

اخبار اصفهان

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چه اتفاقی خواهد افتاد؟

بعد از اینکه با سفر وزیر امور خارجه چین به ایران، توافقنامه همکاری راهبردی ۲۵ ساله بین تهران و پکن به امضا رسید، اظهار نظرهای متفاوتی در این باره انجام شد، اما در این بین برخی از کارشناسان معتقدند، تا زمانی که تکلیف تحریم‌ها و پیوستن به FATF مشخص نشود، نمی‌توان انتظار داشت که چین دست به سرمایه‌گذاری در ایران بزند. اقتصاد ایران امروز با مشکلات بسیار زیادی روبرو است و برخی‌ها اعتقاد دارند، امضای قرارداد با چین یک ضرورت و الزام بوده، چرا که در بلندمدت با توجه به اوضاعی که وجود دارد...



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شرایط کسب و کارها با قریب شدن مجدد بحران کرونا، بسیار نامناسب است. کسب و کارهای سنتی بسیاری در این روزها تعطیل شده‌اند. اما باید در نظر داشت که در همین روزهای سخت کسب و کارهایی وجود دارند که فروش محصولات و خدماتشان افزایش یافته است. در این مقاله به روش‌هایی برای از دست ندادن مشتری و کسب درآمد اینترنتی در این شرایط کسب و کارها با شیوع کرونا می‌پردازیم. کسب و کارهای آنلاین قبل از شیوع کرونا هم طرفداران زیادی داشتند. افراد زیادی خریدهای خود را اینترنتی انجام می‌دادند...

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نتیجه ۱۵ ساله داشتن انرژی هسته‌ای!

درست ۱۵ سال پیش در روز بیستم فروردین به دلیل اعلام خبرهای مهیج در مورد دستاوردهای هسته‌ای ایران، روز انرژی هسته‌ای به تقویم ما افزوده شد. در این ۱۵ سال اتفاقات عجیبی به واسطه داشتن انرژی هسته‌ای در کشور ما رخ داد. چندین بار کشورهای مختلف بر سر میز مذاکره با کشور ما آمدند ولی به دلیل متعهد نبودن آنها دوباره انرژی هسته‌ای به جریان افتاد.

اما اینبار آنها از راه دیگری وارد شدند و به جای مذاکره به فشار همه جانبه به مردم روی آوردند. فشارها و تحریم‌های اقتصادی که روز به روز عرصه را بر مردم تنگ‌تر کرد و متأسفانه مسئولان داخلی نیز نتوانستند انظوری که باید با برنامه ریزی درست این تحریم‌ها را خنثی کنند. بعد از آن نوبت به اخبارها و شبکه‌های مختلف خارجی شد تا رسالت شوم خود را آغاز کنند.

ایجاد حس عقب ماندگی از جهان در حالی که تمام تقصیرها بر سر داشتن انرژی هسته‌ای است وظیفه‌ای بود که شبکه‌های فارسی زبان و معاند به خوبی در مردم القا کردند. این در حالی است که با برنامه ریزی مدون و درست در این ۱۵ سال می‌توانستیم به گونه‌ای عمل کنیم که تحریم‌ها کمترین اثر را بر جامعه و اقتصاد مردم داشته باشد و مردم ما در این روزهای سخت اقتصادی که واقعا زندگی برایشان دشوار شده است تنها مقصر ماجرا را داشتن انرژی هسته‌ای ندانند. همانطور که در سالهای چندین دور داشتن نفت را مقصر اصلی ماجرا می‌دانستند. در واقع فشارهای همه جانبه به مردم و معیشت آنها باعث شده هر ریسمان سیاه و سفیدی را ماری بداند که مدام به آنها نیش می‌زند و حالا مسئولان نیز تنها راهی که دارند مذاکره است. البته مذاکره در هیچ موقع نمی‌تواند بد باشد اما ای کاش اندکی هم به مسائل و مشکلات اقتصادی داخل پرداخته می‌شد تا مردم هم در فراخ بال بتوانند از مسئولان حمایت کنند و نتیجه مذاکرات هر چه بود پشتیبان دولتشان باشند نه اینکه هر قرار دادی که امضا می‌شود مردم بر علیه آن باشند!

البته شفافیت نیز در انتقال اخبار مربوط به این قرار دادها می‌تواند مردم را نسبت به این مسائل آگاه‌تر و آرام‌تر کند.

حالا بعد از ۱۵ سال ایران باید با پاییدن...
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عکس: اخبار اصفهان

عملیات عمرانی پارکینگ زیر سطحی توحید آغاز شد؛

نخستین پروژه شهری ۱۴۰۰

معضل پارک خودرو و ترافیک ناشی از پارک خودرو در حاشیه خیابان‌های نظر و توحید بر طرف می‌شود

وسه طبقه زیر زمین نهایتاً ظرفیت پارک ۳۷۰ خودرو ایجاد می‌شود که با هزینه ۳۰۰ میلیارد تومان برای این پروژه، اجرای چنین طرحی صرفه اقتصادی نداشت و بهترین گزینه ساخت پارکینگ زیر سطحی بود.

