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This file picture provided by the Iranian Army office shows the launch of a military unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV or drone) during a two-day drone drill at an undisclosed location in Iran. Iran has developed a hypersonic missile capable of penetrating all defense systems, General Amirali Hajizadeh, the commander of its Revolutionary Guards aerospace unit, claimed on Thursday. — AFP

Iran develops hypersonic missile

Tehran warns neighbors including Saudi Arabia

TEHRAN: Iran has developed a hypersonic missile capable of penetrating all defense systems, General Amirali Hajizadeh, the commander of its Revolutionary Guards aerospace unit, claimed on Thursday. Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles which can deliver nuclear weapons, can fly more than five times the speed of sound. "This hypersonic ballistic missile was developed to counter air defence shields," Hajizadeh said, quoted by Iran's Fars news agency.

"It will be able to breach all the systems of anti-missile defense," said the general, adding that he believed it would take decades before a system capable of intercepting it is developed. "This missile, which targets enemy anti-missile systems, represents a great generational leap in the field of missiles." The announcement comes after Iran admitted on Saturday that it had sent drones to Russia, but said it had done so before the Ukraine war. The Washington Post reported on October 16 that Iran was preparing to ship missiles to Russia, but Tehran rejected the report as "completely false".

It also comes at a time of protests that have rocked Iran since the September 16 death of Mahsa

Amini after her arrest for allegedly flouting the Islamic republic's dress code for women. Unlike ballistic missiles, hypersonic missiles fly on a trajectory low in the atmosphere, potentially reaching targets more quickly. North Korea's test of a hypersonic missile last year sparked concerns about the race to acquire the technology, which is currently led by Russia, followed by China and the United States.

Stalled nuclear talks

Both Iran and Russia are targeted by stringent sanctions-Iran after the US unilaterally pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal, and Russia since it invaded Ukraine in February. The two countries have responded to the sanctions by boosting cooperation in key areas to help prop up their economies. Iran on Wednesday hosted Russia's security chief Nikolai Patrushev for talks on subjects that the Russian side said included "the fight against terrorism and extremism" as well as measures to counter Western interference.

A hypersonic missile is manoeuvrable, making it harder to track and defend against. While countries like the United States have developed systems

designed to defend against cruise and ballistic missiles, the ability to track and take down a hypersonic missile remains a question. Thursday's announcement comes against a backdrop of stalled talks on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal.

The deal reached with six major powers-Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the US-gave Iran relief from sanctions in return for guarantees it could not develop an atomic weapon. Iran has always denied wanting a nuclear arsenal. The deal collapsed after the US's unilateral withdrawal in 2018 under then president Donald Trump. It also follows Iran's announcement on November 5 of the successful test flight of a rocket capable of propelling satellites into space.

Warning to Saudi Arabia

The United States has repeatedly voiced concern that such launches could boost Iran's ballistic missile technology, extending to the potential delivery of nuclear warheads. In March, the US government imposed sanctions on Iran's missile-related activities. It said at the time that the punitive measures followed "Iran's recent missile attack on Arbil, Iraq,

as well as missile attacks by Iranian proxies against Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates".

Iran on Wednesday warned its neighbors including Saudi Arabia that it would retaliate against moves to destabilize it amid the protests sparked by Amini's death. "I would like to say to Saudi Arabia that our destiny and that of other countries in the region are linked to each other," Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib said. "Iran has so far adopted strategic patience but it cannot guarantee that it will maintain this strategic patience if hostilities against it continue.

"If the Islamic republic decides to punish these countries, their glass palaces will collapse and they will no longer enjoy stability," said Khatib. The minister has also warned Britain it would "pay" for harboring hostile Persian-language media reporting on the Amini protests. It came after the Revolutionary Guards were accused this week of issuing death threats against two journalists working for London-based Iran International television. The Saudi-linked channel's owner, Volant Media, said British police had warned them of "credible threats to their lives". — AFP

Over 100,000 Russia troops killed, injured

WASHINGTON: More than 100,000 Russian military personnel have been killed or wounded in Ukraine, with Kyiv's forces likely suffering similar casualties, top US General Mark Milley said. "You're

looking at well over 100,000 Russian soldiers killed and wounded," Milley said in remarks at the Economic Club of New York. "Same thing probably on the Ukrainian side."

The figures provided by Milley-which could not be independently confirmed-are the most precise to date from the United States government more than eight months into the war. Milley also said there is a chance for talks on ending the war, and that military victory may not be possible for either Russia or Ukraine. "There has to be a mutual recognition that military victory is probably in the true sense of the word maybe

not achievable through military means, and therefore you need to turn to other means," Milley said.

"There's... an opportunity here, a window of opportunity for negotiation," Milley's comments came after Russia ordered its troops to withdraw from the city of Kherson in southern Ukraine-a major blow to Moscow's military campaign. But officials in Kyiv reacted with caution, saying the Russian army was unlikely to leave the strategic city without a fight, while US President Joe Biden suggested the retreat was evidence Moscow has "real problems" on the battlefield. — AFP

Taleban bans women from parks, funfairs in Afghan capital

KABUL: The Taleban have banned Afghan women from entering the capital's public parks and funfairs, just months after ordering access to be segregated by gender. The new rule, introduced this week, further squeezes women out of an ever-shrinking public space that already sees them banned from traveling without a male escort and forced to wear a hijab or burqa whenever out of the home.

Schools for teenage girls have also been shut for over a year across most of the country. "For the past 15 months, we tried our best to arrange and sort it out-and even specified the days," said Mohammad Akif Sadeq Mohajir, spokesman for the Ministry for the Prevention of Vice and Promotion of Virtue. "But still, in some places-in fact, we must say in many places-the rules were violated," he told AFP late Wednesday.

"There was mixing (of men and women), hijab was not observed, that's why the decision has been taken for now." The news was met with dismay by women and park operators-who invested heavily in developing the facilities. "There are no schools, no work... we should at least have a place to have fun,"

said one mother, who asked to be identified only as Wahida, as she watched her children play in a park through the window of an adjoining restaurant.

"We are just bored and fed up with being at home all day, our minds are tired," she told AFP. At the next table, Raihana, 21, who is studying Islamic law at university, shared her disappointment after arriving at the park to spend the day with her sisters. "We were very excited... we are tired of staying at home," she said. "Obviously, in Islam, it is allowed to go out and visit parks. When you have no freedom in your own country, then what does it mean to live here?"

'Idle attractions'

A few kilometers away, the Ferris wheel and most of the other rides in Zazai Park-which offers a spectacular view of the city-have ground to a sudden halt because of a lack of business. Before this week's ban, it could accommodate hundreds of visitors on days when women brought their children for family gatherings. On Fridays and public holidays, even more would flock to the park-one of the few attractions in the city. On Wednesday, only a handful of men wandered nonchalantly through the complex. Habib Jan Zazai, co-developer of the complex, fears he may have to close down a business that he has poured \$11 million into, and which employs more than 250 people.

"Without women, the children will not come alone," he told AFP. He warned such edicts would discourage investment by foreigners or Afghans



KABUL, Afghanistan: This photograph taken on November 9, 2022, shows visitors walking inside the City Park in Kabul. The Taleban have banned Afghan women from entering the capital's public parks and funfairs, just months after ordering access to be segregated by gender. — AFP

living abroad, as well as impact revenue collection. "A government is run by taxes. If an investor is not paying tax, then how can they run?" Mohammad Tamim, 20, sipping tea in the park during a visit from Kandahar, where he teaches at a madrasa, called the ban "bad news". "Every human psychologically needs to be entertained," he said. "Muslims need to be entertained-especially after 20 years of war." — AFP

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