

Russian Rocket To Orbit Arab Satellite

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The launch of the Proton-M Russian carrier rocket with the Arab communications satellite ArabSat 4A has been scheduled for February 28 at 8:10 p.m. GMT at the Baikonur Space Center, the Russian Federal Space Agency said Monday.

A Briz-M booster was delivered to Baikonur, which Russia leases from Kazakhstan, Monday, the agency said in a press release.

"Work to prepare the booster starts February 7," the agency said.

Foreign experts are expected to finish the preparation of the Arabsat 4A this week.

The Arab Satellite Communications Organization was established in 1976 by member-states of the Arab League to serve the telecommunication, information, culture and education sectors.

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