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تفاوت استارت آپ و کسب و کار در چیست؟

اکثر افراد فکر می کنند استارت آپ به کسب و کارهایی گفته می شود که برای اولین بار توسط شخص و یا شرکتی راه اندازی می شوند و قبل از آن نمونه‌ی دیگری وجود نداشته است، اما مفهوم استارت آپ به اینجا ختم نمی شود. در این متن سعی داریم در مورد تعریف استارت آپ و همچنین تفاوت آن با سایر کسب و کارهای سنتی صحبت کنیم. پس اگر به راه اندازی آن علاقه دارید و...



۶۰ درصد صنعت نساجی کشور در اصفهان مستقر است

استاندار اصفهان گفت: صنعت نساجی وضعیت مناسبی در اصفهان دارد و در زمان حاضر حدود ۶۰ درصد این صنایع کشور در استان اصفهان مستقر است.

به نقل از اداره کل روابط عمومی و امور بین الملل استانداری اصفهان، عباس رضایی استاندار اصفهان با اشاره به فعالیت صنایع نساجی در این استان اظهار داشت: این صنعت وضعیت مناسبی در اصفهان دارد و در زمان حاضر حدود ۶۰ درصد این صنایع کشور در استان مستقر است.

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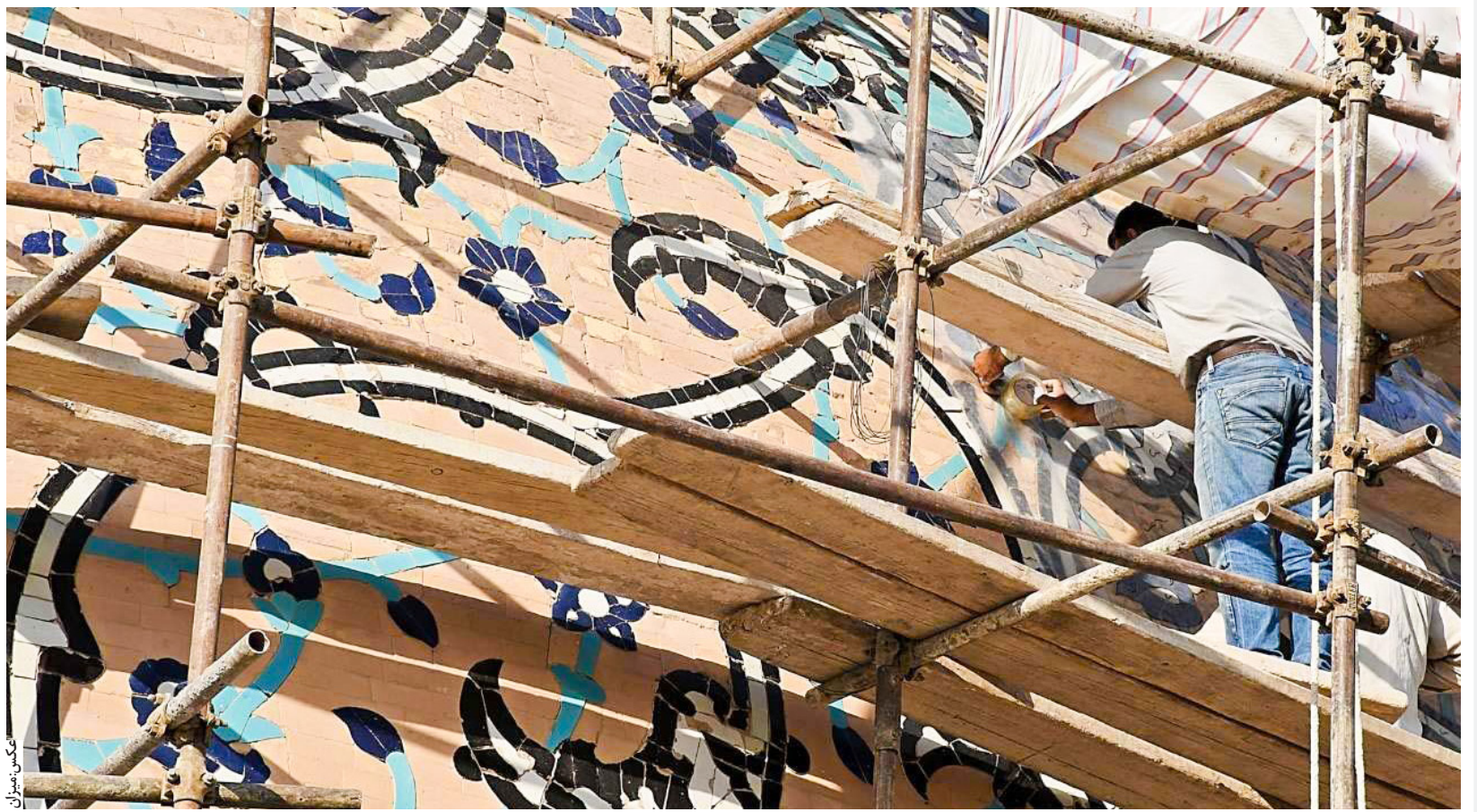


کرونا بلای طبیعی یا غیر طبیعی؟!

