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NRO Launches Fifth Proliferated Architecture Mission with NROL-126

The U.S. government's largest-ever satellite constellation continues to grow

CHANTILLY, Va. — The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), in partnership with U.S. Space Force's Space Launch Delta 30 and SpaceX, successfully launched the NROL-126 mission aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on Nov. 30, 2024 at 3:10 a.m. EST.

This mission is the fifth launch of the NRO's proliferated architecture, showcasing the efficiency of delivery on orbit for this program. Today's successful mission follows the NROL-167 launch on Oct. 24, and the ongoing pace of deployment continues to diversify NRO's operational satellite constellation.

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

Approximately a half 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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