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NASA postpones launch of space shuttle Endeavour due to technical problem

NASA postponed today's scheduled launch of the space shuttle Endeavour for at least two days because of a technical problem.

The space agency said two heaters on one of the shuttle's three onboard power units had failed and the launch was delayed at least until Sunday. Endeavour had been due to blast off at 3:47 p.m. EDT (1947 GMT) on a mission to deliver a pioneering physics experiment to the International Space Station.

President Barack Obama and his family had been scheduled to attend the launch, which was to be the 134th and next to last for the US space shuttle program. NASA is retiring its shuttles after a cargo run by the shuttle Atlantis this summer.