

Rocket with new module for space station blasts off

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Scientists prepare the Mini-Research Module 2 (MRM 2) "Poisk" for flight at Kazakhstan's Baikonur cosmodrome on November 3. A Soyuz rocket carrying the new Russian-made module for the International Space Station blasted off from the Baikonur space base in Kazakhstan.

A Soyuz rocket carrying a new Russian-made module for the International Space Station blasted off on Tuesday from the Baikonur space base in Kazakhstan, television pictures showed.

The Poisk (Search) module, also known as the Mini-Research Module 2,

will provide additional facilities for scientific experiments aboard the orbiting space station, Russia's space agency said in a statement.

Russian news agencies quoted the space agency as saying that the launch had been successful, and state television images showed the rocket flying smoothly into the night sky.

The unmanned [Progress spacecraft](#) carrying the new module, along with food and water supplies, is due to dock with the ISS on Thursday at 1544 GMT.

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