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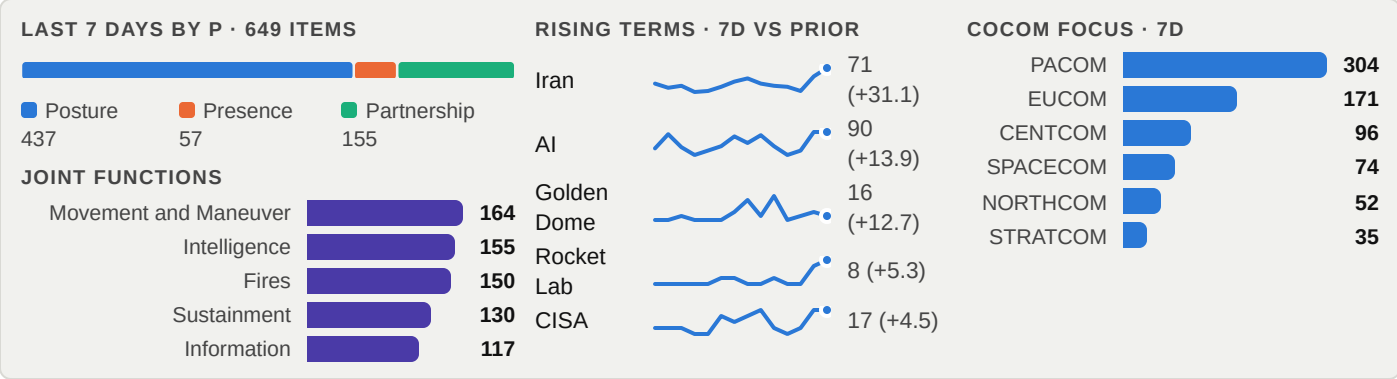
Posture · Presence · Partnership

BLUF — Posture (capability): Taiwan reports PLA carrier 'area denial' drills in the Western Pacific, and DPRK fired a new torpedo, its third weapons test this month. Presence (C2): SSC awarded Viasat up to $450M for the Space Data Network operations center that will route joint force data across constellations. Partnership held at Share. Watch the lame-duck Congress: FY27 defense funding and the NDAA are unresolved.



Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Taiwan says China is conducting 'area denial' drills in Western Pacific

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-11-09 Capability PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

Taiwan's defense minister said 10 Nov the PLA is running 'area denial' drills in the Western Pacific with a carrier group; Beijing declared no drill (Reuters).

So what: Counter-intervention drills test whether theater SDA and ISR cue the joint force in time.

North Korea claims high-speed torpedo test, plans deployment early next year

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-11-09 Capability PACOM Intelligence DPRK

DPRK test-fired a new high-speed torpedo it plans to field with its navy in early 2027, its third reported weapons test this month (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Steady DPRK test tempo keeps theater ISR and missile-warning cueing under high demand.

Agencies agree to counter unauthorized drones without compromising civilian safety, under new MOU

DefenseScoop · 2026-11-09 C2 & authorities NORTHCOM Protection Electronic Warfare

DoW, DOT, DHS, DOE and DOJ signed an MOU on one federal process to test and deploy counter-drone systems without disrupting aircraft radar or GPS (DefenseScoop).

So what: Sets who approves C-UAS jamming near bases, a model for managing GPS and SATCOM interference.

After Midterms, Congress Returns to Reckon with Defense Funding, NDAA

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-11-09 C2 & authorities SPACECOM Sustainment Policy & Budget

Congress returned 9 Nov for a lame-duck session with FY27 funding and the NDAA unfinished; analysts call the $1.5T request dead and reconciliation unlikely (AFM).

So what: Budget limbo puts FY27 space starts at risk, incl. the $1.5B SDN Backbone request.

Space Force seeking AI for cislunar satellites

Inside Defense · 2026-11-09 Capability SPACECOM Intelligence USSF

USSF RFIs seek a proliferated cislunar constellation and onboard AI for station-keeping and hazard avoidance, citing ground C2 limits (Inside Defense, Ars).

