

The Electronic Republic

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A bustling Iranian tech sector will likely continue to draw foreign interest despite the threat of renewed U.S. sanctions.

Over the past two months, Iranian cyberactivities have moved up the list of grievances against the Islamic Republic. In October, U.S. President Donald Trump warned of Iranian cyberattacks in his speech decertifying the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Less than a month before, the U.S. Treasury sanctioned 11 Iranian entities for "malicious cyber-enabled activity," and the security company FireEye claimed that a hacker group known as APT33 -- likely working for the Iranian government -- had been conducting cyberattacks against U.S. and Saudi aerospace firms since at least 2013. Likewise, over the course of two weeks between August and September, Apple and Google removed Iranian apps from their online stores, joining a host of other companies that deny services in compliance with U.S. sanctions regulations...

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