



# Space Support Element, A Commander's Situational Awareness Resource

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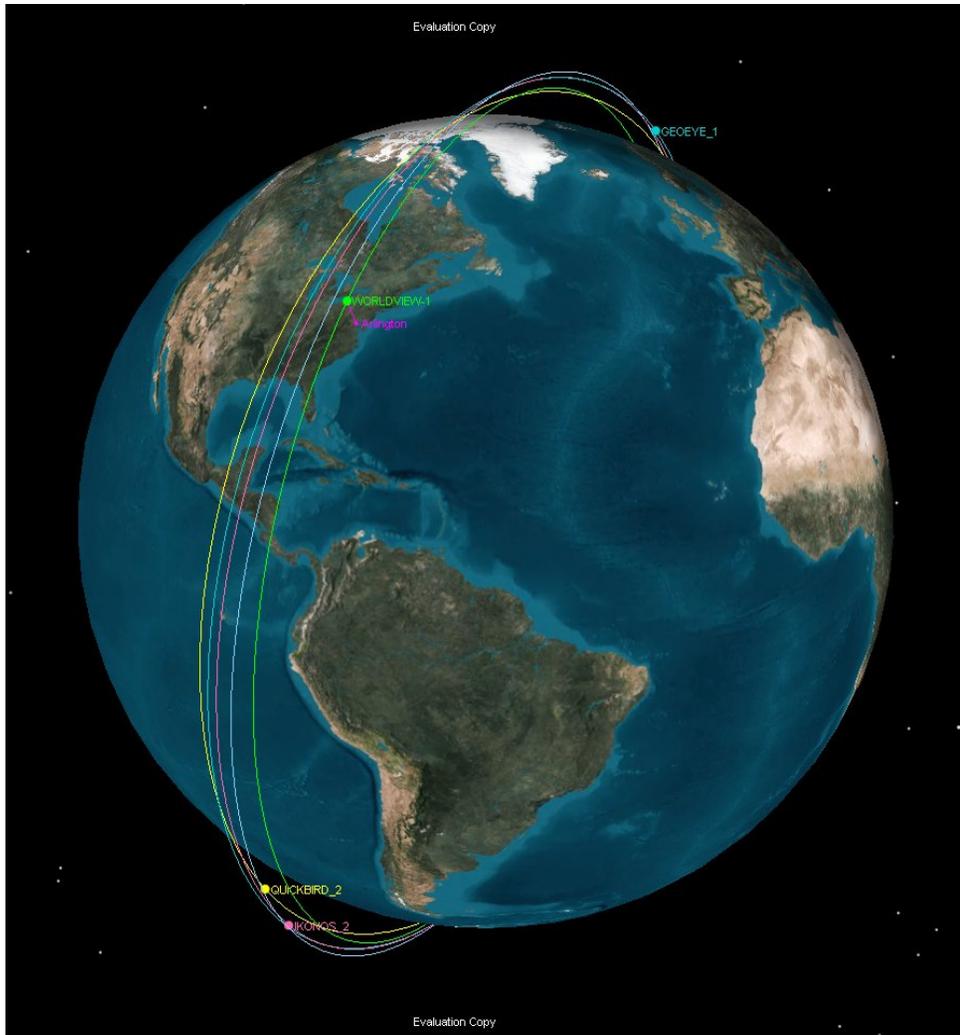
# Commercial Imagery



- Growth of available commercial visible imagery Satellites: Ikonos-2, Quickbird-1, Worldview-1, Worldview-2, and GEOEYE-1.
- Current NGA contracts with Ikonos-2, Quickbird-1, and Worldview-1 and -2.
- Daily Overflights
- Shareable with multinational partners



# Daily Overflights Commercial Imagery



Calculated Overflight Schedule for Arlington, VA over a two day period, 3-4 OCT 10.

Available Satellites:

<u>3 OCT 10</u>	<u>4 OCT 10</u>
Worldview 1	Worldview 2
Quickbird 2	Worldview 1
Ikonos 2	Ikonos 2
	GeoEye 1

*All Overflights in the late morning  
Weather dependent.*

*Calculations made with Satellite Toolkit,  
[www.stk.com](http://www.stk.com)*

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# Premobilization Situational Awareness



## Sharing Timely Information to Deploying Staff

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290D, G3, Space Support Element

