

اخبار اصفهان

سخنگوی ستاد ملی مقابله با کرونا اعلام کرد:

واکسیناسیون بیش از ۱۵ میلیون نفر تا پایان تیر

سخنگوی ستاد ملی مقابله با کرونا با اعلام ورود ۴۰۰ هزار دوز واکسن سینوفارم چین طی امروز با فردا، در خصوص زمان بندی واکسیناسیون توضیح داد. علیرضا ریسی، سخنگوی ستاد ملی مقابله با کرونا، درباره چگونگی و زمان انجام واکسیناسیون عمومی مقابله با ...



زنگنه:

موانع را از سر راه استارت آپ هابر می داریم

وزیر نفت ضمن تاکید بر ضرورت همکاری با جهان برای تقویت توان ملی گفت: با توجه به ظرفیت فناوری مطمئنم ایران می تواند حرف های بااهمیتی بیش از خود نفت و منابع طبیعی برای گفتن در منطقه داشته باشد.

بیژن زنگنه در آیین گشایش صندوق پژوهش و فناوری صنعت نفت با بیان اینکه قرار دادهایی که امروز امضا می شود حاصل ماهها تلاش تعداد زیادی از مدیران و کارشناسان برای توسعه فناوری با توجه به ظرفیت دانش بنیان است، تصریح کرد: هیچ شکی نیست آینده کشور نه در گرو تولیدهای سنتی بلکه در گرو توجه به ظرفیت های دانش بنیان و توسعه فناوری ملی است که البته اینکار جز در همکاری با ...

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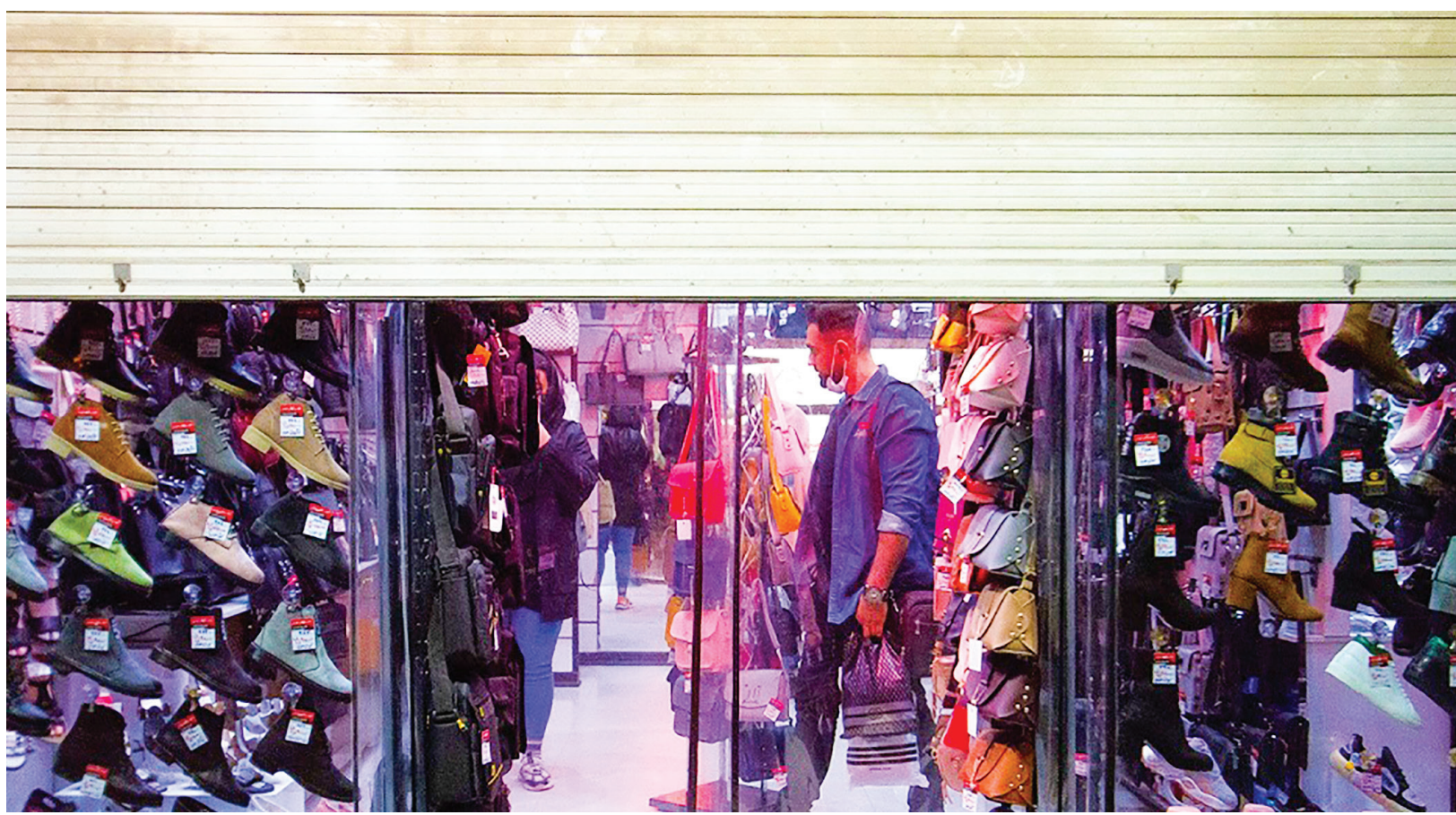
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خبر روز
فارس

