



Export of petrochemical products hits \$9b

Tehran, Jan 12, IRNA – Total volume of the country's petrochemical products hit 40.5 million tons while the value of the country's exports in the first nine months registered at \$8.946 billion in the same period. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83167988>

Iran Cement Exports at 4.8m Tons in 9 Months

Foreign exchange rates surged in the Tehran market on Saturday, prompting the Central Bank of Iran to release a statement to reassure the public that it has a grip on the market. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/96127/currency-rates-rise-in-tehran-cbi-reassures-public>

Indian Commerce and Industry Minister: (KICKER) New Delhi to Trade With Tehran in Accordance With Int'l Laws

India would like to trade with Iran without violating any international laws, Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu said on Thursday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96101/indian-commerce-and-industry-minister-kicker-new-delhi-to-trade-with>

Beijing-Tehran economic ties durable, growing: China

Beijing, Jan 12, IRNA – China and Iran are great economic partners, and the two nations enjoy growing and durable economic relations, the spokesman for the Chinese ministry of commerce said on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83167489>



Iran's Economy to Shrink, Before Ascending in 2020: World Bank

Latest World Bank projections show Iran's gross domestic product will continue to contract in 2019, before reversing gear in 2020. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96096/irans-economy-to-shrink-before-ascending-in-2020-world-bank>

Iran, China hold expert meeting on maritime railway transportation

Beijing, Jan 13, IRNA – The Iran-China expert meeting for reviewing challenges and opportunities of the two nations in developing cooperation in maritime and railway transportation was held in the Chinese southern city Iowa on Sunday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83168621>

Minerals, mining exports at \$7.2b in 9 months

TEHRAN- The value of Iran's minerals and mining exports stood at \$7.2 billion during the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 22, 2018), showing a one-percent growth from the figure of the same period of time in the past year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431782/Minerals-mining-exports-at-7-2b-in-9-months>

German FM Heiko Maas: Iran Payment System Will Be Finalized Soon

Germany's foreign minister said he is hopeful Europe in the coming weeks will be able to finalize its long-promised payment channel for conducting trade with Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/96126/german-fm-heiko-maas-iran-payment-system-will-be-finalized-soon>



Iran not concerned for importing needed goods: Official

Noshahr, Jan 13, IRNA – Iran is exporting and importing the needed goods without any concern despite the renewed US sanctions on the country, said the Managing-Director of Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) on Sunday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83169341>

East Azarbaijan Exports Top \$1.6b

East Azarbaijan Province exported 1.95 million tons of goods worth \$1.64 billion to 98 countries in the nine months to Dec. 21. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96138/east-azarbaijan-exports-top-16b>

Slight Downtick in Iran's Aluminum Output

Iran's major aluminum producers' output stood at 249,017 tons during the nine months to Dec. 21, which indicates a 1% decrease compared with last year's corresponding period, the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domeestic-economy/96136/slight-downtick-in-irans-aluminum-output>

Order registration period extended

TEHRAN- Iranian deputy industry minister informed of an agreement between his ministry and the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) on extension of order registration period for importing goods from three months to six months, the portal of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431830/Order-registration-period-extended>

Iran Produces Advanced Bitumen

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iranian researchers produced a new type of state-of-the-art bitumen based on the global standards whose quality can change based on the volume of traffic. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?n=13971025000634> Iran Produces Advanced Bitumen

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Iran's ECA Reports 62% Growth in Export Guarantees in 9 Months

The Export Guarantee Fund of Iran, a state-owned export credit agency, issued \$1.7 billion worth of guarantees for exporters of non-oil goods in the first nine months of current fiscal that ends in March, up 62% compared to the corresponding period last year, the EGFI chief said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/96171/irans-eca-reports-62-growth-in-export-guarantees-in-9-months>

Investments in industrial sector doubled in 8 months

TEHRAN- According to the data released by the Iranian industry minister, during the first eight months of the present Iranian year (March 21- November 21, 2018), some 384.36 trillion rials (about \$9.15 billion) of investments have been made in domestic industrial sector, IRNA reported on Sunday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431831/Investments-in-industrial-sector-doubled-in-8-months>

Japan banks to resume Iran oil transactions

Major Japanese banks are set to resume Iranian oil transactions after receiving final regulatory clearance, paving the way for the country's refiners to begin loadings as early as this month, sources with direct knowledge of the matter told S&P Global Platts Tuesday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/237391.html>

Ambassador: Iran, Azerbaijan should work to expand relations in 2019

Azerbaijani and Iranian investors are interested in cooperation in joint projects, Iranian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Javad Jahangirzadeh told Trend News Agency. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/237393.html>

