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Political-Diplomatic

FM Zarif & IAEA Chief Meet in Tehran

Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Mariano Grossi and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met in the capital city of Tehran.

In his meeting with Rafael Grossi, Mohammad Javad Zarif emphasized that the cooperation between Iran and the IAEA has always been based on international commitments and in a technical and professional framework.

"As the IAEA has repeatedly confirmed, there is the most cooperation in the field of safeguards between Iran and the IAEA, and this path can continue in the same framework," Zarif added.



The Foreign Minister expressed hope that by resolving the existing disputes on the basis of mutual trust, cooperation between the two sides would continue within the framework of safeguard regulations, and in good faith.

During the meeting, IAEA's Director General stressed that the Agency performs its duties on the basis of the principles of impartiality and professionalism, as well as within the framework of technical considerations.

He added that the cooperation between Iran and the IAEA in the past has been in the interest of both sides and by solving some problems, this cooperation can continue.

Rafael Grossi, in his part, praised Iran's willingness to continue cooperation with the IAEA.



Zarif Writes Letter to UNSC

Following Washington's new push to invoke the so-called snapback provision in the JCPOA and reimpose all UN sanctions against Tehran, Foreign Minister Zarif sent a letter to the chairman of the UN Security Council.

In his letter, Zarif has highlighted the legal and political aspects of the US move which runs counter to international rules and norms.

Mohammad Javad Zarif said the US lost the right to make demands in 2018 when it withdrew from the nuclear deal between Iran and major world powers. He also said America's unilateral pullout violated a UN resolution that required signatories to avoid any damage to the deal.

Previously, the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had officially informed the UN of the US demand to restore all UN sanctions on Iran, but allies and





opponents declared the US action illegal and doomed to failure.

Pompeo insisted the United States has the legal right to “snap back” UN sanctions even though President Donald Trump pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major powers that was endorsed by the Security Council.



He said UN sanctions will continue the arms embargo on Iran, set to expire on Oct. 18, as well as prohibit ballistic missile testing and nuclear enrichment that could lead to a nuclear weapons program — which Tehran insists it is not pursuing.

Zarif stated, the term “snapback” was never mentioned in the deal or in the UN resolution that supported the deal. “The US has intentionally applied the word to suggest speed and (an) automatic return of sanctions,” he said.

Zarif also stated the Security Council should stop the US’s unilateral “misuses” of council resolutions, saying “the people of Iran expect the Council to hold the US accountable” for its “damages” to Iran.

Zarif Holds Phone Talks with Officials

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif held phone talks with his Palestinian, Afghan and French counterparts, and also the U.N. Secretary General.

In his conversation with Riyadh al-Maliki, Zarif pointed to the latest developments in the region, and

reiterated Iran's support for the struggles of Palestinian people to claim their rights and called the solidarity between the Palestinian people and groups as essential in this respect.



Riyad al-Maliki, for his part, appreciated Iran's stance in support of Palestine, reiterating strong resolve of the Palestinian people and leaders to uphold their rights.

Also in talks with Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Afghan Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Zarif began with congratulating H.E. Mr Atmar on the occasion of the 101st anniversary of the Afghanistan's independence.



He conveyed Iran’s support for the Afghan Government’s decision to convene the Consultative Peace Jirga and the consensus it reached.

Both sides exchanged views on the strengthening the regional and world consensus on peace process, specifically on the need for the Taliban to reduce violence and establish a ceasefire, the release of the remaining prisoners.





The ministers spoke of strengthening bilateral cooperation in the political, economic and security areas. They agreed on a timeline and a mechanism to finalize the comprehensive document on cooperation between the two countries, specially Khawaf-Herat railway project.

In conclusion, Mr. Atmar expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with Afghanistan over the past 19 years and their support from Afghanistan's peace process.

In a telephone conversation with his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian, Zarif conferred on the latest developments with regard to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) .



The two sides discussed the expansion of the mutual ties, the latest development on the JCPOA as well as the situation in Lebanon after the horrible explosion in Beirut port.

Zarif also had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, in which the two discussed major regional and international developments.

Guterres stressed the need for full implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which he said is endorsed by the UN and the Security Council, adding that the sanctions against Iran have not been authorized by the United Nations.

The UN Secretary General also assured Iran that the UN encourages Europe and other key players to stand against the sanctions on Iran.



The Iranian foreign minister, in response, expressed Iran's preparedness to use its good offices in this regard.

Zarif further pointed to the United States' unlawful act, and highlighted the responsibility of the UN Security Council and the Secretary General in this regard.

He warned that the US' move will have dangerous consequences for the international law, and will result in nothing but damaging international mechanisms and discrediting the Security Council.

FM Zarif Bids Farewell to Outgoing Chilean Envoy

FM Javad Zarif received outgoing Chilean Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran H.E. Ignacio Janus at the end of his mission.