ارتزاق نیم میلیون نفر به صورت مستقیم از زاینده رود

استاندار اصفهان گفت: ۵۰۰ هزار نفر در بخش های مختلف به صورت مستقیم از رودخانه زاینده رود از تزاوق می کنند که اکنون به دلیل کم آبی با مشکلات عدیده ای مواجه شدند. عباس رضایی در دیدار مسئولان و شرکت های زیرمجموعه بنیاد مستضعفان اصفهان اظهار داشت: استفاده از ظرفیت های موجود، شرکت های دانش بنیان و نوآور ضروری است که باید این نهاد در اقدامات نو و خلاق پیشقدم باشد. استاندار اصفهان تصریح کرد: واحدهای مختلف برای ایجاد اشتغال به ویژه در شرق استان تمرکز کنند تا برای مردم آن منطقه اشتغال ایجاد شود و مجموعه ها و شرکت های زیر نظر بنیاد مستضعفان رسالت خود را در راستای مسئولیت اجتماعی ایفا کنند. وی تصریح کرد: ۵۰۰ هزار نفر در بخش های مختلف به صورت مستقیم از رودخانه زاینده رود از تزاوق می کنند که اکنون به دلیل کم آبی با مشکلات عدیده ای مواجه شدند.



سخنگوی دانشگاه علوم پزشکی اصفهان نسبت به عدم پایبندی به محدودیت ها هشدار داد:

تعطیلی های نصفه نیمه و موج سرکش کرونا

شاه کلید جلوگیری از روند پرشتاب و موج بلند کرونا ساکن شدن جمعیت و به حداقل رساندن تردها و اجتماعات است

کسب و کار

در نخستین جلسه هیات نمایندگان اتاق بازرگانی اصفهان در سال ۱۴۰۰ عنوان شد:

کسب بالاترین آمار عملکردی حوزه های کسب و کار توسط اتاق بازرگانی اصفهان



گزارش
انتخاب اصفهان
رئیس اتاق بازرگانی اصفهان در نخستین جلسه هیات نمایندگان دوره نهم اتاق بازرگانی اصفهان گفت: کارنامه فعالیت دو ساله دوره نهم اتاق اصفهان نشان دهنده ارتقای چشمگیر شاخصهای عملکردی در حوزه های کسب و کار و مسئولیت اجتماعی است.

مسعود گلشیرازی در نخستین جلسه هیات نمایندگان دوره نهم اتاق بازرگانی اصفهان ضمن تاکید بر اینکه مخاطب مستقیم شعار امسال - تولید، مانع زدایی و پشتیبانی - دستگاه های اجرایی کشور هستند، افزود: امسال به منظور تحقق فرامین اندازی است و مسئولیت سنگینی بر عهده دارد.

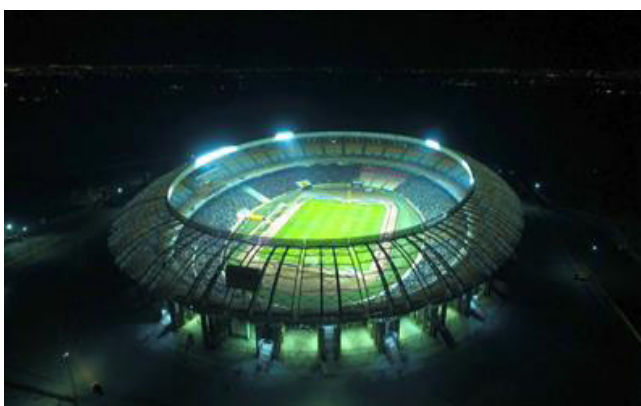
رئیس اتاق اصفهان سال گذشته با امین این امر دانست که در صورت فراهم شدن ابزارهای مورد نیاز شعار سال، علیرغم فشارهای موجود با اجرای سیاست های حمایت از تولید و محدودیت واردات، تحقق این سیاست ها امکان پذیر است.

وی ابزار امیدواری کرد با عزم جدی دستگاه های اجرایی مانع زدایی ها در اولویت برنامه های آنها قرار گرفته و بصورت کامل اجرایی شود.

دبیر شورای گفت و گوی دولت و بخش خصوصی استان اصفهان رفع موانع سرمایه گذاری و ایجاد زمینه لازم برای جلب اعتماد سرمایه گذاران را از دیگر نکات مورد تاکید رهبر معظم انقلاب دانست. گلشیرازی آسیب شناسی درست بخش تولید و صنعت کشور را زمینه ساز ایجاد اتفاقی خوش در

حمایت فولاد مبارک برای ساخت اولین دهکده المپیک کشور بعد از انقلاب اسلامی

معاون توسعه امور ورزش اداره کل ورزش اصفهان گفت: امیدواریم با حمایت شرکت و باشگاه فولاد مبارک که دهکده المپیک بین ۵ تا ۷ سال آینده به بهره برداری برسد.



هکتار زمین ورزشی دارد و به مدت ۴۵ سال در اختیار شرکت فولاد مبارک قرار دارد.

