

Spotlight Report

New Tunnel Construction at Natanz, Iran

GEOINT analysis of the region just south of the Natanz Uranium Enrichment Complex revealed additional tunnel-related construction consistent with what the Iranian government claimed would be for a new underground advanced centrifuge assembly center in the “heart of the mountains around Natanz”.

Three areas are currently involved in this new construction. The first area (1, top right) is the former security forces rifle range, which is being repurposed as a construction engineering and staging area. The second area (2, right middle), is located roughly 700 meters southwest of the staging area and consists of two tunnel entrances on opposite sides of a small ridge. The third area (3, left middle) is another new tunnel project, located roughly 1.5 kilometers west of the staging area, leading towards the highest mountain peak in the region.

The location and timing of this newly identified construction matches that of the declared future underground centrifuge assembly center, providing new evidence of Iran’s commitment to continuing its nuclear program without interference by sabotage or kinetic attack.

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