

Space Deal Struck With Israel

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JERUSALEM — Israel and Russia have agreed to increase cooperation on space research and exploration.

Israel Space Agency director Zvi Kaplan said proposed projects include remote sensing of Earth from space, planetary studies and space medicine. He says the two nations may also join forces on astrophysical research and satellite navigation.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the integration of Israel's advanced technology with Russia's developed space infrastructure is "one that could provide major benefits to both countries."

Russian and Israeli officials signed the cooperation agreement on Sunday, days after Netanyahu met with Russian leaders in Moscow.