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Iran test fires more missiles

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note from Iranian-Shi'ite: Iran has test fired three missiles in the recent exercises. The article below only mention the two recent test firings in the exercise. The Misaq and the Kowsar have been test fired before this recent exercise, and were tested again during it. The Kowsar was fired for the first time in 2004. The Misaq missile being referred to in the article below probably refers to the Misaq-2 which is a shoulder launched missile fired for the first time a few months ago. The Hut missile is the underwater missile that was test fired for the first time a few days ago. It is not mentioned in this article.

article:

Misaq & Kowsar Missiles-Testfire

Iranian Armed Forces test-fired successfully a high precision anti-aircraft, and also test fired the fastest surface-to-sea destructive missiles against warships in the ongoing 'Great Prophet (PBUH)' military exercise on Tuesday.

"The speed of the missile is to the extent that no radar can detect it and its high speed protects it completely from being targeted in case of being detected by other warning systems," Commodore Mohammad Ibrahim Dehqani said.

He said that Misaq missile can be fired from man's shoulder and is capable of hitting air targets. Its smart warhead protects it from being hit by any other weapon ahead of accomplishing its mission.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) naval gunboats and vessels of the regular Army are equipped with Misaq high precision anti-aircraft missiles.

In the meantime, Kowsar, the second missile which was test-fired on Tuesday is a surface-to-sea missile with high veracity and capable of being fired from coasts or aboard vessels to destroy warships.

Dehqani said that Kowsar has extraordinary advanced fire control system (FCS) which overcomes any electronic jamming.

"Its smart warhead leads it to the target and helps the missile to avoid any electronic jam in the air and it also manages to escape from being hit."

The Great Prophet (PBUH) military exercise in the southern territorial waters of the Persian Gulf will continue until Thursday.

<http://www.irna.ir/en/news/view/line-22/0604044298194853.htm>

Great Prophet (PBUH) military exercise sends a message to trans-regional powers not to interfere in Iran's domestic affairs.

Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi said that the US and other trans-regional powers had better give up conspiracy and threat against Iran and recognize Iran as a big power in the region.

He brushed aside the Western media's claims that the current military exercise in the Persian Gulf poses threat to others.

He said that the military exercise is underway in line with the regular training of the armed forces with a message of peace and friendship to the neighboring states.

"Iran regards security of the regional states as its own national security," Rahim Safavi said.

"Iran's national interests are intertwined with those of other Persian Gulf states and Iran wants nothing but peace, security and stability in the region," the IRGC commander said.

He said that regional security and stability would be established through collective cooperation

among regional states and that withdrawal of occupation forces from regional states including Iraq and Afghanistan would lead to restoration of tranquility to the region.

Rahim Safavi said that the current circumstances in the region and the military hardware displayed in the course of the exercise contributed to the significance of Great Prophet (PBUH) military exercise.

He said that the Persian Gulf region possess 65.5 percent of oil reserves of the entire world and about 20 million barrels of oil are being shipped out through the narrow Strait of Hormuz and therefore the military exercise highlights the geographic significance of the Persian Gulf.

He said that the Strait of Hormuz plays a strategic role in national security of Persian Gulf littoral states, adding that IRGC's Navy and the regular Army's Naval forces have formed strong power in the Persian Gulf to defend peace in the region and national interests of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He said that any sanctions against Iran will be detrimental to the US and the European states and advised the Europeans not to tie up their destiny with that of Washington.

He said that currently there are 125 military US, Dutch, British and French large ships in the Persian Gulf of which 81 ships are monitoring military exercise of the Iranian Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf.

The military exercise is going on in the territorial waters of the Persian Gulf, being carried out jointly by the IRGC and the army.

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Ongoing wargames in the Persian Gulf convey a message of peace and amity for regional counties, said a senior Iranian military commander.

"We are striving to achieve regional security and strengthen peace and stability in the region," said Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi here Wednesday.

"The US should recognize Iran as a regional power," he said, and added that "military intimidation or economic sanctions would not be to the benefit of the West."

A joint maritime military exercise, dubbed Great Prophet (PBUH), started here Friday in the Persian Gulf waters. It will continue until April six.

Some 17,000 combatants from naval and air forces of the Islamic Republic Army, Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC), police and Basij (voluntary) forces are taking part in the joint wargames in which world's fastest underwater missile was successfully test-fired.

According to the official, over 1,500 gunboats along with various kinds of fighters, bombers and choppers are taking part in the maneuver in which various defensive operations covering deployment of telecommunications, satellites, electronic systems and reconnaissance patrols are to be conducted against the hypothetical enemy.

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Iran raises tensions with a show of strength
by sjreese on 05.04.2006 [20:14]

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The Daily Telegraph

By Anton La Guardia, Diplomatic Editor

A stealth flying boat, a radar-evading missile with multiple warheads, a rocket-torpedo and an anti-ship missile that cannot be jammed: with every day that passes, Iran announces a development in its military hardware.

The flurry of technological achievements, shown in grainy television footage, coincides with a large naval war-game in the Gulf codenamed "Great Prophet".

The exercises around the Straits of Hormuz, through which two fifths of the world's oil passes, are seen in the West as "sabre-rattling" as Teheran faces concerted international pressure to halt its widely suspected attempt to develop a nuclear arsenal.

Western officials say the Iranians are trying to tell the West - especially America and Israel - that they can strike back against any attempt to bomb their nuclear facilities.

Iran could, for example, try to disrupt the shipping of oil through the Gulf, and threaten Israel with a growing array of missiles.

"The aim is political and rhetorical rather than military," said one British source. "I would not put any money on the Iranians' kit if it came to a contest with the American military." The clerical regime also wants to impress on the Iranian public that it remains powerful despite American attempts to destabilise it.

