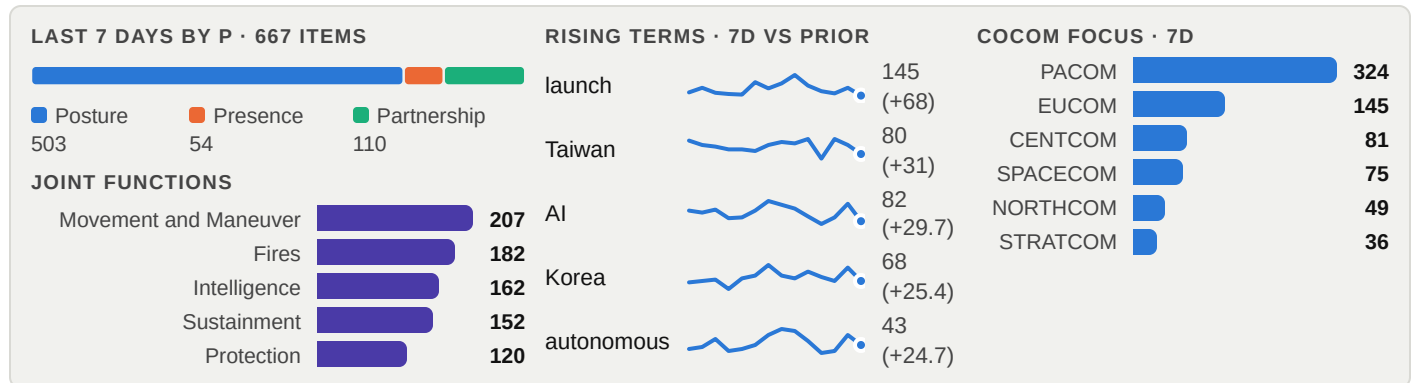


BLUF — Posture (capability): SDA's Tranche 1 Transport Layer A launch slipped again, to 8 Oct 0754Z; ROK's Nuri lifts five peninsula-imaging microsattellites 7 Oct 0323Z. Presence (exercises): Japan's Keen Sword plan (19–29 Oct) puts NMESIS and HIMARS on southwest islands and rehearses losing Naha AB. Attention: Posture (resilience): the KEV deadline for exploited Citrix NetScaler is 7 Oct; confirm command and partner appliances are patched (CISA).



Posture

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(4th LD) Nuri rocket erected on launchpad on eve of fifth launch

Yonhap News (English) · 2026-10-06 [Capability](#) [PACOM](#) [Intelligence](#) [Launch](#)

South Korea's Nuri rocket is on the pad for its fifth launch, set for 7 Oct 0323Z with the NeonSat-2 to 6 peninsula imaging microsattellites (Yonhap).

So what: More ROK imaging satellites add allied ISR over the peninsula that the theater can draw on.

HawkEye 360 Turns its RF-Sensors to Orbital Targets

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Under an AFRL SBIR, HawkEye 360 showed its RF satellites can detect and characterize emissions from satellites in LEO, MEO and GEO (Payload).

So what: Space-based RF sensing adds behavior cues to SDA custody of PRC satellites over the theater.

Army awards \$67 million for technologies to counter space-enabled surveillance

SpaceNews · 2026-10-03 [Capability](#) [Protection](#) [Electronic Warfare](#)

The Army awarded \$67 million for technologies to counter space-enabled surveillance, SpaceNews reported on 3 Oct.

So what: Counter-ISR tools give the joint force ways to deny PLA space targeting of its forces.

7th Air Force seeks new counter-drone capabilities for point defense modernization in South Korea

DefenseScoop · 2026-10-05 [Capability](#) [PACOM](#) [Protection](#) [DPRK](#)

7th Air Force issued a Project Iron Sentry RFI for combat-proven, theater-wide counter-drone systems for Korea, funded through APFIT (DefenseScoop).

So what: Point defense of Korean air bases protects the C2 and space nodes they host.

Army reactivates Okinawa brigade as Pacific force restructuring continues

Stars and Stripes (Pacific) · 2026-10-05 [Force](#) [PACOM](#) [Sustainment](#) [Japan / ROK](#)

The Army is adding about 120 personnel to its Okinawa logistics headquarters to sustain US forces across the Western Pacific (Stars and Stripes).

