



TPO holds 2nd meeting of Iran-Qatar commodity-country desk

TEHRAN- Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) held the second meeting of its Commodity-Country Desk on trade with Qatar, director-general of TPO's office of Arabian and African countries announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450113/TPO-holds-2nd-meeting-of-Iran-Qatar-commodity-country-de>

Shahid Rajaee Port's phase 3 of development to be completed by Mar. 2021

TEHRAN - The third phase of the development plan of Iran's biggest container port, Shahid Rajaee, is going to go operational by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2021), according to head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450100/Shahid-Rajaee-Port-s-phase-3-of-development-to-be-completed-by>

Pakistan welcomes Iran's inclusion in CPEC

TEHRAN, Jul. 17 (MNA) – The Pakistani Foreign Minister said that the accession of the Islamic Republic of Iran to China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) will be in the interest of the whole region. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161074/Pakistan-welcomes-Iran-s-inclusion-in-CPEC>

Iran calls for expediting road, rail, sea trade with Russia

TEHRAN- Iranian Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali said that his country's seeking ways to facilitate and speed up trade with Russia via road, rail, and sea, IRNA reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450093/Iran-calls-for-expediting-road-rail-sea-trade-with-Russia>



Indian Foreign Ministry Reacts to Chabahar-Zahedan Railroad Controversy

India's Ministry of External Affairs has downplayed the recent controversy with its longstanding partner Iran, even as media reported that India had been dropped out of the Chabahar-Zahedan railroad project. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/economy/104365/indian-foreign-ministry-reacts-to-chabahar-zahedan-railroad-controversy>

Q1 Agrifood Exports Reach 2m Tons Worth \$1.2 Billion

Iran exported 2 million tons of agricultural and food products worth over \$1.25 billion during the first three months of the current fiscal year (March 20-June 20). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/104362/q1-agrifood-exports-reach-2m-tons-worth-12-billion>

Jask to soon become a hub for Iran oil exports: Rouhani

TEHRAN – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Thursday that Jask Island is going to become one of the country's most import oil terminals in near future, Shana reported, citing the presidency's official website. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450094/Jask-to-soon-become-a-hub-for-Iran-oil-exports-Rouhani>

'S. Korea's current approach toward Iran will impact future relations'

TEHRAN – Former director-general of Iranian Foreign Affairs Ministry's East Asia Department has said that South Korea's refusal for releasing Iranian money which is blocked in the Asian country due to the U.S. sanctions will negatively affect the two countries' future relations. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450101/S-Korea-s-current-approach-toward-Iran-will-impact-future-relations>



Iranian Firm Launches Soft Drink Production in Afghanistan

Zamzam Group, an Iranian producer of soft drinks, has launched a production line in Afghanistan's fourth-largest city, Mazar-i-Sharif. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/104368/iranian-firm-launches-soft-drink-production-in-afghanistan>

Auto production vol. at 18% growth in current year

TEHRAN, Jul. 18 (MNA) - Production of vehicles by domestic car manufacturers registered an 18 percent growth since the beginning of the current year (started March 21) up to July 14. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161086/Auto-production-vol-at-18-growth-in-current-year>

Iran's Exports to Iraq top \$1.45 billion in three months

TEHRAN, Jan. 28 (MNA) – Iran exported more than five million tons of goods worth around \$1.45 billion to Iraq during the first three months of the current fiscal to June 20, said the secretary general of Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161091/Iran-s-Exports-to-Iraq-top-1-45-billion-in-three-months>

\$111 Million Spent to Improve Hormozgan Energy Conditions

Twenty water and electricity projects costing \$111 million were inaugurated Thursday in Hormozgan Province. These include a desalination plant with a capacity of 20,000 cubic meters in Bandar Abbas and increasing capacity of a steam unit at a Bandar Abbas power plant by 115 megawatts. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/104361/111-million-spent-to-improve-hormozgan-energy-conditions>

Free zones absorb over \$9.7b of investment in 7 years

TEHRAN- Free trade and industrial zones of Iran have absorbed 410 trillion rials (about \$9.761 billion) of investment during the past seven years, the deputy head of Iranian Free Zones High Council for economic affairs told IRNA on Friday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450146/Free-zones-absorb-over-9-7b-of-investment-in-7-years>