Kabul, AF vicinity Kabul International Airport

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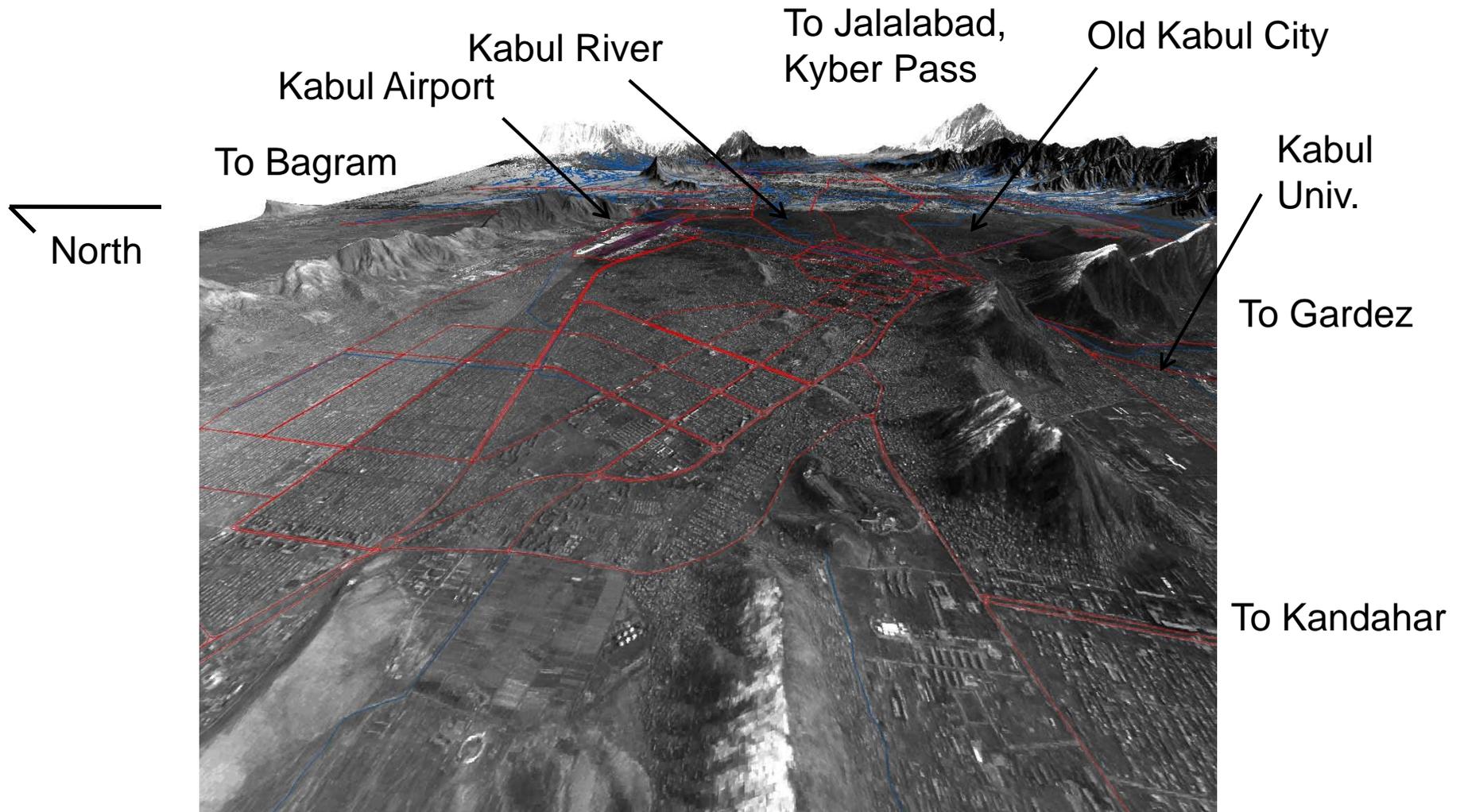
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source: Army Geospatial Center Imagery Office

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# 3D Timely Terrain Orientation



Arcscene 3D: CIB5 draped over DTED2

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# Kabul, AF from SSW looking NNE