امروز، روز جهانی کاهش بلایای طبیعی است. تا سال پیش هر موقع اسم بلایای طبیعی می آمد به حادثه هایی چون زلزله، سیل، گردباد، خشکسالی، صاعقه و... فکر می کردیم و باورمان نمی شد بیماری خواهد آمد که تمام علم‌های پیشرفته دنیا در زمان آن عاجز خواهند ماند و به بزرگترین بلای طبیعی قرن تبدیل می شود البته هنوز هم مشخص نیست که آیا باید کرونا را به عنوان بلای طبیعی قلمداد کرد یا یک بلای دست ساز بشر؟!

وقوع حوادث طبیعی به زمانه و به کشور و قاره و جهان توسعه یافته یا جهان سوم ربطی نداشته، بسته به طبیعت آب و هوا و تغییراتش در هر مکانی امکان وقوع داشته و دارد. اما چرا یک جای دنیا زلزله ای با ۵ ریشتر می تاند هزاران نفر را به آغوش مرگ بکشند و میلیون ها نفر را آواره و بی خانمان کند اما در جای دیگر همین زلزله خواب ساکنین را هم آشفته نمی کند و بعد از وقوعش زندگی به روال قبل...

ادامه در صفحه ۲



مرمت گنبد مسجد شیخ لطف الله و نقدهایی که هنوز ادامه دارد؛

میراث جهانی زیر بار سنگین تخریب و مرمت

اگر امکانات لازم در طی یک الی ۲ ماه آینده و به صورت عملیاتی محقق نشود، به محض هرگونه بارندگی و به خصوص بارش برف، گنبد مسجد شیخ لطف الله، آسیب های جدی تری خواهد دید

چتر حمایتی معاونت فرهنگی شهرداری بر سر هنرمندان

طرح جامع حمایت از هنرمندان در دوران کرونا از سوی معاونت فرهنگی و سازمان فرهنگی اجتماعی ورزشی شهرداری اصفهان اجرامی شود. شیوع ویروس کرونا در کشور مانع از برگزاری این ویروس در اصفهان تمام برنامه ریزی ها در بخش های گوناگون را تحت تأثیر قرار داده است.



برنامه های فرهنگی و هنری سازمان فرهنگی اجتماعی ورزشی شهرداری اصفهان نیز که تا پیش از شیوع کرونا به صوت عرصه محصور و با حضور شهروندان برگزار می شد، یا به فضای مجازی کوچ کرده و یا به زمان دیگری موکول شده است و با کاهش فعالیت های هنری و فرهنگی، هنرمندان اصفهانی نیز از این شرایط متضرر شده اند. اقتصاد فرهنگ و هنر اقتصاد مپهوری در ایران است که امروز با ظهور پاندمی کرونا از گذشته هم مپهورتر شده و بیم آن می رود در صورت بی توجهی نهادهای فرادستی دچار خاموشی پایدار شود.

آن طور که سخنگوی دولت می گوید، کووید ۱۹ تنها در ۱۳ رسته محاسبه شده کشور را با ۱۰۸ هزار میلیارد تومان کسری در آمد و ضربه به کسب و کارها مواجه کرده و قطعا یکی از رسته های شغلی به شدت آسیب دیده در بخش اقتصاد خلاق است؛ اقتصادی که از مپهوریت و عدم حمایت رنج می برد. کرونا هر چقدر از لحاظ مبتلا کردن، دمکراتیک عمل کرده و همه اقشار جامعه شامل فقیر و ثروتمند را مبتلا کرده است اما از نظر پیامدهای اقتصادی به شدت طبقاتی و علیه شریف ترین اقشار جامعه یعنی هنرمندان عمل کرده است؛ هنرمندانی که تا قبل از بحران کرونا نیز با سبیلی صورت خود را سرخ نگه داشته بودند.

در همین راستا طرح حمایت از هنرمندان در دوران کرونا در ۶ حوزه هنر های تجسمی، موسیقی، سینما، ادبیات، تئاتر و سایر بخش ها

با انتشار فراخوان موضوعی سعی در جذب آثار هنری و به نوعی کانالیزه کردن حمایت از هنرمندان در بستر اهداف فرهنگی و هنری سازمان فرهنگی اجتماعی ورزشی شهرداری اصفهان می کند. معاون فرهنگی شهردار و رییس سازمان فرهنگی اجتماعی ورزشی شهرداری اصفهان درباره ابعاد گوناگون این طرح اظهار داشت: طرحی با عنوان حمایت از هنرمندان در دوران کرونا از سوی معاونت فرهنگی شهرداری اصفهان آماده شده که شهرداری را در نقش تسهیل گر فرهنگی به سوی عمق بخشیدن به ارتباط هنرمندان، شهرداری و مردم سوق می دهد.