Janus was the first Chilean ambassador to Tehran after the victory of the Islamic revolution in 1979. He has served as Chile's permanent representative to international maritime organizations and also Chile's political coordinator at the United Nations Security Council.



Twiplomacy

The Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei on Imam Hussain (PBUH)



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Imam Hussain (pbuh) is a symbol of dignity & resistance, & a source of honor. Honor belongs to people and nations that stand up for their words of truth & do not let the flag they've raised fall with the enemies' storms. Imam Hussain held that flag strongly. [#HussainForJustice](#)

The Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei Condemns the UAE Compromise with the Israeli Regime



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The [#UAE](#) betrayed the world of Islam, the Arab nations, the region's countries, and [#Palestine](#). Of course, this betrayal won't last long.

FM Zarif on the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (PBUH)

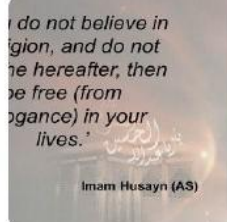


Javad Zarif
@JZarif

Since 680 CE, millions of Muslims have commemorated martyrdom of Imam Hussein.

Honoring his great sacrifice has ingrained resistance to tyranny and injustice in hearts and souls of his followers for centuries:

"I do not see death but bliss, and life under tyranny but misery."



Imam Hussain (PBUH) claimed his army, he said:

Don't you see that the truth is action and the false is not? A believer should desire to meet him if he is right. Thus I do not see happiness, and living with tyranny is misery."

FM Zarif Reflects on US Miscalculations of the JCPOA



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After thrice being rejected by SC, US now threatens "sanctioning anyone & any entity that comes between US" & "its snapback"
Obviously they don't understand law or UN. Maybe they can grasp this: You divorced the JCPOA in 2018. Your name on the marriage certificate is irrelevant.



FM Zarif on US Obsolete Foreign Policy of "All Options on the Table"



"All options on the table" has long been a staple of US foreign policy.

It simply means the law of the jungle: disregard for a fundamental principle of int'l law: Non-Use of Force.

Now, the Trump regime is using the same threat against Americans. A wake-up call? God willing.



Spokesman Khatibzadeh on Pompeo's Broken Diplomacy in the UNSC



13 members, incl. President of UNSC have declared that America has NO legal standing in the first place to recourse to 2231, as it's not a JCPOA participant.

The clock is ticking just in Pompeo's parallel alternate universe! This happens when an ex-spy-master leads US diplomacy.



Spokesman Khatibzadeh on the Sacred Day of Ashura



#Ashura is not just a day in history; it is a constant momentum b/w right & wrong, dignity & humiliation, and liberty & coercion. Iran's consistency in resisting hegemony has roots in this culture. No power, no matter how cruel, can take this away from a nation ready to sacrifice.



Iranian Foreign Ministry on the National Day of Fight Against Terrorism

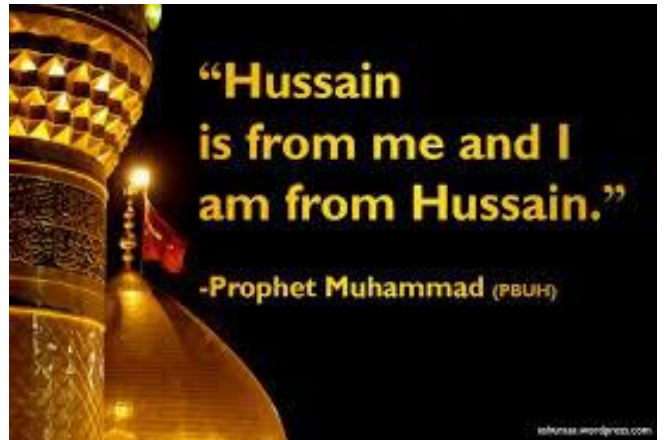


Aug. 29, the national Day of Fight Against Terrorism, is the time to remember Prz Rajai & PM Bahonar who, 39yrs ago today, were martyred in a bombing by the MEK terrorist group. Despite assassinating 1000s Iranians & fighting alongside Saddam, MEK is sheltered by the U.S. & EU.



Mourning Month of Muharram in Iran

Muharram is a month of remembrance. It is to honor Imam Hussein – the third Shia Imam – and his followers, who sacrificed all and everything possible for the sake of Islam, to show that right is might, how the blood of the innocent can win over the sword of tyrants, and how to achieve victory despite being oppressed.



The surviving members of Imam Hussein's companions were taken captive, marched to Damascus, and imprisoned there.

Ashura as the symbol of truth, dignity, honesty, selflessness and human integrity is not limited only to Muslims. Rather, it is respected and commemorated by followers of other religions and faiths in and outside Iran.

Ashura symbolizes the battle between the good and the evil, the virtue and vice. The tragedy is marked, among other things, to persistently convey the message that being outnumbered does not count when it comes to right against wrong.

Shia Muslims believe that even though the great Imam was killed in a battle in the plains of the holy Iraqi city of Karbala, his message was heard loud and clear by the people of his own time, those who followed and will follow until eternity.

