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Gov't Reintroduces COVID-19 Restrictions In Several Provinces

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN – President Hassan Rouhani says restrictions will be reintroduced in several “red zones” in order to stem the spread of novel coronavirus.

President Rouhani said on Sunday everyone should observe health protocols in order to control the disease.

He said week-long restrictions could be put in place in cities which reach the “red” state as deemed necessary by the local coronavirus task force.

“As of July 5, 2020, it will be mandatory to wear masks at all places of gathering,” said the president at a meeting of the National Coronavirus Headquarters.

He then praised measures by all sectors in the country to fight coronavirus.

The president noted that no vaccine has been developed for the virus so far, adding the current situation may persist and “we should prepare ourselves for a long-term fight.”

“Let’s not allow the coronavirus outbreak to reach its peak in provinces, and everybody should help because if the disease becomes severe it will put medical personnel under pressure,” he said. **See Page 7**

Europeans Should Be Accountable For Chemical Holocaust in Iran



IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - Head of Iranian Civil Defense Organization described the chemical attacks by Saddam's regime in the cities of Sardasht and Halabja as a chemical holocaust, saying that European countries that helped Saddam to produce these weapons should be held accountable today.

Speaking at the National Conference on Chemical Defense held in Tehran on Sunday, Brigadier-General Gholam-Reza Jalali said: “Prohibition of the production and stockpiling chemical weapons in the world must have executive requirements.”

“Today we still witness the use of chemical weapons against the people. For example, ISIS used chemical weapons against the Iraqi people, and everyone knows what countries created the terrorist group,” head of Iranian Civil Defense Organization added.

He went on to say that the conventions prohibiting the production and accumulation of chemical weapons are not being implemented, and the United States and European countries are producing and stockpiling them, so an organization like the International Atomic Energy Agency must be set up in the chemical field to prevent this.

The official also criticized the performance of international institutions such as the fact-finding committees for chemical attacks because they do not disclose the behind-the-scenes production and sale of chemical weapons.

General Jalali referred to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution's fatwa regarding the ban on the production and stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and said: “Iran has an economic and defensive approach toward the chemical industry.” The chemical industry is the engine of the country's economy, and Iran is now one of the hubs of petrochemicals and chemicals, he noted. With an industrial and economic view in this industry, Iran has been able to create jobs in this field, the official concluded.

Meanwhile addressing the ceremony, the senior aide and adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said that the West and international organizations were silent against the biggest chemical attack in history.

Major General Yahya Rahim-Safavi referred to the chemical bombing of Sardasht and Halabja by Saddam's regime, saying, “Today, the chemical bombing of Halabja is the largest chemical attack in history in terms of geographical area, but at that time the world's mass media remained silent about this incident and the United States, Europe, and the international organizations showed a green light to it.”

Having 8000 martyrs and 107,000 veterans due to chemical attacks, Iran has been one of the biggest victims of chemical attacks in the world, he noted.

Referring to Iran's strategies in the face of chemical and microbial threats, former Chief Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) stressed the need to develop infrastructure and use modern technology, strengthen the training sector and build the necessary equipment to deal with this type of threat.

“To better deal with chemical and microbial threats, it is necessary to develop relations with other countries,” General Safavi added.

“In the fight against the coronavirus, Iran has been able to succeed with the role played by the armed forces along with other organizations, and these experiences must be transferred to other countries,” the official concluded.

The National Conference on Chemical Defense was held in Tehran on Sunday on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the chemical attack on Sardasht with the attendance of senior military officials of Iran, including the senior aide and adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Major General Yahya Rahim-Safavi and Head of Iranian Civil Defense Organization Brigadier-General Gholam-Reza Jalali.

Coronavirus Kills More 144 Iranians

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - Health Ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said on Sunday that some 144 more Iranians have died of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) over the past 24 hours bringing the total deaths to 10,508.

Sadat Lari said that, with the 144 new deaths, the country's total COVID-19 death toll mounted to 10,508.

Some 2,489 new cases of infection with COVID-19 were found over the past 24 hours, some 1,406 of whom have been hospitalized, she added.

She noted that a total of 222,669 Iranians have been confirmed infected with the COVID-19, some 183,301 of whom have been discharged from hospital or recovered from the disease.

Some 2,946 other COVID-19 patients are in critical condition and being treated in intensive care units, the spokeswoman said.

She added that 1,610,869 tests have so far been carried out in Iran. **See Page 7**

ViewPoint Majlis Shows Yellow Card To President Rouhani

By: Hamid Reza Naghashian

Heads of committees of Majlis on Thursday in a letter to President Hassan Rouhani urged him to stop continuing the current trend that he has followed in the past seven years of his presidency. In the letter, it has been explicitly stipulated that during seven years of Rouhani's presidency nothing has been seen but cruelty and injustice towards the weak layers of the society and even the youths and industrialists, and he should change his policy in order to cooperate with the current Majlis.

It seems this letter which has been written by the Majlis committees to be the first yellow card and warning to President Rouhani's performance for his seven years in office. Hereby and in my article, I bring some excerpts of the letter for the attention of Iranian and world nations and the governments which are supporters of President Rouhani's government in order to show the difference between revolutionary people with people being totally different with them. Some excerpts of the letter are as follows, “Now that we are on the eve of beginning the eighth year of your presidency as the highest executive official in the country and Majlis has also started its work to revive Islamic Republic Revolution's values, we are witnessing a painful condition in the country which we believe Iranian martyr-nurturing nation does not deserve it. So according to our legal and revolutionary task regarding supervising the performance of the executive branch and also according to the Article 8 of the Constitutions as the representatives of zealous Iranian nation, it is necessary to notify some points to you as the man who is in charge of executing the Constitutions which has been stipulated in the Article 113. Mr. President ... You have sworn in on the Holy Quran and Iranian nation to safeguard the Constitutions, the laws which entitle anyone to have appropriate housing and have entrusted the government with the task of creating job for anyone, the laws which emphasize fight with monopolization, hoarding, prodigality and supporting boost in agro, livestock and industrial production till the country reaches self-sufficiency and cuts its dependence on other countries. But now on the eve of starting your eighth year of presidency, how far is the distance between the sacred Islamic Revolution establishment and these principles? Can you find this massive amount of unemployed youths anywhere but in Iran? Are not they Iranian citizens who are hapless in earning their minimum livelihood as they have to work several shifts to survive? We wish if you, on way to your office, had a look at the poor children who were searching in trash dumps to find something to eat. **See Page 7**

NIMA Supplies €429m to Importers, Up 92% in Week

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The Central Bank of Iran says the domestic Forex Management Integrated System (locally known as NIMA) supplied €429 million to the country's importers in the week ended on June 25 to register a 92 percent increase compared to the previous week, ILNA reported.

According to the Central Bank of Iran (CBI), NIMA supplied €3.3 billion for the imports of basic goods and raw materials since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20) up to June 27. The system, which seeks to boost transparency, create competitiveness among exchange shops, and a secure environment for traders, is a new chance for importers to supply their required foreign currency without specific problems and for exporters to re-inject their earned foreign currency to the domestic forex market.

It was inaugurated to allow exporters of non-oil commodities to sell their foreign currency earnings to importers of consumer products. Last week, CBI announced that NIMA managed to return over €30.075 billion of non-oil export revenues into the country's economic cycle since it was launched in April 2018 up to June 19, 2020. In late May 2019, CBI unveiled a directive package that provided the country's exporters with guidelines about how they should re-inject their foreign currency incomes into the country's economy.

