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BLUF — Posture (resilience): Iran's IRGC says it destroyed a U.S. early-warning radar in Bahrain on 13 Nov and struck Bahrain again two days later. Partnership (share): Australia and the Philippines signed an updated defense pact covering maritime activity and information sharing. Posture (capability): SpaceX caught a Starship upper stage after orbit. Needs attention: confirm the Bahrain radar's status and any gap in missile-warning coverage.

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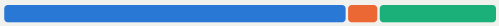

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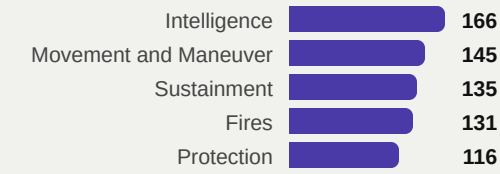

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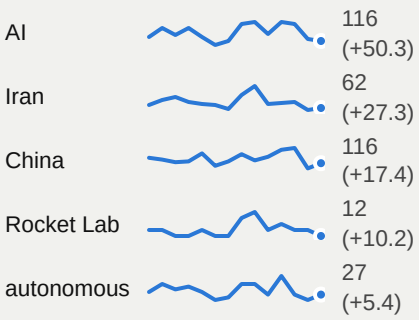

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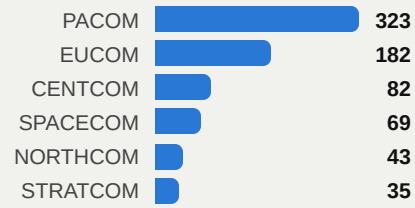

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Iran says it targeted US military radar in Bahrain in retaliatory strike

The Guardian (World) · 2026-11-13 **Resilience** CENTCOM Protection Missile Warning / Defense

The IRGC says it destroyed a U.S. early-warning radar in Bahrain on 13 Nov (Guardian); Bahrain says it downed Iranian drones in a second attack 15 Nov (France 24).

So what: Warning sensors are now targets; HD/LD radar losses can open missile-warning gaps.

SpaceX Catches a Starship

SpacePolicyOnline · 2026-11-14 **Capability** SPACECOM Movement and Maneuver Emerging Space Tech

SpaceX caught the IFT-15 Starship upper stage at the Starbase tower on 14 Nov after 14 orbits, the first recovery of the stage from orbit (SpacePolicyOnline, SpaceNews).

So what: A reusable heavy upper stage could cut cost and time to reconstitute theater space assets.

New U.S. F-15EX fighters arrive at Okinawa Kadena Base

The Japan Times · 2026-11-15 **Capability** PACOM Fires Electronic Warfare

New U.S. F-15EX fighters arrived at Kadena Air Base, the Air Force's first overseas base to receive the jet and its advanced electronic warfare systems (Japan Times).

So what: Forward EW-capable fighters add to the theater EMS mix that space EW must deconflict.

Space weather: WATCH: Geomagnetic Storm Category G1 Predicted

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center · 2026-11-15 **Resilience** SPACECOM Protection Space Weather

NOAA SWPC issued a G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm watch for 17 and 18 Nov; minor satellite impacts are possible, mainly poleward of 60 degrees geomagnetic latitude.

So what: Minor storm; low risk to theater SATCOM and PNT, but operators should watch for anomalies.

Pentagon rebrands CDAO as Super Intelligence Office

Inside Defense · 2026-11-13 **C2 & authorities** Command and Control AI & Data

The Pentagon's CDAO renamed itself the Super Intelligence Office on 13 Nov under a 30 Sep executive order on federal AI terminology (Inside Defense).

So what: Name change only; TJFSCC AI requests and data authorities route through the same office.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

NATO taps Ukraine as red-team in drills to ‘trigger an adaptation cycle’

Breaking Defense · 2026-11-11 Exercises EUCOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

NATO now hides Ukrainian forces and Ukrainian-made USVs as the red team against Allied blue forces in its drills, Adm. Pierre Vander told Breaking Defense.

So what: A combat-tested red team is a model for exercising space units against real enemy tactics.

Projecting Precision: 25th Infantry Division Executes HIMARS Rapid Infiltration at JPMRC 27-01

USINDOPACOM · 2026-11-12 Execution PACOM Fires Exercises

The 25th Infantry Division executed a HIMARS rapid infiltration at JPMRC 27-01 in Hawaii to rehearse long-range fires across the Pacific, USINDOPACOM reports.

So what: HIMARS raids rely on space PNT, comms and targeting that TJFSCC must sync with fires.

‘Squad’ Nations to Establish Coordination Hub in the Philippines, Defense Chiefs Say

The Diplomat · 2026-11-11 C2 PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

U.S., Japan, Australia and Philippine defense chiefs met in Cebu 28 Oct and said the "Squad" nations will set up a coordination hub in the Philippines (The Diplomat).

So what: A Squad hub is where decisions get made; TJFSCC should seek a space seat there early.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

Zelensky accuses SpaceX of lying about Starshield restrictions

UPI (Defense) · 2026-11-14 Depend EUCOM Command and Control Russia

Zelensky on 14 Nov accused SpaceX of lying about restrictions on its Starshield service; SpaceX earlier told TWZ nothing had changed (UPI).

So what: Shows the risk when operations depend on a commercial SATCOM firm's terms of service.

Philippines, Australia sign updated defence agreement

CNA (Asia) · 2026-11-14 Share PACOM Information Allies & Partners

Australia and the Philippines signed an updated defense pact 15 Nov covering maritime activities, information sharing and infrastructure cooperation (CNA, Bloomberg).

So what: Adds an info-sharing channel between two key allies; a base for combined SDA sharing.

Gender-diverse Australian sailors barred from US submarines despite Aukus deal, documents reveal

The Guardian (World) · 2026-11-15 Train PACOM Sustainment Allies & Partners

FOI documents show the ADF bars transgender and non-binary sailors from its nuclear submarine training because of U.S. policy on U.S. boats, the Guardian reports.

So what: Combined training follows the host's personnel rules; U.S. policy now shapes allied pipelines.

Hide and seek in the Baltic – inside NATO’s submarine hunt

UK Defence Journal · 2026-11-14 Operate EUCOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

Dynamic Merlin 26 ran 9-13 Nov with eight nations; a Dutch tanker hosted a French admiral's eight-nation staff as SNMG1's command ship for the first time (UKDJ).

So what: A combined staff afloat shows Allies operating as one force, a model for CJFSCC integration.

Anthony Albanese welcomes Trump-Xi-Putin summit – even as European leaders express reservations

The Guardian (World) · 2026-11-14 Share PACOM Information Allies & Partners

Albanese endorsed the Trump-Xi-Putin summit planned in Shenzhen at APEC, while European leaders warned against concessions on Ukraine (Guardian).

So what: Allied views on the summit diverge; watch for shifts in what partners will share.

WATCH LIST

- Trump, Xi and Putin meet at APEC in Shenzhen next week; Albanese backs the talks, European leaders wary.
- Quad leaders meet in Manila 17 Nov; watch for maritime or space domain awareness deliverables.
- SWPC G1 storm watch 17-18 Nov; minor satellite impacts possible, mainly poleward of 60 deg geomag lat.
- Vulcan return to flight (Amazon Leo LV-01) NET 15 Nov 1711Z; USSF-317 on Falcon 9 NET 18 Nov 0314Z.