

Iran Enriched Uranium to 84 Percent—But Can It Make a Nuclear Bomb?

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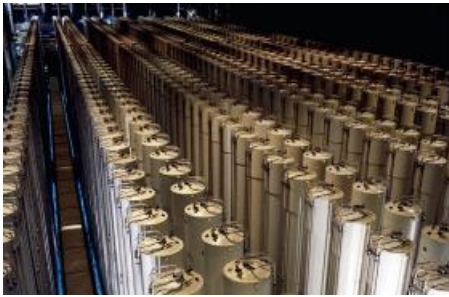
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The new reported level is well beyond most people’s “red line” and will likely draw much attention at the IAEA's March meeting.

Iran appears to have made a new and worrying advance in its nuclear program. Bloomberg [reported \(https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-02-19/iran-nuclear-inspectors-detect-uranium-enriched-to-84-purity\)](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-02-19/iran-nuclear-inspectors-detect-uranium-enriched-to-84-purity) on Sunday that it has reached the level of 84 percent enriched uranium, a significant advance on the 60 percent previously [announced \(https://twitter.com/AbasAslani/status/1627406775057018880\)](https://twitter.com/AbasAslani/status/1627406775057018880). The magic number needed for making an atomic bomb is 90 percent...

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