So what: Pushes SDA past GEO; onboard autonomy shifts what ground C2 must do.

Kuaizhou to debut reusable Kuaizhou-6 and low-cost Kuaizhou-12 rockets in 2027

SpaceNews · 2026-11-10 Capability PACOM Sustainment China / PLA

Kuaizhou Aerospace plans first launches of the reusable Kuaizhou-6 and low-cost Kuaizhou-12 in 2027, incl. a first-stage recovery attempt (SpaceNews).

So what: Cheaper, reusable PRC lift would speed rebuilding PLA constellations after losses.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Space Force Taps Viasat for $450M Ops Center to Harmonize Data Network

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-11-09 C2 SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

SSC awarded Viasat a $450M-ceiling IDIQ ($115M first order) for the Space Data Network mission operations center, the hub for multi-vendor joint data transport.

So what: Centralizes routing of joint force data across constellations; theater C2 must plug into it.

S. Korea, U.S. hold combined air resupply exercise for wartime readiness

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-11-09 Exercises PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

ROK and US forces held a combined air resupply exercise 10 Nov to rehearse wartime sustainment on the peninsula, Yonhap reported.

So what: Drills like this are where to rehearse resupply under jammed GPS and degraded SATCOM.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

UT Austin and Space Force Launch BMC3I TAP Lab Texas to Mature Research and Development for Battle Space Managers

Space Systems Command · 2026-11-09 Share SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

SSC and UT Austin opened BMC3I TAP Lab Texas, pairing academic and commercial developers with USSF space domain awareness needs for the Kronos pipeline.

So what: Opens an academic-commercial channel into USSF SDA tools; still at Share, not Plan.

France orders military Earth-observation satellites for more than €1.5 billion

Defense News · 2026-11-10 Share EUCOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

France ordered two IRIS military imaging satellites from Airbus and Thales Alenia Space for over €1.5B to replace CSO and keep high-res imagery past 2035 (DGA).

So what: Adds a sovereign Ally imagery source the coalition can draw on once sharing terms exist.

AST SpaceMobile plots 40-50 satellites for Japanese direct-to-device network

SpaceNews · 2026-11-10 Share PACOM Command and Control SATCOM

SpaceNews says AST SpaceMobile plans up to 50 satellites for a Rakuten JV in line for up to ¥148B in subsidies to field Japan's direct-to-device network by 2029.

So what: A Japanese sovereign LEO network is a SATCOM option to move from Share to Plan with Japan.

ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command Marks 48 Years of Combined Defense

USINDOPACOM · 2026-11-09 Operate PACOM Command and Control Japan / ROK

ROK-US Combined Forces Command marked its 48th anniversary 6 Nov at Camp Humphreys, citing nearly five decades of combined defense (INDOPACOM).

So what: CFC is the theater's standing Operate-stage model for combined space support to C2.

Navy Command Builds on Training Partnership During South Korean Visit

Department of War · 2026-11-09 Train PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

RADM Greg Huffman met ROK Navy leaders aboard ROKS Hansando on its first port call at NAS Pensacola, stressing allied naval education and training.

So what: Existing ROK training ties are the base to add space training on.

Japan mulls expanding cyberdefense monitoring to domestic communication

The Japan Times · 2026-11-09 Share PACOM Protection Cyber Operations

LDP members are weighing extending Japan's active cyberdefense monitoring to domestic communications after a run of data breaches, The Japan Times reported.

So what: Wider Japanese monitoring would enlarge the threat data Japan can share with US networks.

WATCH LIST

- Falcon 9 USSF-627 slipped to 11 Nov 0249Z from Vandenberg; Falcon 9 USSF-317 follows 14 Nov 0409Z.
- Long March 2D, unknown payload, from Jiuquan 11 Nov 1140Z; Kuaizhou 11 from Jiuquan 12 Nov 1950Z.
- STARLINK-1284 reentry about 11 Nov 2349Z south of Java; GPS PRN12 outage ends 11 Nov 2045Z.
- Trump Asia trip and APEC in Shenzhen 18-19 Nov; expect more DPRK tests ahead of the visit.