Iran's Exports Drop Dramatically

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Customs statistics of Iran's major foreign trade partners show a significant drop in their transactions with the Islamic Republic in the first five months of 2020.

Since early 2019, Iran's customs has stopped publishing its monthly reports and provides only general statistics on the country's exports and imports of non-oil goods.

The latest general figures released by Iran's customs show that last winter the country's non-oil exports decreased by about 35% compared with the winter of 2018 and reached \$ 8 billion. In the following two months, the country's non-oil exports continued to fall by 48 percent to \$ 4.3 billion.

Meanwhile, statistics from Iran's main partners show both oil and non-oil imports in detail, giving away some more facts and figures. **See Page 7**

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Police Chief Urges People to Comply With Hygienic Rules

TEHRAN (IP) - The Police Chief Brigadier General Hossein Ashtari warned on Sunday that people should follow preventive and hygienic instructions as well as social distancing as long as the conditions are not yet normal.

Unfortunately, the virus has not yet been contained, and the alarming increase in the number of people infected in some provinces of the country indicates that a large number of citizens have not taken the risk of contracting the disease seriously," he added.

Ashtari elaborated further that Iran's police force is actively present in the anti-COVID-19 battlefield through using all the capacities, facilities, and equipment along with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, as well as the National Task Force Combating Corona.

Iran's police chief pointed to the readiness of police hospitals and medical centers to provide services to patients adding that the process of treating patients is seriously monitored and followed up to ensure complete recovery.

Tehran, Baghdad Stress Full Implementations of Joint Agreements

TEHRAN (IFP) - Interior minister and his Iraqi counterpart have underscored the importance of implementing the agreements signed by the sides, saying Tehran and Baghdad must increase their trade cooperation.

Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said the fields of cooperation between Tehran and Baghdad cover a wide range including terrorism, organized crime and arms and drug trafficking, as well as police cooperation and border security.

"We can boost economic and trade exchanges while adhering to health protocols. We can even increase the working hours of border markets to as much as 24 hours so that traders and businessmen of the two countries can cooperate more," said Rahman Fazli in a phone conversation with Iraqi minister of interior Osman Ali Farhoud.

Rahmani Fazli also referred to the capacity of the Somar and Khosravi border points and called on the Iraqi minister to activate these borders for the exchange of goods and commercial items.

He also pointed out that in some parts of the border between Iran and Iraq, both in the north and in the south, unfortunately, there exists smuggling of weapons, ammunition and alcoholic beverages.



Rahmani Fazli called for joint meetings of the relevant officials of the two countries to prevent these issues. In this telephone conversation, the Iraqi interior minister thanked Rahmani Fazli for his call and emphasized on the development of cooperation between the two countries in security, political, and economic fields.

"We are trying to develop cooperation in all fields which is in the interest of both countries and nations," Osman Ali Farhoud pointed out.

To combat terrorism, organized crime, drugs, smuggling and counterfeit money, Iraq is determined to develop bilateral relations because the two sides need each other's support, given the long joint borders.

One Iranian Dies of Coronavirus Every 13 Minutes

TEHRAN (IFP) - Deputy health minister says the novel coronavirus is killing one Iranian every 13 minutes, and infecting another one every 33 seconds.

Iraj Harirchi said this is an alarm that shows people should observe the social distancing.

"Fortunately, with the cooperation of the people and the health ministry, we were able to control the disease, but it is not enough. In some provinces, we are facing the severe conditions of the disease, and our provincial and city-wide measures, especially in the high-risk regions, should be taken seriously as much as possible."

Observing the physical distance of one metre reduces the threat of the virus by 82%, the use of the mask by 85% and the use of eye protection by 78%. These figures are very important and effective in preventing the spread of the disease, underlined Harirchi in a video press conference on Saturday.

"Re-openings are now underway in most countries around the world due to economic reasons. In the current context of economic and social activity, the most important things that reduce the prevalence of the disease are the observance of one-metre distance with others and the use of eye protection and masks."

Harirchi emphasized that young people, and even children who appear to be healthy or have mild symptoms of corona disease, are an important player in transmitting the disease to others, especially parents and the elderly.

"People under the age of 50 are less likely to develop asymptomatic and undiagnosed disease. Unintentionally and unknowingly, young people can infect those around them which sometimes leads to death and prolonged hospitalization."

People who have had COVID-19 before, and people whose antibodies have been tested positive and think they are safe, should still keep a social distance because it is not yet clear from scientific evidence that these people are safe against the corona, he went on to say.

U.S. Deprives Iran's Chemical Warfare Victims of Access to Medicine

TEHRAN (IFP) - Iran's foreign minister says the United States' "inhumane" sanctions have prevented Iranian victims of chemical warfare from accessing the medicine they need.

Mohammad Javad Zarif said the U.S. administration did not know anything about human rights when it was witnessing the use of chemical weapons against Iran during the imposed war with Iraq.

"It does not recognize human rights when imposing sanctions. Washington does not even respect human rights in its economic terrorism," added Zarif.

Speaking at a ceremony to commemorate the victims of Sardasht chemical attack, the Iranian foreign minister underlined that in the tragedy of Sardasht, one can see two manifestations of humanity and savagery at the same time. However, Iran did not violate human principles in the face of savagery.

"Morality and the power of selfless people never let them go beyond the limits of humanitarian principles. The Iranian nation never retaliated and this honour was recorded for the Islamic Republic in history. Iran does not violate humanitarian principles in the face of oppression and savagery."

Elsewhere in his remarks, FM Zarif mentioned the United Nations has repeatedly investigated both the Islamic Republic of Iran's concern over the use of chemical weapons by Iraq and the Iraqis' claims against Iran.

However, he said, in all of these investigations it has come to the firm conclusion that it was Saddam's regime that used chemical weapons.

The first time the UN Security Council condemned Iraq's use of chemical weapons was at the end of the Iran-Iraq war, underscored Zarif.

"Today, through its inhumane sanctions, the United States is preventing (export of) the medicine needed for chemical (warfare) victims; the drugs needed for other victims as well as the drugs needed for various patients," stressed the Iranian foreign minister.

The Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein attacked Sardasht, in West Azerbaijan province, in north-western Iran, with chemical weapons in 1987. Sardasht is one of the first cities in the world to be targeted by weapons of mass destruction.

Tehran, Ankara Vow to Continue Border Interaction

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Iran's Border Guards Commander General Ahmad Ali Goodarzi and Commander of Turkey's Gendarmerie Field Marshal Arif Chetin in a telephone conversation on Saturday emphasized on continuance of current trend in border interactions.

During the phone conversation, Chetin expressed hope that mutual coordination and cooperation would continue based on trust, according to a press release on the Iranian Police website.

He also said that he hoped interactions between border guards of Iran and Turkey would lead to a deepening of friendship and brotherhood between the two nations.

Field Marshal Chetin hailed General Qassem Rezaei, former commander of the Iranian Border Guards, and congratulated General Goodarzi's appointment to the post.

Emphasizing on the continuance of cooperation between Iran and Turkey on border issues, General Goodarzi, for his turn, said that this plays an important role in security and peace for the two nations.

He also urged the continuance of meetings between border guards of Iran and Turkey.

Iran and Turkey have 500 kilometers of common borders.

Iran Ranks Second In Plasma Therapy

TEHRAN (MNA) - CEO of the Iranian Blood Transfusion Organization said that Iran is ranked as the second country for conducting the Convalescent Plasma Therapy plan, while the U.S. falls one step behind Iran.