From the first night of Muharram, Shia Muslims begin mourning and continue for ten nights, climaxing on the Day of Ashura.

The last few days up until and including the Day of Ashura are the most important because these were the days during which Imam Hussein and his family and followers (including women, children and elderly people) were deprived of water for several days and on the 10th, Imam Hussain and 72 of his followers were martyred by the army of Yazid I at the Battle of Karbala.



Muharram in Iran

During the month (started on August 21 this year), especially on the Day of Ashura, people in Iran show their sorrow by wearing mourning attire, all in black. The streets too are shrouded with black flags and banners to reflect the grief.

Shia Muslims in Iran observe several important rituals during the mourning month.

Ashura can be one of the most overcrowded days in Iran. People converge on the streets and march in long processions, beating their chest in mourning to the tune of beating drums, while holding banners and carrying replicas of the mausoleum of Imam Hussein (PBUH).



During Ashura, and its preceding day, Tasua, booths are set up on most streets, offering sweet drinks to passers for free. Households prepare food, known as Nazri, for others as a way of almsgiving. The preparation and the partaking of this food are considered a privilege by believers, who say no one must go hungry or thirsty on this day, the saddest in the Islamic calendar.

During the first ten days of the month, people form assemblies and listen to the orators reciting ritualized accounts of the Battle of Karbala.

Ta'ziyeh, a kind of street theater in a costume inspired by historical and religious events which

happened in Karbala battle, is the other ritual also held on the occasion.

Apart from mosques, local establishments (called Tekiyeh, meaning backup or reliable in Arabic) are also set up by the public for the mourning ceremonies.

Tekiyeh was historically a staying place for visiting pilgrims who lived their lives during their pilgrimage through receiving donations from benefactors. Today, however, Tekiye is only formed for Ashura mourning.

COVID-19 affecting this year's mourning

This year's mourning ceremonies, however, have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Iran's Council of Iranian Religious Congregations has urged the general public to follow the guidelines of the National Task Force for Fighting Coronavirus in holding mourning ceremonies during Muharram.

The council has announced all religious ceremonies and gatherings should meet the criteria outlined by the experts at the task force.

The statement comes after the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei urged people to observe health protocols during the Muharram mourning ceremonies.





Public Diplomacy

ARTS & CULTURE

Farshchian's "Evening of Ashura" Perfect Expression of Grief

Master miniaturist Mahmud Farshchian created "The Evening of Ashura" both to depict one of the greatest tragedies for Muslims and to represent the power of art in expressing major events of history.



The masterpiece portrays the helpless household of Imam Hussein (AS), mourning after his horse returns from the battlefield without him. Their deep grief for their beloved has been depicted perfectly in this Persian miniature painting.

Ashura is the 10th day of Muharram, the day upon which Imam Hussein (AS) and his companions were martyred in Karbala as a result of their valiant stand against the injustices of the oppressive Umayyad dynasty in 680 CE.

The 90-year-old Farshchian once said that he has drawn the painting on Ashura in 1977 while people around the country were mourning during the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS) and his loyal companions.

"I stayed at home on that day as a strange feeling

was creeping over me," Farshchian said and added, "My mother gave me a real earful about my staying at home on such an occasion."

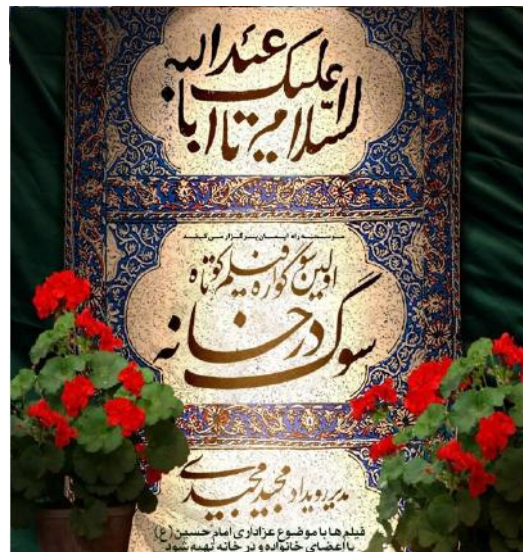
"After hearing my mother's reprimand, I went into a room, taking a paintbrush, and did the painting without any preplanning."

Farshchian donated the masterwork to the Astan-e Qods Razavi Museum in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad in 1990.

He later also created other works about the tragedy of Ashura. "Ali-Asghar (AS)" and "The Standard - Bearer of Truth" are among the works.

Festival of Short Movies Takes Place on Family Rituals for Muharram

The Mourning at Home Short Film Festival has been launched by the Rahe Iman Charity Organization this year to encourage people to stay at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic and organize the rituals for their family members.



Only one-minute-long films and movies under three minutes are allowed to participate in the festival and submissions should be sent to the organizers by the end of September 21.