تکمیل دهکده المپیک اصفهان

وی با اشاره به اهمیت جایگاه شرکت فولاد مبارک در کشور و پایبندی این شرکت به مسئولیت های اجتماعی ابراز داشت: اصفهان دومین استان صنعتی کشور است و تعهد شرکت فولاد مبارک در رسالت های اجتماعی باعث شده است تا مجموعه های ورزشی در سطح استانداردهای بین المللی در اصفهان توسعه پیدا کند.

معاون توسعه امور ورزش اداره کل ورزش اصفهان تصریح کرد: با توجه به اینکه در طرح جامع شهری برای آینده، این مجموعه به عنوان دهکده المپیک در نظر گرفته شده در سال جاری از طریق اداره ورزش و جوانان و شرکت فولاد مبارک پیگیری هایی به عمل آمد تا ۱۷۰ هکتار از این مجموعه تحویل باشگاه فولاد مبارک قرار بگیرد و برای احداث پروژه های جدید ورزشی مانند پیست دوچرخه سواری اقدام شود.

وی اضافه کرد: متأسفانه سرانه ورزشی استان اصفهان پایین است و ورود شرکت فولاد مبارک باعث شد تا زیرساخت های ورزشی کشور و سرانه ورزشی در اصفهان ارتقا یابد و یک مجموعه بزرگ استانداردهای ملی و بین المللی ساخته شود.

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حسین زیبایی با اشاره به اینکه سالها ورزشگاه نقش جهان تا تمام مانده بود و وزارت ورزش هم توان مالی تکمیل این ورزشگاه را نداشت، اظهار کرد: ورزشگاه نقش جهان پس از ۳۰ سال با پیگیری مدیران شرکت فولاد مبارک به سرانجام رسید. وزارت ورزش و جوانان و شرکت توسعه و تجهیز بستی را برای مشارکت در پروژه های نیمه کاره فراهم کردند و شرکت فولاد مبارک در راستای تکمیل این ابر پروژه ملی اقدام کرد.

وی افزود: بودجه های دولتی کفاف تکمیل ابر پروژه ورزشگاه نقش جهان را نمی داد و این شرکت فولاد مبارک بود که در راستای مسئولیت اجتماعی ساخت این ورزشگاه را تکمیل کرد تا به ازای هزینه ای که متقبل شده بود، از این مجموعه بهره برداری کند.

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گزارش
اخبار اصفهان

برگزاری سومین دوره مسابقات شهروندی با موضوع محیط زیست

رئیس اداره توسعه فرهنگ شهروندی از برگزاری سومین دوره مسابقات کتابخوانی شهروندی خبر داد.

احمد رضایی با اشاره به برگزاری این دوره از مسابقات گفت: این مسابقه روز پنجشنبه ۲۶ فروردین با موضوع محیط زیست و مصرف بهینه انرژی برگزار می شود. وی افزود: شهروندان علاقه مند می توانند فایل بی دی اف کتاب حفاظت از محیط زیست را از شبکه های اجتماعی isfahanfarhang و andilolfahansharhvandil دریافت کنند. وی اظهار داشت: این مسابقه با هدف آگاهی رسانی خانواده ها برای مصرف بهینه انرژی برنامه ریزی شده که شامل ۱۰ سوال چهار گزینه ای بوده که ۲۶ فروردین از ساعت ۸ الی ۲۲ ویژه گروه سنی بالای ۸ سال برگزار می شود. رضایی افزود: مسابقه بزرگ کتابخوانی شهروندی از جمله برنامه های اداره توسعه فرهنگ شهروندی سازمان فرهنگی ورزشی شهرداری اصفهان است که بر اساس انعقاد تفاهم نامه همکاری بین معاونت اجتماعی و شهروندی این سازمان با معاونت پرورشی اداره کل آموزش و پرورش استان اصفهان برنامه ریزی شده است. وی ادامه داد: کتاب نقره ای (مجموعه رفتارهای شهروندی) به عنوان منبع آزمون این مسابقه در نظر گرفته شده و بی دی اف آن در اختیار اداره کل آموزش و پرورش استان اصفهان قرار گرفته تا در کلاس شاد با برگزاری این مسابقه عموم جامعه هستند.



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Iran planning to export electricity to Oman

Iranian Energy Ministry's Spokesman for Electricity Industry Mostafa Rajabi Mashhadi said the country is pursuing a plan for exporting electricity to the southern Arab neighbor Oman through the sea. "For the countries that we share a water border with, studies are underway that need to be completed so that the two countries can reach a conclusion on technical issues, and the plan for the export of electricity to Oman is also at this stage," Rajabi Mashhadi said. According to the official, the Energy Ministry's priority plan is to have electricity exchange with all the neighboring countries that share land borders with Iran, and this plan is currently in place. Regarding the southern Arab neighbors, Rajabi Mashhadi said: "Technical talks have been held between consultants and contractors and some solutions have been considered, but no energy exchange contract has been signed yet."