وی با اشاره به اینکه با روش زیر سطحی نهایتاً پارکینگ با اعتبار یکصد میلیارد تومانی ساخته می‌شود، گفت: خوشبختانه خیابان توحید تأسیسات عمده‌ای در محل پارکینگ ندارد و جلسات متعددی در این زمینه با شرکت‌های زیرساختی و تأسیساتی برگزار شده است. یکی از دغدغه‌های این پروژه، بار ترافیکی روی سقف است که در صددی هزینه‌ها را افزایش می‌دهد اما به قدری نیست که پروژه را از توجیه اقتصادی خارج کند. مدیر منطقه ۵ شهرداری اصفهان افزود: هر پروژه عمرانی در دل شهر تبعات ترافیکی دارد اما در همجواری خیابان توحید خیابان باغ و به خیابان شهید زار می‌وجود دارد که حدود یکصد متر از طرف خیابان توحید با هماهنگی پلیس راهور و هماهنگی پلیس هدایت موقت ترافیکی انجام می‌شود.

وی با اشاره به اینکه در گام اول باند غربی خیابان توحید بسته و پارکینگ ساخته می‌شود و در گام دوم عملیات ساخت و ساز جابجا می‌شود، گفت: در بازه یکساله می‌توان این پروژه را به سرانجام رساند و تأکید شده سازمان عمران در دو یا سه شیفت کاری برنامه ریزی برای پیشبرد کار را اجرایی کند که طرح تا پایان سال به بهره‌برداری برسد.

جلوی بیمارستان شریعی، در مطالعات جامع ترافیکی شهر اصفهان به عنوان اولویت‌های اول می‌کنیم این کار با تلاش شش‌ماهه ۱۰ ماهه به پایان برسد و ابتدای اسفندماه شاهد افتتاح پارکینگ توحید باشیم.

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قدرت اله نوروزی در مراسم آغاز عملیات اجرایی پارکینگ زیر سطحی خیابان توحید با اشاره به اینکه حرکت انقلاب عمرانی در شهر اصفهان هر روز ادامه دارد و از دیدار پروژه‌های بزرگ عمرانی شهر آغاز شد، اظهار کرد: پروژه مجموعه پل‌های شهید سلیمانی شنبه رسماً افتتاح می‌شود.

وی ادامه داد: امروز هم کلنگ پروژه پارکینگ زیر سطحی خیابان توحید به عنوان نخستین پروژه در سال ۱۴۰۰ به زمین زده شد تا معضل پارک خودرو و ترافیک ناشی از احداث پارکینگ در حاشیه خیابان‌های نظر و توحید بر طرف شود.

شهردار اصفهان با بیان اینکه با توجه به مغازه‌های متعددی که در خیابان نظر فعالیت دارد، ساخت این پارکینگ یک ضرورت بود، تصریح کرد: در منطقه ۵ دو پارکینگ در دست ساخت قرار می‌گیرد که یکی از آنها امروز کلنگ زنی شد و مقدمات ساخت پارکینگ دیگر در چهارراه پزشک نیز در حال آماده‌سازی است. وی با اشاره به اینکه قرار بود پارکینگ توحید اسفندماه کلنگ زنی شود اما به دلیل محدودیت‌هایی که در اثر این پروژه در ایام نوروز برای مردم و مسافران ایجاد می‌شد این کار به



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لزام تجهیز اصفهان به سیستم هوشمند ترافیکی

رئیس پلیس راهور استان اصفهان گفت: تجهیز استان اصفهان به سیستم هوشمند ترافیکی برای نظارت بر ممنوعیت‌های تردد در بحران کرونا ضروری است.

مرز با ۹ استان دیگر، بدون تجهیزات هوشمند مدرن و روز الکترونیکی به ویژه در کلان شهر اصفهان تنها با نیروی انسانی پلیس سخت و توانمند است، ادامه داد: وضعیت موجود کلان شهر اصفهان شایسته اصفهان نیست و نیازمند توجه ویژه در تقویت و توسعه دوربین‌های ترافیکی است.

