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BLUF — Posture (resilience): UK Space Command's former chief told Parliament it is "not a clear yes" that Britain could absorb a first strike in space, and PRC-linked AI agents found and used a zero-day on their own. Partnership (depend): the incoming House Intelligence chair says SpaceX's Starshield changes in Ukraine put every U.S. contract with SpaceX in question. Presence: 8th FW drilled survive-and-operate at Kunsan. Watch NROL-136 on 22 Nov.

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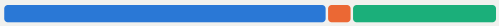

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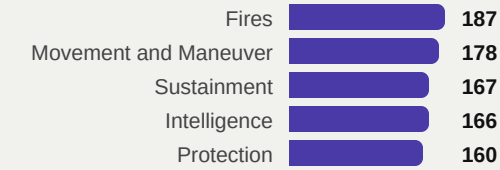

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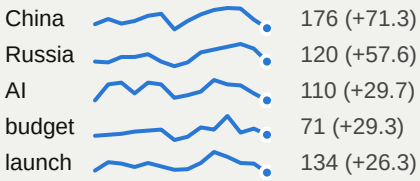

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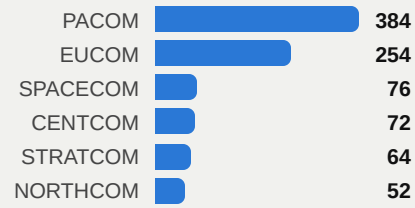

Posture

Force · Capability · C2 & authorities · Resilience

Ex-Space Command chief doubts UK could ride out space attack

UK Defence Journal · 2026-11-20 Resilience · SPACECOM · Command and Control · FVEY

Ex-UK Space Command chief Maj Gen Tedman told MPs it is "not a clear yes" the UK could absorb a first strike in space; 3,000 brigade systems rely on space, UKDJ says.

So what: A FVEY ally doubts it can fight through loss of space; tests our own absorb-and-recover plans.

Amazon says Chinese hackers used Cairn AI tool to discover apparent zero-day during attack on university

The Record (Recorded Future) · 2026-11-20 Resilience · CYBERCOM · Protection · Cyber Operations

Amazon says a China-linked actor used the open-source AI agent tool Cairn against East Asian universities and exploited a MONAI Label zero-day, The Record reports.

So what: AI agents shorten PRC time to exploit; ground segment patch cycles must keep pace.

Super Intelligence SATCOM Status Engine Wins 5th Annual “Fight Tonight” Competition

Space Systems Command · 2026-11-20 Capability · SPACECOM · Command and Control · SATCOM

SSC named an AI status engine that flags pending SATCOM failure the winner of its 5th Fight Tonight competition; up to $12M went to the winner and runner-up.

So what: Early warning of SATCOM failure lets planners shift theater links before they drop.

Delta Battery makes Army history with first IBCS-Patriot enabled certification on peninsula

USINDOPACOM · 2026-11-20 Capability · PACOM · Fires · Missile Warning / Defense

Delta Battery, 6-52 ADA, at Camp Humphreys is the first operational Army Patriot battery certified on the IBCS battle command system, USINDOPACOM reports.

So what: IBCS on the peninsula is a new consumer of space-based missile warning and track data.

CR not slowing Golden Dome progress, deputy director argues

DefenseScoop · 2026-11-19 Capability · NORTHCOM · Protection · Missile Warning / Defense

Golden Dome's deputy director says the CR is not slowing work: FY26 funds are 100% obligated, C2 tests passed, and IOC is set for summer 2028, DefenseScoop reports.

So what: Golden Dome sensor and C2 choices will shape the missile warning mix INDOPACOM draws on.

GAO: Oversight, Better Tracking Needed to Fix Munitions Shortage

Air & Space Forces Magazine · 2026-11-20 C2 & authorities PACOM Sustainment Policy & Budget

GAO says DOD lacks an overarching munitions plan and no office owns the job; officials largely concurred as Iran and Ukraine drain stocks, Air & Space Forces says.

So what: With no single owner, INDOPACOM interceptor shortfalls have no clear path to a fix.

Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

Wolf Pack demonstrates ATSO readiness, generates combat airpower during Beverly Sentinel 27-1

USINDOPACOM · 2026-11-20 Exercises PACOM Protection Japan / ROK

The 8th Fighter Wing drilled its Ability to Survive and Operate while generating combat sorties in a simulated war at Kunsan AB in Beverly Sentinel 27-1, 16-20 Nov.

So what: Base attack drills are the place to add degraded GPS and SATCOM injects for air units.

CFC and ROK JCS Conduct ROK-U.S. C5ISRT Summit

USINDOPACOM · 2026-11-19 C2 PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command and the ROK JCS held the 2026 C5ISRT Senior-Level Conference at Camp Humphreys on 19 Nov, USINDOPACOM reports.

So what: Combined C5ISRT forums are where space support to CFC decisions is set; seat Guardians there.

US surges power projection to westernmost island chain as Russia, China loom

Military Times · 2026-11-18 Exercises NORTHCOM Fires Allies & Partners

F-16s sat alert on Shemya for the first time in decades, 18-26 Oct, then joined F-35s and Canadian CF-18s in a homeland defense drill across Alaska, Military Times says.

So what: Austere Aleutian ops lean on SATCOM and PNT that must be planned in, not assumed.

Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

SpaceX's Starshield troubles in Ukraine could threaten its broader military business

Ars Technica (Space) · 2026-11-20 Depend SPACECOM Command and Control SATCOM

Rep. Himes, due to chair House Intelligence, wrote that SpaceX's possibly unilateral Starshield change in Ukraine calls all its U.S. contracts into question, Ars says.

So what: Shows the risk at the Depend stage: a vendor's choice can cut a combatant's SATCOM.

U.S.-Taiwan military cooperation at unprecedented level: Congressman

Focus Taiwan (CNA) · 2026-11-20 Plan PACOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

Rep. Don Bacon said 20 Nov that U.S.-Taiwan military cooperation is at an unprecedented level, with joint operational planning and coordination, Focus Taiwan reports.

So what: If confirmed officially, joint planning puts Taiwan at the Plan stage; space roles must follow.

USNI News Western Pacific Pulse: Nov. 20, 2026

USNI News · 2026-11-20 Train PACOM Movement and Maneuver Allies & Partners

Japan and India ran JAIMEX 26 south of Honshu after Malabar 2026; a P-3C shadowed two PLAN ships through the Miyako area, USNI News reports.

So what: Japan-India drills move a partner pair to Train; space links are the next layer to add.

NATO tech agency wants primes and start-ups to team up

UK Defence Journal · 2026-11-21 Share EUCOM Command and Control Allies & Partners

NATO's NCIA set no small-firm quota in its EUR 2.7bn demand signal but wants primes to bring start-ups in so it can buy faster, UK Defence Journal reports.

So what: An allied buyer opening to start-ups widens the commercial base we can Share with.

WATCH LIST

- NROL-136 Go for 22 Nov 1216Z, Vandenberg; USSF-317 flew 21 Nov 0420Z, possibly Starshield LEO sats.
- COSMOS 409 vs Delta 1 debris: Pc 8.8e-3 at 19 m miss, TCA 21 Nov 1420Z, per 18 SDS screening.
- KEV due: three on 21 Nov; vCenter CVE-2026-123890 and Cisco Expressway on 23 Nov; four more 24 Nov.
- Himes letter: watch for House Intelligence moves against SpaceX-primed funding when Congress sits in Jan.