Iran Now Self-Sufficient in Defense Equipment: General Elhami

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Iran has become fully self-sufficient in producing military weapons, equipment and defense systems, according to Brigadier General Alireza Elhami, commander of the country's Air Defense Force.

Speaking in Tehran on Friday (September 4), Elhami said Iran's air defense forces are producing and modernizing the weapons and equipment they need by relying on domestic knowledge, technology and expertise. He claimed that the country no longer depends on foreign sources in this sector.

Elhami said Iran used lessons learned from recent conflicts to develop and improve new air defense systems, even during wartime. Some of these newly developed systems were later deployed in operational areas, he added.

He said Iran remains prepared to confront any potential conflict, now or in the future, as threats against the country have not completely disappeared. According to him, recent wartime experiences have also highlighted the need to further strengthen Iran's integrated air defense network.

The air defense commander said the country is utilizing the capabilities of young defense scientists, universities and various knowledge-based institutions to develop military technologies and equipment based on national requirements.

Elhami further claimed that the recent conflict demonstrated a new level of Iran's national strength and defense capabilities. He also praised members of the air defense units of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

According to Brigadier General Elhami, their courage and resistance played an important role in confronting what he described as enemy aggression.