هوشمند است، اظهار داشت: برابر با قانون دولت‌ها و سازمان‌های مربوط باید نسبت به تهیه و نصب تجهیزات هوشمند ترافیکی شهرها و تأمین زیرساخت‌های الکترونیکی لازم اقدام کنند. وی با بیان اینکه کنترل استان پهنای اصفهان با موقعیت کنونی در کریدور شمال به جنوب و غرب به شرق کشور و هم

سر هنگ محمد رضا محمدی با اشاره به اینکه اجرای دقیق مصوبات سنناتد کرونا در اعمال محدودیت‌ها و تردها و پلاک‌های غیربومی در اصفهان پهنای، نیازمند توجه مسئولان در تجهیز معابر به سیستم‌های کنترلی

آگهی مزایده شماره ۱۶۰۰/۱۶۰۰/ص مورخ ۱۴۰۰/۱/۱۹ (مرحله سوم) نوبت اول

شهرداری نیک آباد قصد دارد به استناد بند ۱ صورت جلسه شماره ۱۰۴ مورخ ۱۳۹۹/۷/۲۰ شورای اسلامی شهر و ارزشیابی قیمت کارشناس رسمی دادگستری نسبت به فروش تعدادی از پلاک‌های مسکونی شهرک غدیر از طریق مزایده عمومی اقدام نماید. متقاضیان می‌توانند از تاریخ ۱۴۰۰/۱/۲۱ تا تاریخ ۱۴۰۰/۲/۶ در ساعات اداری به شهرداری مراجعه و نسبت به دریافت مدارک و شرکت در مزایده اقدام نمایند.

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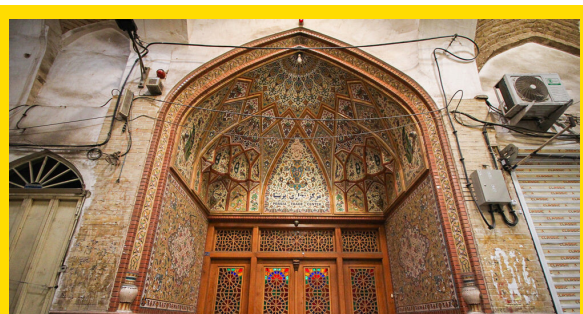
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Iran proper alternative to Suez Canal: Official

An Iranian transport official believes that recent blockage in Egypt's Suez Canal showed the world that they should find alternative routes such as Iran, which can play the role of a north-south corridor for global trade.

Mahmoud Ommati, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Khorasan International Transport Companies Association, told IRNA on Friday that the Suez Canal has been a long-term corridor for transiting commodities as well as energy between Asia and Europe, but the one-week blockage of the Canal last month by a giant 250,000-ton container ship seems to be a sign that the global trade needs to find substitute routes.

Ommati underlined that all countries are seeking ways to transfer energy, especially oil, from the Middle East region to Europe faster, cheaper and easier.

Iran had been a main route between other Asian countries to Europe, he said, adding that the country is also on the verge of joining the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), which includes Armenia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan; so, such an accession will flourish the north-south corridor.

According to the official, the establishment of the north-south corridor, which was agreed by Russia, India and Iran in 2000, seems to be another reason that the Islamic country can play a key role as an appropriate alternative to the Suez Canal.

Following the equipment of ocean port of Chabahar in southern Iran by India, the Indians can transit their goods through the Iranian port to Russia and the Russians can transfer several million tons of their own shipments via Iran to other nations, he added.

The link between Iranian ports in Persian Gulf, Sea of Oman and Caspian Sea to Russian ports in Saint Petersburg and northern Europe can become true by transport infrastructure of Iran, which is very interesting for energy dealers as well as importing and exporting states, he noted.

The Suez Canal became operational around 150 years ago and turned into one of the most important and most busy waterways for ships and containers. The Canal has reduced shipping voyage times between Asia and Europe nearly 15 days.

Isfahan producing 2,100 tons of medicinal herbs

Isfahan province produces 2,100 tons of different types of medicinal herbs in natural lands per annum, a provincial official says.

Director General of Isfahan Natural Resources and Watershed Management Department Abtin Mirtalebi told IRNA on Friday that the value of the medicinal herbs accounts for 53.8 billion tomans (2198969.9 dollars).

The director general point to the fact that the job creation of the sector stands at around 203,000 man-days.

Asafoetida, Ferula, Seidlitzia, celery, radish, sumac, of thyme, Mahaleb, caraway, artichokes and acorn are among the medicinal herbs, which are being produced in 6.5 million hectares in the province, he noted.

Nearly 300 types of plants are growing in natural lands of Isfahan province of which 45 kinds are proper for medicinal purposes and can be profitable in both domestic and international markets, he stipulated.

Isfahan province is located in the central part of Iran and enjoys semi-arid and arid climates. Some 3.2 million hectares equivalent to 32 percent of areas of the province are desert lands.

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Govt. considers 190\$m incentive package to support exports

Head of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) has announced the allocation of eight trillion rials (about 190.5\$ million) for supporting export activities in the current Iranian calendar year (started on March 21).



The mentioned funding has been allocated to TPO in order to pay export incentive facilities during the current year,

TPO portal quoted Hamid Zadboum as saying.

