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00:00:02,400 --> 00:00:07,560

On October 11th 2018, after more than two years of preparation

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00:00:07,560 --> 00:00:12,640

NASA's Nick Hague and Alexey Ovchinin of Roscosmos suited up for their flight to

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00:00:12,640 --> 00:00:14,560

the International Space Station.

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00:00:16,800 --> 00:00:18,500

The Soyuz rocket lifted off from the

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00:00:18,510 --> 00:00:23,760

Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and a climb to orbit went perfectly, for the

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00:00:23,760 --> 00:00:28,859

first two minutes, until one of the Soyuz rockets strap-on boosters failed to

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properly separate from the rockets first stage, triggering a launch abort.

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00:00:34,649 --> 00:00:38,040

The spacecraft carrying Hague and Ovchinin pulled free from the

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00:00:38,040 --> 00:00:41,980

first stage and flew on a ballistic trajectory that touched the edge of

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00:00:41,980 --> 00:00:47,160

space, before floating under parachutes to a safe landing on the steppe of Kazakhstan.

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00:00:47,880 --> 00:00:51,380

A short time later Hagan and
Ovchinin were picked up by Russian search

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00:00:51,380 --> 00:00:55,559
and recovery teams, then flown back to
Baikonur for a reunion with their

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00:00:55,559 --> 00:01:00,030
families, and greetings from NASA
Administrator Jim Bridenstine and the

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00:01:00,030 --> 00:01:04,379
head of Roscosmos, Dmitri Rogozin, who
promised the men they would be assigned

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00:01:04,379 --> 00:01:09,030
to another Soyuz flight to the station.
In December the station partnership

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:14,549
announced that Hagan and Ovchinin would fly
in March 2019, this time joined by NASA's

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00:01:14,549 --> 00:01:20,610
Christina Koch to become a part of
Expeditions 59 and 60. A few weeks ago,

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00:01:20,610 --> 00:01:25,110
Hague, Koch and Ovchinin wrapped up their work at
the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in

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00:01:25,110 --> 00:01:30,150
Star City, Russia, and passed their final
exams, then left for Baikonur and final