

Ecuador to launch first homemade satellite

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Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa speaks to the foreign press at the Carondelet presidential palace in Quito on February 20, 2013. Ecuador will launch its first satellite into space from China in two weeks, Correa announced.

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"It's not a satellite bought in another country, it's a satellite made in Ecuador," Correa said proudly during his weekly address of the homegrown engineering team.

The "Pegaso" (pegasus) nanosatellite will be launched from China aboard an [unmanned rocket](#) at 0513 GMT on April 26.

Measuring just 10 by 10 by 75 centimeters (four by four by 30 inches), and weighing 1.2 kilograms (2.6 pounds), Pegaso will beam live [video images](#) back to Earth from an [onboard camera](#).

The Ecuadoran Space Agency plans a second satellite launch in July.

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