"The Trade Development Organization of Iran has considered the necessary planning for the payment of the mentioned incentives to promote exports and to support the country's exporters in the current year," Zadboum explained.

As reported, after the payment of the mentioned fund to TPO, the organization will begin providing the facilities to various export-related sectors. Mentioning the current year's motto which is "Production: Support and the Elimination of Obstacles", the official underlined planning for

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the development and expansion of non-oil exports as well as the promotion of export culture as the TPO's main priority in the current year.

Mentioning some of the TPO's programs for supporting exports in the previous year, Zadboum stated: "More than 500 exporters used export incentives directly and a large number of exporters benefited from such incentive packages indirectly."

According to the official, TPO managed to offer facilities to more than 30 export-related sectors including refrigeration, mechanized

warehousing, sorting and packaging, export terminals, and exhibition centers across the country in collaboration with the TPO's provinces' export promotion working group as well as the provincial industry, mining and trade departments.

Last year, the government had allocated six trillion rials (about \$143 million) for supporting export activities in the country. National Development Fund (NDF), the Planning and Budget Organization (PBO), the Industry, Mining, and Trade Ministry, the Economy Ministry, and the Agriculture Ministry

were tasked with drafting the previous year's export support package which was mostly spent on improving export infrastructure.

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The major strategy is to focus on the neighboring countries and the trade partners in the region, and it is, in fact, one of the top priorities of the government for defying the U.S. sanctions.

Commodities worth over \$270m exported from Zanjan in a year

As announced by a provincial official, commodities valued at over \$270 million were exported from Zanjan province, in the northwest of Iran, during the past Iranian calendar year (ended on March 20).

Mir-Hashem Seyed-Ahmadi, the director-general of the province's customs department, put the weight of exported products at over 159 million tons and said the annual export shows 21 percent and 26 percent growth, in terms of value and weight, respectively.

The official further announced that 452 million tons of products valued at \$411.2 million have been imported to the province

in the previous year, indicating 19 percent growth in terms of worth, and 30 percent rise in terms of weight, on an annual basis.

As announced by the head of Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA), the value of Iran's non-oil trade stood at \$73 billion in the past year.

Mehdi Mir-Ashrafi also put the weight of non-oil trade at 146.4 million tons, and said that the figure shows a 25-million-ton annual decline, which is the result of sanctions and coronavirus pandemic.

Iran's non-oil export was 112 million tons valued at \$34.5 billion, and that of import was 34.4 million tons worth \$38.5 billion in the past year, the official added.

Among the country's non-oil export destinations, China was the first, with

importing \$8.9 billion worth of products, Iraq was the second with importing \$7.3 billion, the United Arab Emirates the third with importing \$4.6 billion, Turkey the fourth with importing \$2.5 billion, and Afghanistan the fifth with importing \$2.2 billion, Mir-Ashrafi announced, and named gasoline, natural gas, polyethylene, propane, and pistachio as Iran's major exported products during the past year. He further named Iran's top sources of non-oil imports in the said time, as China with exporting \$9.7 billion worth of products to the Islamic Republic, the UAE with \$9.6 billion, Turkey with \$4.3 billion, India with \$2.1 billion, and Germany with \$1.8 billion, respectively, and mentioned corn, cellphone, rice, oil meal and oil seeds, wheat, and raw oil as the major imported items.

IMF sees Iran's GDP growth at 2.5% in 2021

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook titled "Managing Divergent Recoveries", predicted a 2.5-percent real gross domestic product (GDP) growth for Iran in 2021, up one percent from 1.5 percent in 2020.

The data presented in the IMF report indicates that Iran's GDP growth has outpaced that of West and Central Asia which is reported to be -2.9 percent in 2020.

The fund has also raised its forecasts of global growth to six percent in 2021, seeing it moderating to 4.4 percent in 2022. According to the report, the projections for 2021 and 2022 are stronger than in the October 2020 report.

The upward revision reflects additional fiscal support in a few large economies, the anticipated vaccine-powered recovery in the second half of 2021, and continued adaptation of economic activity to subdued mobility.

The international body sees Iran's inflation (consumer price changes) at 36.5 percent in 2020, increasing 1.9 percent from its previous 34.6 percent in 2019. The report sees the country's inflation fall to 27.5 percent in 2022.

As reported, the country's current account balance which was -0.7 percent of the country's GDP in 2020 is expected to climb to 1.2 percent in 2021.

In its previous report published in October 2020, IMF had anticipated real GDP growth of 3.2 percent for Iran in 2021.

The international body's report is highly uncertain about the path of the pandemic, the effectiveness of policy support to provide a bridge to vaccine-powered normalization, and the evolution of financial conditions.

