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۷ کاری که پولدارها نمی کنند:

رازهای مگویی جذب سرمایه

سرمایه گذاران معمولاً با دقت و وسواس زیادی برای سرمایه گذاری اقدام می کنند. هیچ سرمایه گذاری حاضر نیست پول و سرمایه و اعتبارش را در اختیار کسی بگذارد که برایش قابل اعتماد نباشد و به نظرش نمی تواند کسب و کارش را با موفقیت و پرسود پیش ببرد.

اما چه ویژگی هایی موجب می شود سرمایه گذاران احساس کنند ما قابل اعتماد و خوش فکر هستیم و کسب و کاری که راه اندازی کرده ایم با پایه و ...



قطار سریع السیر اصفهان - تهران در مسیر توسعه

وزیر راه و شهرسازی گفت: طرح قطار سریع السیر اصفهان تا قم پیشرفت زیرسازی بالای ۷۰ درصدی داشته این در حالی است که این طرح در محدوده قم تا تهران ۱۶ درصد پیشرفت داشته است.

وزیر راه و شهرسازی در حاشیه بازدید از کنارگذر شرق اصفهان در خصوص قطار برقی سریع السیر اصفهان گفت: با افتتاح قطار سریع السیر، مردم اصفهان، مسیری ۱۰ ساعته سفر ریلی تا تهران را با نوبت غیر برقی در چهار ساعت و با نوبت سریع السیر در ۱۰۰ دقیقه خواهند پیمود. محمد اسلامی با بیان اینکه این طرح بعد از وقفه ایجاد شده به دلیل کرونا به زودی ...

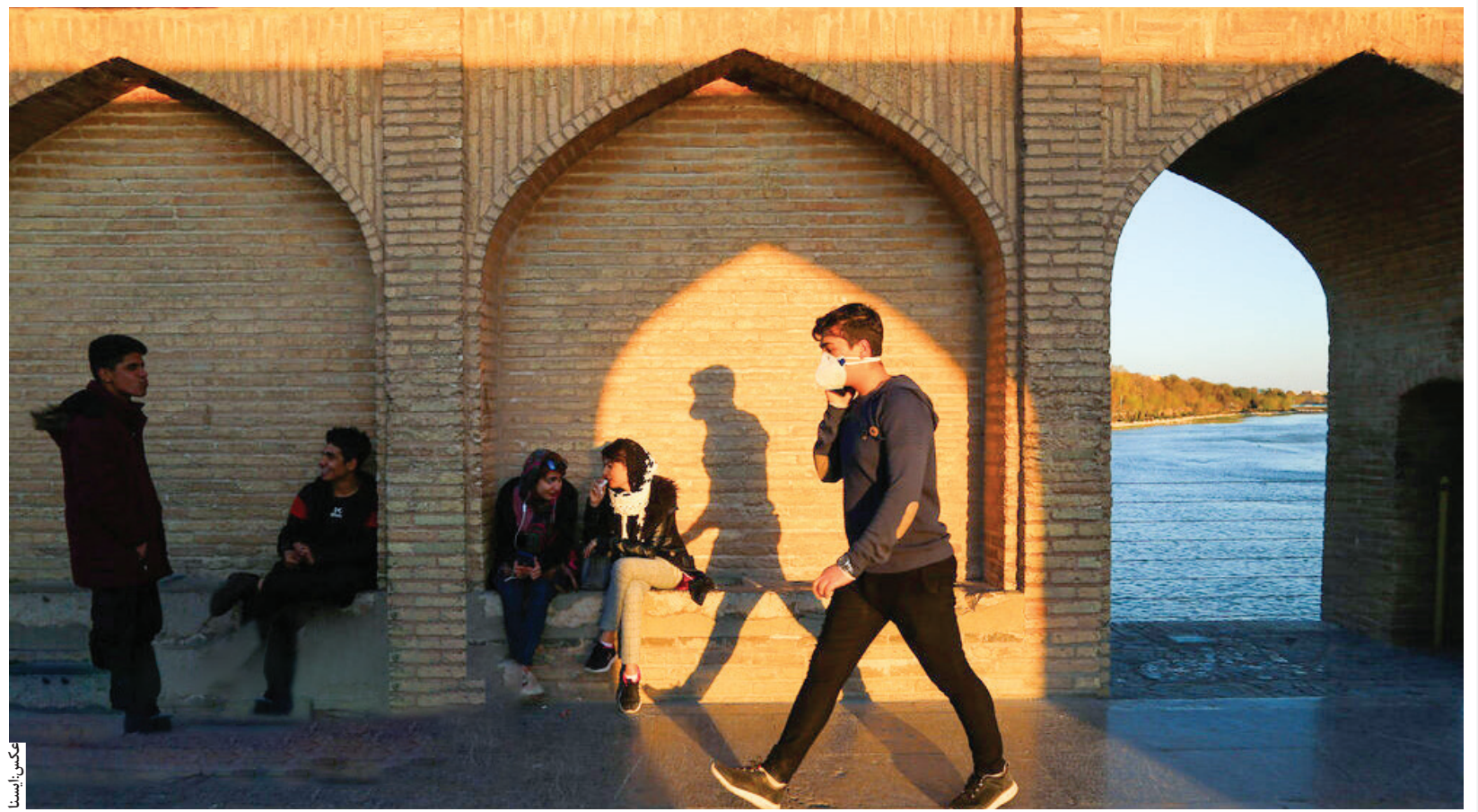


کورسوی امید مردم را قطع نکنید

کورسوی امید مردم را قطع نکنید پس از مشخص شدن منتخبین مجلس یازدهم بسیاری از فعالان اقتصادی بر این عقیده استوار هستند که بیشتر وقت و انرژی مجلس صرف تنش با دولتی می شود که یک سال از عمر آن بیشتر باقی نمانده و این مورد مجلس را از وظیفه اصلی خویش که قانون گذاری در حوزه های مختلف کشور است دور می دارد.

