

Daily Space Snapshot

April 26, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

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

After a hiatus of more than a year and a half, SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket is set to finally fly again from historic Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida. The mission, named ViaSat-3 F3, will see a third internet satellite deployed as part of the ViaSat-3 internet satellite constellation into geostationary orbit (GEO).



TOP SIGNAL

SpaceX set to launch Falcon Heavy on Monday after 18 month hiatus

Image: NASASpaceflight



MARKET MOVE

SpaceX launching powerful Falcon Heavy rocket for 1st time in 18 months on April 27: Watch it live

Image: Space.com



POLICY

China launches PRSC-EO3 for Pakistan, lofts internet test and environment monitoring satellites

Image: SpaceNews



LAUNCH OPS

NASA reserves science payload space for Mars telecommunications mission

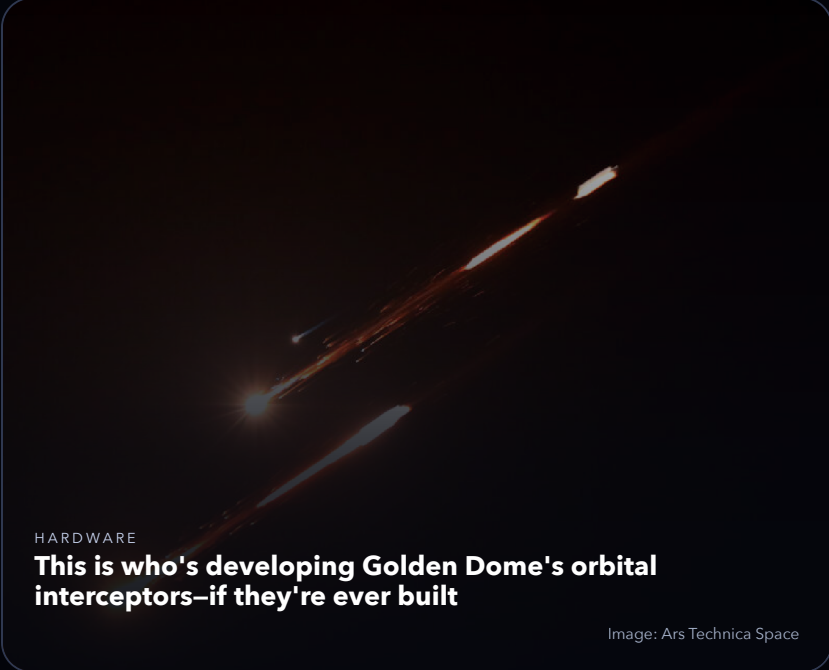
Image: SpaceNews



PROGRAM WATCH

Curiosity Rover uncovers fresh organic clues on Ancient Mars

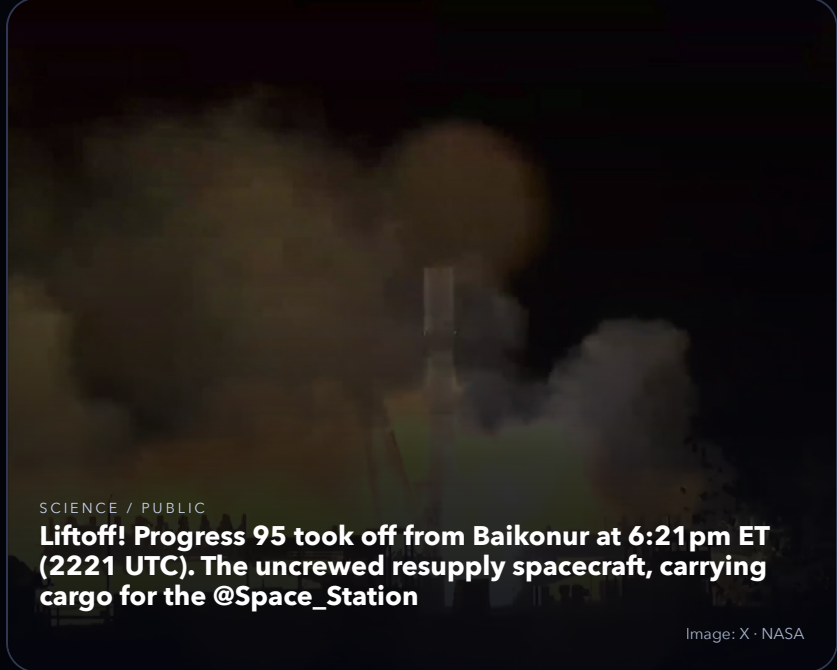
Image: NASASpaceflight



HARDWARE

This is who's developing Golden Dome's orbital interceptors—if they're ever built

Image: Ars Technica Space



SCIENCE / PUBLIC

Liftoff! Progress 95 took off from Baikonur at 6:21pm ET (2221 UTC). The uncrewed resupply spacecraft, carrying cargo for the @Space_Station

Image: X · NASA

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 26, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
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Amazon Leo (LA-06)
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NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