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First home-made metro carriage unveiled by Pres. Rouhani

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Iran inaugurated its first home-made metro carriage on Thursday during a ceremony in the capital city of Tehran attended by President Hassan Rouhani through video-conferencing. According to a report by the Iranian authorities, the completion of the project to produce the metro carriages inside the country took 18 months and during this period, the share of the Iranian companies in the know-how knowledge of designing and producing the metro carriages rose from the 25-30% to 85%.

Mine-clearance must be consistent with UN Charter: Iran envoy

Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Majid Takhat Ravanchi on Thursday said that mine-clearance activities, whether in the context of peace-keeping operations or otherwise, must be consistent with the United Nations Charter.

Takhat Ravanchi made the remarks at the UN Security Council meeting that was held on mine-clearance activities. Taking into account the threat that mines and explosive remnants of war pose to the lives of United Nations peace-keeping personnel, the Council must continue to consider this issue in the mandates of peace-keeping operations, he pointed out.

However, it is evident that the involvement of peace-keeping forces in mine-clearance does not provide any mandate to the Council to put the subject of mine action under its purview, he added.

Due to the serious humanitarian and socioeconomic nature of the mine action, it remains under the purview of the General Assembly and it must therefore continue and upgrade its relevant functions including in the post-conflict situations, Takhat Ravanchi stated. Mine-clearance activities, whether in the context of peace-keeping operations or otherwise, must be consistent with the United Nations Charter, particularly the principles of full respect for the sovereignty, sovereign equality and territorial integrity of all States, and non-interference in their internal affairs, he noted.

Iran's 20% enriched uranium reserves reach 55 kg: AEOI spox

The spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI) said after implementing the law on strategic action to lift sanctions and using advanced centrifuges, the amount of 20% enriched uranium in Iran reached 55 kg.

Referring to the law on strategic action to lift sanctions and its implementation from February 23, 2021, Behrooz Kamalvandi stated that an important part of this law was about 20% enrichment at the annual rate of 120 kg, which immediately took the necessary measures and the enrichment process began.

"To date, 55 kg of 20% enriched uranium has been produced

and with this process, we can reach the set-goal in less than 8 months," he noted.

"The rate of uranium production with 20% enrichment in Iran is now much higher than before the JCPOA, and according to statistics, we have 30% more uranium production capacity with 20% enrichment than before the nuclear deal," he said.

According to Kamalvandi, Iran now has an enrichment capacity of about 16,500 SWU which was 12,500 SWU before the deal.

He pointed out that the number of centrifuges may have dwindled today, but the uranium production rate had increased due to the use of new generation centrifuges

such as IR6, which have a capacity of 8 times that of first-generation centrifuges.

"If we sent 9 tons of our material abroad at one time, now we have 5 tons of material, and we can say that we will quickly get everything we wanted to revive what we left behind because of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and we will quickly find ourselves in a situation that is better than before the deal," he said.



Iran not to reduce nuclear activities before US removes all sanctions: Chief negotiator

Iran's deputy foreign minister for political affairs says Tehran will not reverse the reduction of its nuclear compliance before the US removes all its sanctions and returns to the landmark nuclear deal it abandoned under former US President Donald Trump.

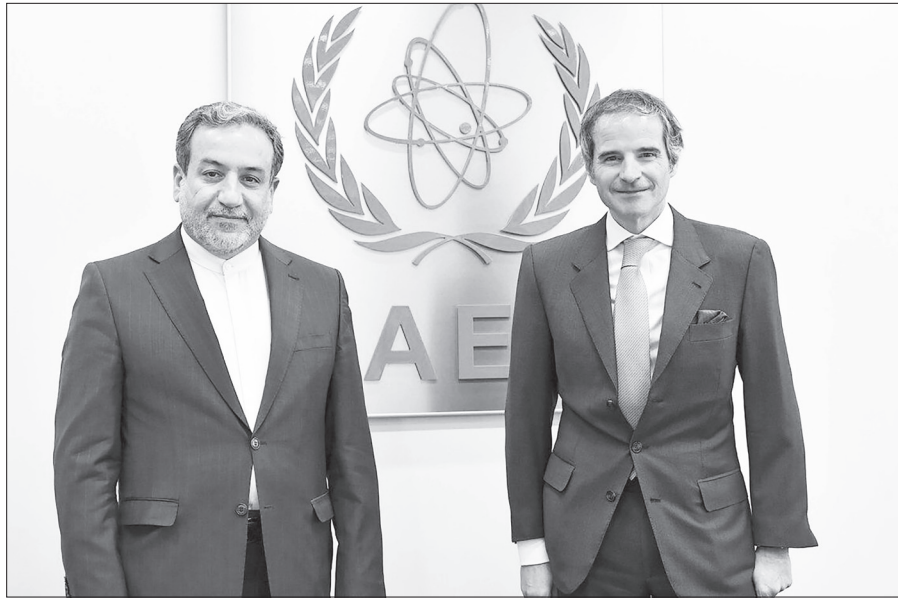


"Until the United States removes all of its sanctions and returns to the JCPOA, none of Iran's nuclear activities, especially in the field of enrichment, will be halted or even reduced," Abbas Araqchi said late Thursday, according to IRNA.

