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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...

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