چه بسا می بایست مجلس هوشیارانه از حواشی به دور باشد و دولت خسته را به کار وادارد تا در این شرایط حساس کورسوی امید مردم قطع نشود. اما امروز بسا انتخاب اعضای کمیسیون اقتصادی مجلس بارقه امید بر خاکستر اقتصادی کشور زده شده و بسا بسیار مایه خوشحالی و خرسندی است که در کمیسیون اقتصادی مجلس افرادی کارشناس، با تجربه و با دانش اقتصادی حضور دارند و مسئولیت خطیر در این زمان حساس که مهم ترین مشکل کشور بحث معیشت است ...

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روند ابتلا به کرونا در اصفهان صعودی است؛

لطفا جدی بگیرید!

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مدیر عامل شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان اصفهان:

مردم ضمن رعایت پروتکل های بهداشتی در مصرف آب نیز صرفه جویی کنند



همچنین آزمایشگاه معدنی مایه مباحث تخصصی فزات سنگین و بیولوژیکی ورود کرده و به همین این آرامش خیال را به مردم می دهیم که کیفیت آب استان هیچ مشکلی ندارد.

فاضلاب استان اصفهان گفت: یک باب آزمایشگاه سیار هم در سطح شهر همه روزه کیفیت آب مناطق مختلف شهر را رصد و پایش می کند.

انجام می شود همچنین علاوه بر آن ۲۱ آزمایشگاه میکروبی آب در سطح استان در تمام نقاط استان پراکنده اند. افزود: روزانه دو هزار مورد کلرسنجی و کلرژنی در سطح استان

در خیابان هایی مانند نظر، میر، مشتاق، کمال اسماعیل و آبشار در چند سال گذشته با استفاده از اعتبارات فنانس خارجی کشور چین انجام شد، فاز اول این پروژه با ۷۰۰ میلیارد تومان به بهره برداری رسید.

وی با اشاره به اینکه احداث شبکه فاضلاب محلات پیرامونی شهر یکی دیگر از اقدامات این شرکت است، افزود: این طرح در محلات خیابان امام خمینی، کاوه و فرودگاه اجرایی شد، همچنین احداث شبکه فاضلاب محلات جی شیر، روشن دشت، پینارت، شهید کسروی و چند روستای اطراف را در برنامه این شرکت مشخص شده است.

صنایع بزرگ استان از پساب فاضلاب استفاده می کنند. مدیر عامل شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان اصفهان در خصوص مصرف آب صنایع استان، خاطر نشان کرد: صنایع بزرگی چون فولاد مبارک، ذوب آهن، نیروگاه یا پالایشگاه اصفهان از پساب برای تأمین آب واحد خود استفاده می کنند و به جای استفاده از آب تازه، فاضلاب شهرهای شاهین شهر، درچه، نجف آباد، فولادشهر را خریداری می کنند.

امینی بیان اینکه فاضلاب شهر چادگان پیشرفت فیزیکی ۷۰ درصدی داشته است، گفت: این فاضلاب تا دو سال آینده احداث می شود همچنین تصفیه خانه بابا شیخ علی با سیستمی پیشرفته و با سیستم از کلر فعالیت می کند که در این خصوص فعالیت این تصفیه خانه نداریم.

کیفیت آب استان هیچ مشکلی ندارد در این نشست همچنین مدیر مرکز پایش و کنترل کیفی شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان اصفهان گفت: شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان اصفهان با بیش از ۲۱ آزمایشگاه همه روزه کیفیت آب مناطق مختلف شهر را رصد می کند و تنها به دلیل کمبود آب در تابستان مجبور به وارد کردن آب چاه به مدار هستیم که این به معنای بی کیفیت بودن آب شرب نیست.

فهیمة امیری با بیان اینکه این شرکت یکی از قوی ترین نیروی متخصص کنترل کیفی آب را در سطح استان اصفهان دارد، افزود: روزانه دو هزار مورد کلرسنجی و کلرژنی در سطح استان

مدیر عامل شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان اصفهان گفت: در اسفند ماه ۱۹۸ این شرکت توانست ظرف مدت ۴۸ ساعت واحد تولید آب ژاول یک درصد را برای مصرف بیمارستان ها، شهرداری ها و مصارف عمومی در استان راه اندازی کند. هاشم امینی در نشست خبری با اصحاب رسانه افزود: به دلیل شیوع ویروس کرونا در کشور و آن تاکید وزارت بهداشت بر شست و شوی مکرر دست ها در این روزها با افزایش ۱۸ درصدی مصرف آب در استان روبه رو بوده ایم که با در نظر گرفتن دوران پیک مصرف تابستان جمعاً افزایش ۴۰ درصدی را خواهیم داشت، بنابراین باید در حوزه مدیریت مصرف، مردم توصیه های شرکت آب را جدی گرفته و علاوه بر توجه به پروتکل های بهداشتی در کاهش مصرف تلاش کنند.

