

Prosperity PG islands to boost regional stability, security

TEHRAN, Jan. 09 (MNA) – Director of Kish Free Zone Organization said that despite sanctions and hostilities, the economic conditions of Kish Island is favorable, and this will improve the security of the country and the stability of the region. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168261/Prosperity-PG-islands-to-boost-regional-stability-security>

Iran-Oman economic ties “stable”: Official

Shiraz, Jan 9, IRNA – The head of Iran-Oman Joint Chamber of Commerce said on Saturday that stability in diplomatic and political relations between Tehran and Muscat has resulted in stable economic trades. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84179605/Iran-Oman-economic-ties-stable-Official>

Rimdan marketplace links Iran to China-Pak economic corridor

TEHRAN, Jan. 09 (MNA) – Chief Executive of Chabahar Free Industrial-Trade Zone Organization said that Rimdan Marketplace will connect Islamic Republic of Iran to the economic corridor of China and Pakistan. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168252/Rimdan-marketplace-links-Iran-to-China-Pak-economic-corridor>

PMO to prepare comprehensive plan for integrated coasts management by late March

TEHRAN – Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) is going to prepare a comprehensive program for managing the country's coasts by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20), an official with the organization said. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456765/PMO-to-prepare-comprehensive-plan-for-integrated-coasts-management>



Proposed Rise in Forex Rate for Essential Goods Import Censured

The abolition of the 42,000 rials per dollar exchange rate for the import of essential goods recently approved by Majlis Joint Commission is bound to increase inflation, says the head of Plan and Budget Organization. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106977/proposed-rise-in-forex-rate-for-essential-goods-import-censured>

90% of Iran Borders Open for Trade

Despite the imposition of intensified trade restrictions to stem the rapid spread of Covid-19, some 90% of Iranian border crossings are currently open, a deputy head of Trade Promotion Organization of Iran said. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106978/90-of-iran-borders-open-for-trade>

Iranian ship arrives at Venezuelan port: report

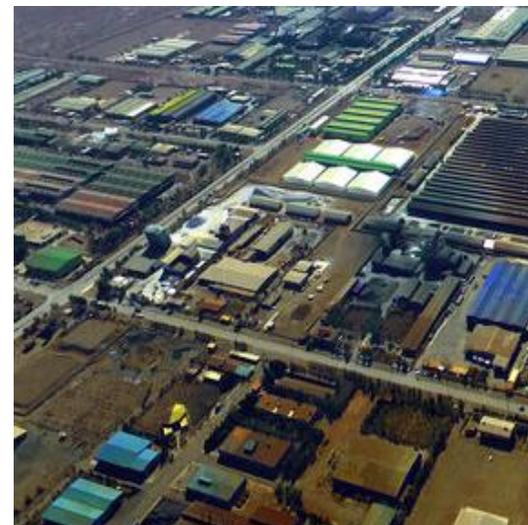
TEHRAN, Jan. 09 (MNA) – An Iranian ship has reportedly arrived in Venezuela in continuation of the two countries' cooperation in the face of US unilateral sanctions. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168255/Iranian-ship-arrives-at-Venezuelan-port-report>

Domestic investment in special economic zones rises 173% in a year

TEHRAN- The data released by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs show that 89.843 trillion rials (about \$2.139 billion) of domestic investment has been made in Iran's special economic zones during the past Iranian calendar year (ended on March 19, 2020), which has been 173 percent more than the figure of its preceding year. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456767/Domestic-investment-in-special-economic-zones-rises-173-in-a>



Tehran to Invest \$19.5m on Upgrading Public Bus Fleet

Tehran Municipality plans to spend 5 trillion rials (\$19.53 million) on new buses to bolster the aging public transportation fleet in the capital. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/aut/106979/tehran-to-invest-195m-on-upgrading-public-bus-fleet>

World Bank Examines Risks Facing Iran's Economy

Iran's GDP in 2020-21 is estimated to contract by 3.7% due to a dual contraction of the non-oil and oil sectors. 2nd week Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/economy/106982/world-bank-examines-risks-facing-iran-s-economy>

Hormozgan's Exports Exceed \$800m

Iran to Start Producing Oil from Azar Joint Field Soon

TEHRAN (FNA)- The first phase of Azar joint oilfield will become productive soon, Head of Oil Industries Engineering and Construction (OIEC) Group Gholamreza Manouchehri announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/13991020001013/Iran-Sar-Prdcng-Oil-frm-Azar-Jin-Field-Sn>

Iranian oil tankers entering Venezuelan, Syrian ports

TEHRAN, Jan. 10 (MNA) – Tankertrackers reported that the Iranian oil and gasoline tankers have reached near Syria and Venezuela. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168322/Iranian-oil-tankers-entering-Venezuelan-Syrian-ports>

Light vehicle output grows 19% in nine months

TEHRAN, Jan. 10 (MNA) – Iranian carmakers produced 625,300 light vehicles during the nine months to Dec. 20, 2020, witnessing an 18.8% jump in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168301/Light-vehicle-output-grows-19-in-nine-months>

