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مدیرعامل شرکت توزیع برق استان اصفهان:

## رتبه برتر شرکت توزیع برق استان اصفهان در تعالی خدمات و نوآوری

مدیرعامل شرکت توزیع برق استان اصفهان با اشاره به اینکه شرکت توزیع برق استان اصفهان بزرگترین شرکت توزیع برق در منطقه مرکزی کشور است، عنوان کرد: این شرکت در بین ۳۹ شرکت توزیع برق کشور، چهارمین شرکت با سرویس دهی به یک میلیون و ۵۰۸ هزار مشترک به شمار می رود...



## راهکارهای بازگشت به مسیر صعودی بورس

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## Expert says Iraqi PM's Washington visit aims to ease economic situation

Director of Iraqi media and information center says that the travel of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi to the United States is not strategic but the agenda of his talks with the US officials is to ease Iraqi political and economic situation.

Al-Kadhimi's visit to Washington also focuses on issues related to control of the coronavirus pandemic, Nazar Haidar told IRNA in New York on Saturday.

The visit of Iraqi premier to the US is taking place at a time that Washington is in summer vacation and the state bodies are in recess.

The US is getting prepared for November presidential election, so al-Kadhimi's visit to the US follows exchange of views rather than the strategic issues, Haidar said. He said that the important issue on the agenda of the visit to Washington is economy and the Iraqi energy needs.

After financial crisis, Iraqi government is seeking to find solutions from inside and outside of the country to solve problems for providing gas, electricity and oil, the expert noted.

He added that he does not know whether the Iraqi prime minister can make the US agree to implement articles of strategic agreement between the two countries in line with serving the Iraqi interests.

Asked whether the Iraqi and the US officials have held talks on Baghdad-Tehran relations, the expert said that as far as he knows, the issue is not on the agenda of the talks.

Iraq and US will concentrate on bilateral cooperation, he noted.

Asked about the future of presence of the US forces in Iraq, Haidar said that they have been in Iraq since 2014 under the request of Baghdad.

Iraq will officially ask them to leave the soil whenever it wants, the expert stressed.

The Iraqi prime minister, heading a delegation flew to Washington on Aug 18.

## 1,100 Unlawful Crypto Mining Farms Busted

The Power Generation, Distribution and Transmission Company (Tavanir) has identified and shut 1,100 unlicensed crypto mining farms with the help of whistleblowers.

Tavanir in July said it would reward whistleblowers who name unauthorized cryptocurrency miners to the relevant authorities. Rewards include 100 million rials (\$480) for those who cooperate with energy officials in identifying the lawless mining centers.

However, the measure was unnecessary as Tavanir has been regularly monitoring consumption patterns of subscribers. But, "the company cannot detect all illegal farms solely by studying their consumption patterns," a Tavanir spokesman said.

Speaking to Fars News Agency, Mostafa Rajabi Mashhadi said some miners install equipment at industrial and agricultural units that are already operating and use high levels of subsidized electricity.

"Therefore Tavanir's monitoring reveals no significant change in consumption of this particular category," he said. In July 2019 the government said it will recognize crypto currency mining as a legal industry. This was first welcomed by miners as a positive move, but many complained about the high power tariffs. Later they concealed their illegal lucrative operations and went underground to deceive utility companies.

As per earlier announcements, miners are charged 4,800 rials for one kilowatt-hour that is half the electricity export rate in autumn, winter and spring. However, future billings are planned to be based on 19,300 rials/kw, twice the price for exported electricity in summer (June to Sept). So far 624 mining farms have permits.

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## National Action Plan for Production and Supply of Housing

The strained economy of Iran is exacerbated by the housing problem, which, as all problems, calls for a solution. With the local currency taking a nosedive against the dollar, at least twice, since the Iranian New Year on March 20, having reached an exchange rate of 220,000 Rials to the dollar, not willing to risk the consequences of holding on to large amounts of cash, many are investing in property to hedge their money against depreciation. But that's for the rich. What of the poor? They're taken care of by the government. Or are they?



