

# US Tests Orbital Plane: Integration of Air Forces, Space Weapons and Missile Defense

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An unmanned X-37B orbital airplane has been launched today from a US airbase in Florida. It can stay in orbit for 270 days.

The purpose of the plane is not revealed. Interviewed by Interfax news agency, Russian Air Force ex-chief General Anatoliy Kornukov said this is evidence of US plans to deploy weapons in space. The US, the General believes, is ignoring Russia's and the world's calls to refrain from militarizing space.

He reminded that the US is uniting its air forces, space armed forces and air and missile defenses. "Now the US will be able to deliver a strike in a short time without due resistance," General Kornukov said.

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