

The Only Network That Works

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“When you own the only network that works, you don't have to win the argument. You just have to be unavoidable.”

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

SpaceX raised the Pentagon's Starlink bill mid-war and won a \$2.29B Space Force contract the same day — a clean lesson in who sets the terms when you own the only network that works. Plus: China restricts travel for its top AI researchers, CISA gets gutted as AI-enabled hacking gets cheap, Chris Olah's "mysterious" models at the Vatican, humanoid robots off the line every fifteen minutes, and the US routing weapons-grade plutonium into the power grid to feed the buildout.

- SpaceX raises the Pentagon's Starlink price mid-war as the Space Force awards a \$2.29B military space data network contract.
- China begins restricting overseas travel for top AI researchers, per Bloomberg's reporting.
- Google's Gemma 4 overtakes Alibaba's Qwen in open-model adoption, while Qualcomm strikes a custom-chip deal with ByteDance.
- CISA loses a third of its workforce and is left off initial Mythos access, as agencies stand up an "anti-tech violent extremism" threat category.
- Anthropic's Chris Olah calls the models "mysterious" at the Vatican.
- EngineAI claims one humanoid robot every fifteen minutes, while Y Combinator backs Twolabs for caregiving robots.

- The US picks partners to use Cold War-era plutonium as reactor fuel.
 - Demis Hassabis pulls his AGI estimate forward to 2029, as Yo Shavit joins the OpenAI Foundation's AI Resilience program.
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