محمد عیدی افزود: این چرخه شامل هنرمندان، مردم و شهرداری است و هر کدام از این اضلاع به صورت فعال در این طرح مشارکت خواهند داشت. وی با بیان اینکه از زمان شیوع ویروس کرونا فعالیت هنرمندان در بخش های گوناگون دچار چالش شده، ادامه داد: از آن جایی که هنرمندان سرمایه های فرهنگی و نمادین شهر اصفهان هستند، شهرداری باید طرحی برای حمایت از هنرمندان ارائه می کرد. همچنین با توجه به شیوع ویروس کرونا این انتظار وجود داشت که با انجام فعالیت های گوناگون به صورت مجازی و با رعایت پروتکل های بهداشتی به افزایش نشاط اجتماعی در میان شهروندان کمک کنیم. معاون فرهنگی شهردار اصفهان گفت: شهرداری اصفهان با این اقدام، افزایش اجتماعی میان مردم و هنرمندان، افزایش

طرحی با عنوان حمایت از هنرمندان در دوران کرونا از سوی معاونت فرهنگی شهرداری اصفهان آماده شده که شهرداری را در نقش تسهیل گر فرهنگی به سوی عمق بخشیدن به ارتباط هنرمندان، شهرداری و مردم سوق می دهد

آگهی

سازمان سیمما، منظر و فضای سبزی شهرداری فولادشهر به استناد مصوبه شورای محترم اسلامی شهر در نظر دارد بهره برداری از موارد زیر را از طریق مناقصه عمومی به اشخاص واجد شرایط واگذار نماید.

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پیشنهاد دهندگان باید جهت اطلاع از اسناد و شرایط مناقصه تا آخر وقت اداری ساعت ۱۴:۲۰ روز شنبه مورخ ۹۹/۰۸/۰۳ به سازمان مراجعه نمایند.

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Central Bank of Iraq underlines solving banking issues with Iran

Governor of Iraq's Central bank Mustafa Ghalib Mukheef in a meeting with his Iranian counterpart Abdolnasser Hemmati stressed resolve to settle banking issues with Iran and said Iraq will soon adopt necessary mechanisms. Ghalib Mukheef stressed that Iraq is trying to continue banking cooperation with Iran and to take advantage of Tehran's cooperation in financial and banking fields. There are some mechanisms for helping reinforce banking and monetary cooperation between two countries and solving problems, he said. The Iraqi senior official further said that he has proposed forming a joint committee with participation of both countries' banking and financial officials with the aim of working out solutions for the existing issues. Hemmati, for his part, expressed hope that the complicated banking issues between two countries will be solved soon. Tehran attaches importance to developing cooperation with Baghdad more than ever, he added. Hemmati heading a delegation arrived in Baghdad on Monday to confer with Iraqi officials and Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi.

North Khorasan province exports over \$34m of goods

North Khorasan Province exported 141 tons of goods with a value of \$34.3 million in the past six months of the Iranian calendar year (started March 21, 2020), a provincial official said on Monday. Deputy Director for trade and development affairs of Industry, Mine and Trade Organization of North Khorasan Province Amin Qorbani told IRNA that most of the goods were exported to Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Georgia, and Albania.

Qorbani said that the value and the weight of the export have increased by 33.7% and 23.7% respectively compared to the same period last year. He said that in the same period 2,600 tons of goods with the value of \$22.4 million has been imported to the province, which show an increase of 60% and 13% respectively in terms of value and weight. Qorbani added that production line machinery have been the biggest import of the province. He said that with 400 industrial and manufacturing units, North Khorasan stands 10th among Iran's 31 provinces.

Refinery at South Pars produces 40,000 bpd gas condensate

Operator of 11th refinery at Phase 13 of South Pars Gas Field, the world's largest gas field in southern Iran, produces 40,000 bpd gas condensate. The refinery which is a fully Iranian-made will start operation soon, Mohammad Saeedian has announced on Monday. Based on the planning, the refinery should produce 50 million cubic meters of gas a day, while the figure is currently over 35 million cubic meters, the official said. Iran's gas exports have increased after growth made in production of gas in South Pars.

Iran currently exports an average of 80 million cubic meters gas a day.

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Call for Expanding CNG Use

Retrofitting vehicles, especially vans, with compressed natural gas can substantially cut fuel costs, head of the CNG Department of state-run National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company said. "A van uses at least 750 liters of gasoline per month that costs 19 million rials (\$64). CNG (750 cubic meters/month) costs 3.8 million rials (\$12) and helps save \$52," Mohammad Hossein Baqeri was quoted as saying by IRNA.

Each cubic meter of CNG is sold for 5,000 rials (1.6 cents) and a liter of subsidized gasoline costs 15,000 rials (5 cents) and non-subsidized fuel 30,000 rials (10 cents).

As per a 2019 directive of the National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company to sell gasoline at two rates, non-hybrid vans are entitled to 250 liters of subsidized fuel a month. According to the official, there are 2.4 million vans of which 1.3 million are non-hybrid.

CNG is almost five times cheaper than unsubsidized gasoline. Common sense and economic wisdom demand a collective shift to the cost-effective fuel, the NIOPDC official said. There are 200 conversion centers that can retrofit 20,000 vehicles to CNG per day.

Referring domestic production of hybrid cars, he said up until the recent past automakers manufactured half a million hybrid CNG engines a year "but now that has declined to 40,000". Baqeri said of the total 19 million vehicles in Iran, five million plus have hybrid CNG engines accounting for 20% of overall CNG consumption. Iran has the capacity to produce 40 million cubic meters of CNG per day. Surging Consumption CNG consumption shot up by 10 million cubic meters a day in August and September compared to March and February. Use of the fuel plunged to 10 mcm/d in March and February due to closed down measures to control the coronavirus pandemic. Sales of the cheap and environmentally-friendly alternative fuel doubled in August and September reaching the same volume before the plague struck.