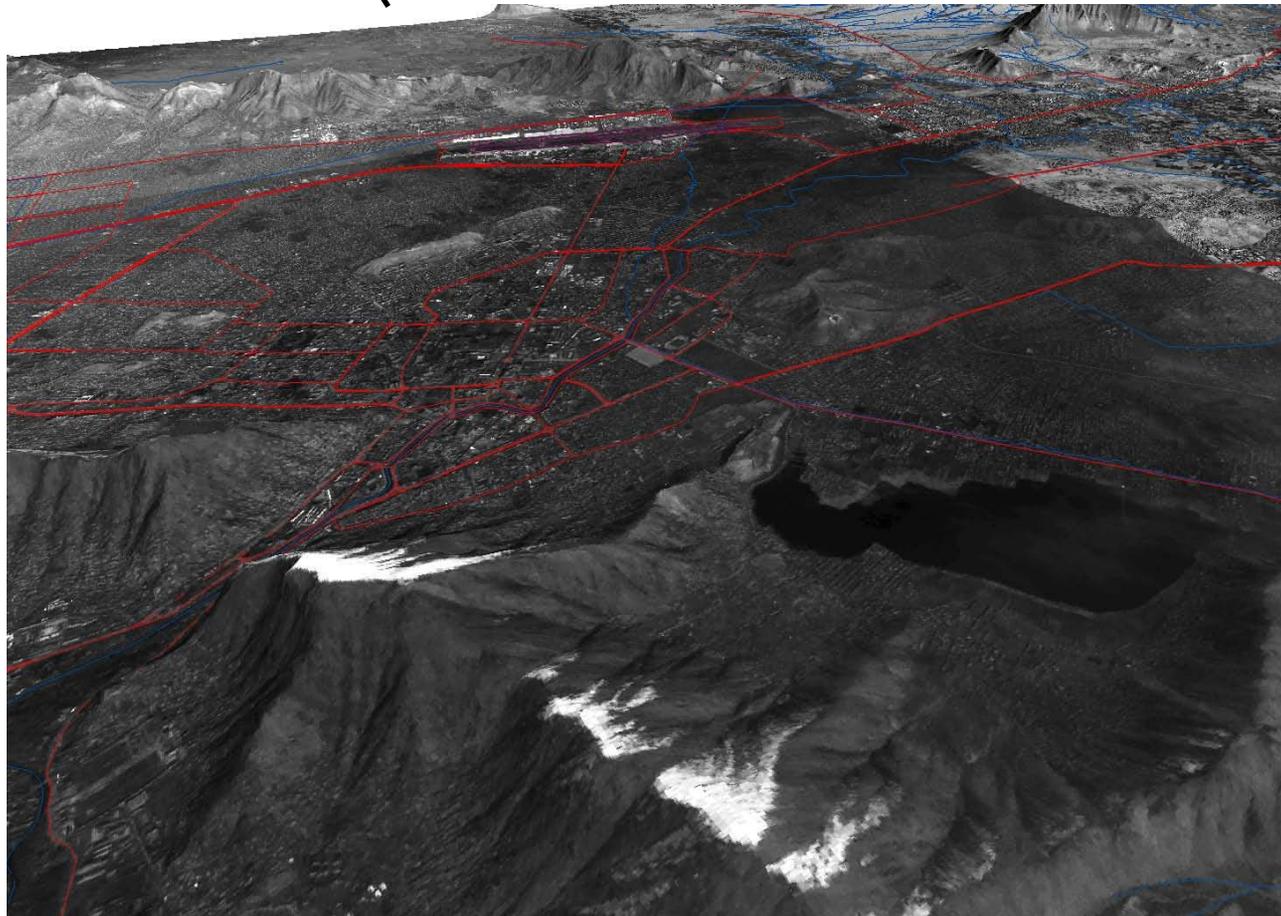


To Bagram

To Jalabad,  
Kyber Pass

To Kandahar

To Gardez



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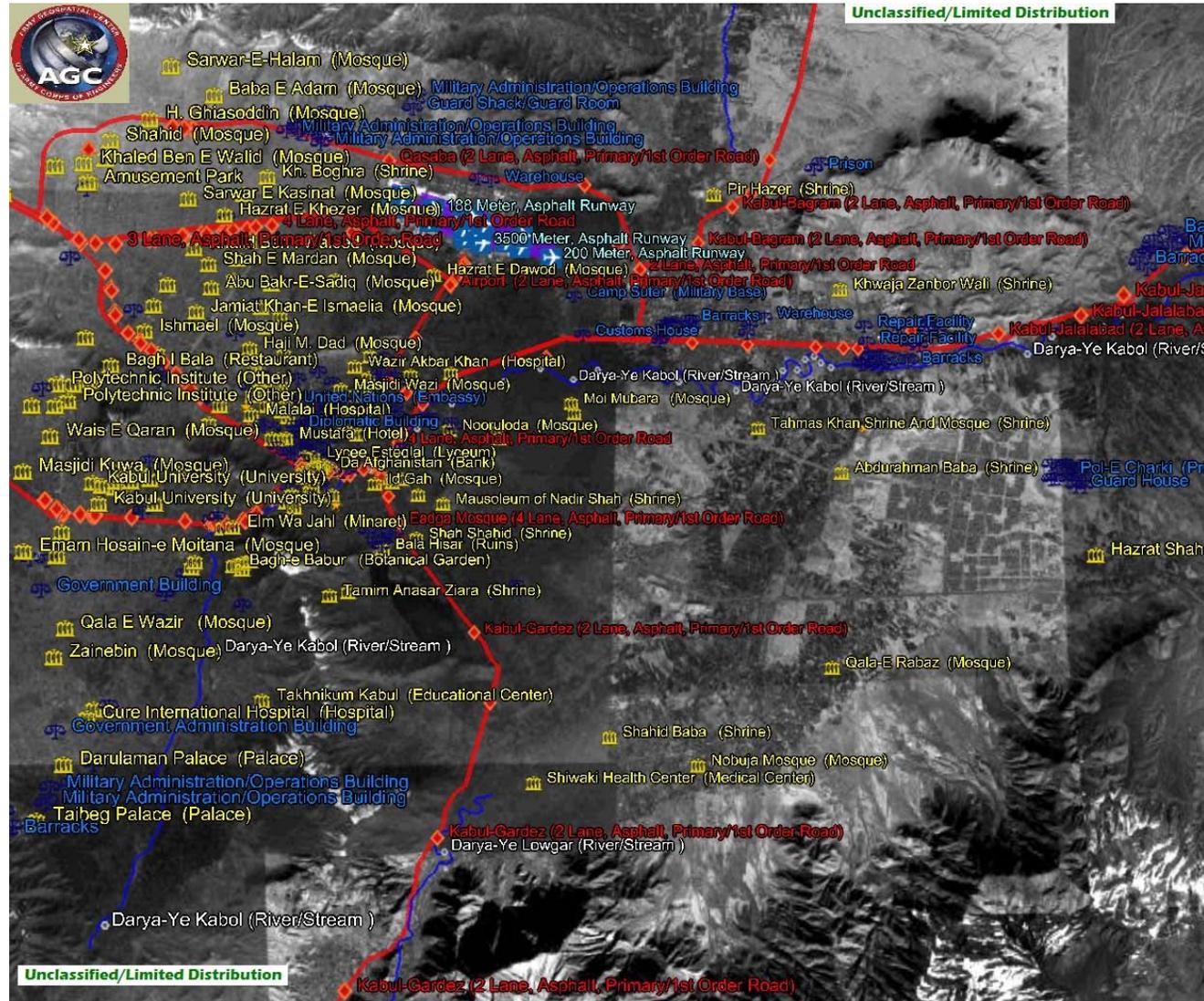


