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BLUF — Posture (capability): DPRK is testing new weapons at twice the pace of Trump's first term (Bloomberg), and China flew four launches in a week while growing two LEO SATCOM constellations. Partnership (Share): USSF used Global MILSATCOM to push co-investment and pre-crisis SATCOM agreements with allies. Presence was quiet. Watch Golden Dome: the new Congress is expected to limit funding and cut the boost-phase layer.

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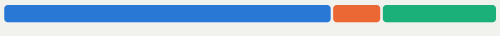

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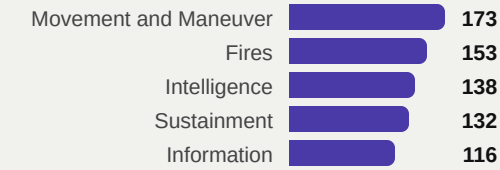

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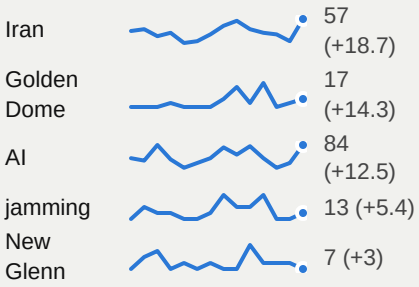

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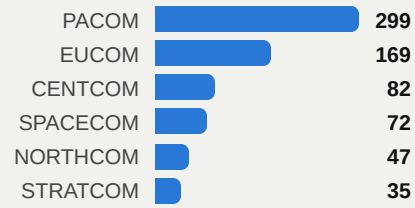

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

North Korea's Weapons Tests Surge to Twice Trump First-Term Pace

Bloomberg (Politics) · 2026-11-08 Capability PACOM Fires DPRK

Bloomberg says DPRK is testing new weapons at twice the pace of Trump's first term, from missiles aimed at the US and allies to air defenses; 20+ launch events in 2026.

So what: Higher DPRK test tempo loads theater missile warning and the SDA sensors that cue it.

Ceres-2 reaches orbit, Kinetica-2 lofts Qianfan satellites in four-launch week for China

SpaceNews · 2026-11-08 Capability PACOM Command and Control China / PLA

China flew four launches in a week, incl. second flights of Ceres-2 and Kinetica-2 with Qianfan sats (SpaceNews); a Long March 12 orbited nine Guowang sats 8 Nov.

So what: Two PRC LEO constellations growing weekly add resilient PLA SATCOM the theater must track.

Is the PLA rehearsing operations to keep US forces out of a Taiwan conflict?

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-11-08 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

Analysts told SCMP recent PLA Navy deployments in the western Pacific and SCS may rehearse keeping US and allied forces out of a Taiwan fight; Beijing announced no drill.

So what: Counter-intervention rehearsals test whether theater ISR and SDA see the PLA set the stage.

New Democratic Congress will likely strip the gilding from Trump's Golden Dome

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-11-09 Capability NORTHCOM Protection Missile Warning / Defense

Two top Golden Dome backers are leaving Congress; Ars Technica says the new Democratic majority will likely limit funding and try to cut the boost-phase intercept layer.

So what: Golden Dome cuts could reshape the missile warning and tracking layers the theater uses.

Lai highlights Taiwan's push for independent satellite launches

Focus Taiwan (CNA) · 2026-11-08 Capability PACOM Sustainment Taiwan

President Lai said Taiwan is working toward independently launching domestically built satellites, citing higher government investment in space technology (Focus Taiwan).

So what: A sovereign Taiwan launch path adds partner space capacity the PRC will seek to contest.

Canada’s Medium-Lift Rocket Ambitions Confirmed In Budget

Payload · 2026-11-09 Resilience NORTHCOM Sustainment FVEY

Canada's budget funds medium-lift rockets under Launch the North, a sovereign propulsion base and DND-backed launch and testing from two east coast spaceports (Payload).

So what: More FVEY launch sites add reconstitution options for a contested space environment.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Saudi Arabia intercepts Houthi missiles as Riyadh's Aramco building damaged

France 24 (English) · 2026-11-09 Execution CENTCOM Fires Missile Warning / Defense

Saudi Arabia intercepted Houthi missiles aimed at Riyadh and other areas on 8 Nov; falling debris damaged an Aramco building in Riyadh's financial district (France 24).

So what: Live salvos are the test case for synchronizing missile warning with air defense fires.

NATO sub hunters in Baltic exercise to face drone attacks

UK Defence Journal · 2026-11-08 Exercises EUCOM Command and Control Exercises

NATO's Dynamic Merlin 26 ASW exercise runs 9-13 Nov off Sweden; ships hunting German and Swedish subs will face unannounced drone attacks (UKDJ). Canada takes part.

So what: No-notice drone attacks model the degraded conditions TJFSCC exercises should replicate.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Space Force leaders advance shared commitments for allied space power at Global MILSATCOM

U.S. Space Force · 2026-11-09 Share SPACECOM Command and Control SATCOM

At Global MILSATCOM, USSF leaders discussed expanding partnerships, co-investing in resilient SATCOM architectures and pre-crisis agreements for spectrum dominance.

So what: Pre-crisis SATCOM deals would move allies from Share toward Plan before a theater crisis.

Japan to give Philippines drones, radar systems in biggest security aid to date

Nikkei Asia · 2026-11-09 Share PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

Japan will give the Philippines drones and radar systems, its biggest security aid to the country to date (Nikkei Asia).

So what: Japan-Philippines sensor transfers deepen a partner network SPACEPAC can link into.

SpaceX now fundamentally an "infrastructure company," senior official says

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-11-09 Depend SPACECOM Sustainment Launch

SpaceX VP Kiko Dontchev called SpaceX "fundamentally an infrastructure company" and said Falcon 9 is headed for retirement as it pivots to data and AI (Ars Technica).

So what: USSF depends on Falcon 9 for launch; its retirement path is an access risk to watch.

US, Japan to expand nightlife patrols and revise troop orientation on Okinawa

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-11-08 Operate PACOM Protection Allies & Partners

Japan and the US will expand joint police patrols of Okinawa nightlife areas and start a new troop orientation after a Marine's homicide indictment (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Joint patrols protect host-nation consent that underpins US basing on Okinawa.

RAF flew conventional role in French nuclear exercise

UK Defence Journal · 2026-11-07 Train EUCOM Fires Allies & Partners

UK minister said RAF Typhoons flew counter-air escort for French Rafales in nuclear strike exercise Rummy, 20-21 Oct, the first UK role in a French nuclear drill (UKDJ).

So what: Allies training inside each other's high-end missions is the Train step SPACEPAC seeks.

WATCH LIST

- Falcon 9 USSF-627 launches from Vandenberg 10 Nov 0307Z; Falcon 9 USSF-317 follows 13 Nov 0423Z.
- ROK ADD Mir demo flight 11 Nov 0500Z; Long March 2D, unknown payload, from Jiuquan 11 Nov 1140Z.
- G7 foreign ministers meet in Paris 9-10 Nov on Iran, Ukraine and pro-Russian cyberattacks.
- APEC in Shenzhen 18-19 Nov: possible Trump-Xi-Putin talks and a first Takaichi-Xi meeting.