Mentioning the electricity exports to Afghanistan and Iraq, the official noted that exports to Afghanistan and Iraq are carried out as before. "There are good capacities in the country for increasing exports to Afghanistan, which has new demands to supply electricity to its industries and increasing exports to Iraq is also a matter of negotiation," he added. "Currently, we have energy exchanges with both countries within the contractual capacity, and we have not had any specific negotiations to increase exports. Requests have been made by both Iraq and Afghanistan to do so, but have not yet led to a new contract," Rajabi-Mashhadi reminded. Earlier this month, the head of Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPO)'s Arab and African office announced that Iran is planning to commence exports of gas and electricity to Oman in near future. Referring to the development of Iran's trade program with neighboring Arab countries, Farzad Piltan said, "We are pursuing the exports of gas and electricity as two Iranian export projects to Oman." Iran has developed into an electricity hub in the region, having power exchanges with many of its neighbors. "We are an energy hub in the region and seek to have electricity exchange with all the neighboring countries," Iran's Deputy Energy Minister Homayoun Haeri said back in June 2020.

Iran urges South Korea to take practical action in releasing its assets

South Korea must take practical action as soon as possible to resolve the problems between the two countries, including unfreezing Tehran's blocked assets, Iran's deputy foreign minister says. South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Choi Jong-kan, who was in Tehran as a member of the Prime Minister's Office, met with the Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Monday. Referring to the South Korean Prime Minister's visit to Tehran, which is unprecedented in the history of relations between the two countries after the Islamic Revolution, Araghchi said "By exchanging staff at such a level, people expect a major change in relations between the two countries. Therefore, South Korea must take practical action as soon as possible to resolve the problems between the two countries." He continued "The illegal action of South Korean banks in freezing Iran's financial resources has caused the loss of Iranian nation's trust as well as loss of South Korea's status for the Iranian nation which will not be easy to compensate." Choi Jong-kan also expressed satisfaction with his second visit to Iran in the past three months as South Korea's deputy foreign minister, stressing that resolving problems and strengthening relations are among the top priorities in bilateral relations and the development of relations.

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Essential Goods Imports Hit 12\$ Billion in Fiscal 21-2020

Over 23 million tons of essential goods worth 12 \$ billion were imported into Iran during the last Iranian year (March 21-2020), according to the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration.



"The lion's share of this sum amounting to 13.44 million tons worth \$3.74 billion pertained to livestock and poultry feed. This volume accounted for 58% and 31% of the weight and value of last year's total essential goods imports respectively," Rouhollah Latifi was also quoted as saying by IRNA.

Also known as necessity goods, essential goods are products consumers will buy, regardless of changes in income levels.

The spokesman noted that corn stood at 9.78 million tons worth \$2.5 billion, soy meal reached 1.82 million tons worth \$793.94 million and barley constituted 1.83 million tons worth \$457.32 million.

"Some 2.34 million tons of oilseeds worth \$1.25 billion, in addition to 1.14 million tons of refined edible, semi-solid, liquid and unprocessed oils worth \$1.06 billion, were imported during the period under review," he



added. The imports also included 14,798 tons of human medicine as well as medical equipment worth \$1.64 billion and a total of 451,000 tons of livestock and poultry medicines worth \$64.16 million.

"Our food imports also included 936,809 tons of rice worth \$868.53 million, 3.02 million tons of wheat worth \$841.23 million, more than 1.01 million tons of unrefined sugar worth \$370.66 million, 64,822 tons of dried tea leaves worth \$329.12 million, 175,260 tons of different kinds of pulses worth \$144.04 million, 30,487 tons of frozen or cold heavy livestock meat worth \$133.27 million, 9,801 tons of butter worth \$51.46 million and 4,422 tons of light livestock meat worth \$29.17 million," Latifi said.

According to the spokesman, imports of essential goods for industrial purposes and production mainly consisted of 51,415 tons of industrial machinery worth \$510.8 million, 207,583 tons of different types of paper worth \$190.1 million, 231,064 tons of paper pulp worth \$181.06 million, 252,204 tons of fertilizers worth \$153.08 million, 9,074 tons of pesticides and insecticides worth \$86.27 million and 6,019 tons of seeds of different kinds of plants worth \$83.63 million.

The IRICA spokesman concluded that 76,716 tons of heavy vehicle tires worth \$282.84 million were imported over the period. China Tops List of Imports According to Mehdi Mirashrafi, the head of

Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration, Iran imported 3.5 million tons of essential goods worth \$9.7 billion from China, 5 million tons worth \$9.6 billion from the UAE, \$4.3 billion from Turkey, 2.2 million tons worth \$2.1 billion from India and 1.2 million tons worth \$1.8 billion from Germany in the year to March 20.

Iran's total foreign non-oil trade stood at 145.7 million tons worth \$73 billion in the fiscal 2020-21.

Exports accounted for 112 million tons worth \$34.52 billion and imports constituted 34.4 million tons worth \$38.5 billion of the sum.

Iran's main exports included gasoline, natural gas, polyethylene, propane and pistachio, with the latter alone earning \$1.2 billion.

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Iran to initiate mass production of COVID vaccines next week

Chairman of Executive Office of Imam Khomeini's Order said on Tuesday that Barekat Foundation will start mass production of COVID-19 vaccines next week from April 21.

Speaking to IRNA, Mohammad Mokhber expressed satisfaction over the process of mass production of COVID-19 vaccines.

vaccines.

First phase of preparing the vaccine with capacity of producing three million doses has ended, Mokhber said.

Some 12 million doses have been planned for the second phase, he added, noting that main part of country's need will be met by the products.

Asked whether Iran will export its indigenous vaccine or not, Mokhber said that Iran's priority is the domestic needs. He expressed hope that public

vaccination with home-made vaccine will begin as of Khordad, the third Iranian month which will start on May 22.

