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AUG 25 LAUNCHING FOR FIRST MALAYSIAN-MADE SATELLITE

SIBU, July 3 (Bernama) -- The first Malaysian-made satellite will be launched on Aug 25 this year, said Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding.

Law said in Sarikei yesterday that he had received confirmation from the Russian Space Agency that the launching would be done in Khazastan.

The 50-kg micro-satellite costing RM45 million was built by Malaysian scientists in local universities in cooperation with British institutions.

Law said due to problems in engaging a launching agency, its first scheduled launching in September last year had to be postponed to April and finally to August.

It is the second one for the country after the Measat.

The satellite, named Tungsat-1 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would be used for earth observation, research, weather forecast and communication purposes, he said.

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