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## India-Chabahar-Afghanistan corridor becomes operational

TEHRAN, Mar. 13 (MNA) – India-Chabahar-Afghanistan corridor became officially operational with the shipment of two containers through Mumbai, Chabahar and the Dogharoon border, according to the Director-General of Customs Transit of Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/156664/India-Chabahar-Afghanistan-corridor-becomes-operational>

## Iran Seeks Help from Int'l Banks to Fight Coronavirus

The Ministry of Economy has sent requests to multilateral development banks, in which Iran is a member, for financial and non-financial assistance for controlling, combating and treating the coronavirus. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/102589/iran-seeks-help-from-int-l-banks-to-fight-coronavirus>

## Lead, Zinc Ore Extractions Exceed 880K Tons

Major Iranian lead and zinc producers extracted 882,972 tons of ores during the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019-Feb. 19) to register a decline of 13% compared with last year's corresponding period, the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization's latest report shows. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102581/lead-zinc-ore-extractions-exceed-880k-tons>

## Iran, Japan, UNIDO set to cooperate on fishery

London, March 14, IRNA – Iran, Japan and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have agreed to cooperate on launching the third phase of advanced know-how on fishery in the Iranian port city of Chabahar in southeastern Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/83713185/Iran-Japan-UNIDO-set-to-cooperate-on-fishery>



## MSC Remains Iran's Biggest Steelmaker

With an output of 15.82 million tons, Mobarakeh Steel Company had the largest share of steel production in Iran during the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019-Feb. 19). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102579/msc-remains-irans-biggest-steelmaker>

## Gov't Pushes to Curb Auto Industry's Import Reliance

With the domestic development and production of 70 key auto parts since July 2019, Iran's automotive industry has curbed capital flight amounting to €127 million, said a deputy industries minister. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/auto/102584/gov-t-pushes-to-curb-auto-industry-s-import-reliance>

## Iran unveils its first 6-speed manual gearbox

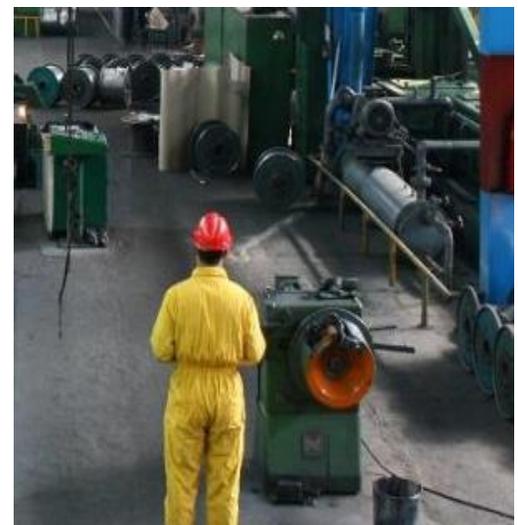
TEHRAN – Iran's top automaker, Iran Khodro Company (IKCO), has unveiled the country's first domestically designed six-speed manual gearbox, IRIB reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/446094/Iran-unveils-its-first-6-speed-manual-gearbox>

## Iran's Economic PMI Improves

The Purchasing Managers' Index for Iran's overall economy settled at 47.62 for the 11th month of the current fiscal year (Jan. 21-Feb. 19), indicating that the economy remains in recession, according to the Statistics and Economic Analysis Center of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102583/iran-s-economic-pmi-improves>



## IMIDRO Assesses Iran's Upstream Copper Output

The National Iranian Copper Industries Company and its subsidiaries, including Sungun Complex, Miduk Complex and Sarcheshmeh Copper Complex, produced a total of 1.08 million tons of copper concentrate in the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019-Feb. 19), remaining unchanged in output compared with last year's similar period. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102577/imidro-assesses-irans-upstream-copper-output>