On December 29, 2020, Barekat Foundation conducted human trial of COVID-19 vaccine by injecting it to the first volunteer at the first phase.

In February, a member of national anti-coronavirus committee Dr Minoo Mohraz told IRNA that mass production of COVID-19 vaccines will be under the highest international standards.

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News

37 idle industrial units revived in Qom province

As announced by a provincial official, 37 idle industrial units were revived in Iran's central Qom province during the past Iranian calendar year (ended on March 20). Azizollah Qorbani, the director general of economic affairs coordination office of Qom governorate, said that reviving these units has created jobs for 605 persons. According to the official, 35 idle units are also planned to come back to the production

cycle in the present year. As announced by Deputy Industry, Mining, and Trade Minister Mehdi Sadeqi Niaraki, 1,500 idle industrial units have been revived in the country during the past year. According to Niaraki, over 6,500 new industrial units were also established across the country during the mentioned year which created jobs for over 121,000 people.

Iran, Russia firms to make joint investment in producing medicines

Iran's International Naft Gas Prom Pars Company (INGP Pars) and Russian Transneft company signed an agreement on investment in producing medicines, biotechnology and bio-engineering.

The Russian company, according to the agreement, commits to invest and transfer latest technology to the Iranian company and localize it to launch several projects in those areas.

The projects agreed to be invested and launched include:

1) Production of special medicines for preliminary creation of multiple-factor immunity of the person against a large number of kinds of viruses, including existing and future strains of the virus COVID-19 and retroviruses.

2) Production of antiviral medicines to fight against a large number of kinds of viruses, including existing and future strains of the virus COVID-19 and retroviruses.

3) Production of the latest Russian antiviral vaccines against a large number of kinds of viruses, including existing strains and future strains of the virus COVID-19, retroviruses.

4) Production of various important medications with various natures of an effect against various diseases of the person.

5) Production of biologically active agents which have great demand in the international markets.

6) Creation of several autonomous networks of small specialized medical clinics.

7) Creation of a specialized Iranian company for implementation of several investment programs.

8) Creation of a research network of commercial medical laboratories to form steady regional international research business.

9) Vaccination of all Iranians against all existing strains of the virus COVID-19.

10) Launching several medical clinics in Iran.

Syrian Army Begins Clearing Raqqa Province of Daesh Terrorists: Report

Syrian military forces have begun clearing the countryside of Raqqa province of Daesh (ISIL or ISIS) remnants where they are separating areas occupied by the army from those controlled by the Qasad Kurdish militias (SDF forces). Citing field sources, Al-Mayadeen reported on Monday that the Syrian army is preparing to launch a sweeping operation against Daesh sleeper cells in the countryside of Raqqa province. The campaign aims to prevent the Daesh's cells from "launching any new attacks in the area," according to the sources, who also revealed that military reinforcements from the Russian military police, the Syrian army, and the Syrian National Defense troops have arrived at Tabqa Military Airport, which serves as a joint military operations room for the forces of Syrian army and the Russians. The sources also indicated that the campaign aims to sweep the two desert cities of Rusafa and Sufyan, as well as Jabal Al-Bishri, in conjunction with the launch of preemptive Russian and Syrian raids on the rugged Jabal Al-Bishri area. The campaign also aims to "fully secure the countryside connecting the governorates of Deir Ez-Zur, Raqqa, and Hama, and eradicate any activity of Daesh cells in the area," according to the reports. Terrorist attacks by Daesh cells have escalated in recent months on the axes of Deir Ez-Zur, Palmyra, and Hama countryside, as well as attacking buses and tankers as they move through the area's roads, resulting in casualties among civilians and the Syrian military.

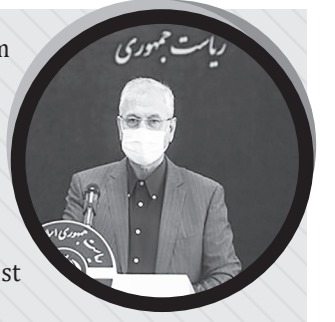
Govt. spox: Proper retaliation awaits Zionists for Natanz incident

Iran will retaliate properly to the Israelis' bold act of terrorism regarding the incident in a nuclear facility in Natanz, the government spokesman said. Addressing his weekly presser on Tuesday, Ali Rabiei said Iran reserves the right to give the proper response to the Zionist regime's act of sabotage in the Natanz nuclear facility in right time and right place. "We will not allow the enemies to achieve their political goals through such acts of terrorism," he stressed. He added, "This terrorist move shows the defeat of the enemies of the country's industrial and

political progress in preventing the Islamic Republic's significant developments on the one hand and successful negotiations to lift the illegal sanctions on the other." He reiterated Tehran's call on the international community and the International Atomic Energy Agency to address this nuclear terrorism properly, stressing that Iran will firmly continue its path of development in the nuclear technology sector in order to thwart the enemy plots. Power at Natanz was cut across the facility Sunday, but officials said there was no casualty or damage, nor was any particular contamination or problem. Reacting to the incident on Monday, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said, "The appalling incident that took place in Natanz was the work of the Zionist regime, given what it was repeatedly saying before

and what is still being heard from various sources these days." "Gladly there was no human or environmental damage, but it could have certainly led to a catastrophe that is a crime against humanity, which is not uncommon in the thuggish nature of the Zionist regime," Khatibzadeh said.