Movies will be judged by a jury composed of Majidi and Iranian filmmakers Reza Mirkarimi and Narges Abyar.

The festival also intends to highlight top Islamic clerics' calls for conducting the Muharram rituals at home due to the pandemic.

The Rahe Iman Charity Organization has been established with contributions from Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Sistani to raise living standards among people living in poverty in the remote border towns of southeastern Iran.

Shia Muslims commemorate the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS) and his companions with rituals that begin every year from the first day of the lunar month of Muharram.

Teahouse Painting Exhibition Explores Battle of Karbala

A collection of teahouse paintings depicting stories on the Battle of Karbala are on display in an exhibition at Mehrsan Gallery in Tehran.



The collection belongs to Javad Aqili, one of the few survivors among Iran's teahouse painters. He was a

student of Abbas Bolukifar, a pioneer of the art genre.

It also contains works from the pioneers of this art, including Bolukifar, Mohammad Modabber, Hassan Esmailzadeh, Hossein Hamedani, Fathollah Qollar-Aqasi, Mohammad Farahani and Ali-Akbar Larani.

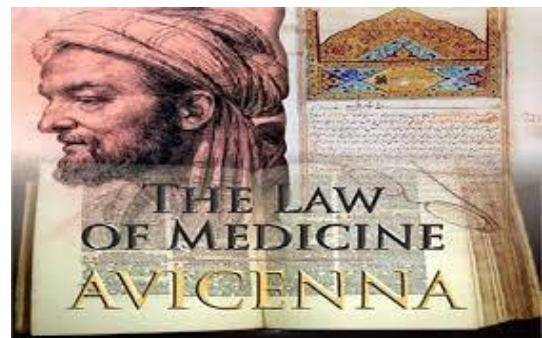
Aqili, 84, has made great efforts for decades to accumulate the collection, which has helped save teahouse painting from sinking into oblivion.

The exhibition will run until October 1 at the gallery located in North Kargar St., near Forsat Shirazi St.

The teahouse has had various functions in different eras during its 400-year history in Iran.

Teahouses used to be places where people gathered to spend their leisure time listening to a *naqqal*, an Iranian traditional storyteller, narrating stories from Ferdowsi's *Shahnameh*. People talked and exchanged views, and along with wise and generous people, helped poor people.

Iran Commemorates National Day of Avicenna, Persian Polymath



Iran marks the national day of Avicenna, the prominent Persian philosopher and physician on August 22.

Ibn Sina known as Avicenna (980-1037) was a Persian physician and is considered the most famous and influential philosopher and scientist of the medieval Islamic world.



Iranians also mark the National Doctors' Day on August 22 to pay tribute to all the efforts made by Avicenna in his time. He was particularly renowned for his contributions to the fields of philosophy and medicine.

He wrote the Kitāb al-shifā' (Book of the Cure), a comprehensive philosophical and scientific encyclopedia, and Al-Qānūn fī al-ṭibb (The Canon of Medicine), which is among the most famous books in the history of medicine.



Hosseinnejad were awarded honorable mentions.

The children are the members of Iran's Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults.



Iranian Children Win Awards at Japan Drawing Contest

Paintings by Iranian children Melika Amjadian and Nasim Zamani have been honored in the international section of the 20th JQA International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest in Japan.

Melika and Nasim are among the 23 winners of first prizes at the competition, which was co-organized for children aged 7 to 15 by the Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) and the International Certification Organization Network (IQNet). It was also supported by the UNICEF Tokyo Office.

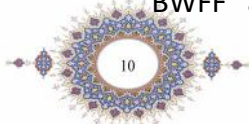
In addition, the Iranian children Arefeh Mirhaj, Sarina Rabi Hamedani, Hannaneh Eshqi and Sama

Beirut International Women Film Festival Grants Best Screen Writer Award to Iranian Woman

Beirut International Women Film Festival granted the best screen writer award to Marjan Riahi for her work 'Driving Lessons'.

According to the official website of the event, "Beirut International Women Film Festival (BWFF) was founded in 2017, in Lebanon, celebrated the month of March under the theme "Women for Leadership" highlighting the role of women as leaders in their societies."

"BWFF accepts both Lebanese and international



films, feature and short films in all categories: Fiction, Documentary, Animation & Experimental; BWFF received for its third edition more than 1200 submissions from more than 100 countries, and applicants varied between fresh startup filmmakers and independent professional women filmmakers.”



“Driving Lessons” has won the Golden Apricot for the best short film in Armenia, Dublin Feminist Film Festival award in Ireland and several others from Italy and the United States.



Also, Linda Kiani acting in Driving Lessons has won the best actress award of the 12th San Francisco Annual Iranian Film Festival in short film.

Two Iranian Movies Among World's Best 100

Two movies, by world-renowned Iranian film director Asghar Farhadi, have been chosen among the "100 best international movies of all time" in non-English-language sector.