Payman Eshghi, the CEO of the Iranian Blood Transfusion Organization, reported over the performances of the organization in the field of collecting the plasma of the COVID-19 patients who are fully recovered in producing drugs for patients who are currently in critical conditions.

"Iran had been the second country after china who started to conduct Convalescent plasma Therapy plan" Eshghi declared, adding that the US falls one step behind Iran due to the fact that it started this program 10 days after Iran.

He went on to say that the COVID19 patients who are recovered from the disease should consider that as time goes on the antibody in their blood will be decreased, stressing that the golden time for plasma donation is one or two months after full recovery.

IBTO is the only legal authority in the country responsible for providing blood products needed by patients.

Tehran, Moscow Underline Developing Cultural Ties

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Russian Ambassador to Tehran Levan Dzhagaryan and Director of Tehran-based Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (ICRO) Abouzar Ebrahimi Torkaman stressed the importance of developing relations in the framework of cultural agreements.

Referring to development of relations between Tehran and Moscow, Torkaman said both countries have had cultural relations but these ties are now promoted. He underscored Iran's readiness for boosting cultural relations with Russia, especially with regard to creating joint committee on cultural cooperation.

Torkaman also hailed holding religious talks between Islam and Christianity. Meanwhile, Dzhagaryan emphasized reinforcing religious talks aiming to reach a common understanding. Russian Federation is ready to promote cultural relations with Iran, he noted.

We Have Over 67,000 Chemical Warfare Veterans

TEHRAN (IP) - Today there are more than 67,000 chemical warfare veterans in Iran, a senior official noted.

On the congress, which was held to honor victims of U.S.-style human right on Saturday evening, director of Foundation of Martyrs and Veteran's Affairs Saeed Ohadi referred to Sardasht chemical bombing as the most catastrophic event by Saddam regime and said that they dropped more than 8000 tons of bombs on Iranian people.

In this ceremony also the governor-general of West Azarbayjan Mohammad Mahdi Shahriyari delivered his speech through video conference saying that Sardasht people are among the most oppressed people in the world and the Islamic Republic of Iran does its best to solve the problems of people in Sardasht.

He went on to say that this day must remain in the world's mind as a document of global arrogance. At the end of this ceremony, some martyr's families were awarded.

Also, an exhibition called "Red Source" was inaugurated on the sideline of this ceremony.



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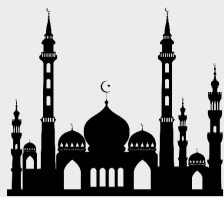
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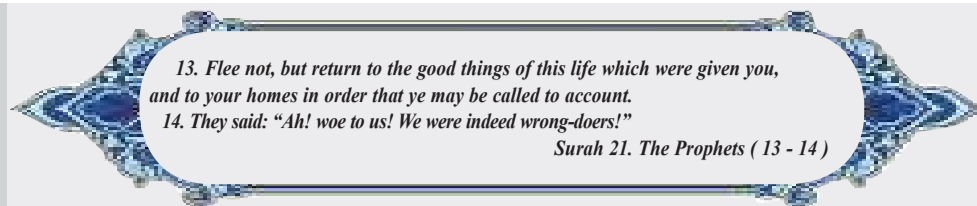
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IME on Course to Become Biggest Commodity Market in Region

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The CEO of Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME) Mr. Hamed Soltaninejad says the company is on the course to become the biggest commodity market in the region.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the company, Soltaninejad briefed the share-holders of the performance of the IME and elaborated major achievements of the company in the past Iranian calendar year and pointed to some of programs of the IME in the current year.

To begin with, he pointed to the message of board of directors addressing the shareholders, adding that IME, in line with materializing the Supreme Leader's last year recommendations that he called it year of pick-up in production, as the biggest market of commodity and bonds enjoyed trade worth 170,000b tomans last year and it has done its best in collaboration with all economic activists to facilitate boom in production and offering products on the IME through adopting several hardware and software tools.

Soltaninejad reiterated that IME is trying to become the biggest mixed commodity market in the region and a sustainable reference for commodity price, adding that the company could create a common understanding between capabilities and existing capacities and economic activists in line with materializing the slogan of pick-up in production last year.

He added that IME ranked first among the capital markets in the country in the preceding year in terms of value of trade, and it enjoyed 56 percent growth in value of the total trade last year and it indicates the growth in the capital market.

Soltaninejad further said IME in its thirteenth year of activities has been able to act as one of the capital market pillars and it has had more colorful and effective impact on the national economy especially in meeting the demands of different sectors of economy especially metal, petrochemical and chemical industries.



He added that discovery of the price is done based on the demand and supply, reduction in the costs of exchanges in order to ease access to the information of the market, boosting the cashability based on creating the secondary market for transactions, creating mechanism for finance and directing it towards the justifiable industries and creating the hedge have been of the major functions of the IME in line with pick-up in economy and surge into production.

Soltaninejad added that IME is determined to employ capacities and capabilities in the capital market this year which has been named surge in the production and to play more efficiency in creating transparency and health in the market.

He then pointed to major achievements of the IME in the past Iranian calendar year. He said the value of trades last year stood at more than 169,000b tomans and in the physical market, over 26.3m tons of commodities worth 137,000b tomans were traded.

On the mineral and industrial floor, some 9.7m tons of commodities worth 61,000b tomans were traded.

Soltaninejad further said on the petrochemical products floor, 4.6m tons of commodities worth 42,000b tomans and the figure on the oil products was 11.9m tons of commodities worth 33,000b tomans.

Iran-Italy Trade in New Economic Condition

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – Tehran Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Italian Embassy and the European House: Ambrossetti is to hold a specialized online round table on the trade relation of Iran and Italy.

According to reports, this will be the second round table which is held by the chamber in collaboration with Italian Embassy in Tehran and Ambrossetti. The first three-way meeting was held in April, 2019 but this time in will be online due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The round table is aimed at reviewing the trade relation between Iran and Italy focused on non-oil sectors, role of small and medium sized enterprises and support of EU from developing bilateral ties. Issues like changing the models for bilateral trade cooperation in the new economic condition is also to be discussed in the meeting.

The specialized online round table is to be held on Wednesday, July 7.

Iran May Reconsider Ties With S Korea Over Frozen Assets

TEHRAN (IFP) - An Iranian lawmaker says Seoul's move to block Tehran's assets would not go unanswered, and Tehran may reconsider its trade relations with South Korea.

Hossein-Ali Haji Deligani, a representative of Shahinshahr in the Iranian parliament, said South Korea is blocking Iran's assets on the orders of the US, but the Islamic Republic will not let such a move remain unreciprocated.

"South Korea is taking our foreign currency by sending goods to Iran, and the import of its products to Iran has overwhelmed the market," he told Fars News Agency.

Haji Deligani added that this issue will be discussed in the parliament and the necessary decisions will be made about it. "We will not allow South Korea to create problems for our nation with its cooperation with the United States," he concluded.

Iran Exports \$1.09b Oil products Via PSEEZ in Q1

TEHRAN (MNA) – Head of Pars Special Economic Energy Zone [PSEEZ] Customs Department General said that 4.4 million tons of oil products, worth \$1.09 billion were exported via this customs office in the first three months of the current Iranian calendar year [March 20 to June 20].

Amir Abbas Hamidi also said on Sunday that, "the exports of non-oil products from South Pars Customs Department General is experiencing an

increasing trend despite limitations and restrictions imposed by the U.S. against the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Home to the largest gas field in the world, South Pars Special Economic Energy Zone, as the capital of energy in Iran, is considered as the hub of export of non-oil products, he added.