Araqchi's remarks come as intensive talks are underway in Vienna to lift the unilateral US sanctions on Iran and revive the JCPOA, commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal, after the former Trump government almost wrecked it by its withdrawal.

Back in May 2019, Iran began to scale down its nuclear compliance under Article 36 of the JCPOA, saying the move was a response to the US withdrawal and the remaining parties' failure to protect Iran from US sanctions.

Under a law passed by the Iranian Parliament last December, the Iranian administration started to produce and store enriched uranium with a 20-percent



purity level, breaking the 3.67-percent enrichment parameter set by the 2015 nuclear agreement.

However, Tehran has repeatedly said its measures will be reversed as soon as Washington removes its illegal sanctions.

Araqchi: 20% enrichment moving faster than planned "Our 20% enrichment is now moving even faster than the speed envisaged by the Islamic Consultative Assembly (the Iranian Parliament) in its law, and 20% enriched materials are being produced now," Araqchi said.

He asserted that the process will continue until an agreement on the implementation of the JCPOA is reached, under which the US should remove all of its sanctions.

"As it has been stressed many times, all of the sanctions must be removed

in one step," the top Iranian negotiator added.

Araqchi also denied indirect talks with Washington through the European parties to the JCPOA, saying the talks involve China and Russia in addition to the Europeans.

"We are negotiating here with all of the current members of the JCPOA, namely the three European countries, Russia and China, as well as the European Union, which is the coordinator of the JCPOA, and they, on the other hand, are talking to the Americans and convey the results of the talks," he said.

he senior diplomat noted that there are signs that the Americans are reviewing their positions and are moving toward removing all of the sanctions.

"But we are not yet in a position to judge, and negotiations have not yet

been concluded," he said, adding that there is a long path forward but the talks are constructive.

Araqchi also said on Thursday that the Iranian negotiators are engaged in talks over the removal of sanctions all at once as well as details of which and how the sanctions would be lifted.

"In our view, America has to take its actions in one step, then we'll verify, and then Iran will follow with its own actions," he reiterated. "How verification will happen is another point of our discussion."

He made similar remarks while speaking with Press TV's correspondent in Vienna.

"The US must remove anti-Iran sanctions; then Tehran would resume compliance with the JCPOA," the deputy foreign minister told Press TV on Thursday.

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Pres. Rouhani: US accountable for hampering Iran's imports of COVID-19 vaccines

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Thursday that Iran had difficulty with the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines though it had the money in foreign accounts, the Iranian

assets were blocked by the US administration. He likened the US sanctions on Iran to a war in which all the chemical, microbial and nuclear weapons are used against targets including both the residential and non-residential constructions. "We are one of the first countries to place an order on time. The United States has blocked us and delayed the transfer of our

money for a month or two. That's why our turn in the COVAX complex is a little behind," he said. Today, the anti-Iran media continues to claim that Iran failed to deliver the vaccine to the people in a timely manner, while the countries that were able to provide acceptable vaccines are less than the figures of two hands, Rouhani said.

Iran releases seized South Korean ship: Khatibzadeh

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman said that following the completion of the investigation into the violating of the rules by South Korean ship, the prosecutor ordered the ship's release.

Confirming the release of seized South Korean oil tanker, Saeed Khatibzadeh said that following the completion of the investigation into the violation of the Korean ship and at the request of the owner and the Korean government for the release, the prosecutor ordered the release of the ship.

The prosecutor ordered the ship's release because the captain and the ship did not have a bad record in the field of violating rules in the region, he added.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as a country with long coastlines in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman, emphasizes the full observance of maritime regulations, including regulations on environmental protection, and monitors and follows up any violations in this regard, Khatibzadeh noted.

Seoul's foreign ministry also confirmed Friday that Iran released the South Korean oil tanker and its captain, Yonhap reported.

The ship, with its captain and 12 other crew members aboard, left the port near Bandar Abbas on the southern coast, at around 6 a.m. (Iran time), the ministry said. The crew members had been released earlier but have remained on the ship for maintenance purposes.

The ministry said the captain and the crew members remain safe and sound.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps seized the Hankuk Chemi and its 20 crew members in its waters on Jan. 4 due to the violation of environmental rules.

Yemeni drone targets Saudi 'Jizan' airport

The Air Force of the Yemeni Army has carried out drone attacks against Jizan Airport in Saudi Arabia with a number of drones.

The Spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree said in a statement that Yemeni Air Forces accurately hit Fighter Jets' Hangers at Jizan airport with Qasif K2 drones, Al-Masirah reported.

The operation of targeting the enemy's Fighter Jets' Hangers comes within the legitimate response to the continuation of the aggression and the siege on our country, he added.

Earlier on Wednesday night, the Yemeni Air Force targeted King Khalid Air Base in the Saudi city of Khamis Mushait, some 884 kilometers south of the Saudi capital Riyadh, in retaliation for the Saudi regime's ongoing military aggression and blockade against the country.

Yemen's Air Force has stepped up the retaliatory attacks on Saudi Arabia in recent months, saying the strikes will continue as long as Riyadh carries on with its airstrikes and blockade.

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'Sanctions have no affected Iran's nuclear know-how'

A political expert believes that the US-imposed sanctions on the Iranian nation have not affected their indigenous nuclear know-how.

Hassan Beheshtipoor, an expert in international relations, told IRNA on Friday that the Americans acknowledge their sanctions could not stop the nuclear program of the Islamic Republic, because the nuclear science has been indigenized and the Iranian scientists have developed the knowledge without depending on foreign powers.

On April 9, 2006, Iranian scientists succeeded in producing nuclear fuel cycle on a laboratory scale and the Islamic Republic declared the country's access to the technology of enriching uranium as well as the establishment of a complete chain of enrichment with home-made centrifuges. Therefore, the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution designated April 9 as the Nuclear Technology Day on Iranian calendar.

On the importance of nuclear technology and the

enrichment of uranium, Beheshtipoor said that the peaceful usage of the nuclear technology helps Iran upgrade know-how, because the knowledge includes different types of sciences such as physics, nuclear physics, plasma physics, chemistry, electronics, computer and so on, which are being used for producing medicine, generating electricity and agriculture.

The analyst emphasized that the Islamic Republic has never thought about manufacturing atomic bombs, because such a way has never been in Iran's nuclear doctrine.

According to the expert, the most important achievement of the naming a day after nuclear technology is that the Iranian nation believes it can achieve whatever it wants, while the enemies have always been busy to convince the Iranians that they are not able to generate knowledge by themselves. The foes assassinated some Iranian scientists to stop progress in the nuclear field, but they have never been successful in achieving such a goal, because other Iranian scientists could continue the martyrs' path, he noted.

Despite the fact that the Trump administration hit a hard blow to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the current US



administration may change the trend and find a way to return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), he added. He mentioned, if the US lifts sanctions and Iran can verify the move, such a measure can create good window to overcome the standstill remaining over the JCPOA implementation.

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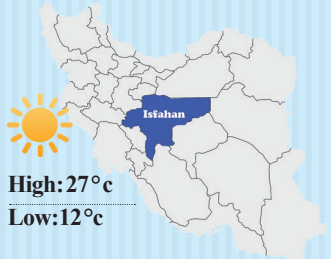
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Iranian prisoners transferred home: Official

Secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights Ali Baqeri Kani on Thursday said that Iraq has released 40 Iranian nationals who were held in that country's prisons. Baqeri Kani pointed out that the release of the prisoners follows a recent visit to Baghdad by Iranian Chief Justice Hojjatoleslam Ebrahim Raeisi during which some judicial documents were signed between the two states. Judicial diplomacy will take any measure needed to free Iranians from captivity in other states or to extradite them, he further noted.



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Famous Pakistani journalist terms General Soleimani a legend

A senior Pakistani journalist and a popular TV presenter praising Iran's resistance against US coercion says martyr General Qasem Soleimani, Commander of the Quds Force, had played an excellent role in fight against terrorism in the region, adding, we consider him a legend and our hero.

Mubasher Lucman who also runs Baaghi TV, a web portal, made the remarks during a meeting with Jafar Ronas, head Culture Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Lahore, the capital of Punjab province. They both exchanged views about the existing capacities and joint cooperation in various cultural and media fields between Iran and Pakistan. Jafar Ronas praised Lucman's Baaghi media portal and said Culture Center of Iran is ready to cooperate with the Baaghi media in the cultural and artistic fields. Mubasher Lucman, called the land of Iran, along with ancient Greece, the cradle of world civilization, and said: The secret of Iran's resistance to Western and American coercion goes back thousands of years because the nation of Iran has never attacked other countries but has always been attacked, so they know very well how to defend their independence and maintain their national dignity. He said that the expansion of strategic relations in all fields between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan and other important players in the region, including Russia, China, Malaysia and Turkey, is the only way to confront the oppressive