Over the past two years, five out of 22 districts of the capital city, Tehran, saw housing prices more than double. To level the playing field, in a separate move from the national action plan, there's the Mehr scheme, instituted in 1979, the year of The Islamic Revolution of Iran, and other ongoing Housing schemes brought into play by the Housing Foundation.

The government's main plan of action for providing affordable housing for the financially constrained, the National Action Plan for Production and Supply of Housing, involves the construction of 400,000 small and medium sized flats nationwide within a two year time frame. The majority of the new housing units are to be built in Tehran's new suburban townships, such as Parand and Pardis.

There are of course house flippers who buy property just to sell at a higher price. And they are instrumental in keeping millions of apartments uninhabited--hoarded if you like to push prices up, even when sales are at a low. 2.5 million residential units nationwide are empty, half a million of them in the capital Tehran. This has further exacerbated inflation. But 85 percent of properties are still traded by



real consumers. And private construction companies have built up big flats of at least 130 square metres mostly, in uptown and affluent areas, where people don't need help to buy. The government has to aid those wanting 70-80 square metre flats mostly in or off south and east Tehran.

How will the plan unfold? Real estate for the project shall be provided by the ministry of urban development while private sector subcontractors awarded the construction work will be entitled to state loans and subsidized building material. The ministry will only supervise construction BY those private firms.

An amendment to Article 54 of the Direct Tax Law, was unanimously approved by Parliament on 5th August to heavily tax empty homes. Inexplicably, immediately after the National Action Plan was announced, prices rose a further 12.5 percent, the largest one-month increase of the year.

Hassan Mohtasham, Head of the Tehran Mass Builders Association, believes that only when houses are no longer viewed as investment opportunities and illiquid assets, will prices be normalized in the country. The fact of the matter

remains that, in Tehran, as is the norm in capitals cities worldwide, houses are expensive because the population tends to be more eager to seek shelter in these areas as they offer better facilities and amenities than other places. This leads to a greater demand than the city can supply.

Who will the scheme benefit? The national housing scheme would, in most likelihood, fail to cover the entire population as a certain section of the target population, usually affluent, would not be willing to live in the areas where such housing would be constructed. Conversely, another segment of society, usually working class, low income families, simply cannot afford the initial deposit necessary for a bank loan toward the future purchase of a home.

Rent on residential units in Tehran, as well as other urban areas, increased by around 30 percent in the second Iranian calendar month (late May), compared to the same month last year. The rental situation

It would appear, if the experience of Mr Jafari, a house hunting senior citizen, is to be taken as the norm, that the housing market is very bleak. Mr. Jafari

has been forced, as many others have, to look for a new property to rent since he cannot afford to renew the rental agreement for his current residence.

Estate agents are often vilified as price inflating villains who manipulate fees to their advantage, however, according to Vahid Javadi, Tehran Real Estate Consultants, Supervisor, this is far from the truth.

What are the options? For a typical retiree, living on a fixed pension, acquiring sufficient funds to pay for even a modest flat in West Tehran, is beyond reach, even with a discount from an understanding estate agent. With no funds other than their present rental deposit, any increase in rent would require a loan. Having a fixed income, which may rise by 5-10% annually, while housing costs increase more than 30% during the same timeframe, necessitates a reduction in other expenditures to fill the gap.

In the normal run of things we must be able to let a bigger home, but in fact we have to let a smaller home and that at higher prices. If for instance, we are living in a 70-square-meter apartment, we have to add to our mortgage and choose a 65-square-meter apartment.

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News

## Oil Minister: No Time for Complacency

Contracts worth \$1.7 billion have been signed between Iranian oil and services companies to increase production from existing fields, the oil minister said Wednesday.

Referring to the previous agreements worth \$830 million, Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said: "The US sanctions notwithstanding, no foreign company wants to cooperate with us. But progress has been made in a variety of oil sectors and good capacities

have been created," the Oil Ministry news agency Shana quoted him as saying. He did not elaborate. The US imposed economic sanctions in August 2018, targeting key industrial sectors, oil, banking and insurance. In the May of that year Donald Trump tore up the landmark 2015 nuclear deal Iran had signed with the six world powers. In November 2018, Washington imposed a failed policy of "maximum pressure" targeting everything that could be hit.

