

《中国首颗移动通信卫星“天通一号”成功发射》

导读:6日零时22分，中国在西昌卫星发射中心用长征三号乙运载火箭成功将天通一号发射升空，这是我国卫星移动通信系统首发星。



China has launched its first mobile telecommunications satellite.

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The Tiantong-01 satellite will establish a mobile network serving China, the Middle East, Africa and other areas, the state run Xinhua news agency reported.

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It was sent into space after midnight local time in Beijing (16:00 GMT) on Sunday.

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The ground service will be operated by China Telecom, which is owned by the Chinese state.

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The country is also preparing for the next round of its manned space mission.

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On Saturday two launch rockets arrived at a launch centre in northwest China. They will carry a second module of the country's planned space station - replacing Tiangong 1 which has ended its service - and a staffed spacecraft called Shenzhou-11.

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China sent its first astronaut into space in 2003, and since then has taken huge advancements.

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The head designer of China's lunar missions told the BBC earlier this year that China plans to settle on the Moon and explore Mars.

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The country's space programme is led by the military.

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