Chabahar Port and Iran-India Interface

Iran-India economic linkages have been impacted significantly, ever since the withdrawal of the US from JCPOA (the formal name of Iran nuclear deal—the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) in 2018.



The impact on economic relationship between New Delhi and Tehran was even more pronounced, after

India stopped purchasing oil from Tehran in 2019. The US had ended the sanctions waiver that had allowed India, and a number of other countries, to import oil from Iran, reads an article published in Modern Diplomacy.eu. The full text follows:

In 2018-19, bilateral trade between India and Iran was estimated at over \$17 billion (mineral oil and fuel imports accounted for a significant percentage of the sum). In 2019-20, during April-November, bilateral trade was estimated at \$3.5 billion. There was a significant drop in Iran's imports to India, owing to the reduction of Iranian petroleum imports by India to zero. 2019 witnessed a downward trajectory as far as New Delhi-Tehran ties were concerned, with Iran expressing its disappointment with New Delhi for not taking a firm stance against Washington DC.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in 2019 while making the above point in an interaction with Indian journalists also stated that 'if you can't lift oil from us, we won't be able to buy Indian rice'. The US has exempted the strategically important



Chabahar Port project, India's gateway to Afghanistan, from sanctions.

The port was earlier touted by many, as India's counter to Gwadar Port in Balochistan Province, Pakistan, which is at a distance of 70 kilometers and an important component of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. The government of India had taken over phase 1 of Shahid Beheshti Port in December 2018 whereby, according to an agreement, India was to operate two berths within phase 1 of the project. During the Covid-19 pandemic, India had used Chabahar Port to deliver relief materials to Afghanistan.

After India's decision to stop the purchase of oil from Iran and the souring of ties between both countries, Iran had given indicators that it was keen to get Pakistan (Iran had proposed to connect Chabahar Port with Gwadar Port) and China onboard.

Iran had also complained that progress on Chabahar Port was slow, due to India's cautious attitude toward

the project, as a result of US pressure, and delays in funding.

In the aftermath of the Iran-China 25-year agreement, India has been paying greater attention to ties with Iran in general, and the Chabahar Project in particular, a point strongly reiterated by the back-to-back visits of India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, to Tehran respectively.

Connectivity, economic linkages and issues of regional security, specifically Afghanistan, were discussed during both visits. There were reports that India had been elbowed out of the Chabahar-Zahedan rail project, an important component of Chabahar project. Iran has categorically dismissed this claim. While the India-Iran relationship is often viewed from the prism of Chabahar Port and oil, Iran also accounts for a large percentage of India's basmati (an aromatic long grain rice) exports: 34%. There is likely to be a dip this year, due to sanctions, and Iran is already substituting Indian

basmati with Pakistani basmati.

The north Indian states of Punjab and Haryana account for 75% of basmati exports. Indian basmati exporters and growers have expressed their concern over the likely fall in exports to Iran.

The impact of US sanctions on Iran's economic ties with India, with basmati exports being an important example, reiterate the point that Iran-India ties are far deeper and multifaceted than is often perceived.

While the thrust is on connectivity and geopolitics, economic links are often overlooked. It is important for New Delhi to seek the views of all domestic stakeholders as far as economic ties with Iran are concerned.

New Delhi should also take a cue from the UK, France and Germany, also referred to as E3, which set up a special purpose vehicle, known as Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX), in 2019, to circumvent US sanctions. During the Covid-19 pandemic, INSTEX was used to provide relief materials to Iran.

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Hormozgan western ports' throughput top 2m tons in six months

More than 2.18 million tons of commodities were loaded and unloaded in the western ports of southern Hormozgan province in the first half of the current fiscal (started on March 20), a senior official said on Monday.

Ghasem Askarinasab, the director-general of

Western Hormozgan Ports and Maritime Directorate, said both non-oil goods and petroleum products had almost the same share (1.09 million tons each) of the throughput in the six-month period.

He added that the non-oil exports mostly include fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, minerals and building materials. "Some 6,556 TEU containers have been transported through the western ports, indicating a 662% year-on-year jump," he added.

Envoy Dismisses IAEA Chief's Comments on Iran Nuclear Program

Iran's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna slammed as 'non-relevant' the terms that director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has used for commenting on Tehran's nuclear program.

In a post on Twitter on Sunday, Kazem Gharibabadi said, "Drawing self-made criteria such as 'breakout' and 'significant quantity' for countries which are enriching uranium under the IAEA's surveillance is non-relevant and has no status in the IAEA legal documents."

His tweet came after IAEA chief Rafael Grossi said in an interview with Die Presse, "In the IAEA we do not talk about breakout time. We look at the significant quantity, the minimum amount of enriched uranium or plutonium needed to make an atomic bomb. Iran does not have this significant quantity at the moment."

The Iranian ambassador asked if Grossi can tell "what is the number of SQ for N5 (five countries possessing nuclear weapons) and NNWSs (non-nuclear-weapon states) such as the Netherlands, Germany, Japan, Brazil and Argentina?"

"Better not to measure the activities under Safeguards in this way! Weapon/civilian grade material may be a better definition," Gharibabadi added. "There are more than 1,300 tons of HEU (highly enriched uranium) and 300 tons of Plutonium in the world and according to the SIR 2019, total SQ also amount to 216448 (8 pct more since 2015). What a dangerous world we are living in?" he added.