## NIOC to export first oil cargo from Jask port

NIOC to Export First Oil Cargo from Jask Port The National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) will be able to export its first oil cargo from Jask terminal by the end of the current Iranian calendar year.

Considering progress in Goreh-Jask oil pipeline project, the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) will be able to export its first oil cargo from Jask terminal by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2021), said the managing director of Petroleum Engineering and Development Company (PEDEC).

According to Touraj Dehqani, the development of the project is going on uninterrupted and the project has reached over 50 percent of physical progress, IRNA reported. "With the main pumping stations of the project becoming operational, we will witness the beginning of the oil transfer from Goreh to Jask by the end of the year," Dehqani said. "Of course, like other parts of the project, Jask export terminal itself has developed and progressed," he added.

The official added if the required storages at the Jask terminal are not addressed by the end of the year, alternative options such as the use of single-point mooring (SPM) storing the oil will be on the agenda.

The PEDEC's goal is to export the first oil cargo from Jask oil terminal in the last month of the current Iranian calendar year (starting on February 19, 2021).

Goreh-Jask oil pipeline project was inaugurated in late June by President Hassan Rouhani.

The pipeline will transfer one million barrels of heavy and light crude oil per day to Jask oil terminal in the southern province of Hormuzgan to be exported.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the project, Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said it was one of the most strategic projects in the Rouhani administration.

Zanganeh said a total of \$300 million has so far been invested in the project while another \$800-\$850 million is needed for its full operation.

### Escalating tension with Iran 'on wrong path': Russia

Russian Foreign Ministry on Saturday said that the United States has chosen the wrong and erroneous track for settling difference with the Islamic Republic of Iran over its nuclear program. While lashing out at the US attempts for the implementation of the snapback mechanism, the Russian Foreign Ministry emphasized the need for dialogue with the Islamic Republic of Iran. The path of escalation of tensions around Iran, which was chosen by the United States, is erroneous and dead-end, and Moscow calls on Washington to switch to dialogue with Iran instead of threats, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement, Sputnik reported.

"The United States continues dangerous maneuvers in the UN Security Council in the hope of implementing its own anti-Iranian ideas. Having failed with the draft resolution on an indefinite arms embargo against Iran, which was decisively rejected by the Security Council, they now began to besiege the UN leadership and the chairman of the Security Council, seeking recognition of the allegedly retained US right to use the mechanisms stipulated by UN Security Council Resolution 2231 and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action for the settlement of the Iranian nuclear program (JCPOA) to put pressure on Iran", the statement says. The department recalled that "all this is happening" after the US administration officially withdrew from the JCPOA and for more than two years "grossly and shamelessly trampled on its own obligations arising from the decisions of the Security Council related to this document".

## Iranian President Praises Doctors for Tireless Battle with COVID-19

President Hassan Rouhani paid tribute to Iranian physicians and medical society for their courageous battle in the war against the coronavirus pandemic, hailing them as heroes protecting the lives of people.

In a message on the National Doctor's Day on Saturday, Rouhani lauded the heroes that devote their lives to save fellow citizens and stand at the forefront of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic courageously.

Above taking up a professional occupation, physicians accept a sensitive responsibility that reveals altruism and bravery, the president added.

In separate comments at a Saturday meeting of the Coronavirus Fight National Headquarters, Rouhani expressed gratitude to the medical society, doctors, nurses, and Health Ministry officials for handling the second peak of the pandemic in the country.

The president also stressed the need to observe the health protocols in the mourning rituals in commemoration of Imam Hussein (AS) during the month of Muharram (began Friday), saying Iran can offer a model for Shiite Muslims and others around the world.

Calling for online mourning ceremonies and Internet-based events, the president ordered the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology to keep the Internet bandwidth in the best conditions and ensure Internet connectivity during the mourning days.

Iran's Health Ministry on Friday reported 112 deaths from the novel coronavirus, the lowest number of daily fatalities since June 28.



