

IRGC Navy takes delivery of new cruise missiles, drones

Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy received new domestically-made equipment, including cruise missiles equipped with highly explosive warheads capable of evading current missile systems. The naval force took delivery of 2,640 missile systems, drones, and other equipment in a ceremony attended by IRGC chief commander Major General Hossein Salami on Friday, Press TV reported.

Among the deliveries are new radar-evading cruise missiles that feature high-explosive warheads capable of causing severe damage and sinking destroyers. The addition also includes various types of long-range and medium-range missiles, combat and reconnaissance drones, unmanned aerial vehicles featuring electronic warfare (EW) capabilities, as well as electronic warfare systems.

Only 210 homegrown systems out of a total of 2,654 were put on display on Friday as other strategic weapons systems could not be

showcased for security considerations, Tasnim reported, adding that these systems represent some of the navy's most advanced anti-surface and sub-surface weapons.

"In today's world, nations must choose between becoming strong and independent or giving in to external pressures; there is no middle ground," Salami

said in the event, adding, "Nations can either strive for strength and freedom, breaking free from the control of global powers, or opt for compromise and submission." He said that, "We have defined engagement from zero distance to great depths, meaning we must have the capability to engage with the enemy at the lines and points of contact. The sea lacks a fixed battle line." The sea is a vast arena where

all military powers converge, making it a critical meeting point for global forces, he said, noting, "Naval combat and defense represent a comprehensive level of warfare. The sea itself is a complete battlefield, and naval powers are typically self-sufficient in all aspects of combat."

Naval battles are "decisive," he stressed. "At sea, speed equates to power; allowing one to outmaneuver the opponent. Precision is crucial; the volume of fire is less important than the accuracy. You must be able to destroy a target with a single hit."

"In naval operations, utilizing artificial intelligence across all levels—from vessels to missiles, defenses, submarines, and mines—is a crucial aim," he said elsewhere.

IRGC Navy receives thousands of new missiles, drones, and other naval equipment on August 9, 2024.
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Israel seeks to 'expand war' amid de-escalation push: *Iran*

Iran said on Thursday that Israel wants to spread war in the Middle East, as diplomatic efforts sought a regional de-escalation following the assassinations of the commanders of the resistance movements.

Ali Baqeri Kani, Iran's acting foreign minister, said in an interview with AFP that the Israeli regime had committed "a strategic mistake" by assassinating Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran on July 31 — hours after the assassination in Beirut of Hezbollah's military chief.

Israel seeks "to expand tension, war and conflict to other countries", but has neither "the capacity nor the strength" to fight Iran, Baqeri Kani said.

Speaking at a military base on Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed that Israel was "prepared both defensively and offensively" and "determined" to defend itself.

Hamas named a successor on Wednesday — Yahya Sinwar, who Israel says had a key role in planning Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack that

sparked the nearly 11-month Gaza war. On the ground in Gaza, fighting continued on Thursday, with the Israeli military issuing its latest evacuation order and rescuers and medics reporting at least 18 killed in strikes.

Israel has agreed to resume Gaza ceasefire talks on August 15 at the demand of US, Qatari and Egyptian mediators, Netanyahu's office said on Thursday. In a joint statement on Thursday, the three countries' leaders invited the warring parties to resume talks on August 15 in Doha or Cairo "to close all remaining gaps and commence implementation of the deal without further delay."

A framework agreement was "now on the table, with only the details of implementation" left to conclude, and the mediators were "prepared to present a final bridging proposal" to resolve remaining issues, they said. Israel's barbaric onslaught on the besieged Gaza Strip has since October last year claimed nearly 40,000 innocent Palestinian lives, most of them women and children.

Iran among world's top three in radiopharm: AEOI

National Desk

Iran ranks among the top three countries in the field of radiopharmaceuticals, according to the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI). Addressing the opening ceremony of the National Conference on the Role and Application of Nuclear Technology in Health Care, Mohammad Eslami highlighted the significant achievements and ongoing advancements in Iran's nuclear technology.