Molly Pennington, a PhD in Critical and Cultural Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, wrote that two Iranian movies "A Separation" and "About

Elly" both by Farhadi are among the best 100 international movies chosen by Stacker.

About Elly (2009) received the Golden Bear, the highest prize awarded for the best film at the Berlin International Film Festival and 10 awards at 27th Fajr Film Festival in Tehran. It also represented Iran in 82nd Oscars.



A Separation (2011) was the first Iranian film to win the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar. As well as the Oscars prize, A Separation won the Silver Bear for best actor and actress.

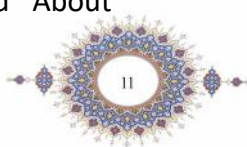


SPORTS

Ali Daei Among Best Strikers of AFC History

Iran's football legend, Ali Daei, has been chosen among the best strikers in the history of AFC by its website users.

The AFC website has nominated four players as the top strikers in Asian Cup history.



The top four strikers in Asian Cup history are from Iran, China, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia.

Previously, Daei was nominated by the Asian Football Confederation website for the continent's top legend that had an influential return to the domestic league.



Iranian Students Win Six Medals at International Poomsae Event

Iranian students won six medals at the first virtual tournament of ISF World School Taekwondo Poomsae Championship, which was held in Nepal, August 13-15.

The event was hosted by Nepal School Sports Federation under the banner of the International School Sports Federation.

About 292 boys and 268 girls from across the world participated in this mega event which was judged by international referees of Taekwondo.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the competition was held online in two age groups of 12 to 14 and 15 to 17 years by the World Student Federation.

The Iranian students were asked to record a video of their Poomsae performance and send it to the provincial authorities. After evaluation of all videos, performances of 82 students were selected by the technical committee of Iran's Taekwondo Federation and were submitted to Nepal to be judged by international judges.

In the age category of 12-14 years, Sanaz Taqipour from Tehran was ranked second. Narges Bolqand and Amir Hossein Esmaeili both from Isfahan finished third in girls and boys groups, respectively.

In the age category of 15-17 years, Zeinab Toghiani and ahtab Taji Rostammabadi both from Isfahan finished second and third, respectively. In the boys category, Mohammad Amin Gomarian stood at the second place.

Three of the referees at the event were from Iran.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Iran's 1st Floating Solar Power Plant Inaugurated



Relying on domestic capacities and expertise, Mahabad Petrochemical company, in West Azarbaijan Province, has put Iran's first floating solar power plant online.



It has taken six months for the company to make the project operational, the CEO of the petrochemical company Abbas Farshbaf said.

Located in a 400-square meter of land, the current capacity of this power plant is 200 kWh per day, he added, The figure will be improved to 500 kwh per day after the exploitation of the second phase of the plant. The project has cost 8.5 billion rials (about \$37.7 thousand), as he informed.

Floating solar refers to a solar power production installation mounted on a structure that floats on a body of water, typically an artificial basin or a lake.

Two types of systems can be distinguished: FPV or Floating photovoltaic, that uses photovoltaic panels mounted on the platform, and floating Concentrated solar power, that uses mirrors that redirect the solar power to a tower.

American, Danish, French, Italian and Japanese nationals were the first to register patents for floating solar.

Iran to Launch 5 Satellites by End of Year

Iranian Minister of Communications and Information Technology (ICT) Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi announced the launch of 5 satellites by end of the current Iranian year (starting March 19, 2020).



"The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology plans to implement 10 operational

programs for the final year of the current government, most of which will be in the field of space, development of national information network infrastructure, cyberspace, and public relations," said Jahromi on Wednesday.

"We are trying to launch five satellites by end of this year in coordination with the Ministry of Defense," he added.

He noted, "Utilization of a large Iranian supercomputer, which is one of the top 500 computers in the world, is on the agenda," adding, "This supercomputer is very important for information processing and achieving results in artificial intelligence and is one of the artificial intelligence infrastructures that will be put into operation in February."

Iran Exporting Nanoproducts to 45 Countries

Iran is currently exporting its nanoproducts to more than 45 countries around the world, according to statistics published in the Nanotechnology Products Database.



Since July 22, 684 nanoproducts have been produced by 30 Iranian companies, 259 of which received nanoscale certification.

Of these 684 nanoproducts, 215 were related to equipment, and 469 were related to goods. These

products are exported to more than 45 countries, such as Australia, China, South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, the European Union and countries in the region also were part of the export destinations.

The growth trend in the number of nanoproducts has been very significant over the past 7 years.

In order to create transparency in the market for nanoproducts and consequently improve the quality of these products and increase consumer confidence, and finally, to develop the market for nanomaterials and products, the Iran Nanotechnology Initiative Council grants nanoscale certification.

Nanoscale certification is granted to products whose manufacturer, in addition to complying with the mentioned technical requirements, complies with other production and commercial requirements contained in the company's regulations (including manufacturing or operation license, active quality control unit, presence of experts in the company, etc.).