Twitter Flags Trump's Tweet about COVID-19 as 'Potentially Harmful Information'

Twitter flagged one of US President Donald Trump's tweets for spreading misinformation on Sunday after he claimed he was immune from the coronavirus.

"A total and complete sign off from White House Doctors yesterday. That means I can't get it (immune), and can't give it. Very nice to know!!!" Trump tweeted on Sunday, shortly

after a Fox News interview in which he announced the same thing multiple times. Twitter later flagged the tweet and added a disclaimer, but left it published because it "may be in the public's interest" for it to remain accessible, RT reported. The US president's physician announced on Saturday that Trump is no longer at risk of transmitting the virus to others. Critics have questioned when his last COVID-19 test was, though, since he was released from Walter Reed Medical Center on Monday. The science behind being immune to the virus after recovering is not clear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have reported no person has gotten reinfected with the virus within three months of an initial recovery. This does not mean they cannot later be reinfected,

however, and "additional research is ongoing." Some studies have suggested, though, that many who are infected with COVID-19 are likely to develop antibodies against the virus. In his Fox interview on Sunday, Trump did acknowledge that he does not know for how long he may be "immune" to COVID-19.



Ayatollah Khamenei Highlights Importance of Security

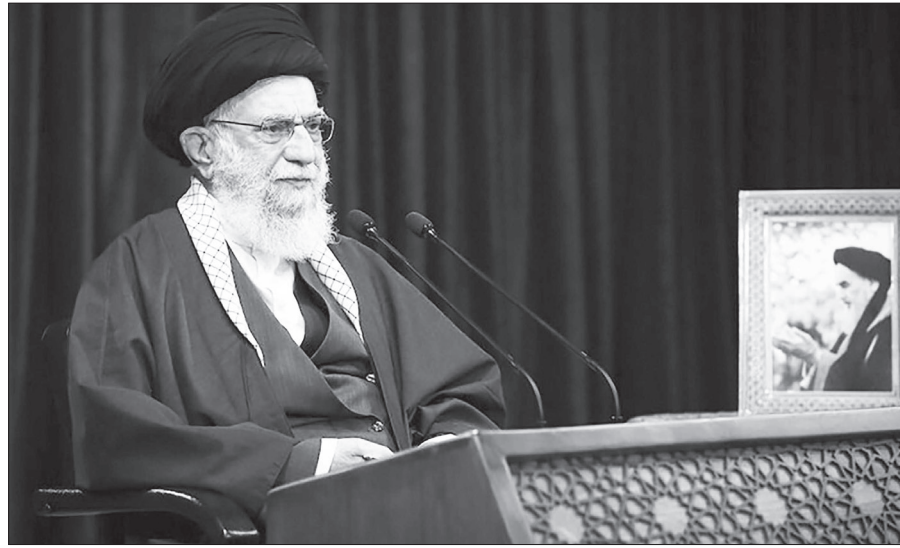
Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei described security as a vital element, commending the Iranian Armed Forces for ensuring security in the country.



Imam Khamenei, the Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Armed Forces, delivered a speech during a videoconference with the military commanders and certain military units attending the joint graduation ceremony for the cadets studying in the academies of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces.

The event was held on Monday at Imam Ali (AS) Officer's Academy with only a number of the exemplary units from Iran's Army, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and Police in attendance, considering the coronavirus restrictions.

In the speech, Ayatollah Khamenei described security as a major value and a vital element in



the country, and praised the young cadets for ensuring the country's security by enrolling in military universities. "Studying in the academies of our Armed Forces is one of the most noble and valuable acts. Why? Because the Armed Forces ensure the country's security. Security is a vital element. Without it, all other important values such as education, justice, welfare and the like are disrupted," the Leader said, Khamenei.ir reported.

"In addition to ensuring security, our Armed Forces carry out other important tasks in serving the nation, both infrastructural and in the health services. In the case of COVID-19, the Armed Forces have truly come forward," Ayatollah Khamenei stated. The Leader also said that Iran's national strength is based upon three pillars, namely economic stability, cultural consolidation and consistency, and defense power. "If nations do not have defense power,

aggressors like the US and others won't leave them at ease. You can see how today some countries are attacked. "At times enemy conceals its military threat to take by surprise, at times it exaggerates its threat 10 times over to scare its target. One should see a threat in its true size. We must also identify and strengthen our own potentials," Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized, citing a verse from the holy Quran that says "prepare against them what force you can."

Iran Condemns US Sanctions on Medical, Humanitarian Supplies

The Iranian Judiciary's High Council for Human Rights condemned the recent US sanctions on Iranian banks, saying the restrictions are harming the health of people by limiting the country's access to medicine and other humanitarian supplies.

"Enforcement and intensification of unjust, illegal and inhuman sanctions by the US regime and their implementation by certain European countries... have not only caused problems for Iran's normal economic, financial and banking relations, but also made purchase of drugs, diagnostic kits, and laboratory equipment practically impossible amid difficult conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic," the Judiciary's High Council for Human Rights said in a statement on Sunday.

"The US regime had already embarked on committing 'crime against humanity' through its unilateral withdrawal from the JCPOA and imposing toughest sanctions against the Iranian nation," it added.