The new act of sabotage came after representatives from Iran, China, Russia and the European Union gathered in Vienna last week to discuss the US removal of sanctions on the Islamic Republic.



No Interruption to Enrichment in Natanz Nuclear Site: Iran's IAEA Envoy

Iran's ambassador to the Vienna-based international organizations said the uranium enrichment activities at the country's Natanz nuclear facility have not come to a halt despite a recent act of sabotage.



In an interview on Monday, Kazem Gharibabadi, who is also Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said that the damaged IR-1 centrifuges have been replaced quickly with others capable of 50 percent more enrichment capacity.

He added that the latest generation of Iranian-manufactured centrifuges would also be set up in the nuclear facility in the near future.

His remarks came just a day after an act of sabotage targeted the electricity distribution network of Ahmadi Roshan nuclear facility in Natanz, which is a



uranium enrichment center located in central Iran.

The attack caused a blackout and the disruption of the operations of this sensitive nuclear facility which has been under the IAEA's safeguards and extensive monitoring.

"The full responsibility for this act of sabotage lies with the Zionist regime of Israel and its supporters," Gharibabadi further said,

adding that the attack was aimed at weakening the morale and efforts of Iran's nuclear scientists, Press TV reported.

"Experience has shown that Iran has emerged stronger than before after such desperate acts of sabotage," he stressed. He said apart from replacing the damaged centrifuges with more powerful ones and a plan to add new machines

to the facility, a number of other technical measures are also planned to be taken, in response to the Sunday attack, that would be reported to the IAEA this week. Elsewhere in his remarks, Gharibabadi said that Iran had sent a letter to Rafael Grossi, the IAEA's chief, asking him to condemn the act of sabotage against the Natanz Fuel Enrichment Plant.

Iran Condemns EU's Blacklisting of Officials

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson condemned the European Union's move to blacklist several Iranian officials and institutions on a charge of "human rights violation".

"The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns this move and considers it invalid," Saeed Khatibzadeh said in a statement on Monday.

"Such acts are committed by those who claim to be supporters of, and falsely preach (respect for) human rights with political motives, but they have

not only remained silent in the face of violations of Iranian people's rights due to the United States' inhuman and illegal sanctions, but also approved of such violations," he said.

"Such acts are rejected and will further disgrace those who abuse lofty concepts such as human rights," the spokesman added.

"In reaction to this EU move, the Islamic Republic of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs suspends comprehensive talks with the European Union, including human rights discussion, and all cooperation thereof, especially in the domains of terrorism, narcotics and

refugees," Khatibzadeh noted.

"In reaction to this move by the European Union, the Islamic Republic of Iran is considering (imposing) reciprocal sanctions, which will be announced in due time," he said, according to the Foreign Ministry's official website. His comments came after the European Union announced it has imposed sanctions ranging from travel bans to asset freezes on eight Iranian individuals, including the Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hossein Salami, and three prisons on baseless human rights-related grounds.

Zarif: Sanctions, sabotage not to provide US with negotiating tool

Emphasizing that Iran has no problem returning to its commitments, the Iranian Foreign Minister said that sanctions and sabotage not will not provide US with negotiating tool.

Mohammad Javad Zarif made the remarks in a joint press conference with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov on Tuesday in Tehran. Zarif said that he had serious and friendly talks with Lavrov on the JCPOA to further cooperate in lifting sanctions.

Appreciating the strong position of the Russian Federation against the sabotage in Natanz, he stressed the need for continued cooperation between the two countries.

"It is also necessary for the United States to return to its commitments without any delay and to lift all sanctions, and Iran will take action after the verification as well," he added.

"We have no problem returning to JCPOA commitments, as the Leader said, but the Americans should know that neither sanctions nor sabotage will give them the means to negotiate. These measures will only make the situation more difficult for them," the Iranian foreign minister stressed.

Referring to the cooperation between the two countries in the field of countering coronavirus, Zarif said, "We hope that with the agreement reached between the two countries, the production of Sputnik vaccine will start in Iran and it will be possible to buy more of this vaccine from Russia to meet our needs. This is a good ground for wider cooperation between Iran and Russia."

In response to a question about the recent approach and actions of the Europeans, he noted, "In recent years, the European Union

has shown that it is gradually losing its relevance in international relations by failing to meet its obligations and succumbing to US pressure. Instead of condemning the US move to pose a terrorist threat to the food and medicine security of 82 million Iranians and to take serious action against the enrichment site incident, they simply ignored it and at the same time imposed sanctions on Iranian military officials. These only make the European Union prove to the world that it has no place in the world."

"The European Union is, in fact, following not only American policies, but also the most extremist groups within the United States and the Zionist regime, and this is a great shame for Europe," Zarif highlighted.

The Foreign Minister described the EU action in imposing sanctions on a number of Iranian officials as destructive, saying, "We will deal with this action. Yesterday, we announced some of the decisions of the Islamic Republic regarding this action, and we are considering sanctions against Europeans who were involved in this illegal action, and we will continue this process."

"Europe must know that it is not in a morally superior position and cannot preach to the world," Zarif noted, adding, "A Europe in which xenophobia and anti-Islamism have created terrible conditions for Muslims has neither a reputation nor a place to sanction Iranian officials."

