‘Suspicious’ Blackout at Iranian Nuclear Site Almost Certain to Prompt Retaliation

by Simon Henderson (/experts/simon-henderson)
Apr 12, 2021
Also available in العربية (/ar/policy-analysis/anqta-altyar-alkhrbayy-bshkl-mryb-fy-mwq-nwwy-ayrany-mn-almwkd-tqrybaan-yhth-ly)

About the Authors

Simon Henderson (/experts/simon-henderson)
Simon Henderson is the Baker fellow and director of the Bernstein Program on Gulf and Energy Policy at The Washington Institute, specializing in energy matters and the conservative Arab states of the Persian Gulf.

Israel was silent the last time there was a mysterious explosion at Natanz, but this time Iran is not only being embarrassed, it is being humiliated.

Iran celebrated “National Nuclear Technology Day” on Saturday, and on Sunday there was a major electric power outage at its main Natanz uranium enrichment facility, possibly caused by Israel. What might happen today? Nine months ago, an explosion seriously damaged the centrifuge assembly plant at Natanz, delaying the production of new centrifuges. This time it appears that a power cut affected the whole plant, spread over several square miles of desert. IR-this or IR-that, power failures are not good for enrichment centrifuges...

Read the full article on the Hill website. (https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/547612-suspicious-blackout-at-iranian-nuclear-site-almost-certain-to)
BRIEF ANALYSIS

Iran Takes Next Steps on Rocket Technology
Feb 11, 2022
Farzin Nadimi
(/policy-analysis/iran-takes-next-steps-rocket-technology)

BRIEF ANALYSIS

Saudi Arabia Adjusts Its History, Diminishing the Role of Wahhabism
Feb 11, 2022
Simon Henderson
(/policy-analysis/saudi-arabia-adjusts-its-history-diminishing-role-wahhabism)

ARTICLES & TESTIMONY

Podcast: Breaking Hezbollah's Golden Rule
Feb 9, 2022
Matthew Levitt
(/policy-analysis/podcast-breaking-hezbollahs-golden-rule)

TOPICS

Military & Security (/policy-analysis/military-security)  Proliferation (/policy-analysis/proliferation)

REGIONS & COUNTRIES

Iran (/policy-analysis/iran)  Israel (/policy-analysis/israel)