"Most recently, through imposition of illegal sanctions on Iran's semi-public and private banks with the goal of creating obstacles on the way of access to food and medicine and humanitarian equipment, (the US) has opened a new chapter in its records of crimes against humanity while demonstrating the acme of its vile nature and hostility toward the Iranian nation," the statement noted, Press TV reported. "Imposing sanctions on these banks, which provided remarkable services for obtaining humanitarian aid as well as procurement of food and medicine, has clearly encroached on people's right to medicine and food, which is another instance of violation of human rights and international law," it added.

Iran's High Council for Human Rights further said despite the US claims that humanitarian affairs are not covered by sanctions, blocking financial transactions between Iran and the world has practically obstructed importation of humanitarian articles and drugs used to treat people with serious diseases.

"These are only a few examples of how the US regime's brutal and criminal sanctions have affected the Iranian nation's basic and inviolable rights. As attested to by the American officials' remarks, measures taken by the law-breaking regime of America have clearly taken aim at the health and lives of people and are considered 'crime against humanity'," the statement added.

It urged all freedom-seeking countries and nations across the world, particularly Western countries and human rights bodies, to condemn the latest "criminal act" by the US administration in imposing sanctions on 18 Iranian banks.

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Iran Deplores Violation of Azerbaijan-Armenia Ceasefire

Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed regret at the violation of a ceasefire between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Armenia in the Nagorno-Karabakh fighting. In a statement released on Monday, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh called on Baku and Yerevan to honor the truce and avoid attacking civilians. "The Islamic Republic of Iran deplores the violation of a ceasefire announced amid the recent clashes between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia, calls on the two parties to exercise more self-restraint, condemns the missile attacks on the vital infrastructures,

the residential areas of cities, and the killing of civilians, and expresses sympathy with the bereaved families," he said. "The Islamic Republic of Iran once again calls on the two sides to remain committed to the ceasefire and resume their talks within the framework of the international law, respect for the territorial integrity of each other, and evacuation of the occupied cities," Khatibzadeh added. The spokesman expressed Iran's readiness to help facilitate the negotiations for achieving permanent and sustainable peace and solution in the region. Azerbaijan and Armenia have accused each other of violating the terms of the ceasefire in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region brokered by Russia last week. While the ceasefire was supposed to halt fighting to allow ethnic Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh and Azeri



forces to swap prisoners and war dead, both sides accused each other of breaking the truce within minutes after it took effect on Saturday.

Iran Keen for Closer Ties with Spain

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani voiced the country's willingness to promote relations with Spain in all fields on the basis of mutual respect. In separate congratulatory messages to Spain's King Philip VI and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on the national day of the European country, the Iranian president hoped that joint efforts by Tehran and Madrid would strengthen the friendship between the two nations, help remove the obstacles, enhance the relations in all fields, and promote their international cooperation.

In the message to the king of Spain, Rouhani said Iran and Spain enjoy close and historical relations that provide a basis for friendship between the two nations and stronger bonds in future. He also said in the message to the Spanish prime minister, "Constructive interaction and expansion of relations on the basis of mutual respect and interests with the friendly country Spain, as one of the major European Union states, has been a priority of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the past years."

The national day of Spain, known as the Fiesta Nacional de Espana, is held on October 12 every year, commemorating the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first arrival in the Americas.

Iran not after a borrowed fragile security

Stating that security will be fragile if it is borrowed, the Commander of the Iranian Navy hailed Iran Army's efforts for relying on indigenous knowledge to produce homegrown defense equipment rather than being dependent.

Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi emphasized the duty of the IRGC and the Army in maintaining the security of the Iranian nation in terms of producing defense equipment indigenously. "Security will be fragile if it is borrowed", he told Mehr News Agency on Monday and explained, "If a country provides its security through purchasing weapons and defense equipment from another country, this kind of security won't be stable and permanent when the other party refuses to sell such equipment."

Therefore, Iran Armed Force, specifically Iran Navy attaches great importance on relying on indigenous knowledge to produce its defense equipment, he said and added, "Not only Iran Army produces homegrown defense equipment, but also, under the leader's guidelines, it is doing its best to improve this equipment in terms of quality and quantity." Elsewhere in his remarks, he said, "As the Iran Navy has achieved good results in the field of vessels, planes and drones, therefore, by the end of the current year, every few months, the Iranian nation will hear good news about a piece of new defense equipment."

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US sanctions aim at terminating Iran's exports: Hatami

Referring to new US sanctions, Iran's Minister of Defense Brigadier General Amir Hatami noted that Washington is afraid of Iran's exports. He made the remarks on Sunday, adding that self-sufficiency is the only option available for Iran in confronting an enemy that is doing whatever in its power to create challenges for the Islamic Republic. "While other nations have easy access to medicine, technology, and financial resources, the enemies have deprived our nation of the most basic items, which are the inalienable right of the people," he said. Referring to recent US sanctions on Iranian banks, he maintained that the enemy is afraid of Iran's export and is struggling to terminate it. These remarks came as US Treasury Department imposed new sanctions on 18 Iranian banks in a hostile move on Thursday. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also claimed that US maximum pressure on the Islamic Republic will continue until Iran returns to the negotiating table.



