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NRO Launches Eleventh Proliferated Architecture Mission with NROL-48

Proliferated constellation enhances persistence, resilience, and speed

CHANTILLY, Va. — The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), in partnership with U.S. Space Force Space Launch Delta 30 and SpaceX, successfully launched the NROL-48 mission aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex-4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on September 22, 2025, at 1:38 p.m. EDT.

Today's mission is the eleventh overall launch of the NRO's proliferated architecture and fifth proliferated launch of 2025. Having hundreds of NRO satellites on orbit is vital to our nation and partners. This constellation continues to add capability and resilience to our mission through shorter revisit times, increased observational persistence, and faster processing and transmission of data.

Over the past two years, NRO has launched more than 200 satellites, creating the largest and most capable government constellation on orbit in our nation's history. Continuing with this momentum, 2025 has proven to be another dynamic year, with [nine NRO missions](#) launched so far. Additional proliferated launches are planned through 2029, ensuring sustained growth and innovation.

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.

Additional information on upcoming launches will be available at [NRO.gov/launch/](https://nro.gov/launch/).

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Ever since its inception at the dawn of the space age more than 60 years ago, the NRO has brought the farthest reaches of the planet into our grasp — to see it, hear it, and sense it. Today, the NRO is building on that legacy of innovation, harnessing the limitless potential of space to make our nation even safer and stronger. Learn more at [NRO.gov](https://nro.gov).