

Daily Space Snapshot

May 15, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

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

Chinese satellite maker MinoSpace seeks \$736 million in IPO Chinese satellite maker MinoSpace has seen its initial public offering application accepted, seeking \$736 million for constellation and product expansion plans.



TOP SIGNAL
Chinese satellite maker MinoSpace seeks \$736 million in IPO

Image: SpaceNews



MARKET MOVE
ULA confirms successful solid rocket booster test as Vulcan anomaly investigation continues

Image: Spaceflight Now



POLICY
Cowboy files plans for up to 20,000 orbital data centers

Image: SpaceNews




LAUNCH OPS
Intuitive Machines to buy ground station company

Image: SpaceNews



PROGRAM WATCH
NASA Draws on Industry for Mars Telecommunications Network

Image: NASA



HARDWARE
Rocket Lab signs new launch contracts and acquires robotics company during Q1 2026

Image: NASASpaceflight



SCIENCE / PUBLIC
SpaceX's Starship V3 megarocket will do something completely new on Flight 12 – take a good look at itself

Image: Space.com

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat

Launch Ops	38
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Policy	12

LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- May 15, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
5 satellites
- May 15, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
CRS SpX-34
- May 16, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-37
- May 17, 2026 • Wenchang Space Launch Site, China**
SpaceSail Polar Group TBD
- May 19, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-42

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

Momentum Signal	62%
Caution Signal	38%

62% momentum vs 38% caution across 26 stories from the last 24 hours (9 momentum-leaning, 17 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.