So what: Forward sustainment growth on Okinawa adds forces that will need space support in a fight.

South Korean officials believe AI agents were used to hack several banks

The Record (Recorded Future) · 2026-10-06 [Resilience](#) [PACOM](#) [Protection](#) [Cyber Operations](#)

ROK officials believe AI agents and a Chinese cybersecurity tool were used to breach at least seven financial firms, exposing data on 68,000 people (The Record).

So what: AI-driven intrusions on an ally's networks raise the risk to shared ground and C2 systems.

■ Presence

Planning · C2 · Execution · Exercises

U.S., Japanese Forces to Rehearse Defense of Japan's Southwest Islands

USNI News · 2026-10-06 [Exercises](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Exercises](#)

Keen Sword runs 19–29 Oct; Japan's plan puts US NMESIS, MADIS and HIMARS on Yonaguni and Ishigaki and disperses F-15s as if Naha AB were lost (USNI News).

So what: A lost-base drill is the place to test targeting and PNT under degraded space support.

Every threat, everywhere, all at once: Operation Jailbreak and the Army's quest for omniscient air defense

Inside Defense · 2026-10-04 [C2](#) [CENTCOM](#) [Command and Control](#) [Emerging Space Tech](#)

The Army says Operation Jailbreak linked data from 156 platforms and pushed battle management software into CENTCOM within 30 days in the Iran war (Inside Defense).

So what: Fast software pushes to a theater set the pace SPACEPAC C2 nodes should be able to match.

Commandos land from German submarine on Scottish coast

UK Defence Journal · 2026-10-06 [Execution](#) [EUCOM](#) [Fires](#) [Exercises](#)

In Strike Warrior, UK commandos landed from a German submarine and called a Portuguese frigate's gunfire onto targets ashore; the US was among six nations (UKDJ).

So what: Allied multi-domain fires drills show the sensor-to-shooter links space must support.

■ Partnership

Share → Plan → Train → Operate → Depend

First Release Of USAF's New HACM Hypersonic Cruise Missile Has Happened Over Australian Range

The War Zone · 2026-10-05 [Train](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Allies & Partners](#)

An RAAF aircraft released a HACM flight test unit over an Australian range in the first HACM flight test, under the US-Australia SCiFiRE agreement (USAF via TWZ).

So what: Joint US-Australia hypersonic testing moves SCiFiRE from shared plans to combined events.

US firm to make battle-tested drones in Taiwan, boosting supply chain resilience

South China Morning Post (China) · 2026-10-06 [Plan](#) [PACOM](#) [Fires](#) [Taiwan](#)

Aevex Aerospace is working with Taiwan's Coretronic Intelligent Robotics to build its combat-tested Vandal and Onyx drones in Taiwan (SCMP).

So what: Co-production with Taiwan industry moves the partnership from arms sales to joint plans.

UNC, CFC and USFK Welcome ROK Defense Minister to Camp Humphreys

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UNC, CFC and USFK hosted ROK Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul at Camp Humphreys on 2 Oct, his first visit since taking office (USFK).

So what: Early access to the new minister keeps alliance space requirements on his agenda.

EU deepens collective space security with mutual defense pact

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The EU is deepening collective space security through a mutual defense pact, part of its push for space 'strategic autonomy' (Breaking Defense).

So what: A collective EU space pact creates a partner bloc for future combined SDA sharing.

WATCH LIST

- SDA T1 Transport Layer A NET 8 Oct 0754Z; ROK Nuri with NeonSat-2 to 6 on 7 Oct 0323Z.
- GPS NANUs: PRN07 out 6 Oct 1630Z–7 Oct 0030Z; PRN05 8 Oct 1530–2330Z; PRN12 8–9 Oct.
- CISA KEV due 7 Oct for Citrix NetScaler CVE-2026-88779; confirm command and partner appliances.
- Keen Sword 19–29 Oct with IAMD and anti-ship drills; FPDA Bersama Lima 12–21 Oct.