

## Iran to Establish Space-Based Radar System

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Iran has accomplished building its Sepehr (Sky) radar with a range of 2500km and hopes to deploy and launch the system in coming months, a senior commander announced on Sunday.

“We hope that we can launch a major part of the Sepehr space radar system by the end of the next (Iranian) year (March 21, 2014-March 20, 2015),” Commander of Khatam ol-Anbia Air Defense Base Brigadier General Farzad Esmayeeli told FNA.

“By launching the Sepehr space radar, we can inform our vessels of remote threats in time and monitor and detect threats before they are put into action, and start our defense in depth and away from our borders,” he added.

Esmayeeli underlined that Iranian engineers and technicians are making strenuous efforts to launch the Sepehr radar system which is seen as a hi-tech product.

In relevant remarks in February 2013, former Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi said that Iran planned to develop different types of radar systems with satellite detecting capabilities.

Addressing the second conference on radar technology systems here in Tehran at the time, Vahidi said Iran has witnessed “a jump” in the field of radar designing and manufacturing.

“Today, we have many achievements in different fields. Radars covering ranges of 500km to 700km have been manufactured and production of radar systems with 1,000km to 3,000km of range is underway,” Vahidi explained.

He added that Iran is trying to develop radar systems to detect satellites, and said to do so, the radar systems are connected in phased arrangements to cover very long ranges and detect and track satellites.

Iranian officials have announced that the country has now reached self-sufficiency in producing radar systems in different frequencies and for various ranges.

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