Eslami said that currently, 60 types of radiopharmaceuticals are being produced and distributed inside the country, with an additional 20 radiopharmaceuticals undergoing clinical trials. He emphasized that such accomplishments are no exaggeration as they have been acknowledged by reputable international journals and

publications. The AEOI chief also said that Iran's heavy water production is of the highest quality across the world and efforts are continuously being made to expand its production.

"The radiopharmaceuticals produced in Iran have the potential for export, and we are already exporting them to other countries," Eslami stated. In the area of radiation therapy, he said that significant steps have been taken and resulted in a 2.5-fold increase compared to last year, adding that with the inauguration and operation of new centers, some of which are set to launch this month, substantial contributions to the healthcare sector are expected. The two-day conference on the role and applications of nuclear technology in the healthcare system was held at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran.

Iran rejects claims of meddling in US vote

International Desk

Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations dismissed on Friday claims regarding the country's intentions to interfere in the 2024 US presidential election via cyberattacks, asserting that Iran has no objectives or plans for cyber aggression and does not interfere in what is a domestic matter for the US. "Iran has been a victim of various aggressive cyber operations against its infrastructure, public service centers, and industries,"

the mission said in response to inquiries about Microsoft's allegations of Iranian interference in the upcoming US vote.

"Iran's cyber capabilities are defensive and proportionate to the threats it faces," it added. The mission to the UN in New York underlined, "Iran has no aims or activities to sway the US elections. Much of these accusations fall within the framework of psychological operations to artificially energize election campaigns."

Iran military officials, resistance leaders hail Sinwar pick as Hamas chief



International Desk

The appointment of Yahya Sinwar as the new political leader of the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas after the Israeli assassination of Ismail Haniyeh has drawn in applause from Iranian military commanders as well as various regional resistance groups, who described his selection as "the best successor to the best predecessor."

Senior Iranian military commanders extended their congratulations to Sinwar on his appointment, pledging assistance to the Gaza-based Palestinian resistance movement. In the latest response, Commander of the IRGC Quds Force Esmail Qaani, in a letter to Sinwar on Friday, praised him as a prominent and distinguished leader, congratulating him on his appointment as the new head of Hamas's Political Bureau and extending his best wishes to all the heroes of Hamas, Gaza, and the Palestinian people.

In separate messages issued on Thursday, the Iranian commanders wished success for Sinwar, with Iran's Army Chief Commander Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi saying that the selection of Sinwar shows the resistance front's firm determination to continue the path followed by Haniyeh in the fight against Israel.

Meanwhile, Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hossein Salami said that the appointment soothed the grieving hearts of the faithful and resistance fighters, and "deeply worried the criminal Zionist enemy and its brazen supporters."

He emphasized, the IRGC "will spare no effort to help you and other resilient fighters."

Additionally, Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Ashtiani said Sinwar is "the most proper choice" to succeed Haniyeh.

On July 31, Israel, with the support of the US, assassinated Haniyeh, who was in Tehran to attend Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's swearing-in ceremony.

'Big blow'

In a statement on Wednesday, the Gaza-based Islamic Jihad movement congratulated Hamas for selecting Sinwar, saying that the success of Hamas in filling the vacancy in the political bureau leadership with such a speed, despite the war against them is a strong message to the Zionist enemy that "Hamas remains strong and cohesive."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine affirmed its confidence in the ability of the resistance movement "to overcome the great ordeal represented by the martyrdom of brother Ismail Haniyeh, and to continue his path and the path of all the martyred leaders."

The Popular Resistance Committees also praised the appointment of Sinwar and wished Hamas success in the fight against Israel under the new leadership.

"The selection of the leader Abu Ibrahim al-Sinwar...is a significant blow to the malicious plans of the Zionist enemy and is part of the punishment and response to the assassination of the leader Abu al-Abd Haniyeh."

Palestine's Ahrar Movement said the selection of Sinwar is a message from Hamas that Operation al-Aqsa Storm is a "strategic and sovereign decision for the resistance factions and that we are moving forward to achieve all its goals and objectives, no matter the high costs."

The media office of the Palestinian Mujahideen Movement prayed for Hamas and its fighters in continuing their path until achieving the goals and aspirations of Palestinian people to liberate their land, end the occupation, reclaim all rights, and recover their entire land.

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