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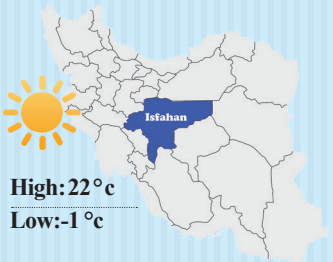
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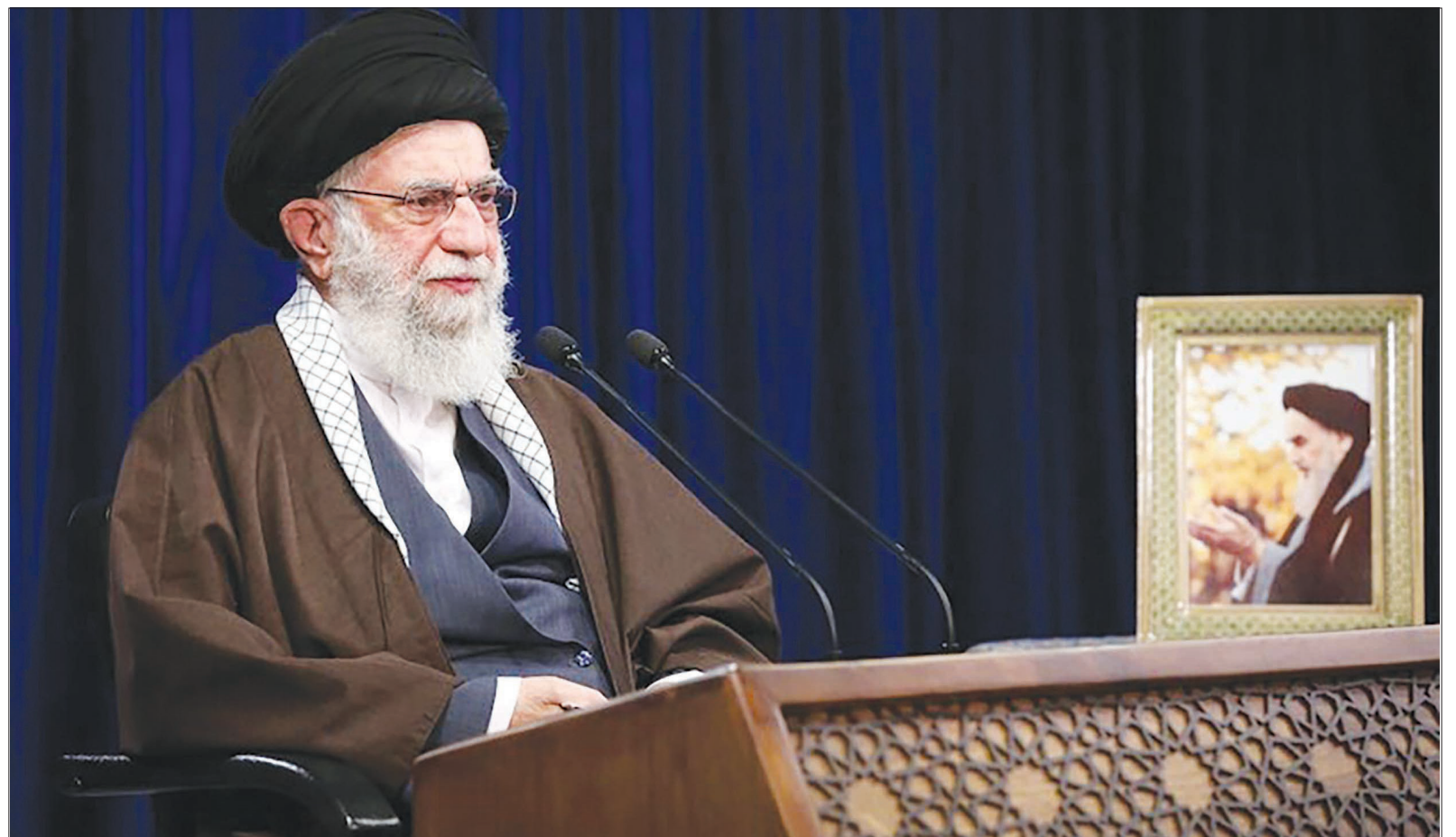
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Iran's aerospace rank first in Islamic world, 13 in Intl level

The head of Aerospace Research Institute announced that in the aerospace field, Iran ranks first among Islamic countries and 13th at the international level. Referring to World Space Week which is held annually, every October 4 to 10, Fethullah Ommi noted, "Some names suggested for naming Space Day by the United States, Russia, and Iran at the United Nations, which eventually Iran's suggestion of "World Space Week" has been agreed. Emphasizing that Iran's Aerospace Research Institute is among the top five national research institutes and 20 top world research institutes, Ommi added, "Iran ranks first among Islamic countries in the field of aerospace and in this regard, it ranks 13th in the world."



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Most Arabs Consider Israel, US as Main Threats to Their Security: Survey

A new survey revealed that the majority of citizens in Arab countries believe they do not earn enough for their family's needs, according to a survey across 13 countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

A quarter of people surveyed said they lived "in a state of need," while 46 percent said their income was just enough to cover basic costs but not to save for emergencies.

The results from the annual Arab Opinion Index come as many countries face serious economic pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused job losses and damaged small businesses.

The UN's World Food Programme warned in September that economies in the Middle East and North Africa would shrink, on average, by 5.7 percent, while unemployment would soar, with Jordan predicted to face a 20 percent spike.

