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Soyuz Flaw Called a One-Off

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Inspections have found that the Soyuz rockets intended to carry astronauts and cargo to the International Space Station do not have the flaw that caused an unmanned cargo ship to crash in August, Federal Space Agency head Vladimir Popovkin said Friday.

Popovkin told lawmakers Friday that a check of 18 rocket engines from the same batch has found no faults so far.

"That allows us to say that it [the manufacturing flaw in the failed rocket] was a singular occasion," he said.

Popovkin said a cargo ship will be launched on Oct. 30 and a manned mission will follow on Nov. 14.

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