# ArcGlobe, KMLs a desktop COP



Kabul, AF

KMLs:  
Roads  
Sites  
River  
Airport  
Govt



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# Archival Commercial Imagery For Exercise Support

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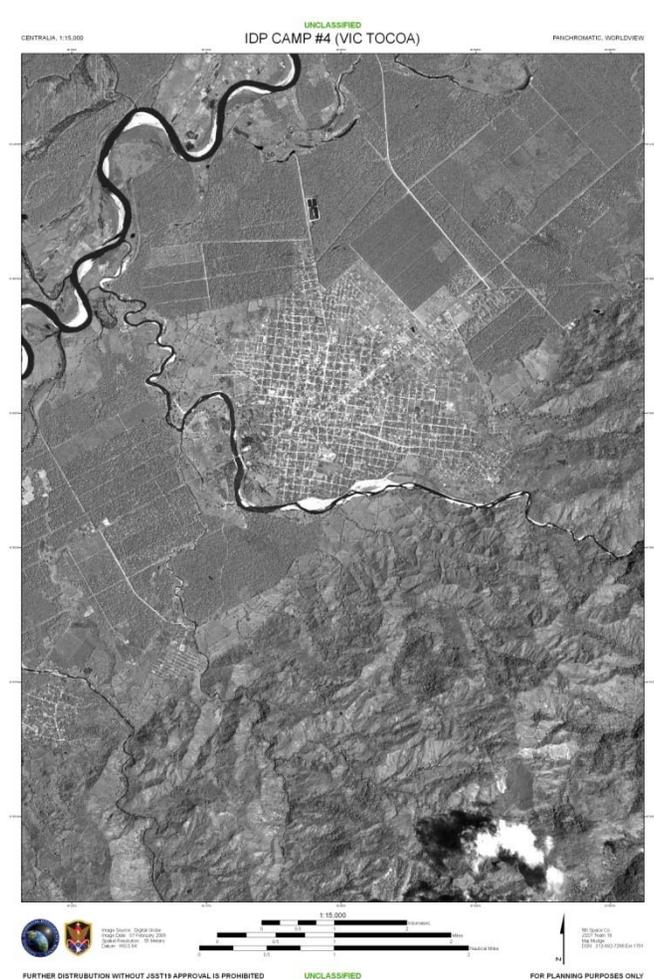
Panamax, 29ID CFLCC  
Space Support Element  
with 1<sup>st</sup> Space BDE  
Army Space Support  
Team, production  
capability

Examples:  
Great Swan Island  
G5's planning for  
amphib. assault

IDP Camp #4, G4  
logistical planning

30 commercial imagery  
maps shared amongst  
staffs from G1-G9

*MDMP Resource, shareable with multinational partners*



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# CONUS Disaster Response



Hazards Data Distribution System (HDDS)

- USGS obtains commercial imagery:
- supporting recent disasters:
  - Dissemination by NIPR site (<http://hdds.usgs.gov>)
  - WIDS Brite/ IBS dissemination

Point of Contact, Ms. Brenda Jones, 24/7

**USGS**  
science for a changing world

**Hazards Data Distribution System (HDDS)**  
Center for Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS)

**201101\_TORNADOES\_MO - HAZARDS D.**

**Direct Data Access**

Link directly to public data on the server.  
[http://edcftp.cr.usgs.gov/pub/data/disaster/201101\\_Tornadoes\\_MO](http://edcftp.cr.usgs.gov/pub/data/disaster/201101_Tornadoes_MO)

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**Data Discovery**

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- Imagery
- Vector Data

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Emergency Operations

# OCONUS Disaster Response






**USGS Home**  
**Contact USGS**  
**Search USGS**

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**Emergency Operations Portal**



- **Quick Downloads of U.S. and International Imagery**  
 Access disaster response imagery in predefined tiled downloads (HDDS).
- **Interactive GIS Map Viewer**  
 Use the interactive map to specify your area of interest and choose data layers.
- **GIS Resources**  
 Find Web map services.
- **Digital Library**  
 Locate related Web sites, resources, maps, products, presentations, meeting notes, and much more.

## Emergency Operations

Explore critical pre- and post-disaster images and datasets online for immediate viewing and downloading. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Emergency Operations, in support of the Department of Homeland Security, provides these images for use in disaster preparations, rescue and relief operations, damage assessments, and reconstruction efforts. We supply satellite and aerial images for analysis of disaster areas before, during, and after a disaster.

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Hazards Data Distribution System (HDDS)



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**201103\_EARTHQUAKE\_Tsunami\_JAPAN - HAZAR**