## Attempts to Snap Back Sanctions against Iran to Isolate US Again: Iran

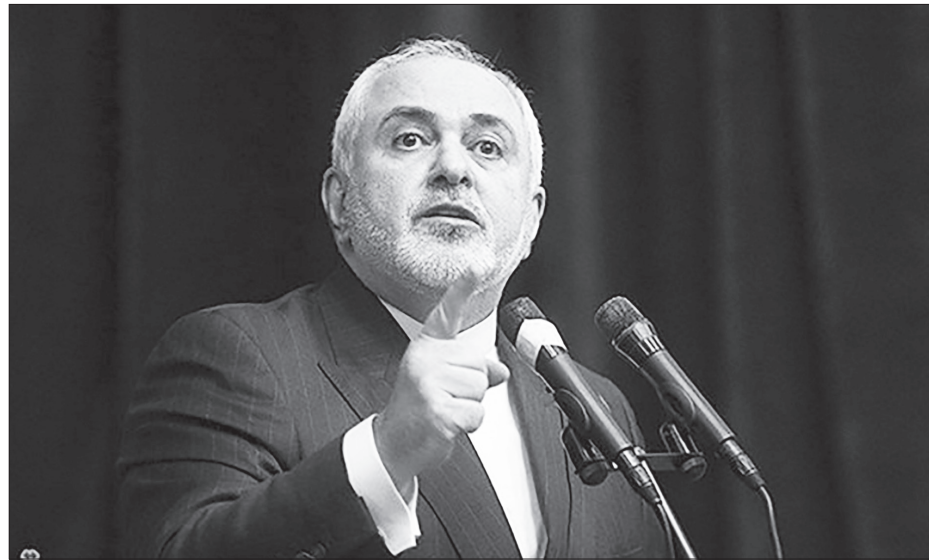
Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said attempts by the US administration to snap back the UN sanctions against Tehran will one more time isolate Washington.



"Last night (US Secretary of State Mike) Pompeo activated the mechanism of returning the annulled Security Council resolutions in his imaginations," Zarif said in a post on his Instagram account on Friday.

However, he added, at the same time Iran, Russia, China, the European Union, Germany, France, and the UK described the Trump administration's move as unlawful, futile, and null and void in separate letters. "Today, some other members of the Security Council will likely adopt similar stances, and the Trump administration will be isolated and disgraced globally once again," Zarif said,

"Iran advises the Council to stop this abuse of mechanism -- which carries serious repercussions for the international peace and security,"



according to Press TV. "The history of the Security Council does not remember any similar situation," he noted, referring to a global consensus against US President Donald Trump. On Thursday, the United States' most prominent Western allies refused to fall into step with its push to snap back the United Nations sanctions against Iran. The United Kingdom, France, and Germany said they could

not support the US move, describing Washington's action as incompatible with efforts to support the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, Reuters reported. The trio announced their position in a statement in response to an illegal US push to invoke the mechanism in the nuclear deal that would restore all of the UN sanctions against the Islamic Republic, whose related resolutions were annulled after the

agreement was concluded. Delivering the unilateral US approach its next blow was China's UN mission that reminded that Washington had itself compromised all of its contractual rights under the nuclear deal. Neither did a letter presented to the world body by Pompeo to trigger the snapback module qualify for the purpose it has been written for, the mission noted in a tweet.

## Former US Army Member Accused of Spying for Russia

A former member of the US Army was arrested on Friday for conspiring with Russian intelligence operatives to provide them with United States national defense information, the US Department of Justice

said in a press release on Friday. "According to court documents, from December 1996 to January 2011, Peter Rafael Dzibinski Debbins, 45, a former member of the US Army, allegedly conspired with agents of a Russian intelligence service. During that time, Debbins periodically visited Russia and met with Russian intelligence agents," the Department of Justice said, TASS reported. "In 2008, after leaving active duty service, Debbins disclosed to the Russian

intelligence agents classified information about his previous activities while deployed with the Special Forces. Debbins also provided the Russian intelligence agents with the names of, and information about, his former Special Forces team members so that the agents could evaluate whether to approach the team members to see if they would cooperate with the Russian intelligence service," according to the press release. If convicted, Debbins faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

