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Iran has acquired a new sniper rifle, anti-tanks and helicopter rocket launchers

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TEHRAN, Ira: The Iranian army will train with a new sniper rifle and rocket launchers that can destroy tanks or helicopters, a general in the elite Revolutionary Guard said Saturday.

The sniper-rifle fires rounds that can pierce any bulletproof vest, said Gen. Mohammad Reza Zahedi, the chief of the Revolutionary Guard's ground forces.

"The weapons were tested earlier this year and will now widely be given to the forces," he told radio.

State-run television showed images of a shoulder and a quadrant rocket-launcher, along with a heavy rifle. The general said all the weapons were Iranian-made.

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Iran's military said the war games are aimed at demonstrating the deterrent power of the Guards against possible threats.

The announcement came on the third day of a large Iranian military exercise dubbed "Great Prophet," during which the navy has test-fired new sea missiles.

Earlier this week at the start of the 10-day maneuvers, Iran tested its Shahab-3 missile in a desert in the center of the country. The weapon is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and is believed to have a range of more than 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles).

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