The exports mainly included methanol, propane, butane, light- and heavy polyethylene, gas

condensates, ammonia, sulfur, styrene and crude oil during the period.

China, the United Arab Emirates, South Korea, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Egypt and Kuwait.

Moreover, over 4,622 tons of products, valued at \$105.82 million, were transited from this zone, showing a 29% hike in terms of value as compared to the same period of last year.

Some Section of 2nd Isfahan Water Supply System to Come on Stream Next Year

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

ISFAHAN – The managing director of Isfahan Province Water and Wastewater Company says there is no water tension in Isfahan Province but there is a crisis, adding that as long as the second water supply system of great Isfahan does not joint the network, the company will be in trouble for supplying drinking water and it is expected some part of the project to come on stream next year.

Mr. Hashem Amini said as long as the second water supply system of great Isfahan does not joint Isfahan drinking water network, the company will be definitely in difficult condition for drinking water supply, expressing hope that despite existing some problems, some part of the second water supply system of the company would join the network.

He said Regional Water Company of Isfahan is in charge of implementing the second water supply system of great Isfahan, adding that despite this fact, Isfahan Province Water and Wastewater Company has taken responsibility to finance some part of the project and it is busy with implementing 1400 millimeter pipelines for transfer of water.

Amini also pointed to 30 percent progress in constructing the structure of the system, noting that currently the issue of pipe-laying and providing equipment is in the works and province management considers bringing some part of the system to the network in order to cover some shortage of drinking water in 56 towns and 300 villages in the province.

He emphasized that Baba Sheikhali water treatment plant is one of the most advanced treatment waters in the country whose supplied water has no quality problem and its ozone chlorine system is in good condition.



Routine Iran-UAE Flights Resume

TEHRAN (IRNA)- Flights between Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) returned to normal, Iran's Embassy in Abu Dhabi announced on Saturday.

Iranian airlines can directly make their demands and receive permission from the UAE, the Embassy said through a statement.

After following-up measures taken by the Iranian

Embassy, permission has been given to fly Dubai to operate flights from Iran to UAE.

Passengers should see <https://smartservices.ica.gov.ae> to get coronavirus test before flying, according to Iranian Embassy.

Flights worldwide were postponed after the December 2019 outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic across the world.

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	7,016,919	Tender No. : FP/12-99/042 Indent No.:08-22-9845155	7,400,000,000
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Yemen President Urges Separatists to Stop the Bloodshed

RIYADH (AFP) - Yemen's president on Saturday called on southern separatists to "stop the bloodshed" and abide by a power-sharing agreement, in his first public comments since the secessionists declared autonomy in April.

The conflict between the Southern Transitional Council (STC) and the internationally recognised government of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi constitutes a second front in Yemen, already split by a war between government loyalists and Huthis.

The STC, which declared self-rule on April 26, has made a series of military gains, the latest this month when it seized the strategic island of Socotra.



Spain Maintains Ban On Cruise Ships

BARCELONA (Reuters) - Spain is to uphold a ban on cruise liners from docking at its ports to stop the spread of COVID-19, according to a ministerial order published on Saturday.

Cruise liners carrying thousands of passengers regularly stop off at ports in the Balearic Islands, the Canary Islands, Barcelona and Malaga, but were prohibited when Spain went into lockdown on March 14.

With their crowds of often elderly passengers, cruise ships have been especially vulnerable to outbreaks of the virus and have been barred from disembarking in several countries.



Martin Elected Ireland's New PM After Coalition Deal



DUBLIN (AFP) - Micheal Martin was elected as Ireland's new prime minister on Saturday, after his centre-right Fianna Fail party sealed a historic coalition deal with long-time rivals Fine Gael as well as the Green Party.

The election of Martin, who replaced Leo Varadkar as Taoiseach during a special sitting of the Dail parliament, comes after months of negotiations between the parties following elections in February.

"To be elected to serve as Taoiseach of a free republic is one of the greatest honours which anyone can receive," Martin told the parliament.

He said that the most immediate issue facing Ireland was the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"At the same time, we know that there are other great challenges which we faced before the pandemic and which remain to be overcome," he said.

These challenges included affordable housing, hospital waiting times and climate change, the new leader said.

Ireland also faces the economic fallout from the virus as well as a potential no-deal Brexit.

The 59-year-old political veteran was later presented with the seal of office by Ireland's president, Michael D Higgins.

Martin is due to announce ministers in his new administration later in the day.

He takes over from centre-right Fine Gael's Varadkar in an historic reconciliation of Ireland's two major parties -- and sworn political rivals -- which dates back to the foundation of the state a century ago.

Varadkar said the agreement meant that "today Civil War politics ends in our parliament".

"Two great parties coming together with another great party, the Green Party, to offer what this country needs, a stable government for the betterment of our country and for the betterment of our world," added the outgoing premier.

Under the agreement, Fine Gael is set to regain the post of Taoiseach at the end of 2022.

The two centre-right parties needed the support of the Greens to have a working majority in the Irish parliament, their collective total adding up to 85 seats in the 160-seat chamber.

Fianna Fail won the most seats in February's election with 38, while Fine Gael received 35 seats and the Greens 12.

Green Party leader Eamon Ryan spoke of "difficult decisions" ahead for the coalition, especially with regards to the economy.

Russia Denies Report Spy Unit Paid Taliban to Attack NATO Forces

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Russia and the Taliban have denied a media report saying that a Russian military intelligence unit had offered money to Taliban-linked fighters to kill U.S. troops and other members of the NATO coalition operating in Afghanistan.

The New York Times report says that U.S. intelligence officials concluded several months ago that the Russian unit had last year secretly offered rewards to the fighters in return for successful attacks. The information was later independently reported by the Washington Post.

The officials said the Taliban-linked fighters, or elements closely associated with them, are believed to have collected at least some reward money from the Russians, although it remains unclear what attacks were connected to the scheme, according to the report. Russia on Saturday denounced the accusations, with the Russian embassy in Washington, DC calling them "baseless and anonymous".



Thousands in Western Myanmar Flee as Army Plans Operations

DHAKA (Reuters) - Thousands of villagers have fled their homes in Myanmar's Rakhine state after a local administrator warned dozens of village leaders that the army planned "clearance operations" against insurgents, a lawmaker and a humanitarian group said.

But a government spokesman said late on Saturday an evacuation order issued by border-affairs officials had been revoked. Border affairs acknowledged issuing the order through the local administrator but said it affected fewer villages.

The warning to the village leaders came in a letter written on Wednesday, which was seen by Reuters and verified by a state government minister, Colonel Min Than.

The letter, signed by the administrator of Rathedaung township, Aung Myint Thein, told village leaders he had been informed the operations were planned in the township's Kyauktan village and nearby areas suspected of harbouring insurgents.

The letter does not specify where the order came from, but Min Than, Rakhine state's border affairs and security minister, told Reuters it was an instruction from his border affairs ministry, one of three Myanmar government ministries controlled by the army.

"Clearance operation will be done by forces in those villages," the letter from the administrator said.

"While this is being done, if the fighting occurs with AA terrorists, don't stay at the villages but move out temporarily," it said, referring to the Arakan Army, the name of the Rakhine state insurgents.

The administrator could not be reached for comment by Reuters.

Min Than said the "clearance operation" described in the letter referred to military operations targeting "terrorists."

He said the administrator had misinterpreted the order from his ministry and that the operations would only take place in a few villages, not the dozens mentioned, but confirmed other details.