## US claims go against elementary common sense: Ulyanov

Russia's Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov described the US request to 'snapback' sanctions against Iran negative, saying that US claims go against elementary

commonsense. In a Saturday tweet, Ulyanov wrote, "Very impressive resistance in the UN Security Council to US attempts to trigger snapback. Member-States refuse to recognise US as a #JCPOA Participant." "US claims go against elementary common sense," he added. In another tweet, Russian senior diplomat wrote, "It was not a good idea to try to trigger snapback. Awkward situation, to put it gently." In continuation of its unilateralism,

Washington is trying to re-impose UN sanctions against Iran using the snapback mechanism of the JCPOA which it has illegally withdrawn from back in 2018. US efforts come as Washington recently failed in the UNSC to extend arms embargo against Iran which is due to expire in October. China and Russia have voiced their strong opposition to the snapback mechanism while also US allies including Britain, France, and Germany have noted that they cannot support the move.

### NEWS

## Iran's Defense Minister to visit Russia

Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier-General Amir Hatami will travel to Russia on Saturday at the head of a high-ranking defense-military delegation to meet with his Russian counterpart as well as other officials of the country, and visit the Army-2020 International Military and Technical Forum. The visit will take place at the official invitation of Russian Defense Minister, Sergei Shoigu. Since 2015, the Army IMTF has proved its status as one of the leading expositions of armaments and hardware, and prestigious platform for discussing development and strengthening international military and technical cooperation. The Army-2020 international military and technical forum will run on the territory of the Russian Armed Forces' Patriot Congress and Exhibition Center, at the Alabino training ground and at the Kubinka airfield on August 23-29. Senior defense and military officials, experts and specialists from different countries will attend the international forum.

Military and defense cooperation between Iran and Russia has boosted over the recent years and achieved great and valuable achievements. Further strengthening of defense cooperation between Tehran and Moscow in bilateral, regional and international areas is among the most important purposes of General Hatami's visit to Russia.

## Iran to retaliate, If UNSC 'not' stop accompanying US: MP

A member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission warned that if UN Security Council doesn't prevent US attempts to trigger a "snap back" mechanism, Iran will retaliate it with its own tools. Speaking in an interview with Mehr News Agency, Ebrahim Rezaee reacted to the US attempts to trigger a "snap back" mechanism to re-impose the restrictions on Iran, and added, "Regarding the illegal withdrawal of the US from the JCPOA, it has no legal right to do such a thing against Iran." What has driven the US to trigger a "snap back" mechanism through bullying and unilateralism is its policy based on power, or better to say the Law of Jungle, he explained.

Addressing the members of the UN Security Council, Rezaee warned that if some members of the UN Security Council accompany the US, therefore, Iran Parliament will certainly retaliate it through some tools, such as suspending and restricting inspections of Iran's nuclear sites, withdrawing from the JCPOA, as well as withdrawing from the NPT. He also warned international organizations that US unilateralism will bring about serious consequences for the mechanism of the UN Security Council in the future, adding that, therefore, in order to maintain this mechanism, the UN Security Council must prevent such US moves.

### News

## Dep. Parl. speaker: Normalization with Israelis against regional peace, stability

First Deputy Speaker of Iranian Parliament Seyyed Amir Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi deplored any attempt to normalize ties with the Israeli regime, saying such a move will not contribute to the peace, stability to the region.

In a meeting with the representative of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Nasser Abu Sharif, in Tehran on Thursday, the Iranian deputy speaker said, "Normalization of ties with the Zionist regime will not bring peace and stability back to the region; on the contrary, it will increase the killing of Muslims by this cancerous tumor [Israeli regime]."

Referring to the covert efforts by the leaders of some Arab countries, Ghazizadeh said, "Some rulers of Islamic countries

are in a hurry to normalize relations with the Israeli regime, and their behavior is a betrayal to the Islamic Ummah and the Palestinian cause."

He noted that the approach of the Iranian people, government and parliament toward the issue of Palestine is not political, but it relates to the "religious teachings and balance"

"God's tradition is to support the oppressed, and the nation, parliament and government of the Islamic Republic of Iran have put such tradition as a guideline to back the Palestinian people."

Nasser Abu Sharif, for his part, also condemned the agreement between the UAE and the Zionist regime, saying that the normalization of relations between the UAE and the Israeli regime is a betrayal of the Palestinian cause and a violation of Palestinian rights.

