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

BLUF — Posture (capability): North Korea showed attack drones, cruise missiles and 600mm rockets as Kim urged drone and AI superiority; PACOM judged the latest launches no immediate threat (Yonhap). Partnership (share): the US and Japan agreed to assemble AMRAAMs in Japan and raise SM-3 IIA output. Attention: a launch shortfall of about 150 through 2030 limits space reconstitution (Ars Technica).

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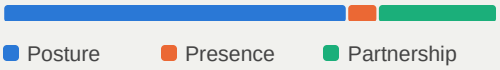

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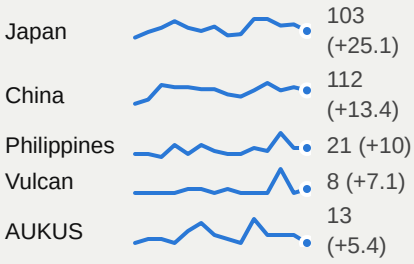

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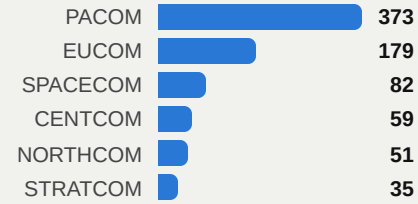

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

N. Korea reports weapons demonstration featuring cruise missiles, rocket launchers, drones

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-29 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence DPRK

North Korea staged a weapons demonstration of attack drones, cruise missiles and its 600mm 'Sniper' rocket launcher; Kim called for drone and AI superiority (Yonhap).

So what: Adds cruise-missile and drone cues to the theater warning and SDA picture.

Analysts find looming launch crisis is "more severe" than anticipated

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-10-30 **Capability** SPACECOM Sustainment Launch

Quilty Space projects a non-Chinese shortfall of about 150 launches through 2030, possibly doubling with US military demand (Ars Technica, SpaceNews).

So what: Limits how fast lost theater space capability can be replaced or augmented.

When Will US Transfer Operational Control to South Korea? Debate Rages

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-10-29 **C2 & authorities** PACOM Command and Control Japan / ROK

Gen. Brunson says OPCON transfer must be conditions-based; Seoul wants it by 2030 and the December SCM slipped to 2027 (Air & Space Forces Magazine).

So what: Sets who will command Guardians and space support in a peninsula fight.

Duffey pushes acquisition chiefs to legal limits, eyes expanded powers

Inside Defense · 2026-10-29 **C2 & authorities** SPACECOM Sustainment Policy & Budget

USD(A&S) Duffey's 19 Oct memo tells portfolio acquisition executives to push current law to its limits and flag statutes to change (Inside Defense).

So what: Could speed fielding of space capability the CCDR has requested.

Taiwan 2027 conflict window remains valid, Army Pacific commander says

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-29 **Force** PACOM maneuver China / PLA

USARPAC's Gen. Clark said the 2027 Taiwan window remains valid and the Army is positioning people and equipment across the Pacific to meet it (Breaking Defense).

So what: Joint force posture is set to 2027; space force readiness must match it.

Europe Begins Funding Offensive In-Space Capabilities

Payload · 2026-10-29 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection Allies & Partners

The EDF tapped OSMOS X for an on-orbit threat response study and the UK named Astroscale UK prime of its £15M LEDA RPO program (Payload).

So what: Allied RPO counters could contest adversary close approaches in GEO and LEO.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

U.S. PACOM says no immediate threat from N. Korea's latest missile launches

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-29 Execution PACOM Intelligence DPRK

PACOM assessed North Korea's latest launches posed no immediate threat; ROK, US and Japanese senior diplomats conferred by phone (Yonhap).

So what: Missile warning fed a same-day threat call to the CCDR and allies.

GDIT puts Vion mission partner environment technology through its paces during Pacific exercise

DefenseScoop · 2026-10-29 C2 PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

GDIT's Vion mission partner kit ran C2 applications and federated partner access in the Olympus Fires exercise in the Pacific (DefenseScoop).

So what: Shows a coalition C2 path for passing space effects to partner cells.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

US, Japan reach agreements for AMRAAM assembly, SM-3 production boost: Japanese MoD

Breaking Defense · 2026-10-29 Share PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

The US and Japan agreed to assemble AMRAAMs in Japan and boost SM-3 Block IIA production, Japan's MoD said (Breaking Defense, TWZ).

So what: Shares the allied missile defense load the space warning layer cues.

With China in mind, Japan eyes more realistic joint military exercises

The Japan Times · 2026-10-29 Train PACOM Command and Control Japan / ROK

Hegseth and Koizumi committed this week to more realistic US-Japan joint exercises aimed at China (Japan Times).

So what: Opens a slot to train Japan with contested space and degraded links.

Freedom Flag 26-2: U.S. Seventh AF, ROK AFOC commanders conduct ‘Friendship Flight’ at Kunsan AB

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-28 Train PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

7th AF and ROK AFOC commanders flew together in Freedom Flag 26-2 at Kunsan on 27 Oct; North Korea denounced the drills via KCNA.

So what: Combined air training is where ROK space support can be rehearsed.

Presence with Purpose: MRF-SEA Builds on U.S.-Philippine Relationship

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-28 Train PACOM maneuver Allies & Partners

I MEF Marines and Sailors are deploying to the Philippines for the sixth Marine Rotational Force-Southeast Asia, after months of bilateral training.

So what: A standing rotation gives a venue to train Philippine forces with space support.

Space Enterprise Consortium Unites Industry Leaders and Space Force Acquisition Program Offices to Fast-Track National Security Capabilities

Space Systems Command · 2026-10-30 Plan SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

SSC's Space Enterprise Consortium drew a record 800 attendees to its 20 Oct meeting, where USSF program offices briefed industry on capability gaps.

So what: Moves commercial vendors from sharing toward planning against USSF gaps.

Vietnam signs the Artemis Accords

SpaceNews · 2026-10-29 Share PACOM Information Allies & Partners

Vietnam signed the Artemis Accords, the 78th nation to do so (SpaceNews).

So what: Adds a Southeast Asian partner to shared norms for responsible space use.

WATCH LIST

- Falcon 9 USSF-432 3 Nov 0142Z; Vulcan returns to flight 13 Nov with 40 Amazon Leo satellites.
- Malabar 2026 (US, Australia, India, Japan) off Honshu 5-12 Nov; look for space or MDA serials.
- SWPC G1 storm watch 31 Oct-1 Nov; DPRK follow-on launches after this week's salvo and demonstration.
- ROK-US OPCON transfer: SCM pushed to 2027; watch for the revised conditions USFK said must be met.