# SPACE CYBERSECURITY WEEKLY WATCH

W11

March 10 – 16, 2026

**Timeframe**: Weekly
**# of articles identified**: 25
**Est. time to read**: 65 minutes

**Articles, company's communications, whitepapers, academic works, podcast, and sources not to be missed on the topic of space cybersecurity over a specified timeframe.**

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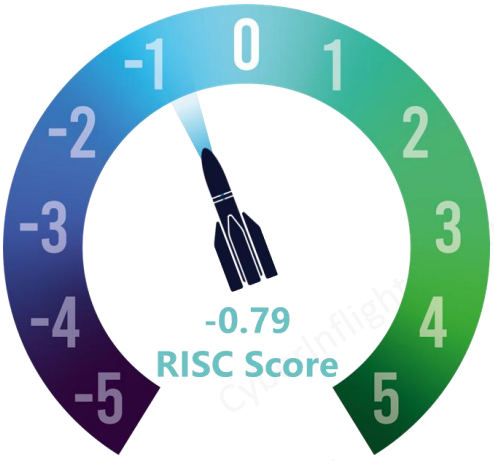
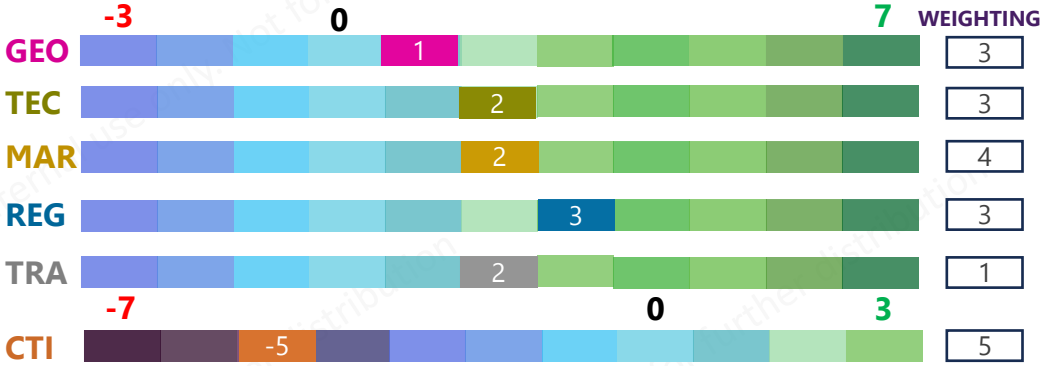
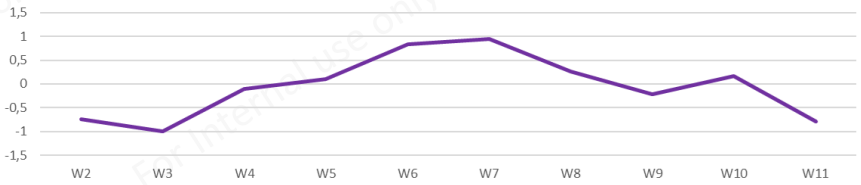
## RISC Score Assessment




## Overview & Resilience Index for Space Cybersecurity (RISC)




## RISC Score evolution in 2026




The RISC score for this watch is -0.79, down from last week due to an active threat and a geopolitical climate, but balanced somewhat by the regulatory side and the publication of a new framework.

