

# Angara Rocket Launch Postponed Again

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Russia put off the maiden launch of its first new space rocket design since Soviet times for a second day on Saturday, RIA Novosti reported, a fresh blow to the country's once-pioneering industry.

The debut launch of the Angara rocket was first called off on Friday after the vehicle's booster cut out during a final countdown watched by President Vladimir Putin via video link at the Kremlin.

Angara, built by the Khrunichev space center, is a key test of Russia's ability remake a troubled space industry that is struggling to recover from braindrain and years of budget curbs.

"The rocket will be removed from the launchpad and transferred to a technical stand for comprehensive analysis," RIA Novosti quoted the Khrunichev center as saying, adding the new launch time would only be decided after the checks.

More than two decades in the making, the new generation rocket is a centerpiece of Putin's plan to reform Russia's space industry and a drive to launch satellites from its own soil, breaking dependence on other ex-Soviet republics.

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