

Iran declares official termination of UN arms embargo

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Iran launches a ballistic missile during large-scale drills. (Photo: Tasnim)

Tehran, October 18 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Ministry says the UN Security Council's arms restrictions against Tehran have all been terminated in defiance of the United States' efforts.

“As of today [October 18, 2020], all restrictions on the transfer of arms, related activities and financial services to and from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and all prohibitions regarding the entry into or transit through territories of the United Nations Member States previously imposed on a number of Iranian citizens and military officials, are all automatically terminated,” a statement by the Foreign Ministry said.

The longstanding UN ban on the sale of arms from/to Iran is terminated under the terms of the UN Security Council Resolution 2231 that blessed the 2015 nuclear deal between the Islamic Republic and world powers.

“As of today, the Islamic Republic may procure any necessary arms and equipment from any source without any legal restrictions, and solely based on its defensive needs,” the Foreign Ministry added in the statement.

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