



## Iran, Nakhchivan officials confer on ways to expand oil & gas ties

Baku, April 16, IRNA -- Consul General of Iran in Nakhchivan on Friday called for expansion of oil and gas ties with Nakhchivan. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84297407/Iran-Nakhchivan-officials-confer-on-ways-to-expand-oil-gas>

## The China-Iran Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Tip-Toeing Toward Significance

In late March 2021, China and Iran finally signed a 25-year cooperation agreement known as the China-Iran Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. While final details were not publicly released and the agreement is not binding, its contours could prove significant. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.chinausfocus.com/foreign-policy/the-china-iran-comprehensive-strategic-partnership-tip-toeing-toward-significance>

## 'Iranian free zones register positive trade balance over past 2 years'

TEHRAN - The Secretary of Iranian Free Zones High Council Hamidreza Mo'meni said the trade balance of the country's free and special economic zones has been positive in the past two years despite the negative balance of the country's foreign trade. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/459877/Iranian-free-zones-register-positive-trade-balance-over-past>

## \$1 Billion Gas Refinery Opens in Fars Province

The Parsian Sepehr Gas Refinery became operational on Thursday in Fars Province, head of the company's board of directors said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/108209/1-billion-gas-refinery-opens-in-fars-province>



## Revenues of Iranian TSE-Listed Mining Firms Double to \$13.4 Billion

The Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization has released a new report on the sales of 74 heavyweight Tehran Stock Exchange-listed mining and mineral companies. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/108210/revenues-of-iranian-tse-listed-mining-firms-double-to-134-billion>

## Iran: 7.5m Tons of Goods Transit Last Year

A total of 7.53 million tons of commodities were transited through Iran during the last fiscal year (March 2020-21), showing a 0.89% decline compared with the year before, according to the spokesperson of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/108211/iran-75m-tons-of-goods-transit-last-year>

## Iran outstripped the EU in wheat purchases from Kazakhstan

February exports of Kazakh wheat totaled 331 KMT (-18% from January, -12% from February 2019/20). Almost 3 MMT of wheat has been exported this season (+21% y-o-y), UkrAgroConsult reports. Please visit the following link for more information:

[https://ukragroconsult.com/en/news/iran-outstripped-the-eu-in-wheat-purchases-from-kazakhstan/#:~:text=February%20exports%20of%20Kazakh%20wheat,from%20February%202019%2F20.&text=Iran%20continues%20to%20actively%20purchase,\(up%2027%20times%20y%2Do%2Dy\).](https://ukragroconsult.com/en/news/iran-outstripped-the-eu-in-wheat-purchases-from-kazakhstan/#:~:text=February%20exports%20of%20Kazakh%20wheat,from%20February%202019%2F20.&text=Iran%20continues%20to%20actively%20purchase,(up%2027%20times%20y%2Do%2Dy).)

## Iran's Industrial PMI Ends Fiscal 2020-21 Above Threshold

The Purchasing Managers' Index for industries during the 12th month of last fiscal year (Feb. 19-March 20) settled at 57.29 from 58.34 in the preceding month (Jan. 20-Feb. 18), indicating a 1.05-point or a 1.8% decrease. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/108212/irans-industrial-pmi-ends-fiscal-2020-21-above-threshold>



## Iran Ups Aluminum Production by over 60 Percent

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran's aluminum production in the last Iranian year (ended March 20, 2021) rose by 61 percent as compared to the previous year's corresponding period, a report by the country's state-run metals and mining conglomerate IMIDRO said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14000130000863/Iran-Ups-Alminm-Prdcin-by-ver-60-Percen>

## Iran has \$2.5b trade exchanges with Caspian Sea countries

Tehran, April 19, IRNA – The spokesman of the Customs Administration of Iran said on Monday that the country had \$2.525 billion dollars of non-oil trade with the Caspian Sea countries in the Iranian year 1399 (ended March 2020). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84301019/Iran-has-2-5b-trade-exchanges-with-Caspian-Sea-countries>