Iran nine-month aluminum output tops 228,000 tons

Iranian aluminum smelters cast 228,314 tons of ingot during the first nine months of the current Iranian year (March 21-December 21, 2018). Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.iran-daily.com/News/237392.html>



Economic activists want facilitation of ties with Iran

Sulaymaniyah, Jan 15, IRNA – Officials and economic activists in Sulaymaniyah province of Iraqi Kurdistan region have called for facilitation and promotion of economic relations with Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83172324>

Traders Fear Europe's SPV May Not Fend Off US Sanctions on Iran: Exclusive

As Iranian traders (and more broadly Europeans) wait for the launch of the long-awaited special purpose vehicle by European powers, some businesses fear that the trade mechanism may after all fail to shield Iran's trade from the long reach of US sanctions. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/96201/traders-fear-europes-spv-may-not-fend-off-us-sanctions-on-iran>

Development of Kish Gas Field awarded to POGC

TEHRAN- Development of Kish Gas Field was awarded to Pars Oil and Gas company (POGC), Mohammad Meshkinfam, the company's managing director, announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/43191/1/Development-of-Kish-Gas-Field-awarded-to-POGC>

Chinese investment in Abadan Refinery at \$2b

TEHRAN - Alireza Sadeq-Abadi, the managing director of National Iranian Oil Refining and Distribution Company (NIORDC) said China has already made some \$2 billion of investment in the development project of Abadan Refinery in southwest of Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431910/Chinese-investment-in-Abadan-Refinery-at-2b>



Subsidized Imports Spur Smuggling of Essential Goods From Iran

Sugar cubes, tomato paste, rice, fish, eggs and many other products categorized by the government as "essential goods", importers of which get subsidized foreign currency, are now popping up in shops of neighboring countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96188/subsidized-imports-spur-smuggling-of-essential-goods-from-iran>

Goods Transit via Iran Exceeds 7 Million Tons

More than 7.06 million tons of oil and non-oil commodities were transited through Iran's 32 land and marine borders during the first nine months of the current Iranian year (March 21-Dec. 21) to register a 4% rise compared with the corresponding period of last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96191/goods-transit-via-iran-exceeds-7-million-tons>

Iran's Non-Oil Trade With Indonesia Up 13%

Iran traded 1.63 million tons of non-oil commodities worth \$676.78 million with Indonesia during the first nine months of the current fiscal year (March 21-Dec. 21), registering a 5.12% and 13.1% growth in tonnage and value respectively compared with last year's corresponding period, latest data released by the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration show. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96190/irans-non-oil-trade-with-indonesia-up-13>



FM: Iran Ready to Sign "Zero Tariffs" Deal with Iraq Exports via Khorramshahr Port up 16%

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif announced the country's willingness to ink a deal with Iraq to drop customs tariffs between the two countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://en.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=1397102600613>

KHORRAMSHAHR, Jan. 16 (MAN) – Exports of non-oil commodities from the southwestern port city of Khorramshahr, Khuzestan province, have increased in the past ten months of the current Iranian year (started March 2018), the director of Khorramshahr Ports and Maritime Directorate said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/141598/Exports-via-Khorramshahr-Port-up-16>

India's soybean exports to Iran could hike: Indian official

TEHRAN, Jan. 16 (MNA) – India's soybean exports to Iran could see a considerable rise in the coming months, says B.V. Mehta, executive director of the Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA), a Mumbai-based industry body for oilseed processors. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/141588/India-s-soybean-exports-to-Iran-could-hike-Indian-official>

Switzerland to host next joint economic committee meeting with Iran: envoy

TEHRAN – Swiss government is planning to host the next Iran-Switzerland Joint Economic Committee meeting, the portal of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) quoted the Swiss ambassador to Tehran as saying. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/431951/Switzerland-to-host-next-joint-economic-committee-meeting-with->

Cuba and Iran promote trade and economic cooperation

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan 16 (ACN) Officials and businessmen from Cuba and Iran will give an impulse to the commercial and cooperation relations between both countries during the celebration, in this capital, of the XVII Session of the Intergovernmental Commission between both countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.cubanews.acn.cu/economy/8915-cuba-and-iran-promote-trade-and-economic-cooperation>

Iran's Non-Oil Trade With Australia Expands 41%

Iran traded 87,803 tons of non-oil commodities worth \$140.65 million with Australia during the first nine months of the current fiscal year (March 21-Dec. 21), registering a 111.19% and 41.31% growth in tonnage and value respectively compared with last year's corresponding period, latest data released by the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration show. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/96210/irans-non-oil-trade-with-australia-expands-41>