



Caspian containerized line kicks off between Iran, Russia

TEHRAN, Dec. 05 (MNA) – The activity of Caspian containerized line between Islamic Republic of Iran and Russia's port of Astrakhan began on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/166770/Caspian-containerized-line-kicks-off-between-Iran-Russia>

Shipbuilding, backbone of Iran's domestic industries: Official

Bandar Abbas, Dec 5, IRNA – Shipbuilding is the backbone of the domestic industries with contribution to technology know-how and advances in different branches of the manufacturing sector, Managing director of Iran Shipbuilding and Offshore Industries Complex (ISOICO) Hamid Rezaeian said on Saturday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84135330/Shipbuilding-backbone-of-Iran-s-domestic-industries-Official>

Turkey complete 81-km wall along Iranian border: Report

TEHRAN, Dec. 05 (MNA) – Turkey has completed an 81-kilometer (50-mile) security wall along its eastern border with the Islamic Republic of Iran, the interior minister said on Friday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/166751/Turkey-complete-81-km-wall-along-Iranian-border-Report>

Iran becomes member of ARIN-WCA strategic committee

Tehran, Dec 5, IRNA – The Islamic Republic of Iran became member of strategic committee of the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network in West and Central Asia. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84136109/Iran-becomes-member-of-ARIN-WCA-strategic-committee>



Iran's 1st trial rail cargo arrives in Afghanistan via new railway

TEHRAN - The first cargo of Iranian exports arrived in Afghanistan last week via the new Khaf-Herat railroad that links Iran's eastern city of Khaf to Herat city in Afghanistan, Deputy Transport and Urban Development Minister Abbas Khatibi announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455464/Iran-s-1st-trial-rail-cargo-arrives-in-Afghanistan-via-new-railway>

15% Rise in Cosmetic Import Duties

The government has envisioned a 15% rise in customs duties on the import of cosmetics as per the budget bill for the next fiscal year (March 2021-22). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106438/15-rise-in-cosmetic-import-duties>

Iran ranks 19th among world's biggest steel ingot exporters

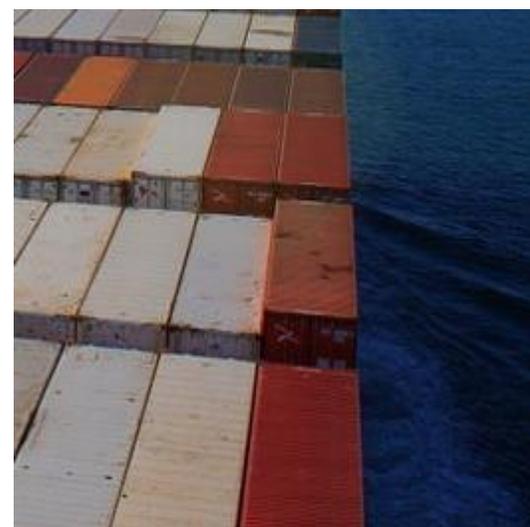
TEHRAN - Iran was ranked 19th among the world's top steel ingot exporters while taking 53rd place for the exports of steel products in 2019, data provided by Trade Map website showed. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455431/Iran-ranks-19th-among-world-s-biggest-steel-ingot-exporters>

Monthly non-oil trade balance of \$118m achieved

TEHRAN- Iran's non-oil trade balance was \$118 million during the eighth Iranian calendar month of Aban (October 22-November 20), the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

[https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455200/Monthly-non-oil-trade-balance-of-118m-achieved#:~:text=TEHRAN%2D%20Iran's%20non%2Doil%20trade,Customs%20Administration%20\(IRICA\)%20announced.](https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455200/Monthly-non-oil-trade-balance-of-118m-achieved#:~:text=TEHRAN%2D%20Iran's%20non%2Doil%20trade,Customs%20Administration%20(IRICA)%20announced.)



