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BLUF — Posture (capability): North Korea tested a cluster-bomb warhead for tactical ballistic missiles, and the FBI tied the $6.3B Binance theft to its TraderTraitor group (Yonhap, The Guardian). Partnership (share): Merz pressed Japan, the ROK and Singapore for defense-industry ties. Attention: China Coast Guard patrols on Taiwan's eastern supply route have run since October (SCMP).

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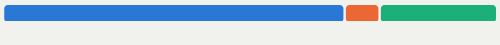

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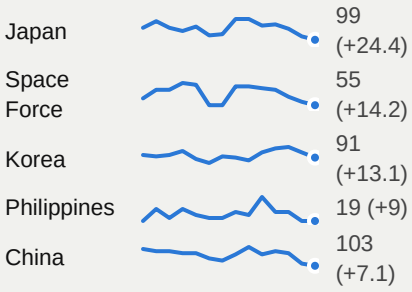

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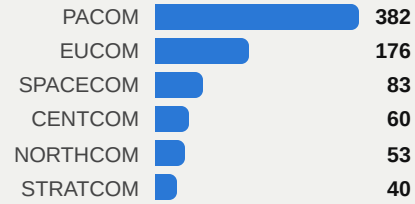

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

(LEAD) N. Korea tests cluster bomb mountable on tactical ballistic missiles

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-31 Capability PACOM Fires DPRK

North Korea tested a cluster-bomb warhead for tactical ballistic missiles on 31 Oct; KCNA claims it can cover 12 to 13 hectares (Yonhap, Japan Times).

So what: Adds area-effect SRBM payloads to the threat set missile warning must cue for ROK and Japan.

Binance says 90% of losses from $6.3bn hack covered as FBI says North Korea behind attack

The Guardian (World) · 2026-10-31 Capability PACOM Intelligence DPRK

The FBI tied the $6.3B Binance theft to DPRK's TraderTraitor; Binance says it covered 90% of losses. Sources link a GMO hack in Japan to DPRK (Guardian, ST).

So what: Record crypto theft funds DPRK missile programs and shows its reach into allied networks.

Beijing ramps up maritime patrols around Taiwan, prompting Taipei to shadow ships

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-31 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

China Coast Guard says its Hushi task group has patrolled east of Taiwan since October; Taipei says Beijing has no jurisdiction and is shadowing the ships (SCMP).

So what: Gray-zone patrols on Taiwan's eastern supply route raise demand for theater maritime ISR.

Space weather: ALERT: Geomagnetic K-index of 6

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center · 2026-10-31 Resilience PACOM Command and Control Space Weather

NOAA SWPC reported G2 (Kp 6) conditions at 1914Z on 31 Oct; G1 recurred at 0117Z on 1 Nov, with impacts mostly poleward of 55 degrees geomagnetic latitude.

So what: Moderate storms can degrade HF, SATCOM and GPS accuracy at high latitudes, incl. Alaska.

Cape pressing ahead with spaceport upgrades despite near-term launch downturn

SpaceNews · 2026-10-31 Resilience SPACECOM Sustainment USSF

The Space Force is continuing Cape Canaveral spaceport upgrades to support much higher launch rates despite fewer launches from the Cape this year (SpaceNews).

So what: Range capacity sets how fast lost or new satellites can be launched to reconstitute.

Landspace tops bid to launch China’s Haolong reusable cargo spaceplane

SpaceNews · 2026-10-30 Capability SPACECOM Intelligence China / PLA

Landspace won a tender to launch a spacecraft understood to be the Haolong reusable cargo spaceplane serving China's Tiangong station (SpaceNews).

So what: A second PRC reusable spaceplane line adds on-orbit logistics capacity for SDA to track.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

China and US expand military drone flights near Japan and the South China Sea

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-30 Execution PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

SCMP reports PRC drones are patrolling straits near Japan while a US Marine drone detachment operates near disputed South China Sea islands.

So what: Joint drone ops near the SCS depend on SATCOM and PNT the component must keep in sync.

BS27-1: 18th SFS tests attack response during Beverly Sword

USINDOPACOM · 2026-10-28 Exercises PACOM Protection Exercises

During Beverly Sword 27-1 on 28 Oct, Kadena's 18th SFS responded to a simulated missile strike on its building, sweeping and evacuating personnel (USINDOPACOM).

So what: Base attack drills test whether missile warning reaches the wing in time to act on it.

Taiwan Air Force to kick off annual Sky Dragon drills

Focus Taiwan (CNA) · 2026-10-31 Exercises PACOM Fires Taiwan

Taiwan's Air Force begins its annual Sky Dragon drills on 2 Nov to test pilot combat skills and ground logistics support, a military source told CNA.

So what: Shows how Taiwan plans to generate sorties under attack, a key theater planning factor.

U.S. Marines Deploy Neros Archer Drone in Camp Fuji Exercise

USNI News · 2026-10-28 Execution PACOM Fires Exercises

31st MEU Marines flew Neros Archer FPV strike drones in live fire at Camp Fuji on 20 Oct, pairing ISR drones with strike operators in hunter-killer teams (USNI).

So what: Sensor-to-shooter drone teams at squad level need PNT and links that hold up under jamming.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

How Merz's five-day Asia trip ended up being mostly about Europe

Politico Europe · 2026-10-31 Share PACOM Sustainment Allies & Partners

Merz closed a Singapore, Japan and ROK trip urging collective security and defense-industry ties; PM Takaichi called it a premium partnership (Politico Europe).

So what: German industry ties with Japan and the ROK widen the partner base, still at the Share stage.

Saab launches space command and control platform

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-28 Share PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

Saab Australia launched the Allied Mission System, a cloud platform fusing space domain awareness, mission management and C2, sold as a service (UKDJ).

So what: An allied commercial SDA and C2 tool could feed combined space ops once sharing is set up.

Mines, drones, supplies: Australia lets adversaries know what Ghost Shark can do

ASPI The Strategist · 2026-10-29 · think tank Share PACOM Fires Allies & Partners

ASPI says Australia's disclosure of Ghost Shark uncrewed submarine roles, including mines, drones and supplies, signals wartime options to adversaries and AUKUS.

So what: AUKUS Pillar II autonomy is maturing; partners can begin to plan its combined use.

From tanks to space, Norway and Germany forge ahead with 'Hansa' defense pact

Defense News · 2026-10-30 Train EUCOM Sustainment Allies & Partners

Norway and Germany began building Leopard 2A8s in Norway under the Hansa pact, whose priorities include space-based surveillance, targeting and comms (Defense News).

So what: A model for pairing allied industry, training and space ISR that Pacific partners can study.

WATCH LIST

- Kinetica 2 (SpaceSail/G60) from Jiuquan 3 Nov 0010Z; Falcon 9 USSF-432 from Vandenberg 3 Nov 0142Z.
- Malabar 2026 (US, Australia, India, Japan) near Japan this week; look for MDA or space serials.
- Taiwan Sky Dragon drills start 2 Nov while CCG Hushi task group patrols east of Taiwan continue.
- Ivanti Connect Secure KEV due 2 Nov; watch for DPRK TraderTraitor follow-on activity against Japanese firms.