

Russia launches rocket carrying US satellite

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Russia launched a rocket carrying a US communications satellite into space Sunday, the rocket's manufacturer said.

Scheduled for 8:29 pm (1729 GMT), the Proton-M's launching from Moscow's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan "took place as anticipated", the Khrunichev centre said in a statement.

The American LightSquared <u>telecommunications satellite</u> is to be placed into orbit to cover the United States, the Carribean and Hawaii.

The launching was the 10th of a Proton rocket since the beginning of the year.

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