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New mass missile test of Zolfaqar and Dezful BMs, as well as use of suicide drones and Shahed-161 UCAVs.

Reporter in video claimed the BMs have ability to maneuver "outside the atmosphere" but since these missiles are quasi-BMs and don't leave the atmosphere, they may have...

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>
> — Mahdi Bakhtiari (@Mahdiibakhtiari) January 15, 2021

...gas thrusters for extra maneuvering ability at very high altitudes where their control surfaces have less use in the thin air. This will make it much harder for ABMs to intercept.

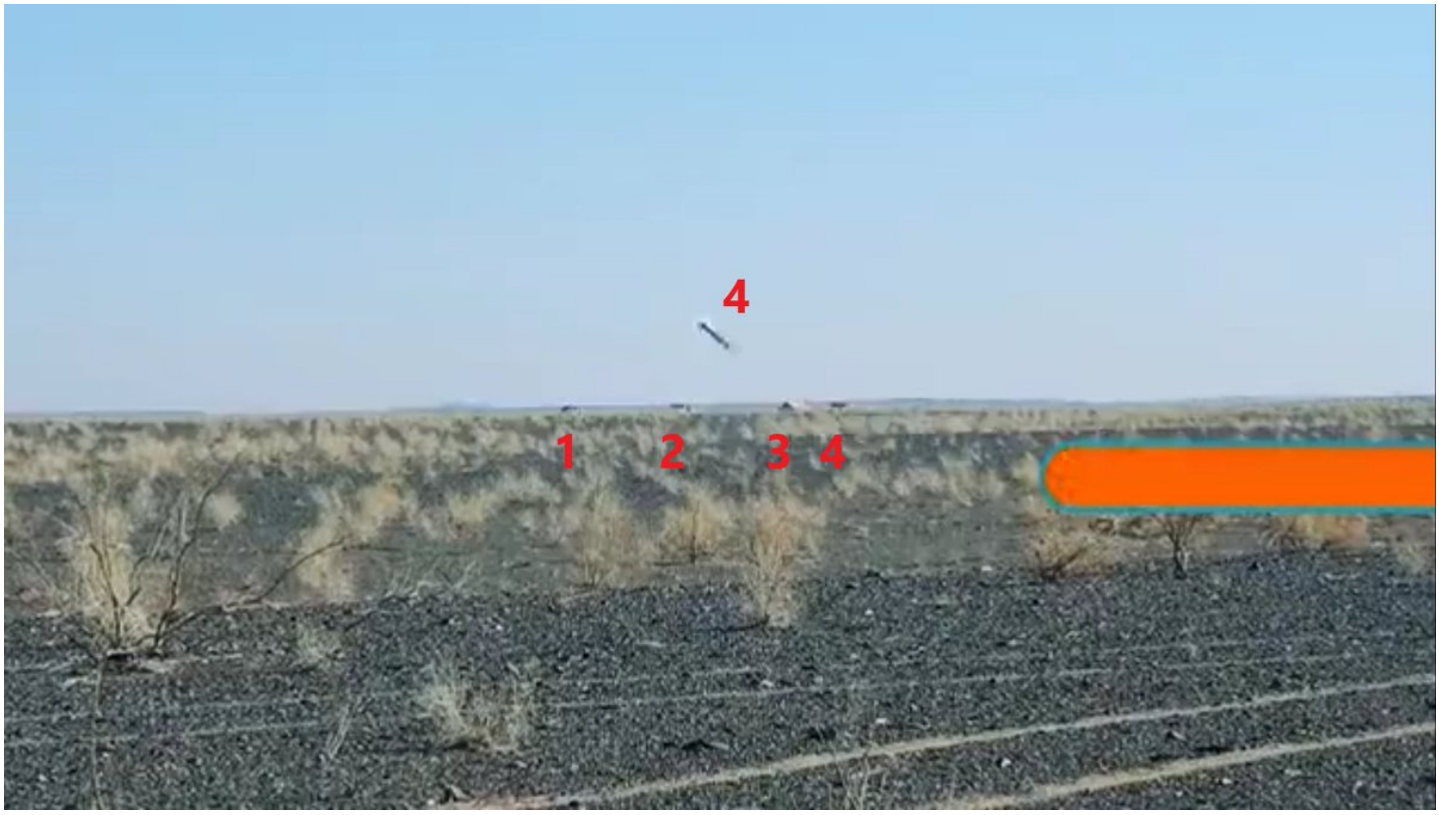
Now into the images; first up is the 8x8 TEL for Zolfaqar/Dezful missiles first seen in 2019. Proof here it's operational and being made in numbers



Another video showing a lot of very precise impacts from different angles



Here are 4 (visible) targets in close proximity with missiles (numbered according to target) going for each of their designated impact points. Incredible accuracy.



There was a fifth missile as well but I couldn't see its target.



These semi-trailer TELs for Dezful indicate that either there aren't quite enough of the 8x8 TELs to go around yet, or that Dezful is now considered a strategic system and hence uses strategic basing methods, which in Iran has these semi-trailers. It's a dual launcher, too.



Commander of IRGC-ASF said that their UAVs are now using AI, which would seem to explain the close formation of these Shahed-161s and suicide drones.



