

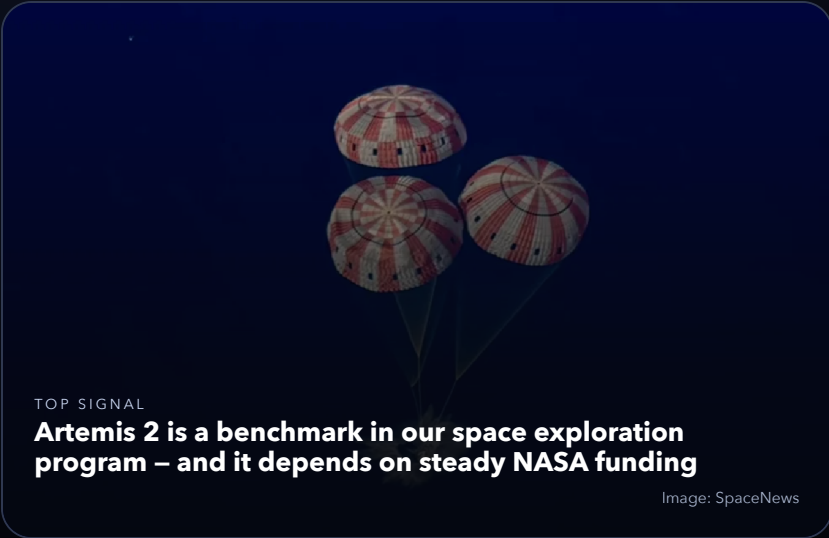
Daily Space Snapshot

April 17, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

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

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TOP SIGNAL
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 Image: SpaceNews



MARKET MOVE
Vulcan woes will "absolutely" be a factor in Pentagon's next rocket competition
 Image: Ars Technica Space



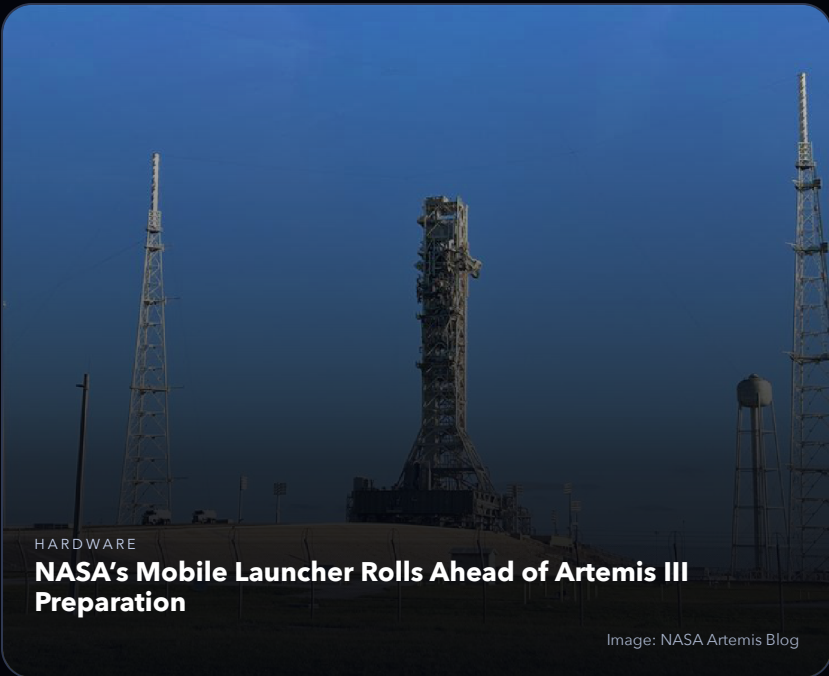
POLICY
Vast offers new docking adapter for large space stations
 Image: X · Vast



LAUNCH OPS
NASA Begins Implementation for ESA's Rosalind Franklin Mission to Mars
 Image: NASA Science



PROGRAM WATCH
Launch Alert | We're targeting New Glenn's third launch no earlier than Sunday, April 19, 2026, from LC-36. The two-hour launch window op
 Image: X · Blue Origin



HARDWARE
NASA's Mobile Launcher Rolls Ahead of Artemis III Preparation
 Image: NASA Artemis Blog



SCIENCE / PUBLIC
"If you had given us the keys to the lander, we would have taken it down and landed on the Moon."
 Image: Ars Technica Space

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LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 17, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
Daqi-2 (AEMS)
- Apr 18, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-22
- Apr 19, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
BlueBird Block 2 FM2
- Apr 20, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
GPS III SV10
- Apr 22, 2026 • Wallops Flight Facility, Virginia, USA**
Bubbles

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

Momentum Signal	68%
Caution Signal	32%

68% momentum vs 32% caution across 23 stories from the last 24 hours (14 momentum-leaning, 9 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.