"Resistance and struggle against the occupation will continue and the Palestinian people will never be affected by treacherous acts."



At the end of the meeting, Abu Sharif expressed gratitude to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and the Iranian nation for their special support to the Palestinian people.

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## Iranians' distrust of US hits its highest in recent months

Referring to the Iranians' unprecedented distrust of the US in the post-revolutionary years, Abbas Moghtadaei said that this has led to Iran's administration to look forward to establishing long-term relations with Asians. Opinion polls conducted in different periods of the country show that today, in Iran there is the highest consensus on non-negotiation with the United States, Deputy chairman of the Parliament National Security and Foreign Policy Committee announced, and added, "According to these surveys, Iranians' national distrust of the United States is at its highest level in the post-revolutionary years." He went on to say, "Today, all parties, movements, individuals, influential figures, and the public agree that not only the US is not trustworthy, but also they believe that everyone should be suspicious of all the behaviors and promises of the US officials." Accordingly, the greatest extent of Iranians' distrust has occurred in recent months, and this has led Iran's administration to look forward to establishing long-term relations and cooperations with Asian governments, he underlined.



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CALL TO PRAYER TIME IN ISFAHAN

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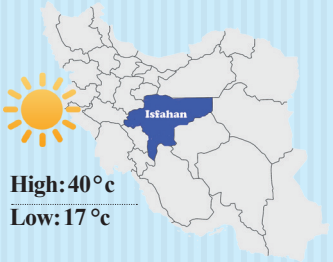
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**Snapback mechanism is a propaganda ploy to save Trump**

The Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of Iran emphasized that the trigger mechanism is merely a propaganda show to save US President Donald Trump and has no other use. Ali Shamkhani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, tweeted on Friday: "The United States knows that it is unable to reinstate UN sanctions and arms embargo against Iran." Shamkhani reminded: "White House warmongers should think of another way to reduce the hatred of the American people for Trump." Following the rejection of its proposed UN Security Council resolution extending indefinitely the arms embargo on Iran, the United States has put activating the trigger mechanism on its agenda.



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## Coronavirus Vaccine Won't End Pandemic Alone, WHO Warns

The World Health Organization said Friday that a vaccine will be a "vital tool" in the global fight against the coronavirus, but it won't end the COVID-19 pandemic on its own and there's no guarantee scientists will find one.

That will help "continue to suppress transmission, identify cases and clusters that pop up so we can quickly put those out and minimize as many deaths as possible," she said. "In doing so, some countries may need to implement some measures again."

World leaders and the public must learn to manage the virus and make permanent adjustments to their daily lives to bring the virus down to low levels, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a news conference from the agency's Geneva headquarters. "At the same time, we will not, we cannot go back to the way things were," CNBC reported.

Throughout history, outbreaks and pandemics have changed economies and societies, he said. "In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic has given new impetus to the need to accelerate efforts to respond to climate change," he said. "The COVID-19 pandemic has given us a glimpse of our world as it could be: cleaner skies and rivers."

The virus has infected more than 22.7 million people worldwide and killed at least 794,100 in more than seven months, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. There are at least 30 potential vaccines currently in clinical trials, according to the WHO, but there is no guarantee they will be safe and effective, he said.

Even though human trials for potential vaccines are progressing, scientists say key questions remain. COVID-19 was discovered in December. While numerous research papers and studies have been produced on

the virus, scientists still don't fully understand how it affects the body or how well someone is protected from reinfection after recovering. Earlier this month, Tedros said there was no "silver bullet" to the coronavirus and "there might never be."

He said world leaders can stop new outbreaks by practicing the "basics" of public health and disease control. "Testing, isolating and treating patients and tracing and quarantining their contacts. Do it all. Inform, empower and listen to communities. Do it all," he said Aug. 3. Tedros said Friday that "every single person" can make a difference in the pandemic.

"Every person and family has a responsibility to know the level of COVID-19 transmission locally and to understand what they can do to protect themselves and others," he said. Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, head of the WHO's emerging diseases and zoonosis unit, said it's "very important" for the public to learn "how to live with this virus."