The tweet added the claims had "already led to direct threats to the life of employees of the Russian Embassies in Washington DC and London". Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied to the New York Times that the group has "any such relations with any intelligence agency" and called the report an attempt to defame the armed group.

"These kinds of deals with the Russian intelligence agency are baseless - our target killings and assassinations were ongoing in years before, and we did it on our own resources," he said. "That changed after our deal with the Americans, and their lives are secure and we don't attack them."

In 2019, 20 U.S. soldiers were killed in Afghanistan but there have been no reported Taliban attacks on the U.S. positions since the two countries reached an agreement in February that paves the way for the U.S. to withdraw from the nearly 20-year long conflict.

U.S. officials have previously linked the Russian intelligence unit in question to assassination attempts and operations in Europe meant to destabilise Western powers, according to the report.

Six Migrants Dead, Dozens Rescued Off Libya Coast

TRIPOLI (AFP) - A woman who gave birth at sea was among 93 migrants rescued off Libyan shores as they tried to reach Europe, but six others died along the way, the UN's migration agency said Saturday.

The survivors were brought back overnight to the port city of Khoms, 120 kilometres (75 miles) west of the capital Tripoli, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said on Twitter. "Among them was a woman who gave birth on the rubber dinghy" that had undertaken the perilous Mediterranean crossing, it said.

"Migrants reported to IOM staff that 6 people have died along the journey," it added.

Libya was thrown into chaos after the overthrow and killing of veteran dictator Moamer Kadhafi in a NATO-backed uprising in 2011. Traffickers have exploited the unrest to turn the North African country into a key route for illicit migration towards Europe.

The situation of refugees and asylum seekers in Libya worsened after eastern Libya-based military strongman Khalifa Haftar launched an assault on Tripoli in 2019 and the onset of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Human rights groups have repeatedly criticised the systematic return of migrants intercepted in the Mediterranean to Libya,

where they are held in crowded detention centres.

The IOM said those rescued overnight were released after disembarking in Khoms.

The latest operation came just days after French charity boat Ocean Viking, picked up dozens of migrants, including 31 Pakistanis, off the Italian island of Lampedusa after they had drifted from Libya.

Nicholas Romaniuk, who coordinated the mission aboard that vessel, said rescue ships are often out-run by the Libyan coast guard who beat them to intercept migrants and return them to Libya.

Such was the case, he said, with the overnight rescue operation, deploring the lack of coordination.

"We were about an hour and a half from being nearby" when the Libyan coast guard intervened, said Romaniuk.

"There is no coordination, no information sharing for life saving operations. We're talking about people who were reported to be dying, a newborn baby on board," he added. "The fact that, even in this situation, they won't share information, it's an absolute disgrace."

The Ocean Viking, he said, was some 153 nautical miles away from the stricken boat when it received a distress signal.



Mahathir Backs New Candidate for PM

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) - Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad has thrown his support behind the chief minister of the Borneo state of Sabah as candidate to lead the country, a statement from Mahathir said on Saturday.

Mahathir said supporters and allies had unanimously agreed at a meeting on Thursday to nominate Shafie Apdal, among the early leaders who opposed the government of Najib Razak which Mahathir ousted in 2018, as next prime minister.

"I fully support this proposal," Mahathir said. "The important thing is that we have a solid stand for the people to know our position." Malaysia's next national elections are due by September 2023 but there has been speculation of an earlier snap poll.

Thursday's meeting also agreed to propose Mahathir's former deputy-turned-rival Anwar Ibrahim, and his son Mukhriz Mahathir, as deputy prime ministers.

Malaysia's opposition has been scrambling in recent weeks to muster a credible candidate to spearhead its challenge to Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's administration, but was unable to decide between Mahathir or Anwar.

The veteran politicians had joined hands in 2018 to oust the then prime minister Najib, with Anwar becoming Mahathir's successor in waiting.

Muhyiddin was unexpectedly made prime minister in March after a week of political turmoil punctuated by Mahathir's shock resignation.

Mahathir has pushed for a confidence vote in parliament in Muhyiddin's leadership and said he would seek to oust him for bringing back to power a graft-tainted party rejected by voters in an historic election two years ago.



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Distribution of 700 Rials profit per share in the General Assembly of Kachad

79% Net Profit Increase Compared to 2018



The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2020, with the participation of more than 97% of the shareholders, at the Talash Hall. Due to the special circumstances of the outbreak of Corona virus and the impossibility of the presence of some real shareholders, the details of the simultaneous meeting of the forum were broadcast live on the Aparat and Chadormelo virtual TV channels.

In this meeting, after the election of Dr. Ghanbari, the representative of Omid Investment Company, as the chairman and supervisors of Mr. Al-Sati, the representative of Mines and Metals Development Company and Shabani, the representative of Mobarakeh Steel Company and Khalilzadeh, the representative of the Stock Exchange and Securities Organization and Bahramian, the representative of the Auditing Institute Colleagues, Engineer Nasser Taghizadeh, as the secretary of the assembly and the managing director of the company, presented a report on the performance and executive plans. The report included operations to extract, produce and sell the company's products and plans for this year.

Following the meeting, the report of the statutory inspector on the performance of the board of directors, financial statements including balance sheet, profit and loss and its accompanying notes for the fiscal year ending March 20, 2019 were read. After hearing the explanations of the Board of Directors and the Legal Inspector, the Assembly, while confirming the performance of the Board of Directors, approved the financial statements and the attached notes for the fiscal year ending 2019. The following decisions were made and approved:

1- Regarding the distribution of profit for the fiscal year ending March 20, 2019, it was decided to distribute 30 thousand and 800 billion Rials from the total profit of 50 thousand and 11 billion Rials in 1398 and 700 Rials per share among shareholders.

2- The members of the board of directors were selected similar to the previous period.

3- Rymand Accounting Institute and colleagues were selected as the principal auditors and inspectors. Dash and Collaborative Auditing Institute have also been selected as alternate inspectors for the fiscal year 2019.

4- The transactions subject to Article 129 of the amendment bill of the Commercial Code were approved.

5- The right of attendance and remuneration of the board of directors were determined.

6- Dunya-e-Eqtesad and Jahan-e-Sanat newspapers were appointed to place the company's advertisements.

7- The assembly expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the board of directors and all the employees of the company.

According to the same report, Engineer Nasser Taghizadeh, CEO of Chadormelo, in his opening speech at the meeting, praised the performance of the board of directors in 2019. He said: "Acquiring successes beyond the program, the effects of which have been explained in detail in the financial statements, the performance report of the board of directors and the management's interpretive report, is one of the efforts of Mr. Nourian." He thanked Engineer Nourian, who was the CEO of Chadormelo in 2019, for his appreciation. He said that the company's performance in 2019 was due to his tireless efforts and the policies of the board of directors and the efforts of all employees.

He added: "We believe that the guidelines and the cooperation of the esteemed shareholders and the policies adopted by the board of directors have led the company to play its role in the supply of raw materials for the steel industry in 2019, as in the past." The company was able to take effective steps to advance the country's economic and industrial goals.

Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company in 2019, by taking appropriate measures, has solved the leading problems as much as possible. The company has achieved the following successes:

1- Implementing programs for extracting and producing products, beyond the

program.

2- Official opening of Mega-module Revival Factory.

3- Proper and optimal use of energy (electricity, water and gas) in the company's mineral and industrial complexes.

4- Maximum use of the manufacturing capacity inside the consumables, equipment and spare parts used in production complexes.

