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Glonass Satellites Launched

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Three Glonass navigation satellites were successfully launched into orbit from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on Thursday, Interfax reported, citing a Space Forces spokesman.

The new satellites will begin operations in October, said Nikolai Testoyedov, head of the company that develops the Glonass equipment, Interfax reported.

The Glonass system, which now has 26 satellites, including two reserve ones, will be completed after the last satellite launch in November, Testoyedov said. Glonass is a rival to the U.S. GPS system.

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