## Iran's largest container port registers 3.7% growth in exports

TEHRAN, Mar. 15 (MNA) – Shahid Rajaei Port, Iran's largest container port, has registered a 3.7% growth in oil-based and non-oil exports since March 2019 compared to the same period in the previous year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/156739/Iran-s-largest-container-port-registers-3-7-growth-in-exports>

## Export of non-oil goods from Bushehr Customs hits 22 MT

Bushehr , March 15, IRNA – The provincial customs supervisor and the director general of Bushehr Customs said on Sunday that over 22 million tons of non-oil goods were exported from the province's customs office during the 11 months of the current Iranian year, starting on March 21st. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/83715203/Export-of-non-oil-goods-from-Bushehr-Customs-hits-22-MT>

## Industrial PMI Gets Boost

The Purchasing Managers' Index for the industrial sector during the 11th month of the current fiscal year (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) settled at 56.14 from 51.92 in the preceding month, indicating a 4.22-point or 8.1% increase month-on-month.

Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102564/industrial-pmi-gets-boost>

## Mehran border terminal shut down until further notice: IRICA

TEHRAN, Mar. 15 (MNA) – According to Iraq Border Crossing Department, any activity in Mehran Border Terminal both in trade and passenger sector is currently closed until further notice. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/156731/Mehran-border-terminal-shut-down-until-further-notice-IRICA>



## Iran's export to Iraq 'underway' despite problems: official

TEHRAN, Mar. 15 (MNA) – Chairman of Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce Yahya Al-e Es'hagh said that Iran's export of products to neighboring Iraq is running despite some problems. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/156743/Iran-s-export-to-Iraq-underway-despite-problems-official>

## Agricultural exports exceed \$5b in 11 months

TEHRAN – Iran exported 6.348 million tons of agricultural products worth \$5.204 billion in the first 11 months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2019- February 19, 2020), IRNA reported, quoting the director-general of Agriculture Ministry's Export Promotion Bureau. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/446143/Agricultural-exports-exceed-5b-in-11-months>

## Official: Iranian experts to repair regional countries' power plants

Tehran, March 15, IRNA – Managing Director of Iran Power Plant Repairs Company said based on the negotiations held with some regional states, Iranian experts will engage in reconstructing and repairing power plants there soon. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/83715928/Official-Iranian-experts-to-repair-regional-countries-power>

## Corn Tops Iran's Essential Goods Imports in Three Quarters

The Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration has published a new report on imported essential goods during the first nine months of the current Iranian year (March 21-Dec. 21, 2019). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102599/corn-tops-irans-essential-goods-imports-in-three-quarters>

## Iron Ore Pellet Output Near 38m Tons in 11 Months

Latest data released by the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization show iron ore pellet output in Iran hit 37.92 million tons during the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019-Feb. 19), down 2% YOY. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102600/iron-ore-pellet-output-near-38m-tons-in-11-months>

## Wheat Output Drives Growth in Iran's Grain Production

Iran's wheat output is forecast to reach close to 15.36 million tons by the year 2028 from 13.57 million tons in 2019, registering an annual growth of 2.7% year-on-year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102597/wheat-output-drives-growth-in-irans-grain-production>

## Ethanol Import Ban Lifted Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

The ban on ethanol imports has been lifted, according to the director general of the Ministry of Industries, Mining and Trade's Import and Export Bureau. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102646/ethanol-import-ban-lifted-amid-covid-19-outbreak>

## East Azarbaijan Agro Exports Top \$330m in 11 Months

East Azarbaijan exported \$334 million worth of agricultural products during the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019-Feb. 19). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102642/east-azarbaijan-agro-exports-top-330m-in-11-months>

## Iran's Non-Oil Foreign Trade Deficit at \$1.5 Billion

Iran's non-oil foreign trade during the first 11 months of the current Iranian year (March 21, 2019, to Feb. 19) stood at \$78.5 billion, the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration's data showed. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/102640/irans-non-oil-foreign-trade-deficit-at-15-billion>