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BLUF — Posture (authorities): the U.S. military gave SpaceX access to restricted space tracking data (The Guardian), reopening who controls orbital traffic and SDA data. Presence (C2): CSO Gen. Schiess directed USSF to embed combat-effective Guardians in combatant commands at scale. Partnership (train): Japan fielded its Type-25 antiship missile in Keen Sword. Attention: rules for releasing SDA data to commercial firms are unclear.

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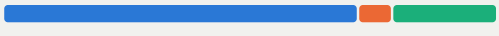

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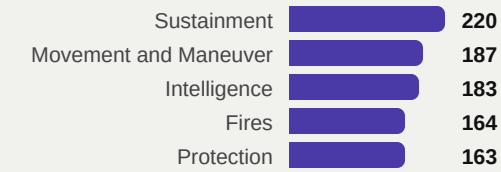

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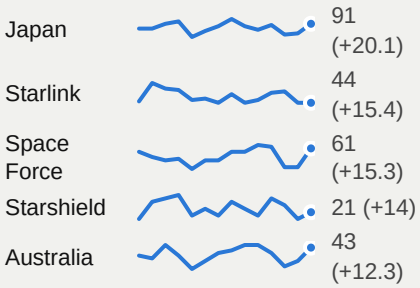

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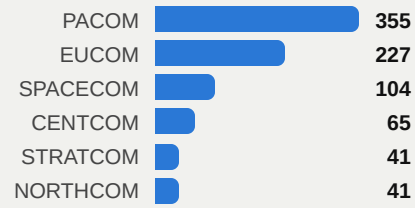

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

US military gives Elon Musk’s SpaceX access to sensitive tracking data

The Guardian (World) · 2026-10-25 C2 & authorities · SPACECOM · Intelligence · USSF

The Guardian reports the U.S. military gave SpaceX access to restricted space tracking data; observers raise national security and orbital traffic control concerns.

So what: Reopens who releases SDA data; TJFSCC should know who now sees theater catalog data.

New launch pads set to boost China’s Hainan commercial spaceport

SpaceNews · 2026-10-22 Capability · PACOM · Movement and Maneuver · China / PLA

China's Hainan commercial spaceport, its first, is set to bring two new pads online by year end and targets more than 30 launches in 2027 (SpaceNews).

So what: More PRC launch capacity speeds ISR and SATCOM constellation build-out over the AOR.

CISA publishes strategy with eye on the next four years

CyberScoop · 2026-10-26 Resilience · NORTHCOM · Protection · Cyber Operations

CISA published 'CISA 2030: Defend, Harden, Prevail'; it will review core services within 60 days and implement changes over 180 days (CyberScoop).

So what: Sets the hardening baseline for the U.S. infrastructure that space ground sites rely on.

Australians should prepare for online services to go down unexpectedly as threats rise, cyber agency warns

The Guardian (World) · 2026-10-26 Resilience · PACOM · Protection · Cyber Operations

Australia's ASD warned online services may go down unexpectedly, said security must come before availability, and urged AI tools against AI-enabled attackers (Guardian).

So what: An ally is planning for outages; partner ground and network links must be built to degrade.

Ukraine warns hackers are exploiting Chinese-made Dahua surveillance cameras

The Record (Recorded Future) · 2026-10-26 Resilience · EUCOM · Protection · Cyber Operations

CERT-UA says hackers compromised Chinese-made Dahua internet-connected cameras and video recorders, changed their settings and created unauthorized accounts (The Record).

So what: PRC-made cameras at partner sites can be turned against force protection; check host bases.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Space Force wants to embed more guardians into the joint force

Task & Purpose · 2026-10-25 C2 SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

CSO Gen. Schiess told the force USSF must embed combat-effective Guardians in combatant commands at scale and build on-orbit weapons; it just formed a SOCOM component.

So what: Backs more Guardians on CCDR staffs; SPACEPAC should state its own billet demand now.

US missiles strike sea target in coordinated attack during Keen Sword exercise

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-25 Execution PACOM Fires Exercises

In Keen Sword, missiles from Navy aircraft and Marine Corps ground launchers hit a floating target in a strike coordinated with Japanese forces (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Live maritime fires show where space targeting and PNT must sync with the kill chain.

Smack Technologies lands new deal for AI prototype to enhance joint military campaigning

DefenseScoop · 2026-10-26 Planning SPACECOM Command and Control AI & Data

SOCOM gave Smack Technologies an OTA worth up to $7.5M to prototype Omega, an AI tool that builds and repairs joint campaign COAs without constant cloud links.

So what: AI COA tools could fold space effects into joint planning faster; watch for theater pilots.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Pentagon chief Hegseth to visit Philippines to meet US allies at Asean events

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-26 Share PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

The Pentagon said Defense Secretary Hegseth will visit the Philippines this week to meet regional allies at ASEAN events, before an expected Trump-Xi meeting (SCMP).

So what: Ministerial talks in Manila can open doors for space data sharing with the Philippines.

Musk’s Starlink Explanation Challenged by Texas GOP Lawmaker

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-10-25 Depend EUCOM Command and Control SATCOM

Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) disputed Musk's reason for throttling Ukraine's Starlink, saying Kyiv uses it defensively, and called for wider access (Bloomberg).

So what: Congress is now weighing in on partner reliance on a single commercial SATCOM provider.

New Japanese antiship missile goes mobile during massive joint exercise

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-25 Train PACOM Fires Exercises

Japan deployed its new Type-25 mobile antiship missile in Keen Sword; Stars and Stripes reports a ~620-mile range, reaching parts of China's coast and DPRK from Kyushu.

So what: Allied long-range fires in drills raise demand for shared space targeting and warning.

Space Force seeks commercial tech to modernize data networks and software

SpaceNews · 2026-10-26 Share SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

SpaceNews reports the Space Force is seeking commercial technology to modernize its data networks and software.

So what: Opens a lane for industry to modernize the networks that carry theater space data.

Germany's Merz heads to Asia as security issues loom large

Deutsche Welle (World) · 2026-10-26 Share PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

German Chancellor Merz is visiting Singapore, Japan and South Korea as Berlin adjusts its foreign policy to supply-chain threats and rising uncertainty (DW).

So what: Wider European ties with Indo-Pacific partners can add sensors and data to share.

WATCH LIST

- Hegseth visits the Philippines for ASEAN defense meetings this week; watch for space or SDA deliverables.
- GPS NANU 2026097: PRN18 maintenance outage forecast 29 Oct 2100Z to 30 Oct 0900Z.
- Defence in Space Conference, London, 27-28 Oct; Milsat Symposium, Mountain View, 28-29 Oct.
- No USSF or SPACECOM statement yet on Kosmos 2612's 15-19 Oct approach to ICEYE-X36.