

# Daily Space Snapshot

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TOPLINE

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

NASA's leadership and Axiom have reacted to a warning from the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) that the agency's ambitious plan to field next-generation spacesuits for lunar landings and International Space Station (ISS) spacewalks is significantly behind schedule. The report, titled "NASA's Acquisition of Next-Generation Spacesuit Services", details how developmental delays, a risky acquisition strategy, and the early exit of one key contractor have left NASA reliant on a single provider—potentially threatening the 2028 Artemis lunar landing and continued ISS operations ahead of the station's planned 2030 decommissioning.



**TOP SIGNAL**  
**NASA and Axiom react to OIG Report on delays in Next-Generation Spacesuit Program**

Image: NASASpaceflight



**MARKET MOVE**  
**Trump taps Raytheon executive for top military space acquisition post**

Image: SpaceNews



**POLICY**  
**Commerce Department budget proposal would halt work on TraCSS**

Image: SpaceNews



**LAUNCH OPS**  
**Northrop Grumman takes \$71 million charge on Vulcan booster issue**

Image: SpaceNews



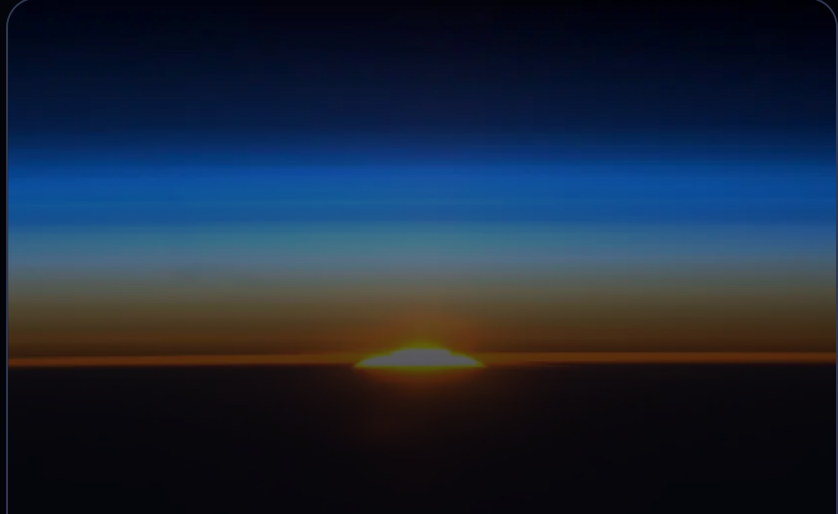
**PROGRAM WATCH**  
**SpaceX reaches 600 Falcon booster landings on Starlink mission**

Image: Space.com



**HARDWARE**  
**The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, NASA's next great observatory, is finally complete**

Image: Space.com



**SCIENCE / PUBLIC**  
**China backs orbital data center startup with \$8.4 billion in credit lines**

Image: SpaceNews

**SIGNAL METER**

**Topic Heat**

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**LAUNCH WINDOW**

**Upcoming Launches**

- Apr 22, 2026 • Wallops Flight Facility, Virginia, USA**  
Bubbles
- Apr 23, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**  
Starlink Group 17-14
- Apr 23, 2026 • Māhia Peninsula, New Zealand**  
Kakushin Rising
- Apr 24, 2026 • Xichang Satellite Launch Center, China**  
CASC launch listing
- Apr 25, 2026 • Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan**  
Progress MS-34

**NARRATIVE BALANCE**

**Signal Split**

Momentum Signal	63%
Caution Signal	37%

63% momentum vs 37% caution across 13 stories from the last 24 hours (6 momentum-leaning, 7 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.