## Official: Iraq to Pay Iran's Frozen Money

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iraq has reached a settlement with Iran on paying the latter's blocked assets, an economic official said, adding that the process takes one month for the mutual trade to return to normal. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14000130000140/Official-Ira-Pay-Iran%E2%80%99s-Frzen-Mney>

## Iran, Serbia stress need to expand trade, agricultural ties

TEHRAN, Apr. 19 (MNA) – In his meeting with the Serbian Foreign Minister Nikola Selaković, Iranian Minister of Agriculture Kazem Khavazi stressed the need to expand trade and agricultural relations between the two countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/172266/Iran-Serbia-stress-need-to-expand-trade-agricultural-ties>

## \$9.7b Worth of Agrifood Imported in 11 Months

A total of 21.74 million tons of agricultural and food products worth \$9.7 billion were imported into Iran during the first 11 months of the last fiscal year (ended March 20, 2021), registering a year-on-year decline of 5.7% in volume and a 17.7% fall in value. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/dome-stic-economy/108263/97b-worth-of-agrifood-imported-in-11-months>

## 'Transportation' Inflation at 65.6%

The average goods and services Consumer Price Index of "transportation" in the 12-month period ending March 20, which marks the end of the 12th month of fiscal 2020-21, increased by 65.6% compared with the similar period of the year before. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/dome-stic-economy/108242/transportation-inflation-at-656>

## Annual Mineral Extraction From SW Province Reaches 5.2m Tons

About 5.2 million tons of minerals were extracted from Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari in the last Iranian year (ended March 20, 2021), according to a local official from the provincial Industries, Mining and Trade Organization. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/dome-stic-economy/108240/annual-mineral-extraction-from-sw-province-reaches-52m-tons>

## Foreign companies inclined to work with Iranian auto parts makers

Tehran, April 20, IRNA – The chief executive officer of the biggest Iranian auto parts maker told IRNA on Tuesday that the foreign companies have inclination for cooperating with Iranian automobile piece-makers. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84303183/Foreign-companies-inclined-to-work-with-Iranian-auto-parts-makers>

## Azerbaijan doubles potatoes imports from Iran

Baku, April 20, IRNA - The Republic of Azerbaijan has doubled its imports of potatoes from the Islamic Republic of Iran in the current year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84303151/Azerbaijan-doubles-potatoes-imports-from-Iran>

## Iran joins world's top 5 steam turbine builders

TEHRAN – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday unveiled the country's first domestically-made steam turbine rotor which is installed in a power plant in the capital Tehran, IRNA reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/460039/Iran-joins-world-s-top-5-steam-turbine-builders>



## Iran's Cement Output Ranking Climbs to Seventh Worldwide

Iran was ranked the seventh biggest producer of cement in the world in 2019, with an output of 60 million tons. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102502/irans-cement-output-ranking-climbs-to-seventh-worldwide>

## Oil, Petrochem Projects Worth \$2.7b Launched in Ilam, Bushehr

President Hassan Rouhani on Monday officially inaugurated oil and petrochemical projects valued at \$2.7 billion in Ilam and Bushehr provinces via videoconference. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/107688/oil-petrochem-projects-worth-27b-launched-in-ilam-bushehr>

## Nuclear talks are progressing, Iran and U.S. say, despite Tehran's enrichment threats

Talks on the Iranian nuclear deal in Vienna hit more positive notes on Monday, officials said, as Tehran and Washington continue indirect negotiations in the hope of reviving the 2015 accord that lifted economic sanctions on Iran in exchange for curbs to its nuclear program. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/20/nuclear-deal-talks-are-making-progress-iran-and-us-say.html>

## "Pishin" border terminal to facilitate Iran-Pakistan traffic

Chabahar, April 20, IRNA – Head of Roads and Transportations Organization Daryush Amani Tehrani said here on Tuesday the the Pishin Border Terminal will boost transit between the two countries and facilitate the Iran-Pakistan road traffic. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84303536/Pishin-border-terminal-to-facilitate-Iran-Pakistan-traffic>