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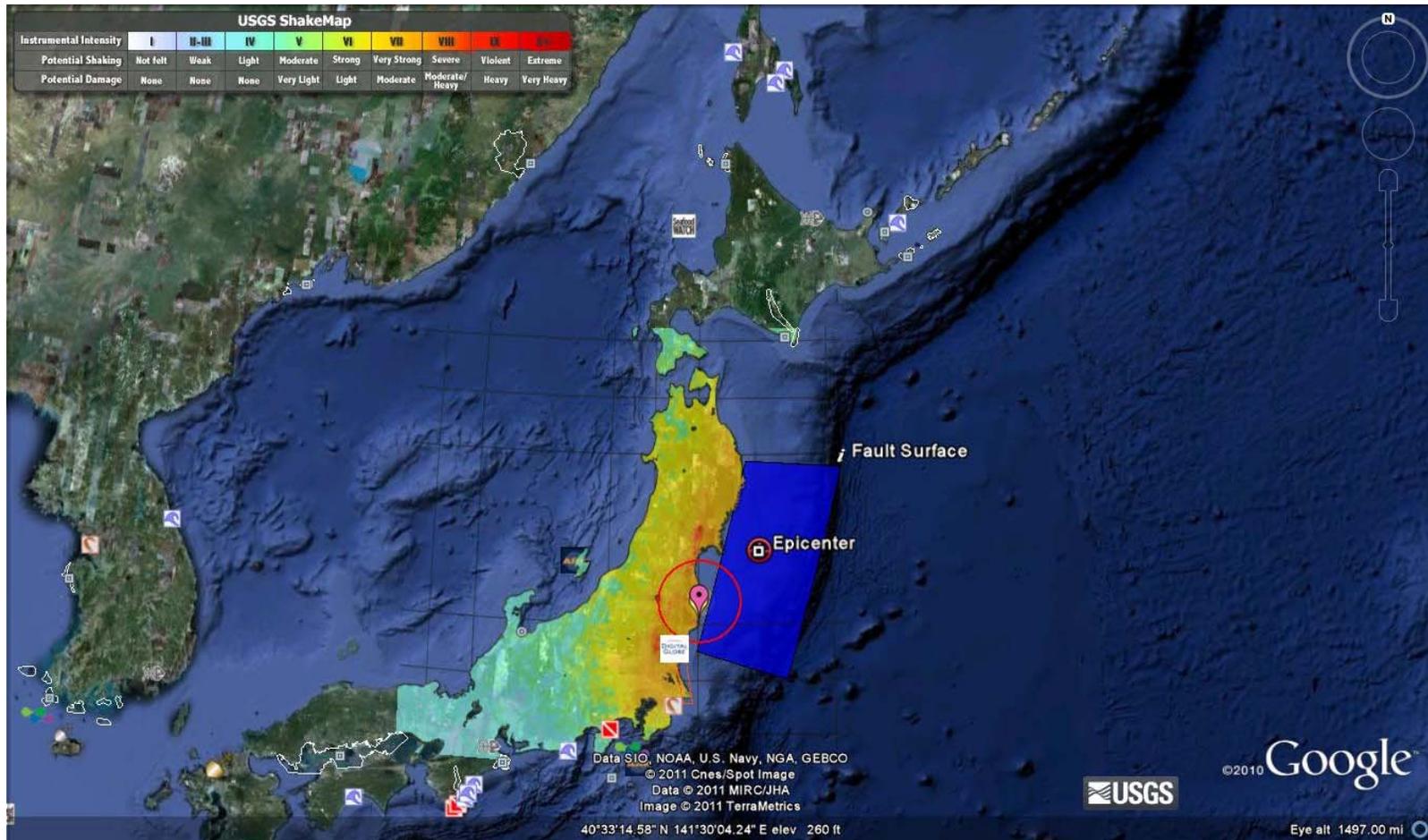
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# Google Earth showing USGS Products



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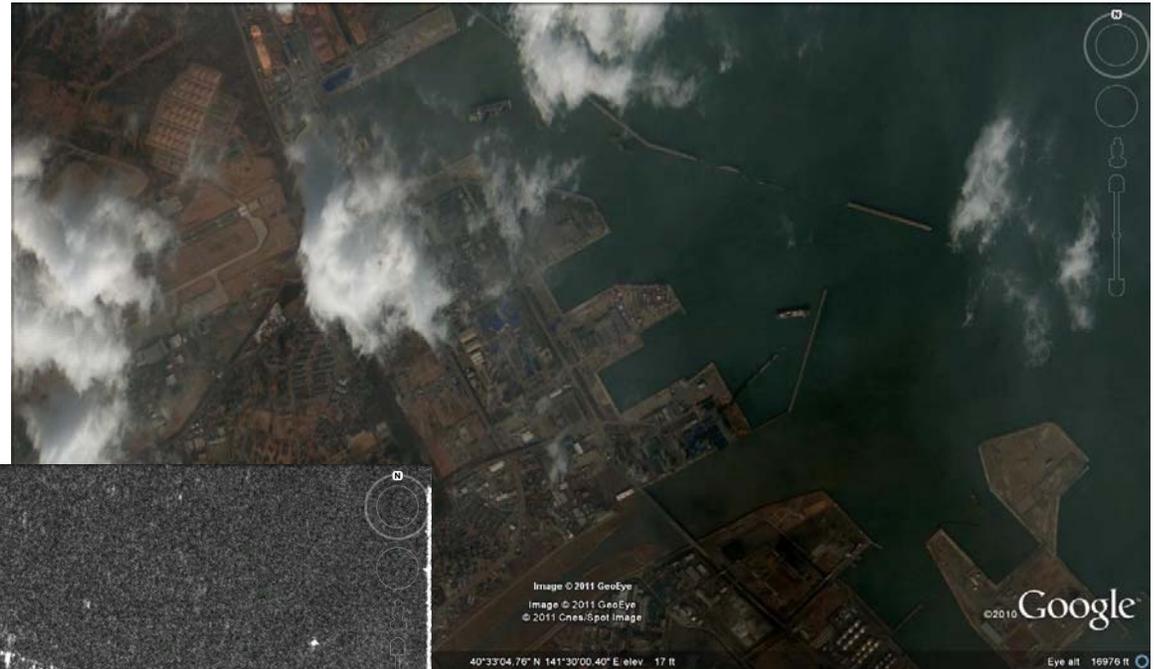


