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## Iran missiles can hit all US bases in region: Cmdr.

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A senior Iranian commander says the country's missiles can obliterate the US military bases in regional countries within minutes of an attack on Iran.

Referring to the existence of 35 US military bases in the region, Commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s Aerospace Division Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh said, "The (US) bases are all within the reach of our missiles."

"Measures have been devised to set up bases and deploy missiles within the first minutes of an attack to obliterate all these (US) bases," he said, adding that Iranian missiles could also easily reach Israel.

The senior commander also made a reference to Iran's successful launch of ballistic missiles during 'the Great Prophet 7' drill and said all the missiles, which were launched from different locations in the country, successfully hit a designated target that resembled the air bases of foreign countries in the region.

Hajizadeh said that 'the Great Prophet 7' maneuvers were different from the previous ones as all missiles used in the recent exercise were fired at a single target from different locations not a single spot.

The three-day IRGC missile drill, named 'the Great Prophet 7,' started in the central Iranian province of Semnan wrapped on Wednesday.

The indigenous missiles, including Shahab (Meteor) 1, 2, 3, Khalij Fars (Persian Gulf), Tondar

(Lightning), Fateh (Victor) and Zelzal (Quake) as well as Qiam (Uprising) were fired at mock targets during the drill as IRGC's fighter jets and drones also hit the spots.

Over the recent years, Iran has made important breakthroughs in its defense sector and attained self-sufficiency in producing important military equipment and systems.

The Islamic Republic has repeatedly made clear that its military might is merely based on the nation's defense doctrine of deterrence and poses no threat to other countries, in particular regional states.