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00:00:01,666 --> 00:00:04,056

Good morning, this is mission control Houston.

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00:00:04,206 --> 00:00:08,386

Thank you for joining us for today's  
ISS update this Wednesday, December 21.

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00:00:09,976 --> 00:00:14,896

A successful Soyuz launch makes headline news  
for the International Space Station today.

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00:00:15,256 --> 00:00:22,486

Earlier this morning at 7:16 a.m. Central Time  
the Soyuz TMA-03M carrying its crew of three,

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00:00:22,556 --> 00:00:27,556

NASA astronaut Don Pettit,  
Russian cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko

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00:00:27,556 --> 00:00:32,736

and European Space Agency astronaut Andre  
Kuipers lifted off on time and as scheduled

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00:00:32,736 --> 00:00:34,776

from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

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00:00:35,306 --> 00:00:39,686

The three Soyuz crew members having made  
it safely to orbit are now on their way

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00:00:39,686 --> 00:00:44,646

to the International Space Station after  
a two-day voyage to the orbiting complex.

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00:00:45,756 --> 00:00:48,496

Now only a few hours after  
liftoff, we are now looking

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00:00:48,496 --> 00:00:52,176

at a live view inside the International  
Space Station Flight Control Room

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00:00:52,176 --> 00:00:55,576

where the team here has been monitoring  
the systems aboard the station

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00:00:55,576 --> 00:01:00,836

and supporting the days activities as the  
expedition 30 crew members now on space station.

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00:01:01,546 --> 00:01:06,426

Leading the team here at the station flight  
control room today Flight Director Mike Lammers

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00:01:06,426 --> 00:01:09,426

seen there on the the right-hand  
side in a dark suit.

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00:01:09,426 --> 00:01:13,986

And next to him is Kjell  
Lindgren who is serving as capcom.

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00:01:13,986 --> 00:01:17,556

He is responsible for relaying all  
the ground messages to the crew today.

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00:01:20,616 --> 00:01:25,096

Meanwhile, aboard the orbiting complex  
awaiting the rest of their crew to arrive,

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00:01:25,096 --> 00:01:28,886

station Commander Dan Burbank and  
Flight Engineers Anton Shkaplerov

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00:01:28,886 --> 00:01:35,786

and Anatoly Ivanishin are in their fifth-week as  
the expedition 30 crew, their six-week in space.

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00:01:39,616 --> 00:01:42,486

Commander Burbank, Shkaplerov  
and Ivanishin launched

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00:01:42,486 --> 00:01:49,266  
to the orbiting complex aboard their Soyuz  
spacecraft as the expedition 29 crew last month.

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00:01:49,266 --> 00:01:53,886  
They docked their vehicle to the Poisk  
module and the space station two days

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00:01:53,886 --> 00:01:55,726  
after their launch on November 15.

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00:01:57,296 --> 00:02:01,716  
Burbank had been assumed command the  
station only a week after having arrived.

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00:02:02,126 --> 00:02:07,366  
Today he and his crewmembers complete  
the 38th consecutive day in space.

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00:02:07,636 --> 00:02:09,196  
With another Soyuz now bound

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00:02:09,196 --> 00:02:13,716  
for the International Space Station crew  
members aboard the orbiting complex remain busy

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00:02:13,716 --> 00:02:19,156  
to support ongoing research into the effects  
of microgravity on the human body, biology,

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00:02:19,156 --> 00:02:23,846  
physics and materials as well as performed  
some regular maintenance and upkeep to their

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00:02:24,036 --> 00:02:25,956  
to their orbital home away from home.

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00:02:29,746 --> 00:02:33,026

The space station with the crew aboard is now flying at an altitude

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00:02:33,026 --> 00:02:41,886

of about 234 statute miles, the orbiting facility is making a night pass

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00:02:42,446 --> 00:02:46,206

on the southeastern track, having made a path across Kazakhstan,

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00:02:46,206 --> 00:02:50,706

this morning's Soyuz launch site, about 35 minutes ago.

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00:02:50,706 --> 00:02:53,036

We're now coming across the North Pacific Ocean.

