

A reminder to Troika Resolution 1929 was terminated



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The UK, France, Germany, and the US have separately accused Iran of violating a UN Security Council resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear deal after it launched the satellite Nour-3 (Light-3) into orbit on September 27.

The Nour-3 imaging satellite was successfully placed into an orbit 450 kilometers (280 miles) above the Earth's surface aboard the Iranian Qased satellite carrier. It was the latest successful launch by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force. Space Commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force Ali Jafarabadi has described the satellite as having an "image accuracy that is two and a half times that of the Nour-2 satellite."

Nour-2, launched in March 2022, has remained in orbit to this day. Nour-1, launched in 2020, fell back to Earth last year.

The four above-mentioned Western states consider the launch of the satellite a threat to the region and international security.

However, Nasser Kanaani, the spokesperson for the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, emphasized that despite some interpretations that stem from the unilateral desires of certain governments, under international law, there are no restrictions on the Islamic Republic of Iran's scientific and applied activities in the field of space research.

Fierce Western criticism of Iran's missile tests or satellite launches has become a repetitive pat-

tern against Iran. They have attempted to label any Iranian action in these domains as a violation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and Resolution 2231. The Americans were not even satisfied with the ban on missile activities in Iran in 2020 and demanded the extension of the embargo on Iran's conventional military weapons, which ended in 2020 as part of the nuclear agreement. Their excessive demands ended in a major legal and political embarrassment for them as their resolution proposed on the Security Council session of August 14, 2020, had only the Dominican Republic's affirmative vote, and the conventional arms sanctions against Iran expired on October 18, 2020.

Iran's space program to continue under international law

Iran's permanent ambassador to the United Nations said the Islamic Republic is determined to keep up with its activities related to ballistic missiles and space-launch vehicles within the framework of international law.

Amir Saeid Iravani addressed UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the Security Council's President Sergio Franca Danese in a letter on Wednesday, Press TV reported.

"We reiterate, once again, that Iran is determined to continue its activities related to ballistic mis-

siles and space-launch vehicles, both of which are within its inherent rights under international law and are necessary for the preservation of its security as well as socioeconomic interests."

The letter came after Britain, Germany and France claimed in a letter to the UN on Monday that Iran's space activities violate the Security Council's resolutions. The trio submitted the letter after Iran launched Qased (Messenger) satellite carrier in late September.

Iravani also said in his letter that the UK, France

and Germany "once again desperately attempted to establish an unrelated and fabricated link between paragraph 3 of Annex B to Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) and Iran's Qased Space Launch Vehicle (SLV) on 27 September 2023, which successfully launched the Noor-3 satellite into orbit."

"The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects unsubstantiated allegations made against it in the letter and reiterates that Iran has not conducted any activity inconsistent with Resolution 2231

(2015). Iran regards such allegations as unfounded, that are equally as unjustified as the arbitrary and misleading interpretations of Resolution 2231," Iran's UN envoy said.

The Islamic Republic's "position regarding these repeated and unfounded claims have been elaborated on in its numerous letters," Iravani said.

London has also claimed the carrier used "technology essential for the development of a long-range ballistic missile system."

Iravani reiterated, "Iran has repeatedly stated