

GERMANY'S RECKLESS FINAL FRONTIER — Germany unveiled a new space security strategy today, focused on building strong space infrastructure to protect on-orbit interests. The strategy calls for the identification of space threats and to develop responses, including deterrence building and international cooperation. The launch of the strategy came after German Defense Minister **Boris Pistorius** pledged to invest 35 billion euros on military space capabilities by 2030. He noted that the increased militarization of space — seen, for example, in Ukraine — means it is essential to develop “deterrence and defense capabilities.” Reports say the spending drive will make Germany the third-biggest spender on space tech, following the U.S. and China. Earlier this month, France announced it is also pouring billions of euros into a new space defense strategy.

THE GULF GAMBIT ON AI — Chip giant Nvidia and Elon Musk's AI company xAI are partnering with Saudi Arabia's state-backed AI firm Humain to build a massive 500-megawatt data center in the Kingdom, which would rank among the world's largest. The project was revealed during today's U.S.-Saudi investment forum in Washington, which took place a day after President **Donald Trump** hosted **Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**. Reports say the U.S. is set to approve chip exports to Humain, with guardrails aimed at preventing Chinese access to the technology. The partnership on AI development signals a deepening of the U.S.-Saudi economic relationship, in line with Gulf countries' push to lead development of AI technology.