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NRO Continues Persistent Launch Cadence with NROL-113

Size of proliferated architecture expands again

CHANTILLY, Va. — The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), in partnership with U.S. Space Force Space Launch Delta 30 and SpaceX, successfully launched the NROL-113 mission aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex-4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on September 5, 2024 at 11:20 p.m. EDT.

This mission is the third in support of the NRO's previously-announced, next generation proliferated satellite architecture and highlights the rapid pace of deployment for this program.

For more than 60 years, the NRO has successfully met the needs of its U.S. intelligence, military, civil, and allied partners – and remains the world's leader in unique intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance systems. The NRO's next-generation systems, further enhanced by today's launch, will help ensure that the right data is delivered to the right user at the right time, faster than ever before.

Approximately half a dozen launches supporting NRO's proliferated architecture are planned for 2024, with additional launches expected through 2028.

Additional information on upcoming launches will be available at NRO.gov/launch.

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