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## Iran Builds Long-Range Anti-Aircraft System

**TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran has built a long-range anti-aircraft missile system capable of intercepting and destroying multiple targets simultaneously, Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Mostafa Mohammad Najjar announced on Wednesday.**



"...(Iran) has built a long-range anti-aircraft system capable of spotting, tracing, intercepting and destroying multiple targets simultaneously," Brigadier General Najjar said on the sidelines of visiting 'Inventions and Innovations Exhibition' here in Tehran.

He also reiterated the home-grown nature of the technology used for manufacturing different ground-to-ground and ground-to-air missiles in Iran, saying that all the materials and parts employed in the country's missile industries are Iranian.

Tehran launched an arms development program during the 1980-88 Iraqi imposed war on Iran, to compensate for a US weapons embargo. Since 1992, Iran has produced its own tanks, armored personnel carriers, missiles and fighter planes.

Yet, Iranian officials have always stressed that the country's military and arms programs serve defensive purposes and should not be perceived as a threat to any other country.

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