

Proton-M orbited the Turkish communications satellite

On February 15, 10:22 Moscow time, the TURKSAT-4A Turkish telecommunications spacecraft was successfully put into orbit by the Proton-M space rocket and Briz-M upper stage, under a contract of Rosoboronexport, part of the Rostec State Corporation.

"In accordance with flight sequence, insertion of the TURKSAT-4A into its final orbit took place 9 hours 13 minutes.

The TURKSAT-4A spacecraft was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome (Kazakhstan) under the contract between Rosoboronexport and International Launch Services, Inc., a U.S.-based company, in the interests of Turkish satellite operator Turksat Satellite Communication and Cable TV Operation AS.

In addition to radio and television broadcast repeating, the TURKSAT-4A will support Turkish Armed Forces activities.

The space rocket was manufactured by Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Center.

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