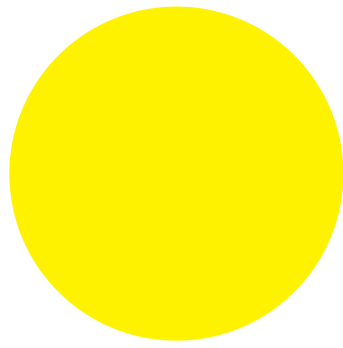


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Iran's energy shortages 'threat' to national security, technology development



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In an era where modern computing technologies, particularly artificial intelligence (AI),

play a pivotal role in shaping the future of global societies and economies, Iran faces a serious multifaceted challenge: the energy imbalance crisis. This challenge, which has increasingly gripped the country's power industry in recent years, extends beyond imposing hourly blackouts and disrupting industrial activities. It represents a fundamental threat to technological development and national security.

According to available statistics, Iran's electricity deficit has reached an alarming 16,000 megawatts - equivalent to the output of 16 nuclear power plants the size of Bushehr. This massive gap between electricity supply and demand occurs while Gartner research institute predicts that by 2027, half of the world's AI data centers will face power shortages. This forecast serves as a serious warning for countries like Iran struggling with structural challenges in energy supply.

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