Referring to the claim of the dissident media that the activities of the Natanz site would be delayed for 9 months, the Iranian foreign minister said, "What happened in Natanz makes it possible for Iran to legally do anything to advance nuclear progress to compensate for this terrorist stupidity. In the near future, Natanz will move forward with more advanced centrifuges."

Noting that investigations are underway about the perpetrators of



the Natanz incident, he stressed, "If the Israeli regime is responsible, it will be responded."

Zarif went on to stress, "If the Zionists think they can prevent the lifting of sanctions against the Iranian people, they are wrong. Iran will be stronger both in terms of negotiations and nuclear issues after this incident."

Heading a high-ranking delegation, Lavrov arrived in Tehran on Monday evening upon the official invitation of Zarif and as part of political consultations between the foreign ministers of Iran.

According to Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh, the new round of talks between the top Iranian and Russian diplomats includes various aspects of bilateral relations, regional issues, especially the latest developments in the Caucasus, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan, cooperation between the two countries at regional and international levels, as well as important issues such as JCPOA, countering US unilateral moves and illegal sanctions.

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Turkish bank calls for end of US anti-Iranian prosecution

Turkey's Halkbank urges end of US prosecution alleging Iran sanctions violations.

According to Reuters, a lawyer for Halkbank told a US appeals court that the state-owned Turkish lender was immune from US prosecution and that an indictment accusing it of helping Iran evade American sanctions should be thrown out.

In arguments before the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, Halkbank's lawyer Simon Latcovich said the US government had no basis to assert criminal jurisdiction over the bank, and that the bank was "synonymous" with Turkey for purposes of immunity.

Halkbank has pleaded not guilty to bank fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy charges over its alleged use of money servicers and front companies in Iran, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates to evade sanctions.

Prosecutors accused the bank of converting oil revenue into gold and then cash to benefit Iranian interests and documenting fake food shipments to justify transfers of oil proceeds.

They also accused Halkbank of helping Iran secretly transfer \$20 billion of restricted funds, with at least \$1 billion laundered through the US financial system.

Zarif Raps Act of Sabotage at Natanz Nuclear Site in Letter to UN Chief

In a letter to United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif strongly condemned the deliberate targeting of Iran's nuclear facilities as a "war crime." Iran's top diplomat sent the letter to the UN chief on Monday, a day after a sabotage attack targeted the electricity distribution network of Ahmadi Roshan nuclear facility in Natanz, which is a uranium enrichment center located in central Iran. The attack caused a blackout and the disruption of the operations of this sensitive nuclear facility which has been under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s safeguards and extensive monitoring. Zarif said in his letter to Guterres that the timely and professional containment measures adopted by the highly dedicated management and staff of the NFEP and Iranian Atomic Energy Organization averted what could have become a human and environmental catastrophe.

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Iran Mission calls on EU to strongly condemn Natanz attack

Embassy of Iran to Belgium and Iran Mission in European Union called on the EU to strongly condemn the attack as a threat to international peace and security. In a tweet on Monday, Iran Mission in European Union wrote, "The int'l community should not take the recent attack on #Natanz lightly." "The EU is requested to strongly condemn this attack as a threat to int'l peace and security and as a deliberate act of terrorism against Iran's internationally monitored civilian nuclear facilities," it added. The spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Behrouz Kamalvandi said on Sunday that an incident took place in a part of the electricity distribution network of Shahid Ahmadi Roshan facility in Natanz. In his reaction to the incident that occurred in Natanz Nuclear Site, Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Chief Ali-Akbar Salehi said that Iran reserves the rights to act against perpetrators of the Natanz incident. Natanz is a uranium enrichment center located in the city of the same name in Iran's central province of Isfahan.

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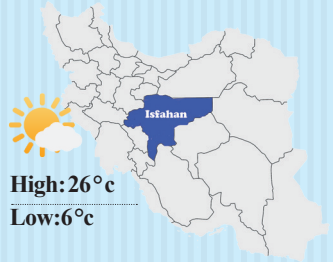
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WEATHER



Iran opens National Center for Quantum Technology

Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, was present at a ceremony opening the National Center for Quantum Technology. He talked about progresses made by the Iranian scientists in this field.

Calling quantum technology "a very important field", he said, "Today we experience quantum in the fields of computers, biology, sensitive sensor construction, and simulation."

Salehi, a nuclear physicist, also said, "Today, advanced countries are investing billions in this field, and Iran is the only leading country in this field in West Asia."



Iran to initiate mass production of COVID vaccines next week

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Nikki Haley Says She Won't Run for US President in 2024 If Trump Does

Nikki Haley, the former South Carolina governor and UN United Nations ambassador, said she won't run for US president as expected if Donald Trump makes another White House bid, and will support him if he does.

"I would not run if President Trump ran, and I would talk to him about it," Haley told reporters on Monday during a visit to South Carolina State University, Bloomberg reported.

"That's something that we'll have a conversation about, at some point, if that decision is something that has to be made."

Trump has teased about another presidential campaign and has suggested he'll make a decision after the 2022 midterm elections that will determine which party controls the House and Senate.

Haley, one of about a dozen potential Republican 2024 candidates, has

rebutted Trump over his false claims that the Nov 3 election had been stolen and for his fiery speech on Jan 6 that inspired some of his supporters to march on the US Capitol to stop the counting of Electoral College votes for US President Joe Biden.

