IRGC unveils dual-missile liquid-fuel launcher

Army warns of immediate response to any new aggression

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The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force unveiled a new missile launcher capable of carrying and simultaneously firing two liquid-fuel missiles for the first time.
The system was displayed during a visit by IRGC Commander Major General Vahidi to one of the force's underground missile facilities, where several new military capabilities and achievements were also showcased.
According to IRGC commanders, the newly displayed capabilities have been developed and upgraded during the period between the two imposed wars by the US and Israel on the country.
The unveiling of the dual-missile liquid-fuel launcher marks another step in the development of the IRGC's multiple-missile launch systems. On April 7, the force used a launcher capable of simultaneously firing two solid-fuel missiles during the final days of the third war. Liquid-fuel missiles offer capabilities such as vertical launch and adjustable impact speed, features that can contribute to their operational effectiveness and help them penetrate or evade air defense systems.



Missiles are displayed during a visit by the Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Major General Vahidi to one of the country's underground missile facilities on November 21, 2026.
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Iran's Army spokesman Brigadier General Mohammad Akraminia said on Saturday that the country's Armed Forces have full surveillance and control over the Strait of Hormuz from east to west, warning that anay new aggression would trigger an immediate, decisive and effective response.
Speaking at a meeting with commanders of Army units in southern Iran, Akraminia said Iran is considerably stronger than it had been in the past and that its military forces are fully prepared to confront any new threat.
He warned that Iran's response would not be confined to any particular geographical area.
The army spokesman said the enemy had so far failed to achieve its objectives, including occupying Iranian territory, breaking up the country or establishing control over Iran, despite the damage inflicted on the country.
"The United States has no choice but to accept Iran's logical and legitimate conditions," Akraminia said, adding that Washington could not gain control over the Strait of Hormuz through hostile actions and aggression.
"The enemy should not think it can start a war whenever it wants and stop it at a time of its choosing," he said.

Protests held across Europe over wages, services, high living costs

Protesters rallied across 25 European countries amid a wave of public discontent over issues ranging from high living costs to military spending and the climate crisis, ramping up pressure on political leaders they accuse of ignoring the concerns of young people.
Inspired by demonstrations that have shaken France in recent months, thousands took to the streets in countries including the United Kingdom, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Italy, Sweden and Croatia on Friday.
The rallies, coordinated by a youth-led coalition of over 50 groups, are fueled by grievances that vary from place to place, including Israel's war in Gaza, high rents and deteriorating learning conditions at schools and universities.
But a common theme runs through them – a sense that governments across the continent are too busy with geopolitical crises and helping big business, and not investing enough in the well-being of younger generations.
While Europe seeks to rearm in the face of a hostile Russia, organizers of the continent-wide protests say funds allocated to rearmament should be spent on education, youth policies and housing.
Tens of thousands of workers and students protested in more than 100 Italian cities to demand higher wages and greater investment in public services.



Protesters hold a placard featuring the German Chancellor Friedrich Merz painted as a clown during a demonstration against issues from high living costs to military spending and the climate crisis in Frankfurt, Germany, on November 20, 2026.
AFP

The rallies coincided with a general strike by Italy's largest trade union, CGIL, that involved workers in both the private and public sectors, including schools and healthcare.
The Italian rallies followed a nationwide mobilization on October 17 that descended into rioting and looting and prompted the right-wing government of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to approve sweeping security measures and deploy the army alongside police in subsequent demonstrations.
Student groups have since continued protests and occupations at schools and universities, with opposition to higher military spending also emerging as a rallying cry.
Opposition leaders joining demonstrations on Friday criticized Meloni's government and its budget policies amid rising living costs.
Several hundred protesters, some in school uniform, gathered at demonstrations in London outside parliament and in nearby Trafalgar Square, waving placards that said "save higher education" and "Fight for our futures not their wars".
"I've lost so much hope," Eliz, who had taken the day off from college and gave only one name, told AFP.
The 18-year-old said she was unsure whether she would go to university, "because of money. Because most jobs are getting taken over by AI. Everyone's just kind of more depressed".
Meanwhile, in Germany, campaign group "Gen Z regelt" (German for "Gen Z sorts it") said it was organizing protests in 73 cities and towns.
In Berlin, roughly 4,000 people attended a protest in the city's Alexanderplatz square.
Protesters gathered to call for greater education funding and to oppose a possible return to compulsory military service.

58th US MQ-9 drone downed by Iran over Strait of Hormuz

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Iran's Armed Forces on Saturday successfully intercepted and downed a US military MQ-9 drone in the skies of the Strait of Hormuz.
According to a statement by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), the drone was targeted and destroyed by a newly deployed and advanced air defense system operated by the IRGC Aerospace Force. The operation marks the 58th MQ-9 drone shot down by Iranian forces.
Iranian authorities have repeatedly stated that they continuously monitor all military and aerial activities in the strategic waterway and will respond firmly to any violations of the country's airspace.
The MQ-9 Reaper is a medium-altitude long-endurance unmanned combat aerial vehicle utilized by the US military for surveillance and targeted strikes.
Iran has downed many drones over the course of the US-Israeli war of aggression against Iran, which started in late February.
Meanwhile, two other tankers caught fire in the Strait of Hormuz after hitting naval mines, British maritime agency UKMTO said.
"A tanker transiting outbound in the Strait of Hormuz has been hit on the stern by an unknown projectile. There are no reported casualties at this time," the agency said, adding that another tanker was struck in its engine room.
Iran's Army on Saturday said a ship was on fire after hitting a mine in the strait.
"Before noon today, a violating oil tanker that had entered a restricted zone east of the Strait of Hormuz caught fire after striking a naval mine," Iran's Army naval forces said in a statement.
The tanker "had its identification and navigation systems switched off, in defiance of issued warnings and maritime transit regulations," it added.



In recent weeks, Tehran has made multiple announcements saying ships have caught fire in the strait after striking mines.
But the US military recently claimed it had cleared all mines from the main routes through the waterway.
Iran maintains full control over transit through the Strait of Hormuz — responsible for the flow of roughly one-fifth of global oil — requiring prior authorization and confining safe passage exclusively to designated northern corridors.
Southern routes near Omani waters are declared unauthorized and mined.
IRGC Navy units continue to intercept or neutralize ships attempting covert transit, including those linked to the Israeli regime or operating under US encouragement.
The force underscores that only ships complying with Iranian rules can transit safely, while those serving the interests of the aggressors will face decisive consequences.
Iran imposed the restrictions on the Strait of Hormuz in response to the latest round of US-Israeli aggression, which began on February 28.

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NATIONAL IRANIAN SOUTH OILFIELDS COMPANY
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The National Iranian South Oil Company (NISOC) is seeking to procure the specified goods listed in the table below through a Qualitative Evaluation Call for conducting a public tender via the Government Electronic Procurement System (SETAD). All stages of the tender process including the receipt of tender documents, submission of bidders' proposals, and the opening of bid envelopes, shall be carried out exclusively through the Government Electronic Procurement System (SETAD) portal at www.setadiran.ir Bidders who have not previously registered must complete the registration process on the aforementioned portal and obtain an Electronic Signature certificate to participate in the tender.

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Vendors who intend to participate in aforesaid tenders are requested to send their" Intention To Participate" letter via fax to the following number along with their resume according to Qualitative Assessment Form no. 1, available at: www.setadiran.ir, not later than14 days after the second announcement, otherwise, their requests for participation in the tender will be disregarded. The applicants should have relevant background in supplying the required goods and capability to provide and submit a bid bond of 33,092/00 EURO or 66,906,560,790 RIAL, in favor of NISOC.
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