In 2019, 4,675 items of new parts and consumables were manufactured in the country. So far, 26,531 items of spare parts and supplies have been sourced from domestic sources and replaced with similar parts.

5- Study and research projects with the aim of reducing costs and expenses, optimizing and reducing energy consumption, using new technologies, implementing standards in production and localization and domestic construction, are still in progress in 2019. A number of these projects have also been completed.

6- In 2019, training courses for employees and contractors have been held at 52,825 hours.

7- During 2019, in continuation of industrial-university communication programs, internships for students of the country's universities in the fields of extraction, extraction, production, electricity and mechanics in mining and industrial complexes have been held at 18,450 hours.

The CEO of Chadormelo then explained the company's production performance in 2019 and said: in 2019, 52 million and 588 thousand tons of waste stone and 14 million and 444 thousand tons of iron ore have been extracted.

Also, 9,662,000 tons of iron ore concentrate was produced, which was 29% more than the nominal capacity of the factories.

In the same year, the company has been able to produce 500,000 tons of granulated iron ore.

On the other hand, 3 million 622 thousand tons of steel, 1 million 586 thousand tons of sponge iron and 1 million 21 thousand tons of steel ingots were produced in 2019.

He then spoke about Chadormelo's 2019 financial performance and announced:

■ Revenues amounting to 105,097 billion rials,

■ Expenditures amounting to 55.086 billion rials,

■ And the net profit was 50.011 billion rials.

Engineer Taghizadeh said: "One of the most important successes of Chadormelo last year was the opening and operation of a direct recovery plant (sponge iron) with a capacity of 1 million and 550 thousand tons." With the launch of this unit, the sponge iron of the steel ingot company was acquired and supplied, reducing the cost price of each ton of steel by 13 million rials in 2019.

In his report, the CEO of Chadormelo also referred to the plans and activities of the capital being implemented and the plans under review in 2019 of the company:

■ 91D mine exploration

According to the exploration license issued by the Yazd Province Industry, Mining and Trade Organization on February 19, 2018, the executive operation of geophysical exploratory mapping by magnetometry and resistance measurement (IP / RS) of the new 91D mineral zone was carried out. The operation has been completed and the detailed exploration of the area is underway.

Achieving the mineral mass of iron ore in the mine will prevent the risk of lack of proper mineral storage. The capital expenditures for the use of this mine are estimated at 25,878 billion rials.

■ **Construction plan of solar power plant:**

The company will complete the construction and implementation of a 10-megawatt solar power plant unit as a pilot near its 500-megawatt combined cycle power plant at the industrial complex this year. The investment cost in the above plan will be approximately 7 million Euros. The share of manufacturing in the equipment of the mentioned design, according to the localization, is 40%.

The development of the plant is estimated at 100 MW, independently or in partnership with other companies.

All foreign equipment, including solar panels, tracking systems and DC cables, has been purchased and delivered to customs or the project site.

■ **Construction plan of pelletizing plant No. 2:**

According to previous plans, the company will target the construction of a new pelletizing plant with a capacity of 5 million tons per year and its additional executive operations will continue in 1399.

The plant is located at the company's industrial complex.

The investment cost of the above project is estimated at 85 million Euros and is estimated at 26,771 billion rials.

■ **Construction plan of ferroalloys factory:**

The plan to build a ferroalloy plant (high-carbon ferromanganese and ferrosilicon manganese) with a capacity of 50,000 tons per year and an investment of 20 million euros is one of the company's plans for 2020.

■ **Supply of stable iron ore for current activities and development of activities:**

Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company, in addition to mining activities related to 91D anomalies, will operate the purchase of iron ore from other companies and will develop this operation in the future.

The company plans to invest in or acquire new iron ore mines in its plans. In this regard, the Exploration Unit creates a company and follows up on related projects.

■ **Participate in the establishment of concentrate and pellet plants:**

For the construction of concentrate and pellet plants with a capacity of 4 million tons per year, the issue of establishing a new company with other partners was studied in 1399 and the activity of the new company will begin soon.

■ **Preparing facilities for rail transport infrastructure:**

Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company has put the issue of establishing a railway transportation company to transport raw materials and products on its agenda in order to provide a stable and secure railway transportation infrastructure.

■ **Participation in raising capital of venture capital companies:**

According to the decision of the board of directors of the company, the issue of participation in the capital increase of capital companies has always been of interest to management. Capital companies operate mainly in the fields of mining and related mining, water supply and transportation, and financing. During 2019, the amount of 11,377 billion rials has been paid for participation in the capital increase of capitalist companies.



■ **Participate in the exploitation of Australian iron ore mines and the construction of concentrate production plants in the amount of 12.5 million tons:**

Participants' investment in the operation of the mine is expected to reach \$ 88 million by the end of Phase 1, when the 5 million-ton concentrate plant will be commissioned.

To finance Phase 1 and Phase 2 and 3, equivalent to 85% of the total investment, which is limited to US \$ 960 million, Australia's financial facilities will be used.

Continuing his speech at the General Assembly, the CEO of Chadormelo referred to the plans and activities of the future long-term capital and added: Participation in Persian Gulf Water Supply and Transfer Company:

In implementing the decree dated August 12, 2013, the company's board of directors decided that Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company would participate in the country's mining industry by purchasing 20% of the shares of the Persian Gulf Water Supply and Transfer Company to implement the water transfer project from the Persian Gulf. At present, the share of the mentioned shares in the mentioned company is equal to 22.22%. Persian Gulf Water Supply and Transfer Company was registered on 4/15/92 with the number 440907 with a capital of 3,000 billion Rials and currently the registered capital is 40,000 billion Rials. The increase in the company's capital up to 60,000 billion rials is a approved and provided by the Extraordinary General Assembly.

The location of the project is located in Hormozgan, Kerman and Yazd provinces and the project implementation route starts from Bandar Abbas and after passing through Sirjan and Kerman cities, it leads to Ardakan city. The purpose of the project is to desalinate, desalinate and transfer the desalinated water to provide part of the water needs and uses of production complexes for operation and development projects of Gol Gohar, Sarcheshmeh and Chadormelo companies, etc. The cost of the 110,000 billion rials project is expected to be implemented. The total cost of the above project and by the end of 2019 is 81,458 billion rials (including 243 million euros).

The water supply project from Bandar Abbas to the designated routes will be implemented in three parts:

The first part of the project, from Bandar Abbas to Gol Gohar Mining and Industrial Complex, is about 303 km long, includes a 1,600 mm diameter pipe transmission line with a transmission capacity of 4 cubic meters per second, and the physical progress of this section by the end of 2019 is 95%. The end of the operation in June of this year and the amount spent in this sector is 39.555 billion rials.

The second part of the project, from Gol Gohar Mining and Industrial Complex to Sarcheshmeh Copper Complex with a length of about 154 km, includes a pipe transmission line with a diameter of 1,300 mm and a transmission capacity of 2.7 cubic meters per second. 82%, the end of the operation in September of this year and the amount spent in this sector is 13,627 billion rials. The third part of the project, from Sarcheshmeh Copper Complex to Chadormelo Mining and Industrial Company Industrial Complex (location of Industrial Complex) is 360 km long and then 150 km to Chadormelo Mining Complex. The pipeline is 1,300 mm and 900 mm in diameter with a transmission capacity of 1.5 cubic meters per second. The physical progress of this sector has been 82% by the end of 2019. The operation ended in December.

