

Brazil Back to the Space Club

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Brazil has successfully launched its first rocket into space. The rocket was launched from the Alcântara base in northern Brazil to conduct experiments just outside Earth's atmosphere.

The launch Saturday came 14 months after a deadly rocket explosion at the Alcântara base killed 21 space agency employees, including key technicians.

The launch pad explosion also damaged the reputation of Brazil's space program and set back plans to sell up to 15 of its VSV-30 rockets.

Brazil's Alcântara base is considered an excellent launch site because of its proximity to the equator, where the Earth moves the fastest..

Scientists say launching a rocket at this point gives it an extra boost and allows it to carry less fuel.

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