# Radarsat-2 on Google Earth



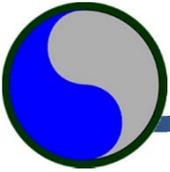
Hachinone Port, NE Japan  
After Tsunami, MAR 11

GeoEye-1



Radarsat-2

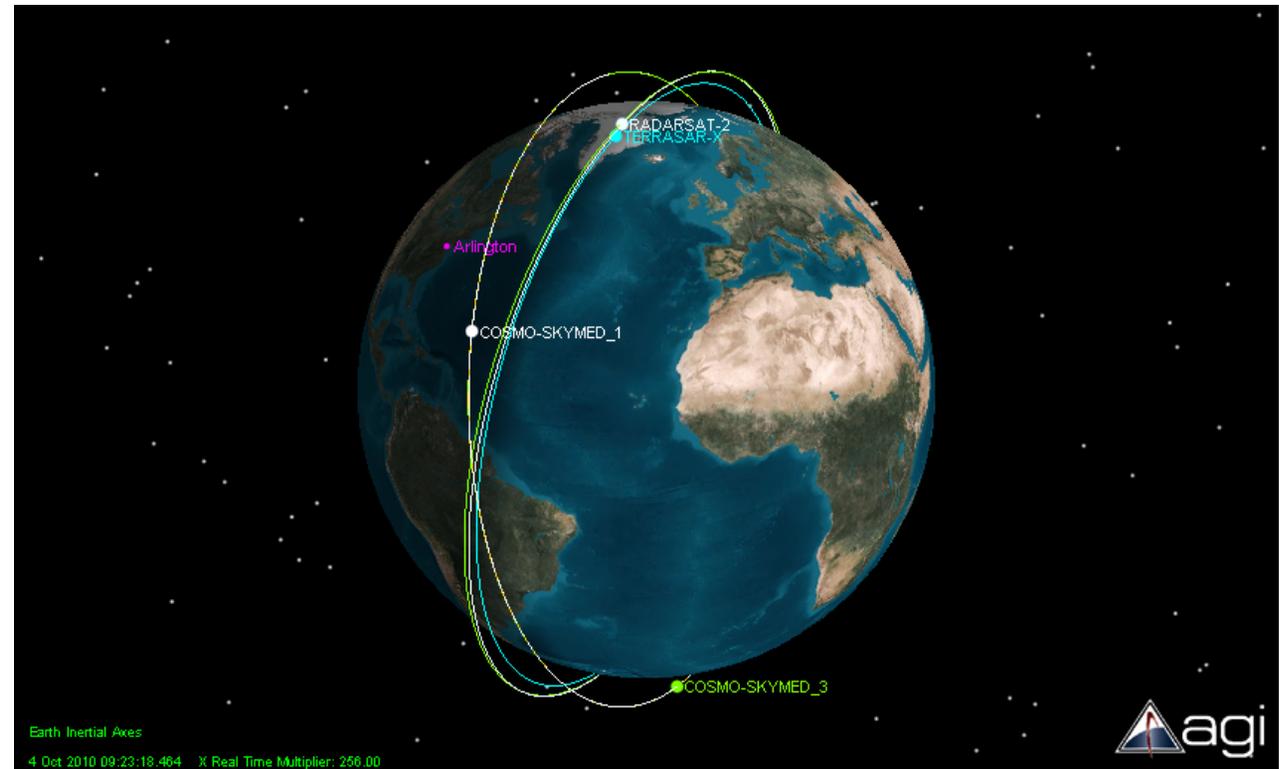
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# Commercial Radarsat: Up and Coming



- RADARSAT-1 and 2  
TERRASAR-X  
COSMO-SKYMED-1, 2,  
and 3
- Day/night
- Twice Daily  
Overflights(dawn/dusk)
- Used for Japan  
Earthquake Response,  
picked up edge of  
Tsunami damage