The amount spent in this sector is 11,866 billion rials. In conclusion, Taghizadeh expressed hope that with the approval of the company's board of directors and financial statements for 2019, the company's board of directors will be able to continue the success process this year as in the past and to protect the interests of shareholders and participate in the country's industrial development. It takes effective steps. He also thanked the board of directors of the company, all colleagues in the field of safety, contractors and domestic manufacturers of accessories, machinery and equipment that have played a major role in the company's success and expressed hope that we will continue to implement future plans, as in the past.

We have the assistance of the esteemed members of the General Assembly and the joint efforts of all the organizations and institutions that contribute to the implementation of the company's production programs by providing their services.



Iran to Present 5G Internet Within Months

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Iran's Minister of Information and Communications Technology Mohammad-Javad Azari Jahromi said Mobile Telecommunication Company of Iran will present 5G internet within months.

Speaking on the sidelines of the ceremony to inaugurate the biggest data center in western and northwestern Iran, Jahromi said

the 5G internet laboratory will be unveiled within two weeks.

He described the Mobile Telecommunication Company of Iran as the biggest operator in the Middle East which has the widest communication coverage. Jahromi earlier said that the Government will spend more than 100,000 billion tomans to develop and enhance the national data network and make G4 internet available.



Shipping Is Waiting for the Global Economy to Bounce Back

LONDON (Dispatches) - The recession currently underway globally is bound to have a negative impact on demand for ships. However, the scale of the recovery will also be key for the shipping industry, as some countries will bounce back quicker than others. Which ones will manage to do this, could be key for shipping. "The World Bank estimates that the global economy will fall by 5.2% this year, underlining that the Covid-19 pandemic has had rapid and massive consequences despite the implementation of unprecedented programs to support local economies", Intermodal said in its latest weekly report.

According to Intermodal's SnP Broker, Mr. Zisis Stylianos, "in its report on the Global Economic Outlook the World Bank points out that in the developed economies the decline will be in the order of 7%, while in emerging ones 2.5%. This is the deepest recession the planet has known since World War II, and 70 to 100 million people may find themselves below the poverty line. This revised forecast shows that the damage to the global economy will be worse than estimated in April by the International Monetary Fund that estimated a global contraction of 3% for 2020. China has announced it will not set a growth target for 2020, as the country will focus on stabilizing employment and ensuring the living standards of its citizens".

The shipbroker added that "while addressing the 13th National People's Congress, China's Prime Minister, Li Keqiang, said the decision not to set a development goal was related to the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the report shared at the conference, China will focus on maintaining security in the financial sector, foreign trade, foreign investment and domestic investment. The report also listed six areas the world's second-largest economy should focus on, namely: job security, basic living needs, the functioning of market bodies, food and energy safety, stable industrial and supply chains and the normal functioning of first-level functions".

Stylianos also noted that "in the oil sector, the U.S. government is seeking to put an end to oil exports, Venezuela's main source of revenue, in order to weaken President Nicolas Maduro government. It may even extend its sanctions to a dozen more tankers. So many oil companies are reviewing their plans to charter tankers found in Venezuela over the past twelve months. According to Reuters, Chinese oil companies may soon cease chartering any tanker that arrived in Venezuela during the last year. The aim is to avoid blacklisting if the US decides to impose sanctions on



more ships that engage in commercial activities with Caracas".

"As far as the dry bulk sector is concerned, we are witnessing a very impressive increase in the BDI index in the past two weeks, with the strong momentum pushing the index above the 1500 points barrier. It is worth noting that on June 1st the BDI closed at 520 points and the Capesize index at 82 points with average daily earnings for the big bulkers at \$ 3,648/day. Within 15 days both the BDI and BCI increased by more 139% 2,893% respectively, while the average daily fare of Capes went up by 448.9%. Based on the positive market sentiment and the momentum that is inspiring it, the recovery of the ground lost in the past months appears to be even closer now", Intermodal's analyst concluded.

Majlis Shows Yellow Card...

FROM PAGE 1

Mr Rouhani ... are you aware of the prices of food stuff which are spiraling every day? Are you aware of the ratio between a market basket with the salary of a worker, a clerk or a teacher? Have you heard anything about the inflation in housing sector



both in purchasing or renting? Are you aware of rising price of services in the transportation and price of cars? If you are aware, what hope do you expect from the unemployed educated youth to pin on the Prudence and Hope government? Do you hear or see anything about the statistics on the rise of divorces and decline in marriages, the decline in fertility and growth in the social damages? How does hardship on way of entrepreneurs and businessmen because of bureaucracy in your government conform to the tasks and slogans which have been set by this government in the Sixth Development Plan? Can an official be considered jihadi and Islamic when he just deplores in response to any mismanagement instead of reforming the performance? Lack of motivation and passiveness in some of your associates surge and this phenomenon has led to a sense of abandonment in the public economically. This is not only the national currency which is being devalued day by day but hope and desire of hundreds of thousands of the youths are being affected by turbulences and government's changes of regulations. Mr. President ... the sensitivity of your job obliges you to monitor all developments in the country and the world like a kind father and custodian and to take prudent measure for anything before it turns into a crisis. As our acclaimed poet Saadi says, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' adding 'if flood comes, no dam can stop it and it washes out everything.'

Which logic can accept the head of a government just smiles after being informed of events and crisis? We demand you to accept the advice of your committed brothers and change the trend of your seven years of administering the country because the 11th Majlis has been formed to revive the revolutionary ideals and it will stand by its ideals. So forget what you have had with Majlis in the past because people's representatives will not remain silent regarding the rights of the nation who has been unique in the history."

By seeing this letter, it seems Majlis does not intend to ignore any passiveness and negligence and it is determined to revive the wasted rights of the people during the management of the 11th and 12th governments.

I wish Majlis lawmakers and head of committees a blessing and I have definite hope that the nation will witness how lawmakers defending their rights and they need not to wait too long.

AIIB Approves \$165.5m Loan to Improve Roads In Uzbekistan



TASHKENT (Dispatches) - The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a loan of US \$165.5m to improve road efficiency, safety and climate resilience of major cross-border roads in the Bukhara region in Uzbekistan.

Good road connectivity is an essential growth driver in landlocked Uzbekistan. The country's road network plays an important role in transporting goods and passengers in Central Asia. However, road infrastructure in Uzbekistan is faced with insufficient investments to meet the need for infrastructure upgrades to sustain growing traffic demand. The Government of Uzbekistan has identified the modernization of road transport as a priority development area. It is securing funds to fill the financing gap to support road construction and improvement.

To address this financing need, the Bukhara Road Network Improvement Project Phase 1 will support the rehabilitation and maintenance of a 78-kilometer section of the international road A380 in the Bukhara region. The project is expected to directly benefit about 247,000 people who reside in the area by reducing fuel and vehicle maintenance costs, enhancing road safety and saving travel time. As a key international freight corridor, the road's expected improved operational efficiency would enhance movement of international freight and facilitate trading activities, resulting in wider benefits for agricultural and industrial sectors in the Bukhara Region.

According to AIIB Vice President, Investment Operations, Konstantin Limitovskiy, this project is of regional importance and well-aligned with AIIB's strategic priority of promoting cross-border connectivity to unlock greater productivity and higher economic growth. "As our first stand-alone transport project in Uzbekistan, the financing will help enhance the country's transport infrastructure and strengthen key international transport corridors across the Eurasian landmass," he said.

The financing will also pave way for the next phase of the project, which covers rehabilitation and maintenance of international road M37 sections in and around the Bukhara region, as well as regional/local road networks in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Khorezm regions.

