

Daily Space Snapshot

March 21, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

Next month's GPS III-8 mission had been slated to fly atop United Launch Alliance (ULA)'s new Vulcan Centaur rocket. But Vulcan has experienced issues with its solid rocket boosters (SRBs), so the Space Force is moving the GPS spacecraft onto a SpaceX Falcon 9.



TOP SIGNAL

US Space Force moves GPS launch to SpaceX Falcon 9 due to Vulcan rocket glitch

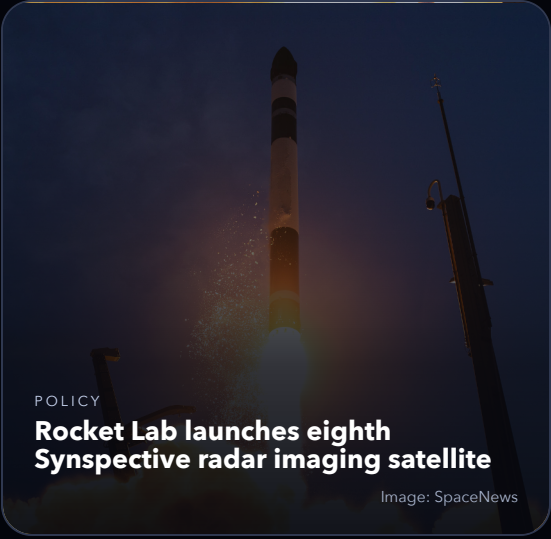
Image: Space.com



MARKET MOVE

NASA issues draft request for moving space shuttle Discovery—or Orion capsule

Image: Ars Technica Space



POLICY

Rocket Lab launches eighth Synspecrive radar imaging satellite

Image: SpaceNews



LAUNCH OPS

NASA Simulations Improve Artemis II Launch Environment

Image: NASA



PROGRAM WATCH

NASA's X-59 Experimental Supersonic Aircraft Makes Second Flight

Image: NASA



HARDWARE

SLS enters pad flow ahead of historic Artemis II mission

Image: NASASpaceflight



SCIENCE / PUBLIC

ESA to fly dedicated Crew Dragon mission to ISS

Image: SpaceNews

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Mar 22, 2026 • Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan**
Progress MS-33
- Mar 22, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
Starlink Group 10-62
- Mar 22, 2026 • Haiyang Oriental Spaceport, China**
Chinarocket launch listing
- Mar 23, 2026 • Andøya Rocket Range, Nordland, Norway**
Onward and Upward
- Mar 25, 2026 • Māhia Peninsula, New Zealand**
Daughter Of The Stars

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

