

## Iran inaugurates defense production line

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SHIRAZ, Iran -- Iran began operations Tuesday at a production facility manufacturing advanced radar and electronic war equipment, a minister said. The Iranian Defense Minister, Brig. Gen. Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar, said the project is part of an effort to develop a self-sustained defense industry in the face of international sanctions and Western pressure, Iran's official Press TV said Tuesday. The production facility is affiliated under the state-run Shiraz Electronics Industry in the southern region of Iran. Najjar praised the efforts of Iranian engineers in developing domestic technology needed for a self-sufficient defense program.

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