
RUSSIA PUTS IRANIAN SATELLITE INTO ORBIT AMID UKRAINE CONFLICT

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Iran, which has maintained ties with Moscow and refrained from criticism of the Ukraine offensive, has sought to deflect suspicions that Moscow could use Khayyam to spy on Ukraine.

Russia has launched an Iranian satellite into orbit from southern Kazakhstan, just three weeks after President Vladimir Putin and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei pledged to work together.

The remote Khayyam sensing satellite, named after the 11th Century Persian poet and philosopher Omar Khayyam, was launched by a Russian Soyuz rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and entered orbit successfully on Tuesday, Russia's space agency said.

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