Tunisia's employers' federation, UTICA, reported that the country lost 165,000 jobs during the first few months of the pandemic. But according to the survey, half of families already had to borrow to cover their needs, either from banks or from families and friends. While 17 percent also relied on family and personal networks for assistance, 14 percent

turned to charities or the government for aid, which the survey suggested showed "traditional support networks remain stronger than institutional frameworks".

The majority of those who said they earned enough for their households live in the Persian Gulf, while the most in-need region includes Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine.

The survey also looked at opinions on governments normalizing relations with Israel, a key issue in public discussions after the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain recently formalized ties.

Only six percent of people said they accepted formal recognition of Israel by their home countries, and half of them made it conditional on the creation of an independent Palestinian state. The highest rate of refusal to recognize Israel was among respondents in Algeria at 99 percent, followed by those in Lebanon at 94 percent, and Tunisia and Jordan at 93 percent each. In Saudi Arabia, another country said to be considering relations with Israel, only six percent approved of a deal. A third of people in Saudi Arabia surveyed declined to comment, a far larger number than any other country surveyed.

Meanwhile, 66 percent of Arab public opinion considers that Israel and the United States are the two main threats to the security of the Arab world.

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Greece Slams Turkey's Move to Send Research Ship to East Mediterranean

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Greece's foreign ministry condemned Turkey's decision to send a research ship to the eastern Mediterranean Sea as a "direct threat to regional peace and security", according to an official statement. The statement comes as Turkey has announced that it will send its

research ship Oruc Reis back to a disputed Mediterranean gas field after it initially returned to the country's shores following a political escalation between Ankara and Athens, Sputnik reported.

On Sunday, the Turkish navy confirmed that the country would continue its research activities in the area until 22 October, according to information shared through the NAVTEX alert system.

"The new Turkish NAVTEX on surveys south of Kastellorizo within the Greek

continental shelf, at a distance of just 6.5 nautical miles from Greek shores, is a major escalation," Greece's foreign ministry said.

Last week, Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu in Bratislava as part of GLOBSEC forum, the first high-profile talks between the two powers since the east Med tensions resumed between the two this summer. During the meeting, Turkey committed to setting a date for talks on exploratory rights in the area.

Iran Govt has opted for cooperation with neighboring states

From the outset of its formation four decades ago, the Islamic Republic of Iran has attached great importance to relations with its neighbors and it has made efforts during those years to develop cooperation with neighboring countries, the trade exchange in particular.

Iran's support has also been extended to non-Arab neighboring countries including Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan and others.

According to remarks made by Morteza Rahimi - former Iranian ambassador to Oman - and published by official Iranian newspaper, Iran, on Monday, Tehran's policy on development of relations with neighbors has been followed up by the current government more seriously. However, there has always been obstacles to implementation of Iran's policy, particularly when the country wanted to pursue it on the Persian Gulf states which are southern neighbors of Iran.

Many of those obstacles have been created beyond the borders and far from the geographical status, because the ultra-regional powers have always been pursuing their illegitimate interests through relations with regional countries. Those powers try to introduce Iran's capabilities as something against the region and make regional countries concerned about Iran's progress and achievements.

Iran's policy on development of cooperation with neighbors can be easily seen in Tehran-Muscat ties in both economic and political areas. Even after demise of Omani Sultan Qaboos, relations between Tehran and Muscat remained

strategic during the new Sultan on Oman Haitham bin Tariq Al Said.

If problems like coronavirus pandemic and sanctions did not create difficulties due to the lockdown, Iran's cooperation with Oman would witness further development.

Regional countries have witnessed how Iran supported the neighboring nations and governments in critical situations and extended hand of friendship to them.

It was Iran which supported Qatar when it had been subject to blockade by the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

Again, it was Iran which opened its doors to the Kuwaiti people when they were invaded by the then Iraqi president Saddam Hussein about three decades ago.

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Iran eyes these relations with a win-win attitude for long standing period.

Iran's regional policy has always focused on convergence among the regional states, development of cooperation, establishment of sustainable security and promotion of welfare of the people.

Iran always urges the regional countries to stand against illegitimate interests of the foreign powers pursuing to sow discord among the regional nations and governments in line with the "Divide and Rule" strategy.

W Azerbaijan province, Iran's chance to enter global market

Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Erzurum called the West Azerbaijan province as the gateway of Iran to the global market and the only Iranian city which shares a common border with eastern Turkish provinces. A meeting was held on Sunday to

discuss the boosting of the relations between West Azerbaijan province and the eastern provinces of Turkey. This joint meeting held with the presence of the Iranian Consul General in Erzurum, the head of the friendship group between the Iranian and Turkish parliaments, and the governor of Khoy County. In this meeting, Sajjad Soltan Zadeh, the Iranian Consul General in Erzurum referred to the common border of West Azerbaijan with

some eastern provinces of Turkey including Van and Erzurum, adding, "Therefore it is a golden chance for West Azerbaijan Province to develop its comprehensive relation with these Turkish provinces." Stating that eastern provinces of Turkey enjoy unique capacities, he noted, "As Iran is the gateway Turkey to Asian countries, therefore, West Azerbaijan province can seize this opportunity to help Iran and Turkey in achieving common trade goals."

