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Summary: The U.S. will establish a new military command in Japan to bolster security ties. The new American command, which will initially be led by a three-star general, will coordinate military operations with the Japanese side, plan joint exercises, and participate in the defense of the country if hostilities erupt. "This is actually a new type of cooperation for the U.S. and Japan, and so it's going to take a lot of effort and we're going to have to build some new muscles to be able to do that," said Zack Cooper of AEI. The move is intended to keep pace with Japan's efforts to build up its military capabilities, including a new joint military command that Japanese authorities are planning to stand up early next year.

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