Based on the timing between the impacts it would seem this video is another angle of the annotated screenshots I posted above. Can get a better look at the accuracy which honestly seems even more impressive than the previous angle.

What a fucking shot



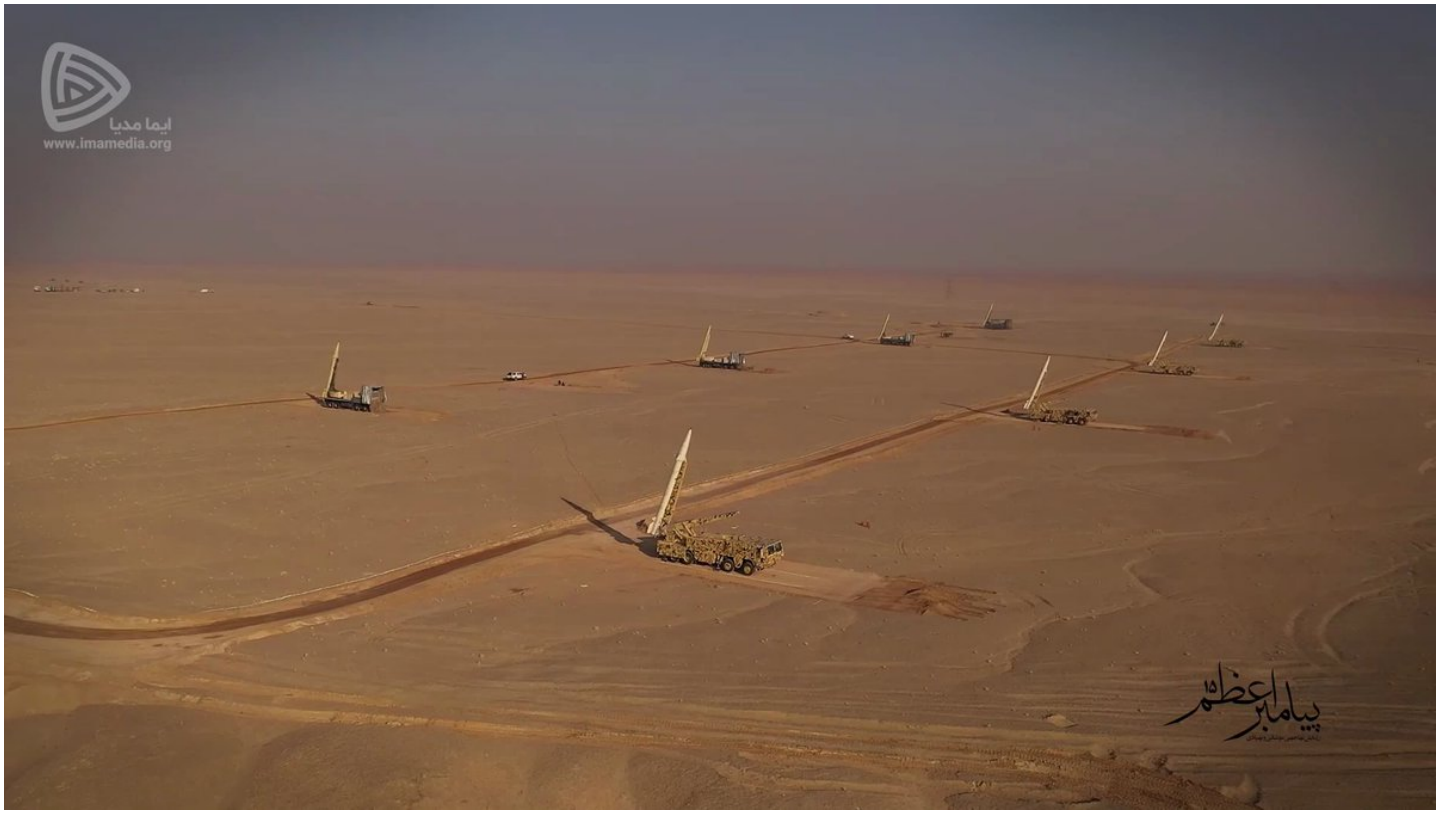
In case you haven't already seen these



@imamedia_org video is out let's gooooo

https://t.co/HYMKHeUgxZ

4x of those 8x8 TELs present



Got a good one here. You can see the plasma (?) coming off the fins of the Dezful RV. Incredible.



Per @IanD3f, terminal velocity (impact speed) is approximately Mach 8.

https://t.co/I38L8G46cQ

> With a ~1000km range, we're looking at a terminal velocity of around 2850m/s, that explains the plasma. https://t.co/zk6gCrBNM2
>
> — Ian (@IanD3f) January 15, 2021

https://t.co/yZf04XD0WL

> Actually, as @AmirIGM pointed out, slightly less than that given that Dezful is a quasi-ballistic missile. Still too fast for a Patriot PAC-3 MSE interception (max target speed quoted at 1800m/s).
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I feel like at some point a drone operator smacked a Shahed-129 into the ground and now all of them have these suuuuuper bright LEDs on their gear even in the day ■ like "DON'T do that shit again no excuses anymore"

https://t.co/4IwYv9x2Jp

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> — Reza_Mad (@maysam21901) January 15, 2021