Cellphone imports up 27%

TEHRAN – Iran's imports of mobile phones registered a 27 percent growth in the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-December 20, 2020) as compared to the last year's corresponding period. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456826/Cellphone-imports-up-27>

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Iran's Northwestern Province Ready to Trade with Nakhchivan

TEHRAN (FNA)- An economic Official in Tabriz said that the Northwestern province is prepared for promotion of economic cooperation with Nakhchivan. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/13991021000748/Iran%E2%80%99s-Nrhwesern-Pvnce-Ready-Trade-wih-Nakhchivan>

Iran's production of steel ingot surpasses 21.6 million tons

Tehran, Jan 10, IRNA – Iran's production of steel ingot gas reached 21,650,100 tons in the first nine months of the Iranian year (started on March 20, 2020), which shows an 8.3-percent rise compared to the same period last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84180845/Iran-s-production-of-steel-ingot-surpasses-21-6-million-tons>

Iran, Oman stress finalizing cooperation MoU in agriculture, fishery

Tehran, Jan 10, IRNA – Iran's Ambassador to Oman Ali Najafi and Oman's Minister of Agricultural, Fisheries and Water Resources Saud bin Hamoud bin Ahmed Al Habsi discussed opportunities for cooperation in agriculture and fishery on Sunday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84180908/Iran-Oman-stress-finalizing-cooperation-MoU-in-agriculture>



Kyrgyzstan eager to transit goods via Iran's southern ports

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 (MNA) – Kyrgyzstan's ambassador to Tehran emphasized the development of strategic cooperation in the transportation and transit of goods from Iranian ports to this country. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/168413/Kyrgyzstan-eager-to-transit-goods-via-Iran-s-southern-ports>

Monthly red meat output increases 27%

TEHRAN- Statistical Center of Iran (SCI) announced that production of red meat in Iran stood at 36,200 tons in the ninth month of the current Iranian calendar year (November 21-December 20, 2020), showing 27 percent growth compared to the same month in the past year, while 3.5 percent fall compared to the previous month in this year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456904/Monthly-red-meat-output-increases-27>

Q3 Unemployment Rate at 9.4%

Iran's unemployment rate, the proportion of jobless population of ages 15 and above, stood at 9.4% in the third quarter of the current fiscal year (Sept. 22-Dec. 20, 2020), indicating a 1.2% decline compared with the same period of last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106991/q3-unemployment-rate-at-94>

Essential Goods Account for 70% of Total Import Volume

A total of 17.46 million tons of essential goods worth \$8.76 billion were discharged from Iranian customs offices during the nine months to Dec. 20, according to Rouhollah Latifi, the spokesperson of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106994/essential-goods-account-for-70-of-total-import-volume>



Removing Iran-Iraq trade barriers possible by digital economy: Iraqi Min

Tehran, Jan 12, IRNA – It is possible to remove trade barriers between Iran and Iraq by making use of the digital economy, Iraqi Minister of Trade Alaa Ahmed al-Jubouri said on Tuesday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84183415/Removing-Iran-Iraq-trade-barriers-possible-by-digital-economy>



NIOC, Local Companies Sign Contracts Worth \$1.2 Billion

The National Iranian South Oil Company, the Iranian Offshore Oil Company and Iran Central Oil Fields Company -- all subsidiaries of the National Iranian Oil Company -- signed contracts with domestic oil and gas firms on Monday to develop eight oilfields. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/ener>

Urban Households' Transportation Expenses Triple Over Seven Years

Transportation expenses of urban households have tripled in the last seven years from 12 million rials (\$48) in the Iranian year ending March 2013 to 37 million rials (\$148) in the year ending March 2019, the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor and Social Welfare reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/107016/urban-households-transportation-expenses-triple-over-seven-years>

Rouhani to inaugurate 60 projects worth €598m in free, special zones on Thursday

TEHRAN- President Rouhani will inaugurate 60 projects worth 30 trillion rials (about €585 million) plus €13 million in some of the free trade zones and special economic zones of the country through video conference on Thursday, Morteza Bank, the secretary of Iranian Free Zones High Council, announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456953/Rouhani-to-inaugurate-60-projects-worth-598m-in-free-special>

Q3 Urban Rent Inflation at 26%

The average Consumer Price Index for housing rent levels in urban areas during the four-quarter period ending Dec. 20, which marks the end of the third quarter of the current Iranian year (fall), increased by 26% compared with the corresponding period of last year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/107035/q3-urban-rent-inflation-at-26>



Serbia emphasizes need for expansion of parliamentary, economic ties with Iran

Belgrade, Jan 12, IRNA – Head of the Serbian Parliament's Friendship Group with Iran in a meeting with Iranian ambassador to Belgrade here on Tuesday emphasized the need for further expansion of Tehran-Belgrade parliamentary and economic relations. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84183771/Serbia-emphasizes-need-for-expansion-of-parliamentary-economic>

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