policies of the West, led by the United States. Lucman added Asian countries, especially Pakistan and Iran, have many similarities and commonalities in culture and civilization, so they should use all their capacities to develop economic, political, cultural and artistic relations. Referring to the importance of the comprehensive document on Iran-China cooperation, he called it important for regional security and stability, as well as the development and growth of trade in the region. Praising the sacrifices of martyr Lieutenant General Qasem Soleimani, the senior Pakistani journalist said the commander of the Quds Force has become a hero and a legend with his bravery. "He is not among us, but his path will continue," he noted. The head of Iranian Culture Center in Lahore also expressed the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran among the Islamic Ummah and the world and said the US regime has tried to force the Islamic Republic to surrender through cruel sanctions against the honorable people of Iran. "In the face of its sinister demands, the Iranian people, led by the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, have been able to continue to move with dignity and honor, while standing firm and resisting such pressures," he added. He announced the readiness of Khana-e-Farhang to develop media cooperation between the two countries, including the presentation of various multimedia documents about the martyr General Soleimani.

Israel throws a wrench into Iran nuclear talks

An Iranian vessel was attacked in the Red Sea as Iran and the West resumed nuclear talks in Vienna to revive a 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and major world powers.

Saudi and American media outlets claimed that Israel was behind the attack. The Saudi-owned Al Arabiya reported on Tuesday night that an "Israeli commando" attached "a magnetic explosive device" to an Iranian vessel in the Red Sea. The Tasnim news agency confirmed the attack and identified the vessel as "Iran Saviz." It said that "the incident happened after the explosion of limpet mines attached to the hull of the ship." A day later, Iran officially commented on the issue. The Iranian Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Wednesday confirming the attack. "The Iranian merchant ship Saviz sustained minor damage in the Red Sea off the coast of Djibouti at around 6:am local time on April 6, 2021, due to an explosion, the cause of which is being investigated," Saeed Khatibzadeh, the Ministry's spokesman said. He said the vessel has been deployed to the region in coordination with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and it has been involved in ensuring maritime security. "As already officially announced and based on the arrangements made with the International Maritime Organization as the relevant authority, the non-military Saviz ship had been stationed in the Red Sea region and the Gulf of Aden in order to ensure maritime security along shipping lanes and to counter pirates," explained the spokesman. "The ship practically served as Iran's logistical station (for technical support and logistics) in the Red Sea; so, the specifications and mission of this vessel had already been officially announced to the International Maritime Organization," he added. Iran didn't point the finger at anyone. But The New York Times suggested that Israel was behind the attack. "The Israelis had notified the United States that its forces had struck the vessel at about 7:30 a.m. local time," the

American newspaper quoted a U.S. official as saying. Although the official said that the Israelis had called the attack a retaliation for alleged earlier Iranian strikes on Israeli vessels, but the timing of the attack strongly indicated a link between the resumption of nuclear talks in Vienna and Israeli efforts to derail those talks. The Times implicitly pointed to this link, saying the attack came as progress was reported on the first day of the Vienna talks, which are aimed to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) - the very deal that Israel has been working hard to kill since 2015. Therefore, Israel may have intended to send a message to the Biden administration that it will do whatever it can to prevent a revival of the JCPOA. Israel's modus operandi in the latest attack also suggests a change in Israel's approach. Israel has reportedly been involved in a shadowy naval war with Iran in recent years. Several Western news media reported that Israel has been attacking Iranian vessels carrying oil and other commodities since at least 2019 in a bid to halt Iran's economic ties with other countries. These attacks mostly went unnoticed and Israel refused to publicize them until most recently. The Israelis would often attack Iranian commercial ships deep into the night using helicopters equipped with machine guns from a distance of many kilometers, a source familiar with the matter told the Tehran Times. The Israeli attacks were more of a harassment nature than an operation meant to inflict real damage, according to the source. The attack on the Saviz, however, indicates a new modus operandi. First, it was reportedly done with a limpet mine attached to the hull of the Iranian vessel by an Israeli commando. Second, it was carried out early in the morning, a clear indication that the attacker wanted it to be publicized. Leaking the news of the attack to Al Arabiya and The New York Times left little doubt about the intention of the attacker.

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Seized Oil Tanker, Captain Released by Iran: S. Korean Media

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the ship for maintenance purposes. The captain and crew members are safe and sound, according to the ministry. In January, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy has seized a South Korean-flagged ship in the Persian Gulf due to environmental and chemical pollution concerns. The IRGC Navy's Public Relations department said in a statement that the South Korean-flagged oil tanker, named HANKUK CHEMI, had departed from Saudi Arabia's Al Jubail port.

The tanker, carrying 7,200 tons of oil chemical materials has been captured by the IRGC Navy's Zolfaqar flotilla because of "repeated violation of environmental regulations", the statement said, adding that the crew are from South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar. The oil tanker had berthed at Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas for legal procedures to be performed by the Iranian Judiciary officials, it noted.