# Unclassified Geospatial Information Resources



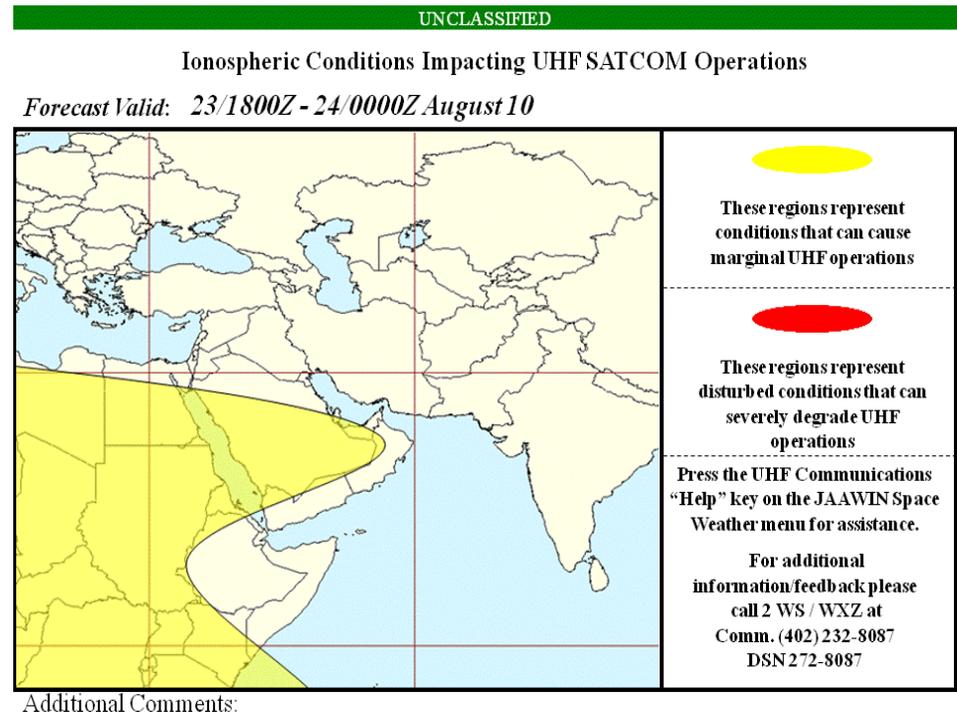
- Commercial Imagery Archive: NGA uWarp
- Supporting map data: NGA Geospatial Data Navigator, GIS information layers
- Army Geospatial Center: archival commercial imagery, maps, geopdfs, and shapefiles, including DAGR maps.
- USGS archive of domestic commercial imagery and maps.
- OCONUS: Commercial Imagery Team, CENTCOM J2-Collection Manager



# Increasing Solar Activity: Operational Impacts



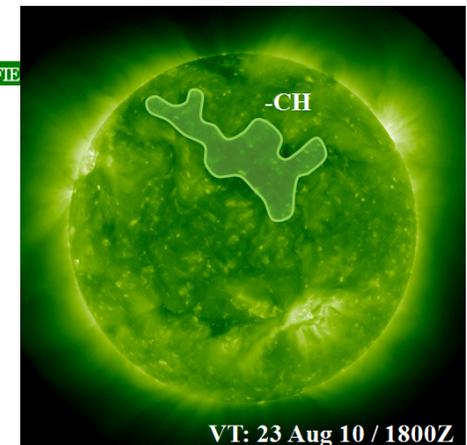
- UHF SATCOM Forecast 22-24AUG10 for SW Asia
- 29ID TACSAT will have temporarily degraded or total loss of UHF radio communications forecasted from 23AUG10-26AUG10 during night time hours due to moderate scintillation.
- *Other bands that will be affected are L-Band which are used for GPS, SATPhone (Iridium, Thuraya, and INMARSAT), and FFT. S-Band (satellite uplinks) will also be affected.*



Forecaster: CARR / WEAVER

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Prediction capabilities increasing from 3 days towards 4-5 days. Example: Proactive vs. reactive for planning primary and alternate communications important for C2



