted cyber and EW payloads to set standard equipment for its 11th Cyber Battalion and a second battalion to come (Breaking Defense).

So what: Tactical cyber and EW effects will need deconfliction with friendly SATCOM and PNT.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Starlink connection restored at high speed in Ukraine, defense minister says

Politico Europe · 2026-10-24 **Depend** EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Ukraine's MoD said Starlink/Starshield speeds were restored on 24 Oct; throttling since mid-October dropped drone links above 160 km/h (Politico Europe, Guardian).

So what: Partner dependence on one commercial SATCOM can be switched off without warning.

ComSO develops system to help PAEs get security clearance for new businesses

Inside Defense · 2026-10-22 **Share** SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

USSF's Commercial Space Office launched ACES so acquisition executives can get new firms the clearances needed to compete for classified space work (Inside Defense).

So what: Opens classified requirements to commercial providers, the first step to buying.

US, allies and China vie for influence through Pacific security deals

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-23 **Share** PACOM Information Allies & Partners

A CSIS mapping tool counts 56 security arrangements among 14 Pacific island states as the U.S., allies and China compete for influence (SCMP).

So what: Shows where Pacific partners stand before any space or SDA access ask.

5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force strengthen partnership through joint fires training

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-21 **Train** PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

III MEF's 5th ANGLICO evaluated JGSDF joint terminal attack controllers at Camp Hansen and the W-174 range on Okinawa, 14-17 Sep (INDOPACOM).

So what: Shared joint fires standards with Japan are the base for adding space effects later.

WATCH LIST

- PRC Long March 8A with an undisclosed payload is set to launch from Wenchang at 0150 UTC 25 Oct.
- Kosmos 2612 trails ICEYE-X36; Integrity ISR says ICEYE-X37 could see a similar approach within weeks.
- GPS PRN18 maintenance outage 29 Oct 2100Z to 30 Oct 0900Z (NANU 2026097); check theater PNT users.
- Keen Sword 27 ends 29 Oct; Kadena liberty and alcohol limits for E-1 to E-4 run to 8 Nov.