اصفهان اولین استان کشور که در حوزه کاهش آب بدون درآمد ورود کرده است. مدیر عامل شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان با اعلام حفر ۱۷ حلقه چاه در برنامه این شرکت گفت: در موضوع پرت آب با ۱۶.۱ دهم درصد پرت آب در شهرهای استان مواجه هستیم که اصفهان اولین استان کشور است که در حوزه کاهش آب بدون درآمد یا همان پرتی آب ورود کرده و روستاهای دارای بالای ۳۵ درصد پرت آب در اولویت برنامه اصلاح شبکه شرکت آب قرار دارند.

هاشم امینی همچنین در خصوص بازسازی تصفیه خانه ها گفت: در سال ۹۹ تصفیه خانه هایی که بوی بد آنها مردم را دچار مشکل کرده بازسازی می شوند، که از آن جمله تصفیه خانه شمال اصفهان، جنوب سمیرم، ورزنه و قهدریجان است. وی ضمن تاکید بر لزوم استفاده مردم از خدمات الکترونیک و کاهش تردهای سطح شهر گفت: همه خدمات ۲۳ گانه شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان در سامانه ۱۵۲۲ صورت می گیرد همچنین این سامانه هوشمند در طول ۲۴ ساعت شبانه روز خدمات لازم را به مشترکان ارائه می دهد.

بهره برداری از ۷ پروژه در قالب طرح «الف ب ایران» مدیر عامل شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان در خصوص پوشش «الف ب ایران»، اظهار کرد: در این طرح هر هفته پروژه هایی در سطح استان افتتاح می شود که امسال بهره برداری از ۷ پروژه در قالب این طرح ارزش ۷۸ میلیارد تومان را داریم.

امینی در خصوص بازسازی شبکه آب شهر اصفهان گفت: بازسازی شبکه فاضلاب شهر اصفهان

وی با بیان اینکه علیرغم خشکسالی در استان اصفهان با اطلاع رسانی دقیق به مردم تنش های اجتماعی سنگین در موضوع آب نداشته ایم، افزود: یکپارچه سازی شرکت های آب و فاضلاب شهری و روستایی یکی از اقداماتی بود که در اواخر سال ۹۸ انجام شد و مانند دیگر دستگاه های خدماتی همچون برق، گاز و مخابرات این اتفاق در شرکت آب و فاضلاب هم رخ داد که با این اقدام ۶۴ شرکت در حوزه شهری و ۳۰ شرکت روستایی در حوزه آب و فاضلاب ادغام شدند و این کار هزینه های دولت را کاهش داد.

ایجاد زیرساخت های حوزه آب در کاهش مهاجرت روستاییان مؤثر است امینی با اعلام اینکه ایجاد زیرساخت های حوزه آب در کاهش مهاجرت روستاییان مؤثر است گفت: در سال ۹۹ انتظار داریم رویکرد بودجه ها روستا محور شود و با یک برنامه جهادی سطح خدمات به روستاها را برابر شهرها افزایش دهیم بنابر این نگاه حمایتی دولت به روستاها تعرفه های روستایی تغییر نکرده و مانند سال های قبل حساب می شود. وی افزود: مطالعات آبرسانی روستاهای شهرستان های مرکز استان، فریدونشهر و اردستان در سال جاری انجام می شود، همچنین تأمین آب بافت مرکزی اصفهان در خیابان های بزرگمهر، چهارباغ خواجو و بزرگراه آقابابایی نیز با ۱۵ میلیارد تومان اعتبار در حال انجام است که در این عملیات به آثار باستانی تپه اشرف بر خوردیم و در صورت تکمیل این پروژه تا حدودی فشار آب این مناطق بهتر می شود.

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Iran petrochemical income to reach \$25b by end of Govt term

Petrochemical income will reach dlr 25 billion by the end of term of the incumbent Government thanks to implementation of the second leap of oil and petrochemical projects, Minister of Petroleum Bijan Zangeneh announced on Thursday.

Over the past two decades, national petrochemical income had been one billion dollar, Zangeneh said at a ceremony held via a video conference on opening of three important oil projects.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani inaugurated three important oil and petrochemical projects this morning.

The projects include normal hexane production unit of Imam Khomeini Refinery (Shazand)- the first refinery company which started work from the early years of the 1979 Islamic Revolution- in central Iran, Goureh-Jask crude oil pipeline which increases the transport capacity to one million barrels a day on southern Iran and Miandoab petrochemical complex, which will bring 140,000 tons of growth in petrochemical products, on northwest of Iran.

About Miandoab petrochemical complex, the minister said the project will develop zones in west of the country.

He further noted that 17 petrochemical projects are planned to be inaugurated up to the end of the Iranian year on March 20, 2021.

The projects will leap production as the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has stressed the importance of doing so after naming the new Iranian year as "Surge in Production," Zangeneh noted.

Also about Goureh-Jask crude oil pipeline project in Makran, the minister said it is the most strategic plan followed by the government.

All equipment used for implementation of the project is indigenous, Zangeneh added.

