

Russia Urges North Korea to Drop Rocket Launch Plan

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Russia urged North Korea on Monday not to go ahead with a plan for its second rocket launch of 2012, with Moscow saying the launch would violate restrictions imposed by the UN Security Council.

North Korea's state news agency on Saturday announced the decision to launch another space satellite and reportedly told neighbors it would take a similar path to that planned for a failed rocket launch in April.

Echoing its criticism of the April launch, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that North Korea had been warned not to ignore a UN Security Council resolution that "unambiguously prohibits [it] from launching rockets using ballistic technology."

North Korea says its rockets are used to put satellites into orbit for peaceful purposes.

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