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00:02:55,236 --> 00:03:00,446

The expedition crew began their morning with the first of two daily planning conferences,

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00:03:00,446 --> 00:03:03,466

a couple hours after wakeup at midnight Central Time today.

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00:03:04,336 --> 00:03:08,256

Planning conferences are held with the ground controllers at mission control centers

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00:03:08,256 --> 00:03:13,906

around the world to review today's activities and plan for the next set of tasks.

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00:03:13,906 --> 00:03:17,516

The crew will participate in another daily planning conference just before entering its

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00:03:17,516 --> 00:03:18,546  
pre-sleep period.

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00:03:19,046 --> 00:03:21,566  
A couple hours after today's ISS update hour.

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00:03:21,996 --> 00:03:25,306  
The crew is then scheduled to go  
to bed at 3:30 p.m. Central Time.

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00:03:30,546 --> 00:03:35,506  
During today's ISS update hour, Commander Dan  
Burbank will have completed a journal entry

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00:03:35,506 --> 00:03:37,416  
as part of an ongoing journal study.

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00:03:37,896 --> 00:03:45,526  
Burbank is now deactivating a photo TV laptop  
to convert the current Russian video signal

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00:03:45,526 --> 00:03:51,876  
into a video signal for downlink via KU band in  
advance of Friday's anticipated Soyuz docking.

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00:03:52,996 --> 00:03:58,366  
He will then participate in a standard  
private medical conference and begin an hour

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00:03:58,366 --> 00:04:00,806  
of his two-hour daily physical exercise.

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00:04:02,846 --> 00:04:06,756  
Meanwhile aAnton Shkaplerov and  
Anatoly Ivanishin are working together

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00:04:06,756 --> 00:04:12,096  
on the Russian BAR experiment that test  
detection methods and means for depressurization

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00:04:12,136 --> 00:04:14,066  
of the International Space Station modules.

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00:04:14,626 --> 00:04:18,636  
The pair will begin their second hour  
of physical exercise after concluding

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00:04:18,636 --> 00:04:20,336  
that science experiment operations.

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00:04:22,866 --> 00:04:28,306  
And earlier this morning, Commander Dan Burbank  
had moved some food containers that were brought

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00:04:28,306 --> 00:04:30,186  
up on the last Progress supply ship.

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00:04:30,216 --> 00:04:31,706  
That Progress 45.

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00:04:32,566 --> 00:04:39,286  
He then relocated some items in airlock  
to set up for a perform some maintenance.

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00:04:40,046 --> 00:04:44,406  
Regular maintenance scrubbing the  
cooling loops of the two U.S. spacesuits

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00:04:44,406 --> 00:04:46,146  
that would be used during a spacewalk.

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00:04:49,416 --> 00:04:51,846  
Commander Burbank also changed out samples

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00:04:51,886 --> 00:04:56,576  
for the ongoing Preliminary Advanced  
Colloids Experiment, known as PACE,

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00:04:56,686 --> 00:05:00,966

within the Fluids Integrated Rack that looks at how fluids react in microgravity.

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00:05:02,856 --> 00:05:06,926

Later, Anton Shkaplerov and Commander Burbank set up and tested the KU scheme

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00:05:06,926 --> 00:05:12,646

for analog docking video in preparation of the Soyuz TMA-03M's arrival.

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00:05:13,986 --> 00:05:19,036

The Soyuz carrying the three new crew members is scheduled to dock to the Rassvet module

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00:05:19,036 --> 00:05:24,926

on Friday at 9:22 a.m. Central Time.

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00:05:24,926 --> 00:05:29,086

Only a few hours after today's update hour before their scheduled sleep period,

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00:05:29,086 --> 00:05:34,506

the three station crew members will have completed their two hours of daily exercise.

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00:05:34,506 --> 00:05:39,346

They will perform some evening prep work and hardware set up for tomorrow's activities,

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00:05:39,606 --> 00:05:43,796

they will also participate in their second and final daily planning conference before winding

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00:05:43,796 --> 00:05:46,216

down their day with little time and some personal hygiene.