In a related development, President Rouhani said at the opening ceremony of the projects this morning that the sanctions cannot make a halt to Iran's progress as the Iranian government continues its plans with no delay and will achieve its goals.

Dollar Dips 4% in Tehran

The US dollar paused on Wednesday following two weeks of strong rallies after Central Bank of Iran reportedly stepped in to stop further depreciation of the rial.

ISNA reported that the CBI injected \$55 million in hard currency into the market via its affiliate-exchangers.

The greenback went up to 205,000 rials in the middle of trading session on Tuesday before retreating back to 200,000 rials as trade closed.

The dollar fell further to 197,000 rials on Wednesday, losing 4% overnight as selected moneychangers increased forex supply while demand dropped as buyers preferred caution in anticipation of further falls.

Tempted to salvage earlier gains, some dealers took the sell side on Wednesday, unwittingly joining CBI moneychangers and adding to the supply side. The USD has gained 13% against the rial in the past two weeks. ISNA said barely \$3 million of the total \$55 million had buyers. One euro bought 222,000 rials down 5,000 rials compared with Tuesday's close. The UAE dirham was worth 55,000 rials to register 3% drop.

After pushing up rates a session earlier to reduce the price difference with the open market, CBI-affiliated exchange bureaus reduced currency rates. A dollar was worth 192,940 rials in bank-based money exchanges, down 3% compared to Tuesday's close, according to the Tehran Gold and Jewelry Union website.

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Large-Cap Stocks Lead

Shares in Tehran closed trading week Wednesday with large-cap companies rallying in the absence of significant demand for small stocks.

The market-cap weighted benchmark of Tehran Stock Exchange, TEDPIX, gained 28,413 points for the day, soaring more than 2% to end trading session at 1,419,439 points.

This is while sell-off in many micro-cap shares caused the equal-weighted index to hardly gain 0.36%. The index gives the same weight to all shares irrespective of their market cap.

Interest in stocks of giant refinery, petrochemical, banks and base metal companies was the main factor driving the benchmark forward.

About 6.28 billion shares valued at 116.72 trillion rials (\$592.49 million) changed hands at TSE for the day.

Trading at TSE and over-the-counter Iran Fara Bourse starts on Saturday and ends Wednesday.

Chemi Darou Industrial Company was the biggest winner as its shares went up 22.48% to 42,500 rials per share.

Amin Pharmaceutical Company incurred the biggest loss among all TSE-listed companies and went down 4.99% to 22,450 rials per share.

Informatics Services Corporation contributed the most to the benchmark's fall, followed by Persian Gulf Fajr Energy Company, Behshahr Industrial Development Corporation and Mellat Bank.

Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company gave the biggest boost to the benchmark index, followed by National Iranian Copper Industries Company, Social Security Investment Company and Esfahan Oil Refining Company.

IFX Up 0.69%
 Iran Fara Bourse main index, IFX, gained 103.5 points or 0.69% to close Wednesday trade at 15,202.48.

Jask terminal to start oil exports by March 2021: oil min.

Iranian Minister of Petroleum Bijan Zangeneh announced on Thursday that Iran would start crude oil exports from Jask terminal by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 2021, 20).



Addressing a ceremony to officially start construction of Goureh-Jask Pipeline project on Thursday, Zangeneh said the

project would need \$850 million in investment for completion.

He described the project as the most strategic project under Rouhani administration, adding it entails a 42-inch pipeline which would stretch over a 1000 kilometers from Goureh, Bushehr Province, to Fars Provinces to Hormuzgan to western Jask to Makran region, where the largest oil export terminal after Kharkis being constructed.

He said that the construction of any equipment used in the pipes was achieved for the first time in the project, adding that the use of special sheets with a very wide width was the most important equipment of this pipeline.

Deals had been struck with foreign providers of the sheets but failed to be enforced due to the sanctions; therefore, their supply was awarded to Mobarakeh Steel and Oxin Steel of Khuzestan, Zangeneh added.

According to the Minister of Petroleum, Mobarakeh Steel



made the required slabs for the project and Khuzestan Oxin Steel Company made such wide sheets for the first time after many efforts.

Zangeneh noted 50 huge pumps with a capacity of 2.5 MW needed for the project and said: "For the first time, a contract was signed with three domestic companies worth \$50 million in this regard while no such pumps had been built in the country so far.

Underlining the brilliant performance of Mobarakeh Steel and Oxin Steel of Khuzestan companies, he said: Mobarakeh Steel has produced and delivered 320,000 tons of sheet metal from 420,000 tons, and Oxin Steel had offered 250,000 tons of sheets from 385,000 tons so far; pipe manufacturers have also produced 440 kilometers out of 1,000 kilometers so far, of which 350 kilometers have

been transported to sites and are being welded and laid. Zangeneh said that in addition to the construction of the pumps, five pumping stations are also underway for the purposes of the project.

Moreover, he added, 20 half-million-tank storage tanks in Jask region were being built by the private sector under BOT contracts.

Jask export terminal, 40% Complete

The Minister of Petroleum stated that the physical progress of Jask Export Terminal was more than 40 percent, and specified: "The highest progress of the project took place in the last two months with 7 percent progress per month, which is a very valuable achievement and we hope this project will be completed this year and exports begin from this terminal this [calendar] year." He also stated that the

Persian Gulf Star Refinery was also being connected to the pipeline to supply 600 to 700,000 barrels of gas condensate to the line. "Once this initiative is materialized, if necessary, gas condensate can be exported through Jask as well."

