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Nuclear devices sold to Iran by Siemens explosive-laden: Iran MP

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Our intelligence-security officials succeeded in discovering explosive material in equipments for nuclear activities that had been sold to Iran, the chairman of Iran's Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Committee said on Saturday.

"These devices were supposed to explode after implementation and sabotage the whole system, but this plot was neutralized due to the vigilance of Iranian experts," Boroujerdi added.

The Iranian lawmaker said the explosives had been planted in the devices by Siemens and that the German company "must be accountable for this action."

Siemens has, however, denied that it has sold explosive-laden devices to Iran.

Referring to the earlier remarks made by Iran's nuclear chief at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) annual meeting, Boroujerdi said the agency has employed every method to sabotage Tehran's civilian nuclear program.

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Fereydoun Abbasi said on September 17 that, "On Friday August 17, 2012, power lines running from the city of Qom to Fordow facility were cut using explosives. It should be reminded that power outage is a way of damaging centrifuge machines. In the early hours of the following day, [IAEA] inspectors demanded a snap inspection of the facility."

“Isn’t there any connection between the visit and the blast? Who else could have quick access to the facility other than IAEA inspectors to register and report dysfunctions?” he asked.

The United States, Israel and some of their allies have repeatedly accused Iran of pursuing non-civilian objectives in its nuclear energy program.

Iran argues that as a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and a member of IAEA, it is entitled to develop and acquire nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

The IAEA has conducted numerous inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities, but has never found any evidence of diversion in Tehran's nuclear energy program toward military purposes.