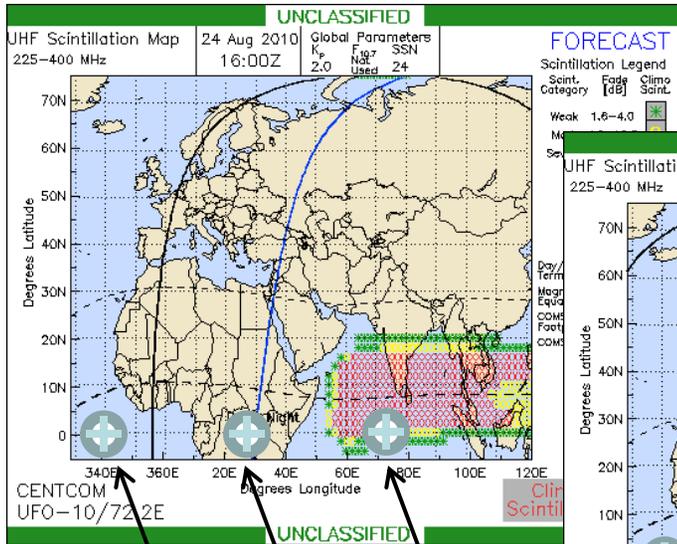


# Spaceweather and UHF Communication

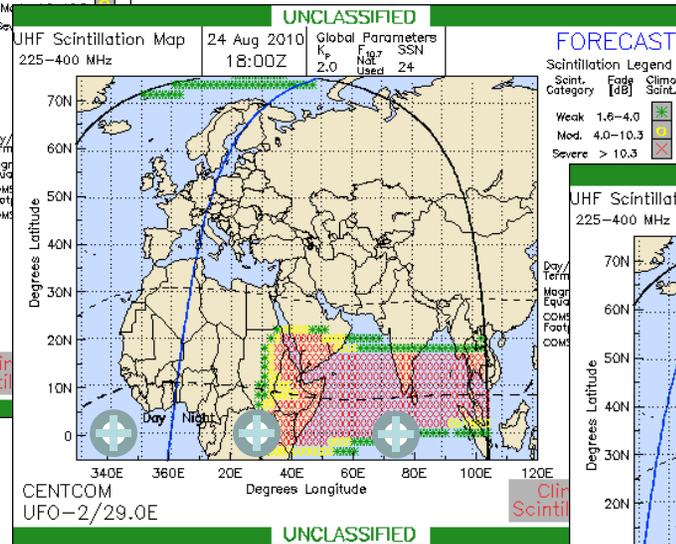


## Temporarily Degraded or Total Loss of UHF in CENTCOM region: UFO-7, UFO-2, and UFO-10

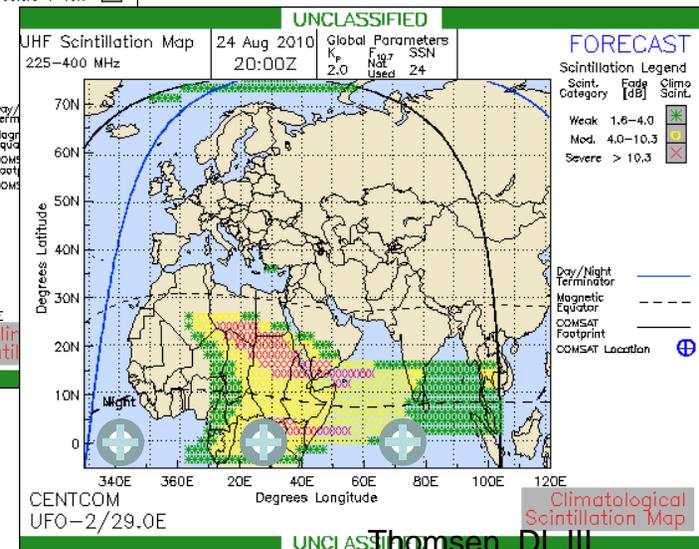
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18:00Z



20:00Z



UFO-7 UFO-2 UFO-10

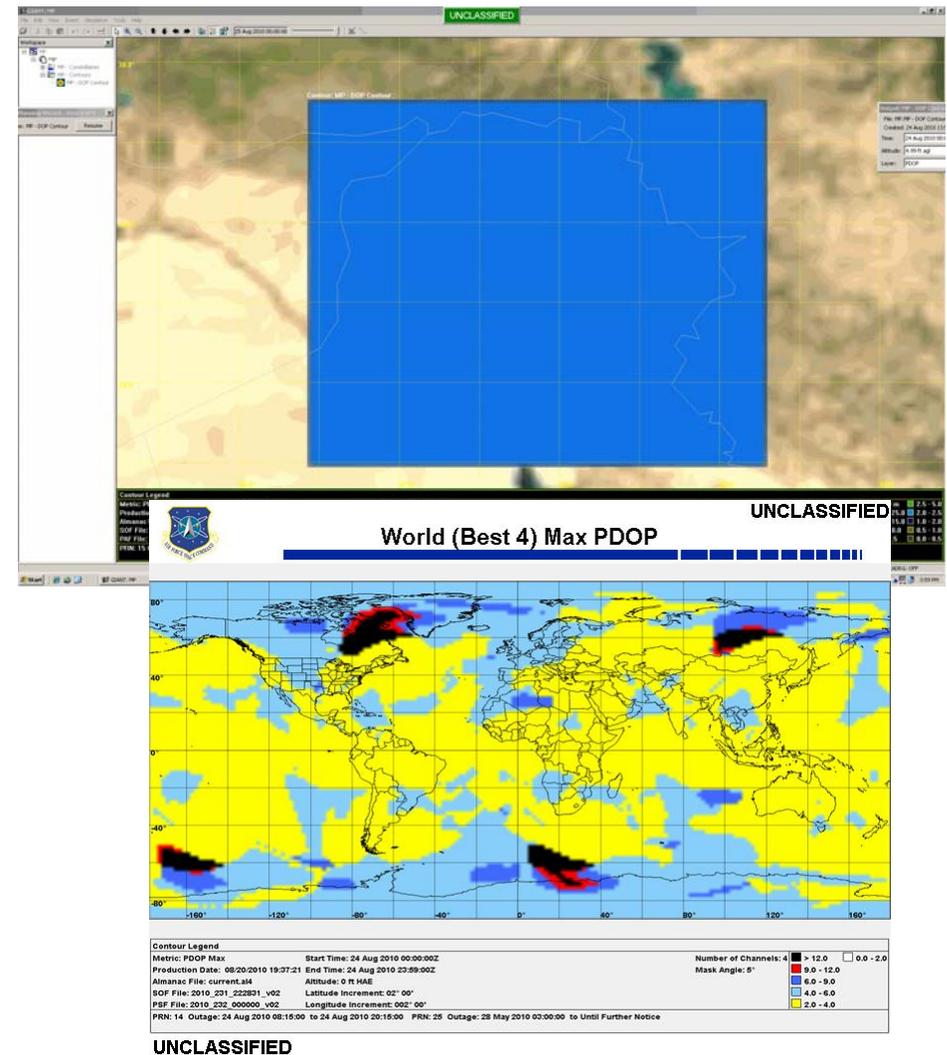
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# GPS Performance and Jammer Predictions



- GPS performance prediction 4 Best PDOP for 29ID AO from 24 AUG 10 0000Z – 25 AUG 10 0000Z is 2.0-2.5, using GIANT, GPS Interference and Navigation Tool, source: 29ID Space Support Element. Forecasted PDOP shows minimal dilution of precision for the AO, figure 1.
- GIANT can also predict GPS performance with terrain masking and interference/jammer effects. It can predict GPS performance over an area, along a route, or at a point. It is an excellent planning tool for missions that depend on GPS.*





# Summary



- Space support adds to situational awareness
- Commercial imagery: increasing availability and shareable.
- Spacweather forecasts supports predictability of SATCOM performance
- GPS analysis tools forecasts precision and jammer effects