Exports' cost drops in Chabahar Port using transit containers

TEHRAN, Jul. 18 (MNA) – The Director General of Sistan and Baluchestan Ports and Maritime Department General pointed to the reduced cost of exports in Chabahar Port using transit wheat containers. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161090/Exports-cost-drops-in-Chabahar-Port-using-transit-containers>

Sistan, Baluchestan exports 54k tons of cement to Afghanistan

TEHRAN, Jul. 18 (MNA) – Head of Road and Transportation Department of Sistan and Baluchestan Ayoub Kord said on Saturday that as of March 20, 54,000 tons of cement have been exported to Afghanistan from the province. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161089/Sistan-Baluchestan-exports-54k-tons-of-cement-to-Afghanistan>

Petchem complexes urged to supply industries with anti-corona materials

TEHRAN – Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh has urged the petrochemical complexes to supply the downstream industries with the necessary raw materials for manufacturing products used in containing coronavirus, Shana reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450140/Petchem-complexes-urged-to-supply-industries-with-anti-corona>

Sixth Indian shipment to Afghanistan arrives at Iranian port

CHABAHAR, Jul. 18 (MNA) – India's sixth consignment of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan has arrived at Chabahar's Shahid Beheshti Port, the director-general of Sistan and Baluchestan Ports and Maritime Department said on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161104/Sixth-Indian-shipment-to-Afghanistan-arrives-at-Iranian-port>

Export of Iranian products to UAE hits 8% growth in Q1

TEHRAN, Jul. 18 (MNA) – The Director General of Arabic-African Affairs Office of the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran said that Iran's export of products to the United Arab Emirates in the first quarter of the current year increased about 8%. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161097/Export-of-Iranian-products-to-UAE-hits-8-growth-in-Q1>



1st geothermal power plant to go on stream in NW Iran

TEHRAN, Jul. 19 (MNA) – Managing Director of Iran's Thermal Power Plants Holding Company (TPPH) said that the ground will be broken for the construction operation of the First Geothermal Power Plant in northwest of the country in Ardabil province. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161155/1st-geothermal-power-plant-to-go-on-stream-in-NW-Iran>

Iran's tea exports near \$500,000 in three months

TEHRAN, Jul. 21 (MNA) – Iran exported more than 575 tons of tea worth \$493,785 during the three months of the current fiscal year that started on March 20, a senior official said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161191/Iran-s-tea-exports-near-500-000-in-three-months>

Iran's Steel Output Exceeds 7.1mln Tons in 3 Months

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran considerably increased its production of steel in the first three months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2020-June 20, 2020), registering a three percent growth as compared to the last year's corresponding period. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.farsnews.ir/newstext.aspx?nn=13990429000520>

Q1 Exports via Khorasan Razavi top \$270 million

TEHRAN, Jul. 19 (MNA) – More than \$531,000 tons of commodities worth \$272 million were exported from the northeastern Khorasan Razavi province during the first three months of the current Iranian year (March 20-June 20). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161109/Q1-Exports-via-Khorasan-Razavi-top-270-million>



Afghanistan sends 1st transit consignment to China via Iran

TEHRAN, Jul. 19 (MNA) – The first shipment of Afghanistan's transit goods has been shipped to China through Shahid Beheshti port in Chabahar, southern Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161133/Afghanistan-sends-1st-transit-consignment-to-China-via-Iran>



Oil Ministry to ink 9 contracts with domestic firms: Zanganeh

TEHRAN, Jul. 21 (MNA) – Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said his ministry will sign nine contracts with domestic companies in the oil industry in the near future. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161242/Oil-Ministry-to-ink-9-contracts-with-domestic-firms-Zanganeh>

Decline in Coal Concentrate Production

Iran's two major coal producers had a total output of 176,760 tons of coal concentrates during the first quarter of the current fiscal year (March 20-June 20), the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization's latest data show. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/104424/decline-in-coal-concentrate-production>

Official announces launch of financial channel for transfer of int'l humanitarian aid to Iran

Tehran, July 20, IRNA – Head of Iranian Red Crescent Society Karim Hemmati on Monday announced launch of a financial channel for transfer of int'l humanitarian aid to Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/83863652/Official-announces-launch-of-financial-channel-for-transfer-of>

Petropars to complete Azadegan Oilfield development

TEHRAN, Jul. 20 (MNA) – The Petroleum Engineering and Development Company (PEDEC) has signed a contract with Petropars Group for completing the development of South Azadegan joint oilfield. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161204/Petropars-to-complete-Azadegan-Oilfield-development>



