

Iraqi president pleased with Baghdad-Tehran energy ties

Baghdad, Dec 27, IRNA – Iraqi President Barham Ahmed Salih highlighted importance of Iraq-Iran cooperation in the field of energy. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83149786>

Iran seeking medicine imports from Brazil

Tehran, Dec 28, IRNA – Following the restrictions on Iran after the US exit from Iran nuclear deal, Tehran is seeking to import medicine and medical equipment from Brazil, said Iran's Health Minister Hassan Hashemi on Friday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83150112>

Iran foreign debt to drop to \$9.3bn by year end: World Bank

TEHRAN, Dec. 28 (MNA) – According to the latest World Bank figures, at the end of the current Iranian year (ending Mar. 21, 2019) Iran's foreign debt will reduce to \$ 9.3 billion while the country's oil exports are estimated at 1 million bpd next year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/140961/iran-foreign-debt-to-drop-to-9-3bn-by-year-end-World-Bank>

Asia's Iran crude imports top 664,000 bpd in November

China, India, Japan and South Korea last month imported about 664,800 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil from Iran, according to government and ship-tracking data. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/236558.html>



Iran Investment Climate Riskier in Spring 2018

A survey by the Majlis Research Center, the parliamentary research arm, says security of investments declined slightly in the first quarter of the current fiscal that ends in March 2019, compared to the previous winter. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/95799/iran-investment-climate-riskier-in-spring-2018>

Single Iranian refinery produces 1.15m barrels of condensate despite sanctions

Ilam, Dec 27, IRNA – Natural gas refinery of Iran, western Iran, produced 1.15 million barrels of natural-gas condensate in the first nine month the year, Vice President of Operations at Ilam Gas Treatment Company said on Thursday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83149439>

'Turkey expects extension of waiver for importing oil from Iran'

TEHRAN- Turkey expects the U.S. to extend its sanctions waiver on importing Iranian oil, Bloomberg reported on Thursday quoting Turkish Trade Minister Ruhsar Pekcan. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431207/Turkey-expects-extension-of-waiver-for-importing-oil-from-Iran>

Import Ban on Secondhand Products Lifted

The import ban on secondhand and repaired products has been lifted, provided they are approved by the Institute of Standards and Industrial Research of Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/95843/import-ban-on-secondhand-products-lifted>



Iranian traders discuss Chinese auto industry

Beijing, Dec 29, IRNA – The conference 'Automobile Industry in China' was held in Shanghai with the presence of Iranian traders on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83151034>

US sanctions ending dollar dominance: Russian expert

Moscow, Dec 29, IRNA - An analyst working for the Institute of Economics at the Russian Academy of Sciences said the US sanctions against other countries such as Russia, Iran and China would end the US dollar's dominance in the world. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83151267>

Kermanshah exports rise 47% in 9 months

TEHRAN, Dec. 29 (MNA) – Close to 4.247 million tons of goods worth \$2.107 billion were exported from the western province of Kermanshah in the past nine months through Dec. 21, indicating a rise both in terms of volume and value, a senior official said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/140992/Kermanshah-exports-rise-47-in-9-months>

Iranian trade delegation to visit India in early January

TEHRAN – An Iranian trade delegation headed by the chairman of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) is due to accompany Iranian foreign minister in his visit to India in January 7, 2019, the portal of ICCIMA reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431255/Iranian-trade-delegation-to-visit-India-in-early-January>

Iran, Syria discuss long-term strategic economic ties

Tehran, Dec 29, IRNA -- Members of the Iran-Syria Joint Ministerial Economic Committee met in Tehran on Saturday and the meeting was co-chaired by Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Mohammad Eslami and Syrian Economy Minister Mohammad Samer al-Khalil. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83151772>

Northern Province Starts Exporting Pisciculture Food

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran's Northern Province of Golestan started exporting food for farming fish with sending 250 tons of products to neighboring countries of Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13971008001015>

Chabahar port transits 120,000 tons of commodities to Afghanistan

Some 120,000 tons of commodities were transited to Afghanistan from the southeastern Iranian port of Chabahar during the 14 months ending December 21, according to deputy head of Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/236612.html>

Iran sends 19,000 tons of steel products to Turkey via railway

TEHRAN, Dec. 30 (MNA) – Iran has exported some 19,000 tons of steel products – mainly rebars – to Turkey via railway within the past two months, while the items were previously transported to the neighboring state via road fleet. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/141023/Iran-sends-19-000-tons-of-steel-products-to-Turkey-via-railway>

Natanz Steel Mill Exports Doubled in 9 Months

TEHRAN (FNA)- The volume of steel products exported from Natanz Steel Mill in the first 3 quarters of the current Iranian year (started on March 21, 2018) has surged by 100%, compared with the corresponding period last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13971009000510>

Iran non-oil exports hit \$33b

Tehran, Dec 30, IRNA – Iran Customs announced that 86,940,000 tons of non-oil products worth \$33,3 billion have been exported during the first 9 months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2018-December 22, 2018). Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83152780>



Iran to increase gasoline output to 100m liters per day

Tehran, Dec 30, IRNA – Iran will increase its gasoline output to 100 million liters per day, Oil Minister Bijan Zangeneh said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83153003>

UIC to provide support for Iran to supply transport infrastructure

Isfahan, Nov 27, IRNA- Head of the Regional Assembly of Middle East Railways (UIC) said that Iran's proposal for the establishment of a joint company to exploit by its member states will be raised in the upcoming summit and its general plan to provide transport infrastructure is supported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83114507>