Iran Produces Homegrown Amphibious Aircraft for First Time



Relying on indigenous knowledge, the researchers of an Iranian knowledge-based firm have obtained the technology of designing a prototype for an amphibious aircraft for the first time in the country.

Being supported by Vice Presidency for Science and

Technology, an Iranian knowledge-based firm announced that it has achieved the technology of designing a prototype for a homegrown amphibious aircraft for the first time in the country.

Researchers of this firm believe say Iran is among the top countries in the world in the field of producing amphibious aircraft which are capable of taking off and landing on sea, river, and dams as well the ground.

According to this knowledge-based firm, approximately 70% of the amphibious aircraft is produced domestically, therefore it creates a high added value to the economy.

This aircraft can be used in the field of tourist voyages, sea and land ambulances, professional pilot training, cargo transportation, forest, border monitoring, environmental and marine pollution control as well as maritime research and rescue operations.

Blood Donation Campaign Launched Nationwide During Muharram

A national blood donation campaign has been launched during the month of Muharram for forty days since Tasua (the ninth day of the month), Bashir Haji Beigi, spokesman for the Blood Transfusion Organization has announced.



Following the outbreak of coronavirus, doctors, pharmacists, scientists, and others are looking for a way to control the virus, and so far many studies and researches have been done in this regard.

One of the studies showed that the plasma driven from recovered patients can be used in the treatment of COVID-19 with the help of the patient's immune system.

Convalescent plasma therapy allows someone who has recovered from a coronavirus infection to donate their blood plasma to someone who is critically ill. Since April 20, 7,323 recovered from COVID-19 have referred to blood donation centers, 6,000 of whom donated plasma.

Noting that the statistic shows that about 2 percent of the recovered people in the whole country have referred to donate plasma, he said that so far, provinces of Tehran, Khuzestan, Isfahan, Mazandaran, Khorasan Razavi, Kermanshah, and West Azarbaijan provinces had the most plasma donors.

During Tasua and Ashura, 25 blood transfusion centers in different provinces of the country are ready to receive donated blood, he stated.

Iranian Students Win 4 Medals at International Biology Olympiad

Iranian students won 3 silver and one bronze in the 31st International Biology Olympiad (IBO) which has been hosted by Japan virtually.



Four Iranian students took part in the 31st International Biology Olympiad which was held virtually due to coronavirus outbreak.

Arian Hassani, Nazgol Mohaimeni, and Mohammad Amin Sabbaghi Lalimi claimed silver medals and Amir Hossein Shahsvand Davoodi gained a bronze.

This international science Olympiad whose aim is to bring together the most gifted biology talents around the world was hosted by Japan from 3 to 11 July 2020.

The International Biology Olympiad (IBO) is a yearly Biology competition for secondary school students, who are winners of their respective National Biology Olympiad. Their skills in tackling biological problems, and dealing with biological experiments are tested. For a successful performance interest in biology, inventiveness, creativity, and perseverance are necessary. IBO gathers young people from all over the world in an open, friendly, and peaceful mind. IBO is hosted every year by a different IBO member and takes one week.

TRADE & ECONOMY

\$82mn of Carpets, Kilims & Gabbehs Exported to 57 Countries in 4 Months



Iran exported \$82.57 million of carpets, kilims, and gabbehs to 57 countries in the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year to July 21).

Spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) Seyyed Rouhollah Latifi said that the exported products reached 20,886 tons in volume.

He noted that Iran is the biggest carpet producer in the world and before the imposition of US sanctions was also its major world exporter.



Latifi named Canada, Australia, Germany, Japan, Italy, Kuwait, Kenya, Iraq, Pakistan, New Zealand, Bahrain, Belgium, Qatar, Thailand, China, France, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Denmark as exports destinations for Iranian carpets, kilims, and gabbehs, while Afghanistan (more than \$18 million), Iraq (\$17.4 million) and Pakistan (\$5.4 million) are the major customers of Iran in this sector in the said period.

He also informed that thanks to their beautiful and unique design as well as lively colors, Iranian gabbehs are warmly welcomed by Japanese.



As previously reported, a total of \$50 million worth of hand-woven carpets were exported from Iran last year (March 2019-20), registering a 90 percent decline compared with the previous year.

Exports to Oman Hit \$110m in 4 Months

Iran exported commodities worth \$110 million to Oman during the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-July 21), the secretary of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO)'s desk on trade with Oman announced.

Soheila Rasoulinejad said that constructional materials, agricultural products and foodstuffs, as well as gas condensate constitute Iran's exports to Oman during the mentioned period, TPO published on its website.



TPO held the first meeting of its Commodity-Country Desk on trade with Oman presided by Farzad Piltan, the director-general of TPO's Office of Arabian and African Countries, on January 8.

The meeting was aimed at investigating the ways for increasing exports of constructional materials to Oman and removing the barriers related to transporting these materials to the Arab country, and was participated by the related state-run and private sector officials including representatives of some exporting and marine transport companies.