That will help "continue to suppress transmission, identify cases and clusters that pop up so we can quickly put those out and minimize as many deaths as possible," she said. "In doing so, some countries may need to implement some measures again."

Van Kerkhove said some countries, using data, are now choosing to implement social distancing measures in areas where there is a high level of transmission.

"What we are seeing now is a targeted approach to adding interventions that need to be put in place to get outbreaks under control and reduce the number of infections that are happening," she said.

## U.S must enter into negotiations with Iran as an equal partner; U.S professor

"The Iran-China agreement would make the Middle East a more tense security environment and it may very well actually increase the risk of military confrontation between Tehran and Washington," the U.S professor told ILNA.

Stephen Herzog who is a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow on Managing the Atom of the Harvard Kennedy School says in an exclusive interview with ILNA news agency that maximum pressure "has failed and it has even brought Iran and Venezuela closer together as energy partners."

Q: Iran and China are negotiating and want to sign a new 25-year agreement despite US sanctions. Does this agreement lift Iran out of economic isolation?

A: On one hand, I see the appeal and benefits for Tehran from concluding a broad agreement with Beijing. My understanding from news reports is that the deal could account for up to \$400 billion in bilateral activities. The Iranian economy has been hit hard by the relentless "sanctions-only" policy of the Trump administration. In many respects, China is offering Iran an economic lifeline that will help undo some of the damage caused by sanctions.

Yet, on the other hand, Iran should tread with caution to maintain its sovereignty and avoid dependence on China. The Chinese government has a history of making one-sided deals with states in vulnerable economic positions. Beijing would be involved in 5G network development, banking, and port and railroad infrastructure in Iran. China would also receive discounted Iranian oil. Many countries in Africa and Asia, such as Ethiopia and Pakistan, have become dependent on China after accepting large deals. Such dependence has given China a free hand to exert political leverage over these countries in both their bilateral diplomatic relations and in multilateral organizations. Additionally, Iran's participation in China's Belt and Road Initiative could close off other trade opportunities with the European Union and India.

Chinese involvement in Iran would indeed also

introduce a key US competitor into the Middle East, a region of geostrategic priority for the United States. Increased Chinese maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz could heighten the risk of incidents at sea. Meanwhile, the weapons, joint military exercises, and training apparently envisioned in the Iran-China agreement would make the Middle East a more tense security environment. While security cooperation could be beneficial for Iran's national defence, it may very well actually increase the risk of military confrontation between Tehran and Washington—something everyone would prefer to avoid.

The US policy of "Maximum Pressure" has failed in Iran and Venezuela. Why does the United States not abandon this disastrous policy?

A: I agree that "maximum pressure" has failed and led Iran to further develop its uranium enrichment capacity. It has even brought Iran and Venezuela closer together as energy partners, with Venezuela serving as a destination country for Iranian gasoline exports. The Trump administration has routinely claimed that "maximum pressure" will force Iran to make concessions in nuclear negotiations, as well as over Iran's ballistic missile programme and support of militia groups labelled by the United States as terrorist organisations. However, Iran has enhanced its trade ties with China, Venezuela, and other countries. The activities that the Trump administration claims to be stopping are also continuing. It is a paradox to watch US officials—particularly Secretary of State Mike Pompeo—continuously say more sanctions are needed because of Iran's strength while also claiming Iran is weak because of sanctions. Both cannot be true simultaneously.

I think for many Trump administration officials, "maximum pressure" and sanctions have become almost like an article of faith. But they clearly aren't working, so the United States would be better served by a more constructive approach prioritising negotiations and a return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

## Trump resorts to threats as way-out for popularity drop: Official

Presidential Office chief of staff Mahmoud Vaezi wrote in a tweet that US President Donald Trump resorts to

threats as way-out for his steep decline of popularity.

The era of unilateralism is over and the international community does not stand US bullying and threats, Vaezi wrote on Friday evening. He wrote that this US move will fail as well, adding that Washington hasn't learned from its recent humiliating defeat and

threatens the UN Security Council members to accompany it. This is while China, Russia, and the Europe have announced loudly that they oppose US decision to activate the snapback. Trump is facing a severe drop in approval so he has decided to threaten others and digress minds to escape his current conditions, Vaezi wrote.



