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Launch of Rashid Rover postponed

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SpaceX announced a stand down from the December 1 launch of the Falcon 9 rocket, carrying aboard the Rashid Rover. The delay was announced yesterday following inspections of the launch vehicle and data review.

A new launch date will be confirmed, the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre announced in a tweet.

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket was originally set to launch the spacecraft to the Moon on November 30, but the launch was pushed back by one day. It was scheduled to blast off at 12.37pm (UAE time) yesterday from Cape Canaveral in the US state of Florida, but SpaceX said further checks on the vehicle had led to a delay.

New date to be confirmed

"After further inspections of the launch vehicle and data review, we're standing down from tomorrow's launch of @ispace_inc's HAKUTO-R Mission 1; a new target launch date will be shared once confirmed," the firm tweeted.

The mission includes the world's first private lander to the Moon, undertaken by Japanese firm ispace.