

# Daily Space Snapshot

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TOPLINE

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

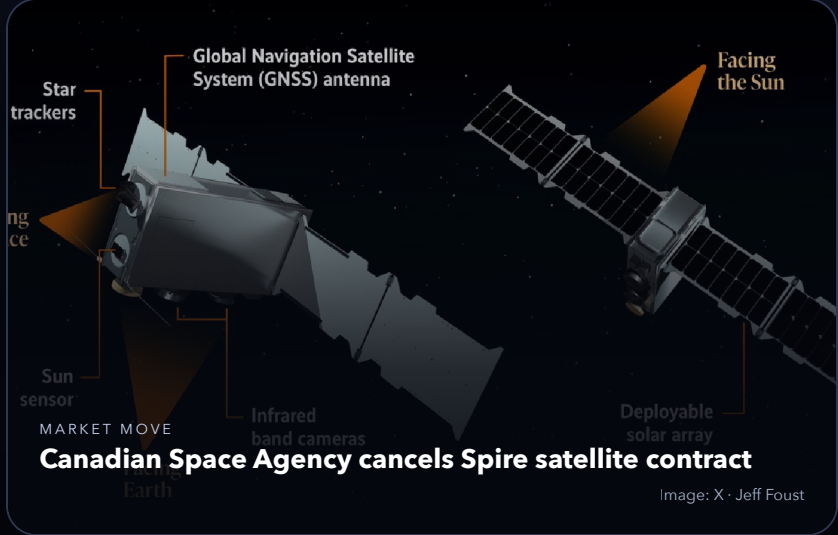
A SpaceX Falcon Heavy launched the third and final terabit-class ViaSat-3 broadband satellite toward geostationary orbit April 29, putting Viasat on course to finish a constellation more than a decade in the making.



TOP SIGNAL

### Falcon Heavy launches final ViaSat-3 terabit-class satellite

Image: SpaceNews



### Canadian Space Agency cancels Spire satellite contract

Image: X · Jeff Foust



POLICY

### NASA's Dragonfly Rotorcraft Gets Decked Out, Tested - NASA Science

Image: NASA



LAUNCH OPS

### Space Force selects firms to build counter-surveillance payloads for satellites

Image: SpaceNews



PROGRAM WATCH

### The mobile gantry has rolled back, and Ariane 6 stands tall on the pad ahead Leo Europe 2 (LE-02). Launch is set for 8:15 am UTC on Thursday

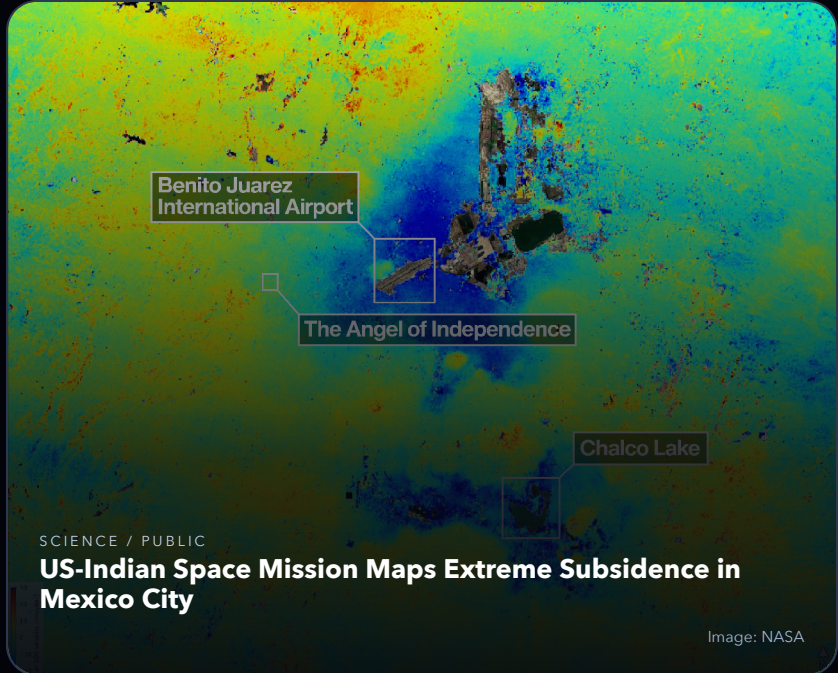
Image: X · Amazon Leo



HARDWARE

### SpaceX launches 24 Starlink satellites on Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg SFB

Image: Spaceflight Now



SCIENCE / PUBLIC

### US-Indian Space Mission Maps Extreme Subsidence in Mexico City

Image: NASA

SIGNAL METER

### Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW

### Upcoming Launches

- Apr 30, 2026** • Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana, France Amazon Leo (LE-02)
- Apr 30, 2026** • Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan Demo Flight
- May 1, 2026** • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida,... Starlink Group 10-38
- May 3, 2026** • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, USA CAS500-2 & Others
- May 6, 2026** • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, USA Starlink Group 17-29

NARRATIVE BALANCE

### Signal Split

