

Iran to produce new 1-ton smart bomb

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TEHRAN -- Iranian defense officials said Wednesday the country is set for full production of an Iranian-developed 2,000-pound smart bomb. A statement released in Tehran said manufacturing would begin Monday to mark the national observation of Government Week, the Fars news agency reported. The statement said few other countries have such a bomb with an intelligent guidance system and that it had performed well in test-firings from F-4 and F-5 fighter aircraft. The bomb's range was not specified. Elsewhere, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a speech in Baku the country was willing to share its nuclear technology under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported. "If nuclear energy is something good, all nations should enjoy it within the basis of law," Ahmadinejad said. Iran's refusal to stop enriching uranium that could be used in nuclear weapons has resulted in U.N. sanctions, although the country claims it has no nuclear weapons ambitions.

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