Moreover, it seeks to stoke national pride by claiming the weapons as home-produced, even though they are mostly based on Russian, Chinese and North Korean technology.

"There is no doubt that there is a certain amount of bravado in what is coming out of Teheran," an Israeli official said. "But there is enough substance in some of the stuff they have been talking about for us to be concerned.

"We know that they have been working on multiple warheads. They are very serious about developing their delivery systems."

Iran announced last Friday that it had successfully test-fired a missile that could avoid detection by radar and deliver multiple warheads to hit several targets.

General Hossein Salami, the air force chief of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, hailed the development of the Fajr-3 (Dawn-3) missile as the achievement of "a remarkable goal".

But Ivan Oelrich, vice-president of the Federation of American Scientists, said: "It is conceivable they have a multiple warhead capability but this is not very sophisticated. Though three missiles heading for the same target makes it harder for missile defence, the warheads will not have their own guidance systems and the missiles will carry a lower payload. It would be difficult to target effectively with them."

On Sunday Iran announced another success: the launching of "the world's fastest underwater missile", travelling at about 195 knots, or three times faster than the fastest western torpedo.

General Ali Fadavi, deputy naval commander of the Revolutionary Guards, said the weapon could overcome sonar systems because of its speed and its movement underwater. Weapons experts said it appeared to be a Soviet rocket-powered torpedo known as the Shkval.

However, it cannot track a target and has a range of less than four miles. A former commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet, Admiral Eduard Baltin, said Iran's torpedo announcement was little more than a bluff.

"Shkval has no target designation devices. That is, it is not a self-homing torpedo. Besides, it leaves a trail, which makes it easy to spot and destroy," he said.

Undeterred, Iran yesterday announced the launch of a surface-to-sea missile known as the Kowsar. According to Iranian television, it can evade radar and its guidance system cannot be scrambled.

Television also showed footage of a "super-modern flying boat," a strange one-man craft that looks like a cross between a seaplane and a stealth fighter.

State television said that the single-propeller seaplane could launch a missile and "because of the hull's advanced design, no radar at sea or in the air can locate it".

The commander of the Revolutionary Guards, General Yahya Rahim Safavi, said Iranian forces were able to "confront any extra-territorial invasion".

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I love it...

by kamau on 06.04.2006 [00:28]

...when a good plan comes together!

Fight the Power

by BigPearl on 06.04.2006 [01:08]

Persian brothers gonna work it out!

and stop chasin'!!!

MAN I'm feeling it.

Russia says it did not make Iran's missile.

by Iranian-Shi'ite on 06.04.2006 [02:09]

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday dismissed the claim raised by some world media that the torpedo, which was recently tested in a wargame in Iran, has not been made by Russia.

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That's right, the technology for these missiles is entirely Iranian.

The USA can't do a thing.
by Iranian-Shi'ite on 06.04.2006 [02:14]

By the time that the USA gets itself disentangled from Iraq, Iran's military hardware will be too advanced for the USA to want to tango with Iran.

Wait until you see our Shafaq fighter-interceptor coming into production in 2008.

War
by Yasis on 06.04.2006 [04:49]

By the time that the USA gets itself disentangled from Iraq, Iran's military hardware will be too advanced for the USA to want to tango with Iran.

This is why the war in Iraq must be kept going for as long as possible.

I'd agree with you I.S.
by Mike-Malaysia on 06.04.2006 [04:50]

If I didn't believe the US campaign against Iran will be entirely air based.

GDP of Iran Equals US Military Budget
by cpmnpa on 06.04.2006 [09:05]

If you look at the GDP of the entire Iranian economy, you note it roughly equals the yearly US military budget alone.

Therefore, one has to conclude they'd fare rather poorly in any military confrontation with the US.

Asymmetric forces can do some damage though. For example, if they launched a bio attack against the US mainland, it might kill 20k Americans, who, now fully agitated, would respond to the Iranians the way they did to the Japanese in WW2.

@cpmnpa
by TerraHertz on 06.04.2006 [09:20]

The 'US military budget' is probably about 90% kickbacks, bribes, boondoggles, dysfunctional systems with vastly inflated prices, and replacements for the ongoing losses in Iraq. Its being spent by a bunch of political appointees, mostly to feather their own nests; people who _know_ America Is Superior, so they don't feel any need to try hard.

Whereas the Iranian budget is probably getting quite good value for money, due to the unifying and sobering psychological effect of having the ZUSUKs drooling over their country.

So, don't be too quick to predict the results.

Bio attack, chem weapons attack
by Mike-Malaysia on 06.04.2006 [09:28]

If we are to believe Iran when they say that nuclear weapons are Islamically forbidden, then surely the same classification must be given to biological and chemical weapons? If not then what about mini-nukes? Are they forbidden?

just as long as ...

by hellsbells on 06.04.2006 [10:27]

... one of those iranian missiles or torpedos don't intercept something hard.

He said that currently there are 125 military US, Dutch, British and French large ships in the Persian Gulf of which 81 ships are monitoring military exercise of the Iranian Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf.

Don't forget the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, which was the pretext for Johnstone-MacNamara to ramp up the Vietnam War; or the USS *Vincennes* which shot down an Iran Air passenger jet 'just in case it was an enemy aircraft'. With so many ships jostling around in the Persian Gulf, something could go wrong, and maybe the pentagon hopes it will, perhaps with a little help from the you-know-who's.

USS Vincennes.....

by EnglishWorkingclassDissident. on 06.04.2006 [10:44]

Given a heros welcome back into port on its return to America.....A BLACK DAY FOR JUSTICE.

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