



China Launches Sea Based Rocket

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China has launched a space rocket from the sea.

- The rocket named as 'Long March 11' was launched from a ship in the Yellow Sea.
- It is the latest step in China's push to become a major space power. Only a few countries have such a capability.
- The rocket carried two experimental satellites and five commercial ones
- Earlier this year, China became the first nation to land a rover on the far side of the moon.
- Most recently, Sea Launch (a firm jointly owned by Russia, US, Norway, and Ukraine) has used a floating platform to launch of rockets between 1999 and 2014.
- Launching from the sea has a number of advantages, such as the ability to send off rockets from a variety of locations on Earth, as well as reduced costs and risks.