She told Politico that she didn't think Trump could run again. "He's fallen so far," she said. "We need to acknowledge he let us down. He went down a path he shouldn't have, and we shouldn't have followed him."

Asked on Monday when she last spoke to the former president, Haley said it was after the election but before the Jan 6 riot.

Haley said she "had a great working relationship" with Trump and "appreciated the way he let me do my job" as his ambassador to the UN.

"I just want to keep building on what we accomplished," Haley said.

SCI: Q4 Graduates Unemployment Rate Reaches %14.1

The unemployment rate for university graduates stood at %14.1 in the fourth quarter of the last Iranian year (Dec., 21-2020 March 20), posting a %1.5 year-on-year decrease, according to the latest report of the Statistical Center of Iran.

Higher education unemployment rate for men stood at 10% and that of women was around 23.5%.

The share of higher education unemployment from the total unemployed population was 38.8% in Q4, which indicate a decline of 0.2% year-on-year.

The unemployment shares of male and female graduates from the total unemployed population stood at 26.4% and 71%, respectively, while the share of higher education unemployment from the total unemployed population were 42.6% in urban areas and 24.1% in rural areas during the period.

Iran's overall unemployment rate, the proportion of jobless population of ages 15 and above, stood at 9.7% in Q4, indicating a 0.9% decline compared with the same period of the year before.

A total of 2,477,850 Iranians were unemployed in Q4. Men's unemployment stood at 8.4% while the rate for women hovered around 16.5%. Over 1.79 million men and 685,934 women of ages 15 and above were jobless in Q4.

The unemployment rate was 10.2% for urban areas (1.96 million people) and 8% for rural areas (508,580 people).

SCI reports that 21.44 million men and 4.16 million women of ages 15 and above were economically active in Q4, i.e., they were either employed or looking for a job.

President Rouhani, FM Lavrov hold talks in Tehran

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani met and held talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Tuesday.

Heading a high-ranking delegation, Lavrov who arrived in

Tehran on Monday evening upon the official invitation of Zarif, met with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday noon. Earlier, Lavrov met his Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on the JCPOA and other matters.

According to Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh, the new round of talks between the top Iranian

SCI put Q4 labor force participation rate—the proportion of the population of ages 15 and above that is economically active either employed or looking for job—at 40.9% or 25.61 million people, registering a 1.5% decrease year-on-year.

The economic participation rates of men and women were 68.5% and 13.3% respectively in the same period.

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The services sector employed 50.4% of the Iranian employed population (11.66 million), 2.3% less than the corresponding period of last year; whereas industrial and agricultural sectors provided 33.8% and 15.8% of jobs respectively. Over 7.81 million were employed in the industrial sector, indicating an increase of 2.1% compared with the same period of the year before and 3.65 million worked in agriculture, posting a 0.2% increase YOY.

The services sector consists of wholesale and retail trade; restaurants and hotels; transport, storage and communications; financing, insurance, real estate and business services; as well as community, social, education, health and personal services. The sector employed 9.67 million men and 1.99 million women in the three-month period; over 6.88 million men and 927,211 women were working in the industrial sector and 3.09 million men and 562,828 women worked in the agriculture sector in Q4.

and Russian diplomats includes various aspects of bilateral relations, regional issues, especially the latest developments in the Caucasus, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan, cooperation between the two countries at regional and international levels, as well as important issues such as JCPOA, countering US unilateral moves and illegal sanctions.

Chamber of Guilds Announces Business Restrictions Amid 4th Covid Wave

Restaurants, food, ice-cream and fruit juice outlets in Covid-19 red zones are only allowed to operate takeaways and delivery during the ongoing two-week coronavirus lockdown.

According to a statement by Iran Chamber of Guilds, shopping malls, except specialized malls such as those selling tires, auto spare parts, ironware and computers, as well as flower shops in red cities, must close during the period.

Businesses violating the Covid containment measures will be subject to governmental orders requiring closure of their outlets for up to 15 days, Fars News Agency

reported. Iran's 31 provincial capitals are placed on red alert, as a fourth wave of infections is sweeping across the country at an unprecedented pace and the total number of infected cases surged past two million.

Tehran's Grand Bazaar has been ordered to close for two weeks starting April 10, to contain the rapid spread of infections.

According to Qasem Noudeh-Farahani, the head of Tehran's Chamber of Guilds, aside from Tehran's Grand Bazaar, all non-essential businesses, i.e., Group II, III and IV of jobs are forced to shutter, since the capital city has been demarcated as a "red zone".

Notably, only essential businesses categorized as Group I, including bakeries, supermarkets, grocery stores, carshops, chain stores, health

and treatment centers, pharmacies, factories, transportation companies, public parking garages, post offices, internet service providers, press, nursery homes and print shops, are allowed to remain open in red zones, Fars News Agency reported.

1m Businesses, 3m Jobs at Risk The Iran Chamber of Guilds recently issued a statement expressing concerns regarding the economic implications of a new surge in Covid-19 cases.

"Official figures suggest an increase in the number of new infections due to the decline in compliance with Covid-19 safety protocols during the Iranian New Year holidays. More cities and counties are falling in the high-risk red zone for coronavirus transmission and widespread closures of businesses are likely to ensue," the statement read.