Despite the U.S. reimposition of sanctions against

the Islamic Republic, Oman is getting closer to Iran both politically and economically. There is also the same approach adopted by Iran, as Iranian companies now prefer to conduct trade with Oman rather than the United Arab Emirates (UAE), given that the UAE is highly complying with the sanctions.

Exports of Dried Fruits & Nuts up 52% in 4 months yr/yr

According to a senior official at Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO), the value of the Iranian exports of dried fruits, nuts and seeds in the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-July 21) increased by 52 percent compared to the same period last year.



According to Mahmoud Bazari, director-general of TPO's Export Coordination Office for agro crops and processing industry products, despite the limitations created by the coronavirus pandemic and the U.S. sanctions, the exports of the mentioned products also increased by 42 percent in terms of weight in the said four months.

Constructional Materials, Agricultural Products Export to Qatar Increases in 4 Months

The director-general of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO)'s office of Arabian and African countries has stated, Iran's export of some constructional materials as well as agricultural

products and foodstuffs to Qatar has risen during the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-July 21) compared to the same period of time in the past year.



As published by the TPO official website, Farzad Piltan said that among the exported constructional materials, white chalk, white cement, stones, pipes, and profiles have experienced growth of exports during the mentioned four-month period.

He also mentioned egg, pistachio, saffron, orange, and date as some of the agricultural products with a rise in exports to the Qatari market in the first four months of this year.

Trade between Iran and Qatar started to thrive when the Arab country came under a blockade by Saudi Arabia and allies in June 2017.

Iranian exporters have supplied various agricultural products as well as construction materials to Qatar, bringing in over \$335 million in revenues over the past Iranian calendar year that ended on March 19.

Iran's imports from Qatar topped \$30 million over the same period, said Adnan Mousapour, the head of Iran-Qatar Joint Chamber of Commerce, who insisted that trade balance between the two countries could have further been in Iran's favor if the pandemic had not caused a closure of shipping lines.



Indigenizing Industrial Equipment Saves Iran Over €1b

Relying on domestic production has saved Iran €1.045 billion since the implementation of a program during which 11 desks have been held on the matter, Iranian Industry, Mining and Trade Ministry data showed.



Of the mentioned amount, €143 million has been the share of oil, gas, and petrochemical industries and €118 million has been the share of telecommunications, electricity, and electronics.

Also, the manufacturers of automobile and motorcycle parts and equipment managed to indigenize the knowledge for producing €341 million worth of products, while the steel and copper industry saved €443 million.

As reported, the mentioned program for holding domestic production promotion desks was defined by the government to supply products, equipment, and machinery needed in various industrial fields using the capacities of the domestic producers and to increase self-sufficiency in the mentioned areas.

Iran Trade with CIS Hits Near \$3.3bn Last Year

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Seyed Ruhollah Latifi, Spokesman of the Iranian Customs Administration announced that in 2019, Iran exported \$1,751,605,967, equivalent to 4,793,512 tons of goods to CIS, meanwhile, the country's exports increased by more than one billion dollars compared to 2018.



According to Latifi, Russia with more than \$457 million, Azerbaijan with more than \$429 million and Armenia with \$231 million are the major export destinations of Iran.

Commonwealth of Independent States consists of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan as well as Turkmenistan as associate state and observer Afghanistan and Mongolia as observer states.

These countries enjoy linguistic, cultural, historical, political, and economic commonalities.

CIS countries have common interests in the fields of the energy sector, transit development, especially in the North-South and East-West corridors, and the export of technical and engineering services.

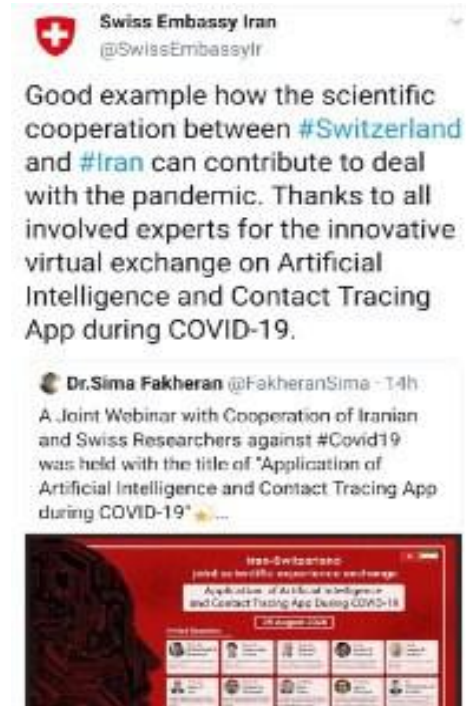


Foreign Missions in Iran

Austrian Ambassador on Green Tourism Cooperation with Iran



Swiss Embassy on Scientific Cooperation with Iran



UN in Iran on Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark



Pakistani Embassy on Iran-Pakistan Cricket Match





Pakistani Embassy on Independence Day



Pakistan in Tehran
@pakistanintehr1

Independence Day celebration at Pakistan House..