Jask export terminal is an important project and with its launch, in addition to building an export terminal for the country, a hub and development center will be created in the middle region of the Oman Sea.

"So far, about \$300 million has been invested in the project, and another \$850 million needs to be spent to complete it," Zangeneh said. "Of course, there are obstacles and problems, some of which have been resolved and the remaining required funds will be provided through the capital market."

President: Oil projects strengthen Iran position as energy supplier

President Hassan Rouhani is to open three important oil projects that will not only meet the country's needs but also strengthen Iran's position as the international energy supplier.

The projects included launch of Goureh-Jask crude oil pipeline, Miandoab petrochemicals and production line of hexane. The pipeline plan which transports crude oil from Goureh to Jask in south

of Iran is among the most important strategic projects in the country. Even the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has stressed the importance of implementation of the project as soon as possible to let Iran have access to Sea of Oman to export oil. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani had already commented on the project, saying Iran will skirt Strait of Hormuz in south of the country to export oil. Today, June 25, President Rouhani is to inaugurate officially launch of Goureh-Jask crude oil pipeline project and oil station in the Makran

coastal region in southeastern Iran. Goureh-Jask oil pipeline is aimed to increase the capacity of transporting daily crude oil to one million barrels, create sustainable development and job opportunities in Makran and export oil through the new station. The national strategic project, which will meet over 95 percent of national needs, is being implemented by the Iranian contractors and producers. Another project is Miandoab petrochemicals which will bring 140,000 tons of growth in petrochemical products after being implemented.

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News

India to Impose Stricter Rules, Tariffs on Chinese Imports amid Border Row

The Bureau of Indian Standards is to impose tougher norms on at least 370 Chinese products, to ensure items that can be locally produced aren't imported, sources told the Economic Times.

The products will reportedly include chemicals and pharmaceuticals, rubber and metal items, heavy and industrial machinery, paper, steel, glass, fertilizer, furniture, electronics, and plastic toys.

Local sources said discussions are also ongoing to raise import duty on furniture, as well as auto

components and air-conditioner compressors. The proposal is being evaluated by India's Finance Ministry as part of the government's push for more local manufacturing. According to the same sources, the Trade Ministry is separately evaluating non-tariff measures to check Chinese imports, to avoid falling foul of World Trade Organization rules. Such measures would include more inspections, further product testing and enhanced quality-certification requirements, they said, RT reported.

Iranian sky's guards poised to deter any threats: Ari Force cmdr.

The Commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force (IRIAF) Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh vowed the Iranian nation on Thursday that the Air Force capable of and ready to respond any kind of threats.

He made the remarks in a ceremony of delivering three domestically-manufactured fighter jets to Army Air Force. "The technical engineers of the aviation industry at the ministry of defense and the pilots of the Air Force showed that they are among the best in the field of aviation in the world," he said. Headed by keeping the production line of Kowsar jets in the country, the Iranian experts proved that the unilateral sanctions can not put a spanner in the wheel of Iran's defense and aviation industry.

Three Kowsar fighter jets were delivered to Iran's Air Force on Thursday morning in the presence of Minister of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics.

Kowsar is an advanced fighter with a close air support mission built entirely locally and puts Iran among few countries with the technology to design and build fighter jets with avionics systems and 4th generation fire control.

The aircraft will be converted into two single-cab and two-cab types, which in addition to combat capability, will be used to train pilots in advanced stages. Iran's Air Force in Tehran and the Defense Industries Organization in Isfahan jointly manage the production line of Kowsar fighters.

Iran expresses concern about violation of CTBT by US, France

Addressing the 54th session of the CTBT Preparatory Commission in Vienna on Thursday, Iran's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, Kazem Gharibabadi reiterated Iran's support for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and expressed worry about violation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) by the US and France. He noted that conducting nuclear experiments put a big threat against the NPT. "France act of launching M51 SLBM (submarine-launched ballistic missile) on June 12 is against France's international commitments." Gharibabadi also criticized the US withdrawal from international treaties such as the JCPOA and

Treaty on Open Skies, naming the move in contrast with militarism principles as well as regional and global peace. The envoy also expressed concern about conducting probable nuclear experiments by the US in the future.

He urged France and the US to stay committed to international disarmament treaties. On June 21, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed concern about France's recent testing of a ballistic missile capable of carrying several nuclear warheads, saying it runs counter to French commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The French Navy's launch of a new generation of intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of carrying several nuclear warheads (dubbed M51 missile) was totally in contravention of the spirit and the text of Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation

of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and of France's commitment to nuclear disarmament, Seyed Abbas Mousavi said in a statement. "The Islamic Republic of Iran's government expresses concern about such measure, believes that the French government must not ignore its international commitments under the Article VI of the NPT and declaration of the NPT Review Conferences, and calls on Paris to fully honor its international commitments to nuclear disarmament," Mousavi added.



US sanctions, politicization affecting intl. coop. in fight against drug trafficking: Lotfi

Director-General of International Relations Office of Drug Control Headquarters of Iran said that the US sanctions, politicization, and selective approach have adversely affected the concept of international cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking.



Being a neighbor to the biggest producer of drugs in the world has caused the Islamic Republic of Iran to shoulder a heavy burden as one of the main routes for drug transport.

