

Iran warns Patriot missiles in Turkey could lead to World War III

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Iran's armed forces chief of staff on Saturday warned Turkey over its plans to deploy US-made Patriot missiles, saying the move was part of a Western plot to "create a world war."

"This is very dangerous for everyone, and even for the future of Europe," General Hassan Firouzabadi told the top brass at a military college, saying each missile was "a black dot on the map, (setting the stage) to create a world war."

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen had earlier said the patriot missiles would remain deployed in Turkey longer than planned.

In November Ankara asked NATO to deploy the missiles to protect the country's territory against possible aerial attack from Syria.

According to Turkish media reports, the missiles are slated to be deployed in the country's southeast in January, some 100 kilometers from the Syrian border.

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