

Attack on Iran's Natanz nuclear site

Iran has blamed Israel for an attack on its main uranium enrichment facility at Natanz, warning that it would take revenge for the assault

■ **Aug 2002:** Exiled opposition **National Council of Resistance of Iran** reports existence of underground uranium enrichment site at Natanz, sparking international concerns that Iran is seeking to build nuclear weapons

■ **Nov 2007:** Version of Stuxnet computer virus – believed to have been created by U.S. and Israel – cripples output at Natanz, months after facility goes online

■ **2010:** Stuxnet attack destroys about 1,000 IR-1 centrifuges – machines used to refine uranium – out of 9,000 at Natanz

■ **July 2020:** Explosion at Natanz reportedly sets back Iran's advanced centrifuge programme by up to two years

■ **Mar 2021:** Iran begins enriching uranium at Natanz using advanced IR-4 centrifuges, breaching its 2015 nuclear deal with major world powers

■ **Apr 11, 2021:** Israel suspected of carrying out cyber attack at Natanz, one day after Iran unveiled new IR-6 centrifuges at facility

Centrifuges at Natanz, seen in 2019. Advanced machines allow uranium to be enriched more quickly