Iran is at the forefront of the fight against drug trafficking and thousands of Iranian forces have been so far martyred to protect the world from the danger of drugs. Despite high economic and human costs, the Islamic Republic has been actively fighting drug trafficking over the past decades.

Iran has spent more than \$700 million on sealing its borders and preventing the transit of narcotics destined for European, Arab, and Central Asian countries.

"This was consisting of 808 tons of opiates (opium, heroin, and morphine) and almost 17 tons of methamphetamine (crystal). It's noteworthy; this year's methamphetamine seizure shows more than 200 percent increase since the last year,"

The war on drug trade originating from some regional countries has claimed the lives of nearly 4,000 Iranian police officers over the past four decades.

According to reports, in 2018 alone, Iranian forces carried out 1,557 operations against drug traffickers, seizing approximately 807 tons of different types of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Tehran has always asked for international help in such operations, noting that the other countries, especially European states, should take responsibility and play a positive role in this fight or face its threats themselves.

The issue of drugs is a global scourge and there is the need for wide-scale cooperation at the international level so as to tackle this problem. Therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran



has adopted an interactive approach with the global community concerning the issue of drugs and has virtually indicated that it spares no efforts in enhancing cooperation with other countries and international organizations in the campaign against illicit drugs.

On this basis, Iran has always voiced its resolve for countering illicit drugs and reducing its harms at the global level. Iran's performance in countering drug trafficking has been effective in maintaining the security of different regions of the globe.

On the occasion of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which is observed annually on 26 June, we reached out to Dr. Amir Abbas Lotfi, Director General of International Relations Office of Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran to know more about Iran's role in the fight against drug trafficking.

Here are the comments that he shared with Mehr News Agency. "The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is the United Nation specialized agency dealing with drugs and crimes. Based on UNODC annual report, more than 70 percent of opiates global seizure is made by Iran Law Enforcement Agencies," said

Lotfi.

"During the past Iranian year (beginning 20 March 2019), Iran's drug seizure has exceeded more than 950 tons of different types of narcotics and psychotropic substances," he added.

Lotfi went on to say, "This number shows a 20 percent increase as compared to the last year's corresponding period. It also indicates a kind of achievement and a new record for Iran Law Enforcement Agencies due to the fact that it was the first time throughout the history of Iran's fight against world drug trafficking." "This was consisting of 808 tons of opiates (opium, heroin, and morphine) and almost 17 tons of methamphetamine (crystal). It's noteworthy; this year's methamphetamine seizure shows more than 200 percent increase since the last year," he said.

"Iran is the main partner to the UNODC's policy and programs in West Asia. Also due to the tremendous endeavors that Iran made in this way, UNODC executive directors repeatedly called Iran as a flag-bearer of international fight against drugs," the Iranian official noted.

Lotfi continued, "Those have been said, we acknowledge that global problems merit global solutions. Therefore, we are of the view that the international community and every party

to international conventions should do its role, based on the principle of 'shared responsibility' to create a better future and drug-free world."

"UNODC is a UN specialized agency dealing with drugs and crimes. The anti-drug international regime is based on three international conventions, which the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) as a quasi-judicial body is acting like a guardian and monitoring international compliance toward these three conventions. Iran has established strong ties with UNODC," he said.

"Its office in Tehran has started its work since 1999 and implemented four rounds of partnership joint programs with the relevant government bodies," Lotfi added. The Iranian official went on to say, "This year (2020), we will finalize the fourth program and by 2021, we will enter the fifth phase of the program."

"As I mentioned earlier, coping with humanitarian challenges like drug abuse and smuggling are relied on international cooperation," he stressed. "Unfortunately, sanctions of the US, politicization, and selective approach have adversely affected the concept of international cooperation in this sphere along with other humanitarian issues," Lotfi added.

NEWS

Countries' independence not US' plaything: Vaezi

In a tweet on Thursday, Iranian President's Chief of Staff Mahmoud Vaezi noted that countries' independence is not the US' plaything.

"Political independence, the sovereignty of countries and the common sense of the international community are not a plaything to the US," he tweeted.

"The United States has allowed itself to threaten Russia, China and other countries to pass an anti-Iranian resolution in the Security Council," he added.

Iran regards the unilateral behavior of the US a serious threat to international peace and security and stresses the need for regional and international cooperation to counter the irrational actions of the White House.

On June 16, Iranian and Russian Foreign Minister issued a joint statement and expressed their opposition against US unilateralism in the international arena.

The statement says that The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation are determined to deal with illegal approaches and seek to promote international law to resolve urgent regional and global issues.

Iran has also censured the unilateral American sanctions that have hampered humanitarian supplies into the country, renewing a call for the European Union to take a stand against such illegal US moves.

To improve its defense power, Iran does not need arrogant powers' permission: min.

Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Hatami said Iran does not need the permission of the arrogant powers for developing its defense sector.

He made the remarks in a ceremony of delivering three domestically-manufactured fighter jets to Army Air Force.

"Unwise US officials have forgotten that the Islamic Republic has been able to maximally improve its defense sector under the toughest sanctions in the past 40 years," he said.

He noted that Iran has seized the sanctions as an opportunity to improve its defense sector.

Brigadier General Hatami hailed efforts made by the country's military experts to produce the jets amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and said, "Alongside the development of this aircraft, we have gained great achievements that are very valuable for the country".

