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Iran unveils new anti-cruise system

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Mesbah I anti-cruise missile system

Iran unveils an advanced anti-cruise missile artillery system in line with a plan to boost the country's defensive capabilities.

Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi told reporters Saturday that the domestically-developed system dubbed *Mesbah I* can be used against low-altitude targets, including cruise missiles, choppers and drones.

He said the new system, capable of firing "four thousand shells per minute," features unique properties that differentiates it from similar air defense systems in the region.

In addition to its fire power combined with high precision, the minister said, the new system is equipped with a three-dimensional interception radar as well as an optical guidance system.

According to the minister, the system can also conduct aerial reconnaissance and destroy unmanned aircrafts.

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