Trade activity to resume in Chazabe border

TEHRAN, Jul. 20 (MNA) – Trade activity will be resumed in Chazabe border on Thursday after a five-month period that trade was halted due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161200/Trade-activity-to-resume-in-Chazabe-border>

Iran to Construct Largest Gasoline Refinery

TEHRAN (FNA)- Iran plans to build its largest gasoline refinery located South of the country on the Persian Gulf coastlines, said an official on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.farsnews.ir/newstext.aspx?nn=13990429000451>

Major petchem plant to be constructed in northern Iran

TEHRAN – Managing Director of National Petrochemical Company (NPC) said on Sunday that a petrochemical plant with a capacity for producing 120,000 tons of propylene is going to be constructed in the northern Amir-Abad Port, IRNA reported. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450237/Major-petchem-plant-to-be-constructed-in-northern-Iran>

Iran expected to produce 2.7bn more barrels of oil from shared Azadegan Field: Minister

Tehran, July 20, IRNA – With a 10% increase in extraction rate from the shared field of South Azadegan, Iran is expected to produce some 2.7 billion more barrels of oil amounted to dlr one trillion, Petroleum Minister Bijan Zangeneh said on Monday. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://en.irna.ir/news/83862915/Iran-expected-to-produce-2-7bn-more-barrels-of-oil-from-shared>

Non-Oil Exports, Trade with Neighbours Iran's Top Priorities: President

President of Iran Hassan Rouhani says the main economic priorities set by his administration are to boost the export of non-oil products and promote trade ties with the neighbouring countries. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://ifpnews.com/non-oil-exports-trade-with-neighbours-irans-top-priorities-president>

Rich-Poor Spending Gap Narrows

The spending gap between the richest and the poorest narrowed in the last Iranian year (March 2019-20), data from the Statistical Center of Iran show. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/104416/rich-poor-spending-gap-narrows#:~:text=T%20he%20spending%20gap%20between,the%20bottom%2010%25%20income%20strata>.

Iran, India discuss railways cooperation

Tehran, July 21, IRNA – The managing director of Iran's Raja Rail Transportation Company and the Ambassador of India in Tehran on Tuesday explored ways to expand cooperation in transportation, especially rail transportation. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://en.irna.ir/news/83864796/Iran-India-discuss-railways-cooperation>

Gilan province exports top \$160 million in four months

TEHRAN, Jul. 22 (MNA) – More than 296,000 tons of commodities worth \$162 million were exported from the northern Gilan province during the first four months of the current Iranian year (March 20-April 21). Please visit the following link for more information: <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/161254/Gilan-province-exports-top-160-million-in-four-months>

CPEC, Gwadar and Chabahar: Changing regional geopolitics

PRESIDENT Hassan Rouhani has expressed more than once that upon their operationalization, Gwadar Deep Sea Port of Pakistan and Chabahar Port of Iran can supplement each other as sister ports. Please visit the following link for more information: https://pakobserver.net/cpec-gwadar-and-chabahar-changing-regional-geopolitics/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=cpec-gwadar-and-chabahar-changing-regional-geopolitics

Underemployment Reaches 7.9%

Underemployment, the condition in which people in a labor force are employed for less than 44 hours of service per week, stood at 7.9% in the first quarter of the current Iranian year (March 20-June 20), down 2.1% year-on-year and was higher for men and those living in rural areas. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/104441/underemployment-reaches-79>

Iran considering establishment of free trade zone in Syria

TEHRAN – Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) hosted a meeting on Sunday in which various aspects and prerequisites of establishing a free trade zone in Syria were discussed. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/450293/Iran-considering-establishment-of-free-trade-zone-in-Syria>

Iran, Pakistan agree to convene joint economic, trade commission meetings soon

Islamabad, July 21, IRNA -- The Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan on Tuesday agreed to hold meetings of the Joint Economic Commission and Joint Trade Committee in the coming months to promote bilateral trade and business activities. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://en.irna.ir/news/83864684/Iran-Pakistan-agree-to-convene-joint-economic-trade-commission>

Iran to open commercial office in China

Tehran, July 21, IRNA – A member of the board of directors of the Iranian Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture said Iran is to open a commercial office in China with the aim of focusing on the collaboration of big governmental companies. Please visit the following link for more information: <https://en.irna.ir/news/83864736/Iran-to-open-commercial-office-in-China>