Various knowledge-based companies and universities of the country are cooperating with the military experts, the minister said, adding that the country would soon produce more advanced aerial equipment. The Thursday ceremony was also attended by the Iranian Army Commander Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, the Commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force (IRIAF) Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh, and Budget Organization Mohammad Bagher Nobakht.

The domestically-made fighter/trainer jet 'Kowsar', mainly developed by the Iran Aviation Industries Organization, was unveiled back in July 2017 and showcased at an international audience at MAKS air show in Moscow.

News

Arab Parl. ratifies unified strategy against Iran, Turkey

In its latest meeting on Wednesday, the Arab Parliament approved a unified hostile strategy against Iran and Turkey and put forward various accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The meeting was held via video conference under Mishaal bin Fahm Al-Salami, the president of the Arab Parliament.

The unified Arab strategy for dealing with Iran aims to stop all that they call interference by the country in the internal affairs of Arab states, to confront its hostile policies that threaten security and stability in the region, and to prevent the formation of any armed groups or organizations linked to Iran within Arab countries.

The strategy includes measures to stop what they call the Iran's interference in Arab affairs, the most important of which are: preparing a memorandum by the League of Arab States and submitting it to the UNSC on the Iranian hostile

policies and interventions in the internal affairs of Arab states; intensifying Arab diplomatic efforts with other countries as well as the regional and international organizations to clarify hostile policies of the Iran that are threatening the security of the Arab states; asking the UNSC to compel Iran to implement the UNSC resolutions regarding the arms embargo on the Houthi, especially Resolution No. 2216, and to commit it to UN Security Council Resolution 2231 regarding its nuclear program; to place "Iran's interventions in internal affairs" of the Arab states as a permanent item on the agenda of the Arab League's councils meetings with the European Union, the African Union, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean states, and other international and regional organizations.

The unified Arab strategy will deal with Turkey to obligate the Turkish system to the principles of good neighborliness and respect for the sovereignty of the Arab states and the legal systems therein, and to stop all its interference in the internal affairs of Arab countries, and to confront its hostile policies and expansionist ambitions that affect the sovereignty and territorial



integrity of the Arab states, and threaten security, peace, and stability in the Arab region, and strengthening Arab solidarity to counter the threats of the Turkish system to Arab countries.

The two strategies will be reviewed and updated every five years, in proportion to the changes in the political and security environment, and the threats facing any of the Arab countries.

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Countries' political independence, sovereignty not plaything of US unilateralism

Chief of Staff of Presidential Office Mahmoud Vaezi on Thursday said that political independence and sovereignty of the countries and the consciousness of the international community are not plaything of the American unilateralism.

He tweeted that the US has allowed itself to threaten Russia, China and other countries to pass an anti-Iran resolution in the Security Council. Vaezi reiterated that the political independence, sovereignty of countries and common sense of international community are not plaything of the US' unilateralism.



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Jask terminal to start oil exports by March 2021: oil min.

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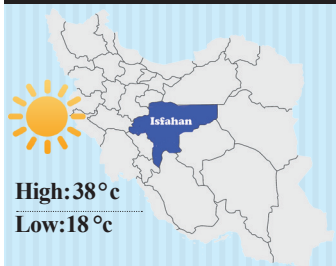
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WEATHER



UAE claims it is looking for good ties with Iran

In his latest remarks on Thursday, UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash has claimed that his country seeks good relations with Iran. In an interview with the CNBC, he discusses Libya, Israel, Turkey, Iran, and the rift between the US and China. He discussed some baseless claims about Iran but simultaneously claimed that his country seeks good relations with Iran. Gargash claimed that Tehran has expanded its authority and has now the control over the capitals of some countries in the region. He also lamented about Iran's policies and its ballistic missile program.

On June 5, the ports affairs director of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) Ravanbakhsh Behzadian said that Iran and UAE have resumed maritime trade.



Iran petrochemical income to reach 25\$b by end of Govt term

Iran's Steel Production Increases by %11 to 11.4 Million Tons

Iranian steel mills produced a total of 11.44 million tons of crude steel during January-May, which indicate an %11.1 rise compared with the corresponding period of 2019, the latest report released by the World Steel Association shows.

The country's May output hit 2.35 million tons to witness a year-on-year growth of 8.9%, according to the Brussels-based international trade body for the iron and steel industry.

Iran's world ranking remains unchanged compared to Worldsteel's previous monthly report: 10th biggest crude steel producer.

The country is placed between Brazil (ninth) with 12.14 million tons of production and Vietnam (11th) with 9.02 million tons, the new report shows.

The world's 64 steelmakers produced a total of 768.683 million tons of steel over the five-month period, down 5.2% YOY.

Global steel output stood at 147.775 million tons in May, indicating an 8.7% decrease YOY. China was the world's largest crude steel producer with 411.75 million tons of steel output in the five-month span, up 1.9% YOY.

The giant steel producer was followed by Japan with 36.6 million tons, India with 35.85 million tons, the United States with 31.33 million tons, Russia with 29.85 million tons, South Korea with 27.41 million tons, Germany with 15.27 million tons and Turkey with 13.49 tons.

Iran's crude steel output stood at 31.9 million tons in 2019, according to Worldsteel, up 30.1% YOY.

