

# Russian Rocket Launch Sparks UFO Conspiracy

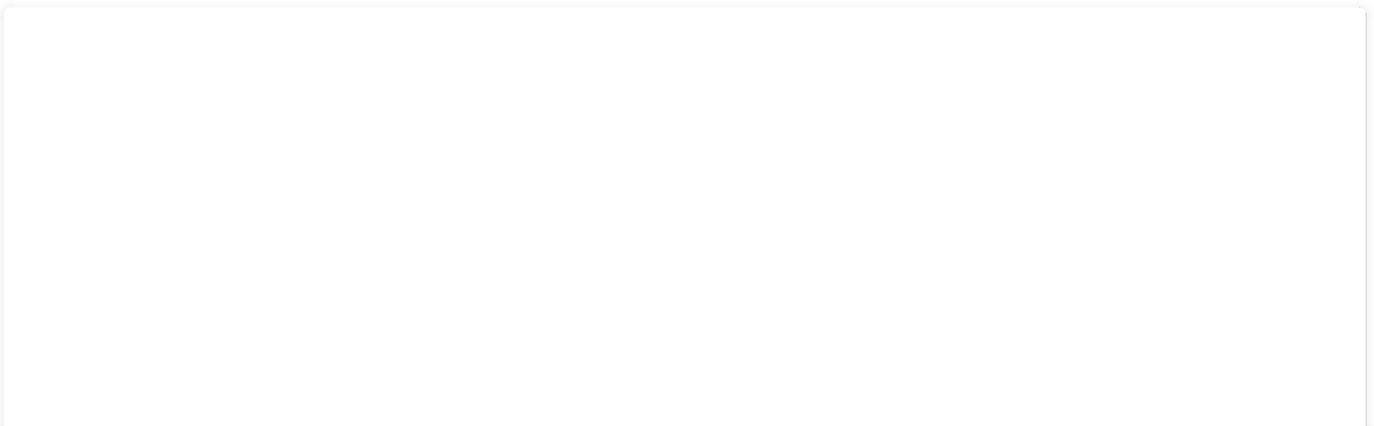
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An exhaust trail left by a spacecraft launched from northern Russia has caused speculation of a UFO sighting among witnesses and social media users.

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The Russian military sent a navigation satellite into space from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome early Sunday, Russia's Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) [announced](#).

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Russians who [filmed](#) the rocket's ghostly trail expressed wonder at the picturesque sight, [speculating](#) that the jellyfish-shaped trail could be a UFO. Local news outlets reported that residents caught an “extraterrestrial flying saucer” on camera.

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Roscosmos later [explained](#) that witnesses saw the launch vehicle's re-entry trail.

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The Twitter account of the Russian Embassy in Britain tied the sighting to the ongoing FIFA World Cup underway in 11 Russian cities for the next four weeks.

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“[M]aybe UFO [is] coming to watch [the] World Cup. Why Not? We welcome all guests,” it [wrote](#) on Monday.

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