

Russia launches Proton rocket with military satellite

November 12 2013



This file photo shows a Proton-M rocket, seen being rised to the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, on March 27, 2012

Russia successfully launched a Proton-M rocket carrying a military satellite in the early hours of Tuesday from its Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The launch took place at 03:46 Moscow time (23:46 GMT) carrying a

satellite for the Russian defence ministry, the Russian space agency Roscosmos said.

Russia restarted launches of Proton rockets in September after a pause to investigate why one exploded on [takeoff](#) on July 2.

The Proton-M rocket is Russia's most popular for commercial satellite launches.

Roscosmos chief Vladimir Popovkin was dismissed in October after two and a half years, with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev complaining of a "whole number of problems" in the space agency's work.

© 2013 AFP

Citation: Russia launches Proton rocket with military satellite (2013, November 12) retrieved 24 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2013-11-russia-proton-rocket-military-satellite.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.