Crude steel is defined as steel in its first solid (or usable) form: ingots and semi-finished products (billets, blooms and slabs). This is not to be confused with liquid steel, which is steel poured.

Iran aims to become the world's sixth largest steel producer as per the 20-Year Vision Plan, which targets annual production capacity expansion to 55 million tons and 20-25 million tons of exports per year by 2025.

The country's current steel production capacity stands at over 35 million tons per year.

Steel Production Capacity to Rise

According to a recent report by Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization on under-construction steel production units, a total of 19.1 million tons will be added to Iran's annual steel production capacity by the time all these units become complete in the fiscal 2023-24.

The addition of 19.1 million tons by the time the under-construction projects come on stream to the current capacity means the aggregate output capacity will reach 54.1 million tons by March 2024, only 900,000 tons short of the target, for reaching which Iranian steelmakers will have one more year.

Iranian steelmakers produced more than 47.42 million tons of semi-finished and finished steel products in the last Iranian year that ended on March 19, 2020, to register a 8.37% increase compared with the year before.

According to the Iranian Steel Producers Association's latest report, semi-finished steel made up 27.24 million tons of the total output, up 10% year-on-year.

Billet and bloom made up 16.78 million tons of semi-finished production, indicating an 18% rise YOY while slab output hit 10.45 million tons, posting no significant change YOY.

As for finished steel, the output increased by 6% YOY to 20.18 million tons.

Long steel products had the lion's share of finished steel production with 10.22 million tons, up 6% YOY. Rebar had a major share here with 8.3 million tons (up 6% YOY), followed by beams with 1.12 million tons (up 8% YOY) and L-beam, T-beam and other types with 799,000 tons (up 4% YOY).

Flat steel products had a 9.96 million-ton share in the output of finished steel products, posting a 5% rise YOY.

HRC made up 8.23 million tons of the production in this category, registering a 4% growth YOY, followed by CRC with 2.62 million tons (up 4% YOY) and coated coil with 1.63 million tons (up 12% YOY).

Direct-reduced iron production stood at 27.9 million tons during the 12-month period, indicating a 6% rise YOY.

WHO Warns of Global Shortage of Oxygen Equipment

As 1 million new cases of coronavirus are confirmed worldwide per week, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that hospitals are facing a shortage in oxygen concentrators needed to support the breathing of COVID-19 patients suffering from respiratory distress.

Cases worldwide passed 9.4 million on Thursday, with the WHO saying it expected global infections to pass 10 million by the end of the week. At least 480,000 people have died so far.

"Many countries are now experiencing difficulties obtaining oxygen concentrators," WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "Demand is currently outstripping supply."

The health agency has bought 14,000 oxygen concentrators from manufacturers and plans to send them to 120 countries in coming weeks, Tedros said. A further 170,000 concentrators - worth about US\$100m - will be potentially available over the next six months.

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Cases continue to surge in the Americas, with the United States confirming its second-highest one-day total in the pandemic so far, according to Oxford University data project Our World in Data, with 34,700 new infections. It is the highest since 26 April, when a record 48,529 cases were confirmed in 24 hours. Researchers from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation predicted that US deaths would reach 180,000 by 1 October, up from the current toll of 121,969.

The head of the WHO emergencies programme, Dr. Mike Ryan, said many Latin American countries experienced a 25%-50% increase in cases in the past week.

"I would characterize the situation in the Americas in general as still evolving, not having reached its peak yet, and likely to result in sustained numbers of cases and continued deaths," he said, The Guardian reported.

Mexico confirmed its second-highest coronavirus deaths so far, with 947 fatalities on Wednesday. The highest daily toll came on 3 June with 1,092 deaths. Mexico has 196,847 known cases.

The death toll from the coronavirus in Latin

America is expected to skyrocket to 390,000 by October, with Brazil and Mexico accounting for two-thirds of fatalities as other nations in the region contain their outbreaks, the University of Washington said on Wednesday.

This week, deaths in the region passed 100,000 and cases have tripled from 690,000 one month ago to 2 million.

Meanwhile in Australia, the economic fallout for airlines continued, with Qantas announcing 6,000 job losses and 15,000 employees to be stood down as it predicted that most international flights were unlikely to resume until mid-2021. The airline also cancelled a \$200m dividend payment it was due to make to shareholders in September.

In the state of Victoria, more than 1,000 Australian defense force personnel will door-knock two suburbs at the heart of the latest outbreak of COVID-19, with residents offered free testing, as 33 more cases of the virus were identified in the state overnight.

In other news from around the world: New Zealand citizens returning home from coronavirus hotspots are facing a backlash from some as people worry that the arrivals will bring a resurgence in cases.

Brothels in the Netherlands can reopen on 1 July after being shut for more than three months, the government announced on Wednesday.

Volunteers in the UK, Brazil and South Africa received their first doses of an experimental vaccine as part of a human trial run by Oxford University, as cases continue to rise and concerns grow over potential access to life-saving treatments.

The pilots of a plane that crashed last month in Pakistan, killing 98 people, were preoccupied by the coronavirus crisis and tried to land with the aircraft's wheels still up, according to initial official reports.

In the US, democrats will hold an almost entirely virtual presidential nominating convention in Milwaukee using live broadcasts and online streaming. Joe Biden plans to accept the presidential nomination in person during the 17-20 August convention, but it remains to be seen whether there will be a significant in-person audience there to see it.

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