Iran Monday reported that it has used laser technology to improve the targeting accuracy of missiles with a regional reach, the Associated Press reported.

The U.S. news agency said Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan told state-run television in Iran that the country had achieved the ability to “pinpoint” targets, hitting within two meters.

The news report said while Tehran has previously made claims regarding enhancements to its military technology that could not be corroborated, the U.S. Defense Department earlier this year reported that Iran had made advancements in its ability to target with precision.

Iran has several missiles in its arsenal, including the Sajjil missile with an approximate 1,200 mile maximum range and the Ghadr missile, with a maximum range of approximately 1,000 miles. It has been developing several shorter range missiles, including the Fateh-110, a quasi-guided missile with a range of approximately 150 miles.

Michael Elleman, a Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in Washington, said in a recent report that Iran’s missile program was focused on improving the accuracy and reliability of missiles.

“While Iran’s missile capabilities lag well behind those of the US, Russia, France, China and India, the emerging success of the Sajjil and Fateh-110 development efforts provide powerful evidence to suggest that Iran’s technological prowess is on par with North Korea’s, if not more advanced,” Elleman said.
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