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## **S. KOREA LAUNCHES HOMEGROWN SPACE ROCKET IN 2ND SUCH ATTEMPT**

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South Korea launched its first domestically built space rocket on Tuesday in the countrys second attempt, months after its earlier liftoff failed to place a payload into orbit.

A successful launch would boost South Koreas growing space ambitions but also prove it has key technologies to build a space-based surveillance system and bigger missiles amid animosities with rival North Korea, some experts say.

The three-stage Nuri rocket carrying what officials call a functioning performance verification satellite blasted from South Koreas only space launch center on a small island off its southern coast at 4 p.m. Live TV footage showed the rocket with a national flag rising into the air with bright flames and above thick white smokes.

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