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### RadioAstron launch

We are happy to report that the Spektr-R space craft was successfully launched today (July 18, 2011; about 02:31 UTC) by the Zenit rocket and the Fregat-SB booster. It has reached the targeted orbit, the booster has separated successfully, the first communication session between the control station in Bear Lakes and the space craft went well. The unfolding of the space radio telescope is expected in about 5 days after the launch.

See some nice photos of the launch here:  
<http://www.federalspace.ru/main.php?lang=en>

With best regards from Baikonur,  
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