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BLUF — Presence (execution): Ukraine again reports Starshield throttling is degrading its air defense; SpaceX denies any change and two senators want a probe (TWZ, The Hill). Posture (resilience): Vulcan returns to flight 14 Nov on a redesigned nozzle, and Taiwan says the PLA ran an unannounced western Pacific drill. Partnership reached Operate on AUKUS as USS Colorado leads SRF-West. Needs attention: a commercial SATCOM fallback in theater plans.

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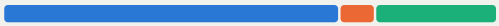

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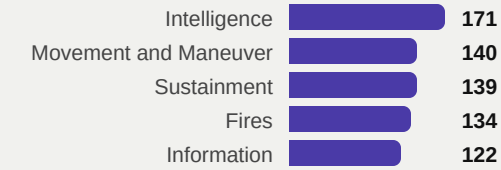

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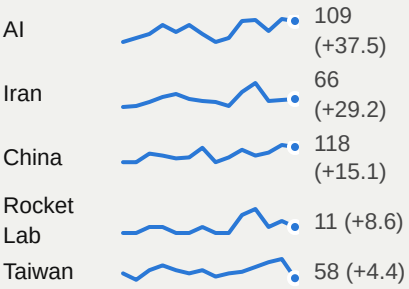

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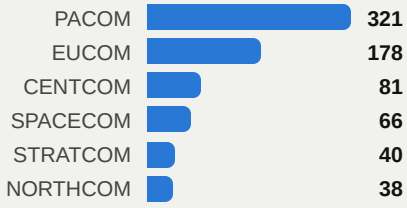

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

China stages unannounced Pacific drills in 'silent intimidation' of Taiwan, officials say

The Straits Times (Asia) · 2026-11-12 **Capability** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

Taiwan officials told Reuters the PLA ran a large, unannounced exercise across the western Pacific and around Taiwan in early November (Straits Times).

So what: Unannounced PLA drills cut warning time; theater SDA and ISR must cue without notice.

ULA delays Vulcan rocket launch of 40 Leo satellites for Amazon

Spaceflight Now · 2026-11-13 **Resilience** SPACECOM Sustainment Launch

ULA reset Vulcan's return to flight with 40 Amazon Leo satellites to 14 Nov 1732Z, the first flight of a redesigned booster nozzle after the 12 Feb USSF-87 failure.

So what: A second heavy launcher back in service hardens reconstitution of theater space capability.

US seizes North Korean hacking infrastructure, $1.2 billion in cryptocurrency stolen from Binance

CyberScoop · 2026-11-12 **Resilience** CYBERCOM Protection Cyber Operations

DOJ seized DPRK FaceStealer servers behind fake Zoom and Teams calls that stole $400M+ and won court orders on $1.2B stolen from Binance (CyberScoop).

So what: Contests a DPRK funding stream; Guardians should treat call prompts to run code as hostile.

York Space takes $750 million charge amid uncertainty over future Pentagon contracts

SpaceNews · 2026-11-12 **Capability** SPACECOM Command and Control USSF

York Space, a builder of SDA satellites, took a $750M charge amid uncertainty over future Pentagon contracts, SpaceNews reports.

So what: Vendor strain could slow the proliferated layers that carry theater warning and tracking data.

After Xi Purges China's Generals, a Military Inquisitor Rises

New York Times (Asia-Pacific) · 2026-11-13 **Force** PACOM Intelligence China / PLA

NYT says the rise of inspector Zhang Shengmin shows PLA purges continue; War on the Rocks, citing CSIS, counts 100+ senior officials purged since 2022.

So what: A churned PLA high command makes estimates of its Taiwan readiness less certain.

Prosecutors indict couple over Chinese chips in drones

Focus Taiwan (CNA) · 2026-11-13 Resilience PACOM Protection Taiwan

Taichung prosecutors indicted a company owner and his wife for allegedly supplying Chinese-made chips in drones procured by Taiwan's military (CNA).

So what: PRC parts in partner drones show the supply-chain gap adversaries can use to contest our kit.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Ukraine Says Starshield Disruptions Are Back As U.S. Negotiators Meet With Putin

The War Zone · 2026-11-12 Execution EUCOM Fires SATCOM

Ukraine says Starshield speed limits are back, hurting missile defense; SpaceX told TWZ there was no change. Sens. Shaheen and Tillis seek a probe (The Hill).

So what: Fires riding a commercial link answer to the provider; theater plans need a fallback path.

Army, Allies Prepare for Long-Range Air Assault in Hawaii

Department of War · 2026-11-12 Exercises PACOM Movement and Maneuver Exercises

Thousands of U.S. and multinational forces in JPMRC Rotation 27-01 across the Hawaiian Islands are preparing a long-range air assault, DoW reports.

So what: A long-range assault rehearsal is the place to inject degraded SATCOM and PNT conditions.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

AUKUS on track, even ‘ahead of schedule’ for some parts, admiral says

Breaking Defense · 2026-11-12 Operate PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

A U.S. admiral says AUKUS Pillar I is on track, with USS Colorado the first sub in Submarine Rotational Force-West; Colby called the review the pact's 'best thing.'

So what: U.S. subs rotating through Australia hold AUKUS at Operate; SRF-West will need space support.

U.S. Transfers Unmanned Surface Vessels to Philippine Marine Corps

USNI News · 2026-11-12 Share PACOM Intelligence Allies & Partners

The U.S. transferred two T38 Devil Ray USVs to the Philippine Marine Corps at Subic Bay on 4 Nov for archipelagic coastal defense, USNI News reports.

So what: Shares sensing on the Luzon Strait; next step is planning how its data feeds the joint picture.

US wants Japan to nearly triple budget for hosting American troops

Nikkei Asia · 2026-11-13 Share PACOM Sustainment Japan / ROK

Nikkei says the U.S. wants Japan to nearly triple host-nation support; sources told Reuters Tokyo warned arms makers of deep order cuts (Straits Times).

So what: Cost fights may slow Japan's buildup and the shared capability the alliance plans around.

Trump to press Southeast Asia nations to join Pax Silica at Asean summit in Manila

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-11-13 Share PACOM Information Allies & Partners

SCMP says Trump will press ASEAN states to join Pax Silica, his effort to China-proof AI and chip supply chains, at next week's Manila summit.

So what: A trusted chip base with ASEAN widens the tech partners can share with the joint force.

Japan to feature denial capabilities in security documents

The Japan Times · 2026-11-11 Share PACOM Fires Japan / ROK

Japan's revised security documents will feature denial capabilities and address new ways of warfare using AI and drones, the Japan Times reports.

So what: Japan's denial concept sets the frame for what the alliance shares and plans for in space.

WATCH LIST

- Starship Flight 15 NET 13 Nov 2245Z: first attempt to catch both stages, pending FAA approval.
- FENGYUN 1C DEB vs Indian IRS 1B: Pc 1.6e-3 at 283 m, TCA 14 Nov 2139Z (18 SDS screening).
- ASEAN and Quad leaders meet in Manila next week; Trump to press partners to join Pax Silica.
- Government funding lapses 11 Dec without a bill or new CR; DoD remains frozen at FY26 levels.