

North Korea conducts rocket launch in likely 2nd attempt to put spy satellite into orbit

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This photo provided by the North Korean government, shows what it says rocket launchers during a military parade to mark the 70th anniversary of the armistice that halted fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War, on Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea Thursday, July 27, 2023. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the North Korean government. The content of this image is as provided and cannot be independently verified. Korean language watermark on image as provided by source reads: "KCNA" which is the abbreviation for Korean Central News

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South Korea said Thursday that North Korea has launched a long-range rocket.

South Korea's military said in a statement that the launch involved what the North called "a space launch vehicle." It gave no further details. But it is likely be the North's second attempt to put a spy satellite into space.

Earlier this week, Japanese officials said North Korea told it that the North plans to launch a satellite in the coming days.

In late May, a North Korean rocket carrying a [spy satellite](#) plunged into the sea soon after liftoff, posing a setback to leader Kim Jong Un's push to establish a space-based surveillance system to better monitor the U.S. and South Korea. North Korea had has since vowed to make a second attempt.

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