



## Maritime development key to boast economic growth

TEHRAN, Jan. 06 (MNA) – The recent conference at the Center for Development Research and Foresight highlighted the growing importance of the maritime economy to the country's future. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210396/Maritime-development-key-to-boast-economic-growth>

## Iran to Launch Joint Investment Funds with Russia, Oman, Saudi Arabia

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – A member of the Board of Executive Directors of the National Development Fund of Iran (NDFI) said the country has plans to set up joint investment funds with the Russian Federation, Oman and Saudi Arabia. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2024/01/06/3018585/iran-to-launch-joint-investment-funds-with-russia-oman-saudi-arabia>

## Iran's biggest seamless steel pipe factory opened in Abhar

TEHRAN, Jan. 06 (MNA) – Iran's biggest seamless steel pipe factory has been inaugurated in Abhar County, Zanjan province, northern Iran, in the presence of Minister of Industry, Mine, and Trade Abbas Aliabadi. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210375/iran-s-biggest-seamless-steel-pipe-factory-opened-in-abhar>

## Iran exports commodities worth \$4.7b to UAE in 9 months

TEHRAN- Iran exported commodities valued at \$4.7 billion to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023), the head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493347/Iran-exports-commodities-worth-4-7b-to-UAE-in-9-months>



## FTA with EAEU, an opportunity for Iran to expand export markets

TEHRAN – The head of Iran’s Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) has called the conclusion of the free trade agreement (FTA) with Eurasia an opportunity to increase the competitiveness of the country’s production and industrial units and an incentive to expand export markets. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493397/FTA-with-EAEU-an-opportunity-for-Iran-to-expand-export-markets>

## Iran becomes 2nd most innovative country in agricultural sector in Central, South Asia

TEHRAN – Iran has become the second most innovative country in Central and South Asia in the agricultural industry, said the head of the country’s Agricultural Research Education and Extension Organization. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493398/Iran-becomes-2nd-most-innovative-country-in-agricultural-sector>

## Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan in talks to resume gas swap via Iran: NIGC

Turkmenistan and the Azerbaijan Republic are in talks to resolve a problem that has halted gas swap between the two countries via Iran, the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) has announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.ilna.ir/Section-economy-4/1435105-turkmenistan-azerbaijan-in-talks-to-resume-gas-swap-via-iran-nigc>

## Mehran Border Exports over \$1bn of Non-Oil Goods to Iraq

TEHRAN, Jan. 07 (MNA) – The head of the customs office in Iran’s Ilam province said \$1.346 billion worth of non-oil products has been exported from the province’s Mehran Border Crossing to neighboring Iraq in the current Iranian calendar year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210449/Mehran-Border-Exports-over-1bn-of-Non-Oil-Goods-to-Iraq>



## Iranian Economy Buoyed By 'Dark Fleet' Oil Shipments To China

The Iranian tanker Arman (right), which was seized in Indonesian waters in 2023 while transferring oil to a foreign tanker. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.rferl.org/a/iran-economy-oil-shipments-dark-fleet-china-sanctions/32764518.html>

## Iran settles railway dues with Russia, Turkmenistan: RAI head

TEHRAN – The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways (known as RAI) has said the company has settled all its dues to Russia and Turkmenistan, the portal of Iran's Transport Ministry reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493439/Iran-settles-railway-dues-with-Russia-Turkmenistan-RAI-head>

## Agro-food exports rise 22% in 9 months on year

TEHRAN – The value of Iran's exports of agricultural and foodstuff products increased by 22 percent in the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023), the spokesman of the International Relations and Trade Development Committee of Iran's House of Industry, Mining and Trade said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493442/Agro-food-exports-rise-22-in-9-months-on-year>

## Iran's Economic Growth Exceeds That of 99 Countries in 2023: UN

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The United Nations pointed to a three-percent economic growth for Iran in 2023, saying it surpassed the economic growth rates of 99 countries and stood in the second rank in the Middle East (ME) region. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2024/01/08/3019494/iran-s-economic-growth-exceeds-that-of-99-countries-in-2023-un>