#14AugustAndRisingPakistan
#14AugustAzadiDay
#MyPakistan



Indian Ambassador Visits Hamedan's Ester & Mordechai



Dhamu Gaddam
@dhamugaddam

Proud to have met Rabbi Nejat Rasad at Hamedan's Synagogue. Rabbi Rasad also showed me around the well-preserved tomb of Ester and Mordechai.



Russian Embassy on the Ambassador's Interview with Tasnim News



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Ambassador of #Russia Mr. Levan Dzhangaryan gave an exclusive interview to #Tasnim news agency #media #Tehran #Iran tasnimnews.com/fa/news/1399/0... سفیر روسیه-تلاش-آمریکا-برای-ر-اه-اندازی-مکانیزم-ماشه-غیرقانونی-است



UNDP Representative Launches Tech Partnership with Iranian Sisootech



Claudio Providas
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@UNDPIran launches tech partnership with Sisootech, first #women's accelerator at the Vice-Presidency of #Science and #Technology. Supporting SMs #covid19 #UNDP 2.0 #Iran koochita.com/main

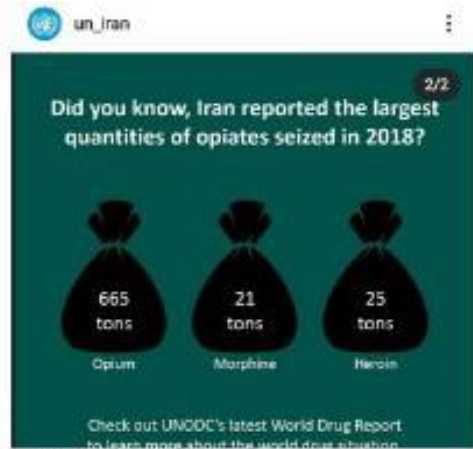


Italian Embassy on Tehran Marvels

 **Italy in Iran**
 @ItalyinIran
 Endless hidden corners in #Tehran suddenly opening up before your eyes like a refreshing #oasis. Even in these challenging times you can take a breadth of fresh air and sip some black Lahijan #tea, while enjoying #peace and quite and keeping #safe.



UN in Iran on Iranian Endeavors Against Drugs Trafficking



According to the 2020 World Drug Report, Iran reported the highest seizure of opiates globally. Despite drug trafficking representing a major challenge in South-West Asia and in Central Asia, the Iranian Government is committed to implementing operational recommendations dedicated to supply reduction and related measures, effective law enforcement and responses to drug-related crime. If you want to learn more about the world drug situation, check out the World Drug Report: <https://wdr.unodc.org/wdr2020/> #WorldDrugReport #drugcontrol #unodc

UNHCR Representative Praises Iran's Inclusive Healthcare System Access for Refugees

 **Ivo Freijesen** @IFreijesen · 4m
 With the generous support of @qatarairways, UNHCR received an airlift of essential medicine in support of Iran's inclusive primary healthcare system, to which refugees have access. 🇮🇷💊

Thank you for helping make this happen during these challenging times. 🙏



Swiss Embassy Appreciates New Swiss Commitments to the Iranian Food Sector

 **Swiss Embassy Iran** @SwissEmbassyIr · 33m
 From management, sales, sourcing, quality control to operations, an all-female team runs the new Maggi soup production line @Nestle #Iran. Great to inaugurate another Swiss commitment to the Iranian food sector.





Discover Iran; The Tourist Experience



elledaresh My beautiful city SHIRAZ 🇮🇷 The Vakil Mosque (Persian: مسجد وکیل - Masjed-e Vakil) is a mosque in Shiraz, southern Iran, situated to the west of the Vakil Bazaar next to its entrance. ... Vakil means regent, which was the title used by Karim Khan, the founder of Zand Dynasty. #shiraz #vakilmosque #ancientiran #historical #hafez #vakilbazar #bazarvakil





drewbinsky Flashback to my first day in #Iran from exactly 5 months ago 🇮🇷 Such a lovely place that is probably the most misunderstood country in the world. Have you ever been to Iran? What are your favorite places to visit there? Comment your thoughts & questions below! #Persian #Iranian #Tehran #Yazd #Shiraz #Isfahan #Kerman #LoveIran #Persia



drewbinsky We have arrived in the beautiful desert town of #Yazd in central #Iran. The architecture around here is absolutely stunning – the blue tiled mosques in the old city remind me a little bit of Samarkand, Uzbekistan! We learned all about the ancient #Zoroastrian religion, which was based in this town from the 3rd Century, and how the people were able to survive (i.e. get water) in the middle of the #Persian desert. Very interesting stuff! The town of Yazd has so many lovely bazaars, shopping, mosques and squares – it's honestly a hidden paradise. Can't wait to see more! 🇮🇷 @gadventures #gadventures #gwanderers #loveiran #lovepersia