Japan to seek extension of US waivers for Iran oil imports

Japanese buyers will seek an extension of the waiver from US sanctions on Iranian oil imports after the initial 180-day exemption is over, the Petroleum Association of Japan (PAJ) said on Tuesday. Please visit the following link for more information:

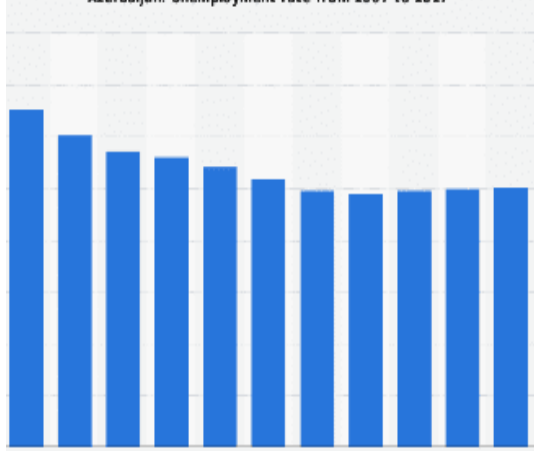
<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/234883.html>

SIPRI Chief Warns about Iran's Oil Exports Disruption Consequences

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a leading think tank on global security issues, warned that the world would face a high risk of economic recession in case of disruption of oil supply from Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2018/11/27/1885301/sipri-chief-warns-about-iran-s-oil-exports-disruption-consequences>

Azerbaijan: Unemployment rate from 2007 to 2017



Over one billion USD worth of goods exported from the East Azarbaijan customs

Tabriz, Dec 30, IRNA- The official in charge of supervising East Azarbaijan customs and the Director General of Tabriz Custom announced that in the first 9 months of Iranian year (started March 21), 1.604254 tons of goods worth \$1.191877373 were exported from the province. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83152846>

MP: Agro export revenues Iran's main alternative for oil income

At present, revenues from agro exports are Iran's main alternative for replacing the incomes generated through overseas sales of oil products, said an Iranian MP. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/236663.html>

Iran's annual rail exports up by 140%: Official

Mashad, Dec 31, IRNA – Iran's this year rail exports has grown by 140 percent compared to figures from previous year, according to the managing director of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83154262>



Iran's aquaculture being exported to Balkan countries

Tehran, Dec 31, IRNA - Director General of the Office for the Improvement of Quality, Processing and Development of Aquaculture Market of the Iran Fisheries Organization said that this year for the first time fishery products will be exported to Balkan countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83154283>

Iran Set to Begin GM Cotton Cultivation: Report

Cotton is set to be the first genetically-modified crop authorized for cultivation in Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/95903/iran-set-to-begin-gm-cotton-cultivation-report>

First Iran-Made Citroen C3s Delivered in Tehran

The joint venture company between France's Citroen and Iran's SAIPA delivered the first Citroen C3s made in the central city of Kashan to customers earlier this week in Tehran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/auto/95896/first-iran-made-citroen-c3s-delivered-in-tehran>

Iran Poised to Increase Wheat Harvest

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iranian agricultural officials said that a bigger volume of wheat is expected to be harvested this year due to increase in rainfall in the 2019 water year, reassuring that the country will still stay self-sufficient for wheat. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13971010000863>

Pakistan keen on boosting cooperation with Iran in power sector

Islamabad, Dec 31, IRNA - Pakistan Minister for Power Omar Ayub Khan said that Pakistan is willing to further enhance its existing cooperation with Iran in power sector. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83154167>

Banking transactions between Iran, Syria to be facilitated

TEHRAN, Dec. 31 (MNA) – In a meeting with Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Mohammad Samer al-Khalil held this morning on Mon. Dec. 31 in Tehran, Governor of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) Abdolnaser Hemmati emphasized on broadening and enhancing banking ties between the two countries based on economic cooperation agreement inked in this respect. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/141083/Banking-transactions-between-Iran-Syria-to-be-facilitated>

Iran Attracts \$625mln Worth of FDI in Mineral, Industrial Sectors

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran has increased its foreign direct investment (FDI) in different mining, industrial and commercial fields in the first eight months of the current Iranian years (March 21, 2018-November 22, 2018), official figures said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13971011000819>

Superjets in Iran 'out of question for now': Official

Plans to use Sukhoi Superjet 100 aircraft in Iranian airlines have been put on hold for now because the Russian planemaker has failed to receive a US license for sales to the Islamic Republic, an official says. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.presstv.com/Detail/2019/01/01/584570/Iran-aviation-Superjet-Russia-US-sanctions-Airbus>

Energy Subsidies Must Go, But How?

Fossil fuel subsidies paid by the Iranian government are 21 times more than its direct subsidy payments, Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said last week. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/95901/energy-subsidies-must-go-but-how>

Iran hopes for presence of major liners in Chabahar Port

TEHRAN, Jan. 01 (MNA) – Managing Director of Ports and Maritime Organization Mohammad Rastad said he hopes that the activities of Indian operator in Chabahar Port will pave the ground for the increased presence of major world liners in the port. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/141116/Iran-hopes-for-presence-of-major-liners-in-Chabahar-Port>

Official: Iran's north nine-month aquatic exports up 115%

Value of aquatic exports from the northern Iranian province of Mazandaran witnessed a 115-percent growth during March 21-December 21, 2018, said the director general of Mazandaran Fisheries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/236743.html>

Iran's Central Bank Urges Exporters to Return Currency Earnings

In its latest directive, the Central Bank of Iran, on Tuesday urged exporters to return their export earnings to "the country's economic cycle" as their three-month deadline comes to an end. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/95928/irans-central-bank-urges-exporters-to-return-currency-earnings>