## Iran to increase support for cotton growers: official

TEHRAN, Jan. 08 (MNA) – Chief contractor for Iran's ministry of agriculture's Cotton Project Ebrahim Hezarjaribi says that efforts are underway to reach self-sufficiency in the production of cotton through increased support for farmers. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210514/Iran-to-increase-support-for-cotton-growers-official>

## Over 33.86m car tires produced in 9 months

TEHRAN- Iranian tire manufacturers produced 33,868,349 car tires in the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023), indicating one percent rise as compared to the number of tires produced in the same period of time in the previous year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493491/Over-33-86m-car-tires-produced-in-9-months>

## Loading, unloading of goods stand at 9.6m tons at ports of west Hormozgan

TEHRAN – As announced by a provincial official, 9,624,473 tons of oil products and non-oil goods were loaded and unloaded at the ports of the west of Hormozgan province, in the south of Iran, during the first nine months of the present Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493386/Loading-unloading-of-goods-stand-at-9-6m-tons-at-ports-of-west>

## Five Countries Destination of 80% of Iran's Export Products: Deputy Industry Minister

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The head of the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPOI) said eighty percent of Iranian products are exported to five countries, namely China, Iraq, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2024/01/07/3019005/five-countries-destination-of-80-of-iran-s-export-products-deputy-industry-minister>

## Export from Ilam province increases 8% in 9 months yr/yr

TEHRAN- The value of export from Ilam province, in the west of Iran, rose eight percent during the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023), as compared to the same period of time in the past year, a provincial official announced. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493435/Export-from-Ilam-province-increases-8-in-9-months-yr-yr>

## INSTC pivot for materializing Iran's sea-based economy goals

TEHRAN, Jan. 09 (MNA) – The director general of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) for Transit & Logistics Affairs said the International North-South Transport Corridor is the pivot for realizing the objectives of Iran's sea-based economy. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210558/INSTC-pivot-for-materializing-Iran-s-sea-based-economy-goals>

## Iran's Mazandaran exports 3rd shipment of citrus to Russia

TEHRAN, Jan. 09 (MNA) – The third shipment of citrus was exported from Mazandaran province of Iran to the Russian Federation through Amirabad Port on January 3, the director general of the ports and maritime department of Amirabad Port said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210574/Iran-s-Mazandaran-exports-3rd-shipment-of-citrus-to-Russia>

## 54 idle production units revived in Isfahan province since last March

TEHRAN- As announced by a provincial official, 54 idle production units were revived in Isfahan province since the beginning of current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2023). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493535/54-idle-production-units-revived-in-Isfahan-province-since-last>

## Commodities worth \$851m exported from Markazi province in 9 months

TEHRAN- As announced by a provincial official, 1.391 million tons of products valued at \$851 million were exported from Markazi province, in the center of Iran, during the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-December 21, 2023). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493539/Commodities-worth-851m-exported-from-Markazi-province-in-9-months>

## Iran eyeing extraterritorial cultivation in African countries

TEHRAN – The Iranian Agricultural Ministry has set Africa as the first option for extraterritorial cultivation in its ongoing programs, IRNA reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493540/Iran-eyeing-extraterritorial-cultivation-in-African-countries>

## Major projects worth \$5.4m inaugurated in Anzali Free Zone

TEHRAN - The Secretary of Iran's Free Zones High Council Hojatollah Abdolmaleki inaugurated two major industrial projects completed with a total investment of 2.7 trillion rials (about \$5.4 million) in Anzali Free Zone, Freena reported on Wednesday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493542/Major-projects-worth-5-4m-inaugurated-in-Anzali-Free-Zone>

## Maritime transportation projects worth \$3b underway in Iran

TEHRAN – The head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) has said projects worth 1.5 quadrillion rials (about \$3.0 billion) are underway to develop the country's maritime transportation, the TPO portal reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/493543/Maritime-transportation-projects-worth-3b-underway-in-Iran>

## Tehran-Ankara trade exceeds \$8.5 billion in 9-month period

TEHRAN, Jan. 10 (MNA) – The total value of trade (imports and exports) exchanges between Iran and Turkey in the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (started March 21, 2023) topped \$8.5 billion. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/210619/Tehran-Ankara-trade-exceeds-8-5-billion-in-9-month-period>