

Russia Successfully Launches 4 U.S. Satellites Into Space

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Russia's multi-billion-dollar spaceport in the Far East has successfully launched 11 satellites into orbit, including 4 commercial U.S. satellites, in the third-ever launch from the Vostochny Cosmodrome.

The last launch was delayed in November after a satellite crashed into the sea due to wrongly programmed coordinates, Russian officials [said](#) at the time. The \$5-billion cosmodrome launched its first satellites into space in April 2016.

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The Roscosmos Federal space agency [said](#) that two Russian earth observation satellites had entered into orbit as of early Thursday. It [confirmed](#) later that four U.S. and five German commercial nanosatellites were also successfully deployed.

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“I will begin by congratulating all of you with today’s successful launch,” Igor Komarov, the head of Roscosmos, was [cited](#) as saying by the RBC business portal.

“Before the end of the year, we are planning two more launches in the second half of the year,” he added.

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