This week, **Cyprus became the first country to adopt the EU's GOVSATCOM** secure communications service, deploying it for safety and security operations along the EU's southeastern borders. On the regulatory side, the **Aerospace Corporation released SPARTA v3.2**, an updated threat-informed framework designed to secure space missions against sophisticated cyberattacks. The new version improves the integration of adversary behaviors, defensive controls, and detection mechanisms across ground and on-orbit systems, setting a higher standard for cyber-resilient space architectures. On the market front, **Eutelsat terminated its capacity contracts for the Express AT1 and AT2 satellites** following the failure of Express AT1 and the relocation of Express AT2. The decision, which will have a minimal financial impact, reflects the growing risks of satellite disruptions and the need for robust contingency planning in commercial space operations. On the threat landscape, **U.S. military space operators are reportedly playing a critical but undisclosed role in supporting operations in Iran**, likely involving satellite communication jamming and electronic warfare. While details remain classified, experts suggest these activities are part of a broader strategy to counter Iranian military capabilities through space-based assets. On the technological side, **Thales introduced its TopStar Galileo modules**, enabling receiver manufacturers to integrate Galileo's Open Service (OS) and Public Regulated Service (PRS) into their systems. These modules provide secure, sovereign, and jamming-resistant GNSS solutions. On the training front, the **Egyptian Space Agency (EgSA) launched the Egyptian Space Academy,** a specialized institution aimed at developing skills in space science, technology, and emerging fields. The academy builds on EgSA's capacity-building efforts, supporting regional training initiatives and fostering a new generation of space professionals across Africa.

# GEOPOLITICS

### Cyprus First to Use EU GOVSATCOM Secure Communications Service

The European Union's space agency, EUSPA, announced on 10 March that Cyprus has become the first country to use its GOVSATCOM secure communications service for "safety and security purposes along the south-eastern borders of the Union." **#GOVSATCOM #Sovereignty**

**Source:** European Spaceflight

# REGULATION

### SPARTA v3.2: Raising the Bar for Threat-Informed Space Cybersecurity

The Aerospace Corporation has released SPARTA v3.2, further strengthening its role as a practical, threat-informed framework for securing modern space missions against sophisticated cyberattacks. This new version refines the way engineers connect adversary behaviors, defensive controls, and detection artifacts across the full space architecture, from ground segment to on-orbit payloads. **#Framework #SPARTA**

**Sources:** Medium, Space & Cyber Security

# MARKET & COMPETITION

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## Eutelsat ends Express AT1 and AT2 capacity deals after satellite disruption

Eutelsat has terminated its capacity contracts on the RSCC-owned Express AT1 and Express AT2 satellites following the failure of Express AT1 at 56 degrees East and the planned relocation of Express AT2 from 140 degrees East. Earlier this week, the state-owned Russian Satellite Communications Company (RSCC) confirmed its Express-AT1 satellite had stopped functioning on March 4, but was unable to give any reason for the failure. Eutelsat said the termination would have a low single-digit million impact on revenues in fiscal year 2025-26, with virtually no effect on EBITDA. **#Contract #ExpressAT**

**Source:** Broadband TV

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# THREAT INTELLIGENCE

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## How US military space operators are likely aiding the fight in Iran

Two top military commanders have praised what they said was the critical role of space operations in the early days of Operation Epic Fury, but they were loathe to say what, exactly, the US military was doing in the highest, at times most secretive domain. While officials remain tightlipped, a bevy of experts including former Pentagon and military officials, told Breaking Defense that Cooper and Caine were almost certainly referring to the jamming of Iranian satellite communications along with other electronic warfare activities, as well as more traditional support activities such as missile warning. **#USSF #Iran**

**Source:** Breaking Defense

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# TECHNOLOGY

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## Thales' TopStar modules enable addition of Galileo OS and PRS to receivers

Thales has introduced a new family of TopStar Galileo core modules aimed at receiver manufacturers that need secure, sovereign and jamming-resilient GNSS for defense and critical-infrastructure applications. The announcement positions the modules as building blocks for European and allied OEMs that want tighter control over their navigation supply chains while leveraging Galileo's Open Service (OS) and Public Regulated Service (PRS). **#Thales #GNSSReceivers**

**Sources:** Inside GNSS, GPSWorld

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# TRAINING & EDUCATION

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### EgSA Launches the Egyptian Space Academy

The Egyptian Space Agency (EgSA) has announced the launch of the Egyptian Space Academy, a specialised training institution focused on skills development in space science, technology, and emerging fields. The Academy builds on EgSA's existing capacity-building work, which has included specialised training programs, support for university graduation projects, and regional training initiatives across Africa. **#Egypt #SpaceAcademy**

**Source:** Space in Africa