Currency Stable, Gold Slightly Higher

Foreign exchange and gold prices in Tehran saw no significant swing for the second successive day. The US dollar gained 0.38% or 1,000 rials on Sunday and bought 258,000 rials in the open market. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/106447/currency-stable-gold-slightly-higher>

7 Rail Projects to Become Operational by March 2022

The Ministry of Roads and Urban Development plans to inaugurate seven rail projects stretching 1,443 kilometers across the country by the end of next Iranian year (March 2022). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106440/7-rail-projects-to-become-operational-by-march-2022>

Growth in Tea Production

A total of 133,000 tons of fresh tea leaves have been harvested in Iran in the current fiscal year (started March 20, 2020), registering close to a 5% increase compared with last year, according to the head of Iran Tea Organization. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106451/growth-in-tea-production>

Iran completely self-sufficient in building freight wagons

TEHRAN – Iranian railway industry has become completely self-reliant in manufacturing freight wagons, Head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways (known as RAI) Saeed Rasouli said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455540/Iran-completely-self-sufficient-in-building-freight-wagons>

Iraqi Kurdistan seeks opening of new border with Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 08 (MNA) – The officials from the Iraqi Kurdistan Region and the country's border crossing authorities have reviewed the opening of a new border crossing with Iran in line with the plans to boost bilateral trades. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/166902/Iraqi-Kurdistan-seeks-opening-of-new-border-with-Iran>

Over 23,000 tons of shrimp farmed in Bushehr Province

TEHRAN- The director-general of fisheries department of Bushehr Province, in southwest Iran, announced that 23,608 tons of shrimp has been farmed in the province since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455535/Over-23-000-tons-of-shrimp-farmed-in-Bushehr-Province>

Sistan-Baluchestan Province; export hub of Iranian non-oil products

Zahedan, Dec 8, IRNA – Export of non-oil goods from southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan has made the province the export hub of Iranian goods to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Indian Ocean littoral countries. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84139811/Sistan-Baluchestan-Province-export-hub-of-Iranian-non-oil-products>

Public transportation fleet to be renovated

TEHRAN – The Ministry of Interior is going to formulate an executive mechanism for modernizing the country's public transport fleet, in collaboration with the Oil Ministry, the Central Bank of Iran (CBI), and the Industry, Mining and Trade Ministry, Shana reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455554/Public-transportation-fleet-to-be-renovated>

Slight Upturn in Economy's PMI

The overall Purchasing Managers' Index, known by its Farsi acronym Shamekh, for the overall economy settled at 45.70 in the month ending Nov. 20 from 44.47 in the month ending Oct. 21, indicating an improvement of 1.23 points or 2.77%. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106466/slight-upturn-in-economy-s-pmi>

Astara Port becomes new shipping hub in Caspian region

TEHRAN – Managing Director of Khazar Shipping Company said Astara Port, located by the Caspian Sea, has become a new hub for container shipping in the region following the launch of new shipping services from this port, ILNA reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455582/Astara-Port-becomes-new-shipping-hub-in-Caspian-region>



508,000 tonnes of commodities sold on Iran Mercantile Exchange

Tehran (ISNA) - Within the week ending November the second, 2020, the Iran Mercantile Exchange played host to trading 508,000 tonnes of various types of commodities worth more than 242 million USD. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.isna.ir/news/99091915213/508-000-tonnes-of-commodities-sold-on-Iran-Mercantile-Exchange>

Pakistan-China-Iran Trilateral Cooperation

“Economy and environment are the same thing. That is the rule of nature”. (Mollie Beattie) The significance of financial resources is central to the possibility of economic collaboration among various countries all around the globe. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/699668/pakistan-china-iran-trilateral-cooperation-2/>

No restriction on admitting truck by Turkish side at Bazargan

TEHRAN, Dec. 09 (MNA) – Head of General Directorate of Bazargan Customs in West Azarbaijan province said that there is no restriction on the acceptance of trucks by Turkey at Bazargan Border Crossing. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/166952/No-restriction-on-admitting-truck-by-Turkish-side-at-Bazargan>

Iranian envoy urges enhancing economic cooperation with Bolivia

Tehran, Dec 9, IRNA- Iran's Ambassador to La Paz Morteza Tafreshi on Wednesday called for expanding bilateral relations in the field of economy. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irma.ir/news/84141588/Iranian-envoy-urges-enhancing-economic-cooperation-with-Bolivia>