Turkish Exports Bounced Back in June

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkey's exports were up by a quarter in the first three weeks of June from the previous month's level, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday, predicting an economic recovery would accelerate after the downturn caused by the coronavirus.

Exports had slumped more than 40% year-on-year in May but the government relaxed its lockdown measures as the number of new coronavirus cases shrank and it says the worst is over for its trade performance.

"The first three weeks' export data for June is 25% more than May," Erdogan said at a ceremony marking the opening of a new waste water tunnel. "We see that foreign markets are starting to recover."

"We anticipate the acceleration of the economic recovery and strong growth rates in the last two quarters of the year," he added.

Government officials say a strong second-half recovery could still see Turkey register modest GDP growth in 2020, though others see a contraction, including the International Monetary Fund which expects a 5% decline.

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According to the spokeswoman, the provinces of Khuzestan, Kurdistan, West Azerbaijan, Hormozgan, and Kermanshah are in red, and the provinces of Bushehr, Ilam, East Azerbaijan, and Khorasan Razavi are on the alert situation.

Meanwhile Head of the Health Ministry's Center for Management of Contagious Diseases stated, "One of the Health Ministry's concerns is the unpredictability of the virus in the cold season and what might happen if Coronavirus will coincide with Flu." In Corona Management Opportunity Assessment Working Group Meeting, Mohammad Mehdi Goya said, "We are facing a completely novel virus, which is different from its own family."

He remarked, "Today, patients 10 times more likely to be diagnosed outside of hospitals than in hospitals."

"In some provinces, more outpatients have been identified, which has been one of the key successes of the Ministry of Health," Goya added.

Today, the global coronavirus cases passed 10 million on according to a Reuters tally, while the disease has so far killed almost half a million people in seven months. The figure is roughly double the number of severe influenza illnesses recorded annually, according to the World Health Organization. 212/ 104

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China's customs statistics show that the country imported \$ 2.7 billion from Iran in the first five months of 2020, down 62 percent from a year earlier.

During this period, Iran exported an average of 82,000 barrels of oil per day (BPD) to China, down 87 percent from the same period last year. The value of Iran's oil exports to China from January to May also totaled \$ 607 million, down 84 percent from the previous year. China's exports to Iran are almost unchanged.

India's figures show that in the first four months of the year, exports to Iran fell by 43% to \$ 971 million.

The picture was even worse with imports from Iran, which fell from \$2.84 billion in 2018 to just \$100 million in 2020. The main reason for the huge drop was no purchases of oil after the United States put a total ban on Iran's crude exports.

Meanwhile, official Japanese statistics show that in the first five months of 2020, it imported just \$ 17 against \$ 1.155 billion last year. Lack of oil purchases was again the reason.

Another major trade partner of Iran, South Korea, has also released figures for the past five months, showing a four-fold drop in its exports to a mere \$ 75 million. However, its imports from Iran, which were more than \$ 2 billion in the first five months of last year, is less than \$ 5 million in the same period this year.

The latest report from the Turkish Statistics Center shows that its imports from Iran fell from \$ 2.2 billion in the first four months of 2019 to nearly \$ 300 million in the same period this year. Its exports to Iran dropped from \$ 920 to \$ 526 million.

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President Rouhani said places of gathering are where there is a risk of COVID-19 spreading.

He also stressed the need to take care of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions to protect them against the disease. The President also stressed the importance of observing health protocols to fight coronavirus and that we have no second choice, adding, "From July 5, wearing masks in all public gatherings will be mandatory."

Rouhani described the actions of all sectors in the country in fighting coronavirus unprecedented and pointed out that to date, no cure or vaccine for coronavirus has been found and that this situation may continue and we must prepare ourselves for the long term, adding, "We must not let a peak happen in any province, and all people should help, because the sudden surge of the disease puts the country's medical jihadists under more pressure."

He referred to the topic of increasing rents and said that according to the resolution of the HQ, from tomorrow, rents should not be raised more than 25 percent in Tehran, more than 20 percent in metropolitan areas and more than 15 percent in other cities compared to last year.

At the beginning of his speech, Rouhani congratulated the Judiciary Week and said, "The year 1981 was a very difficult year for the people and very bitter incidents took place in that year. It was then that a very high-ranking figure of our country, martyr Ayatollah Beheshti, and 72 of his companions were martyred, and some others were wounded."

Rouhani said, "The incident was so important that our enemies and the anti-revolutionaries thought they could carry out the final strike on the system and said that the Islamic Consultative Assembly would no longer be in the majority and that conditions would not be ripe for elections to take place."

The President said, "Imam Khomeini (RA) really changed the country on June 28 incident with all his might and then all people joined".

Arthur, Pjanic Set for Medical Visits Before Exchange

MILAN (Dispatches) - Barcelona midfielder Arthur Melo will arrive in Turin later Saturday for a medical before moving to Serie A champions Juventus in exchange for Miralem Pjanic, according to reports in Italy. Both medical visits have been set for Sunday with a deal expected to be closed by June 30, Sky Sports Italia and Gazzetta Dello Sport reported. The agreement would see Juventus pay Barcelona 10 million euros (\$11.2 million), Gazzetta reported.

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Vettel Expects Tight Margins At Austria Double-Header

LONDON (Reuters) - Sebastian Vettel believes the back-to-back races in Austria at the start of the Formula One season will be decided on slim margins and his Ferrari team will need to fine-tune their racing strategy to remain competitive over two weeks. Four-times world champion Vettel and team mate Charles Leclerc hit the track in Ferrari's 2018 car, the SF71-H, earlier this week in a test at Mugello as the Scuderia stepped up their preparations for the 2020 campaign.

Bayern End the Season in Style

BERLIN (AFP) - Werder Bremen gave themselves hope of avoiding relegation from the German Bundesliga by thrashing Cologne 6-1 to grab a play-off place on the last day of the season, while champions Bayern Munich routed Wolfsburg before lifting the trophy on Saturday. Japan striker Yuya Osako scored twice as Bremen stole the lifeline of the relegation/promotion play-off place from Fortuna Duesseldorf, who lost 3-0 at Union Berlin and were relegated with Paderborn, finishing one point behind Bremen. Florian Kohfeldt's Werder will face second-tier opponents in either Heidenheim or possibly neighbours, rivals and fellow fallen giants Hamburg in the play-off first leg on Thursday. Bremen have spent more seasons than any other team in the Bundesliga, having only spent one term in the second tier, in 1980-81. A burst of goals from Osako, Milot Rashica and Niclas Füllkrug -- all in the space of eight minutes -- had Werder 3-0 up at the break against Cologne at the Westerstadion. Former Everton midfielder Davy Klaassen then fired home a rebound just after the break before Osako, facing his old side, added his second and USA international Josh Sargent completed the rout. Dominick Drexler pulled a goal back for Cologne. Werder, the four-time Bundesliga champions, also needed a favour from Berlin and got one as Union beat Fortuna 3-0 with goals from Nigerian duo Anthony Ujah and Suleiman Abdullahi either side of veteran midfielder Christian Gentner's effort.

Marseille Not for Sale Amid Reports of Saudi Interest

MARSEILLE (AFP) - French giants Marseille are "not for sale", the club's president Jacques-Henri Eyraud insisted Saturday following reports of a mega Saudi-backed bid to buy the former European champions. "Olympique de Marseille is not for sale," said Eyraud. "I thank those who have shown a financial interest in OM, but we are not interested in selling." Eyraud was speaking following reports of a 700 million-euro (\$785 million) bid to buy the club from a consortium fronted by Mourad Boudjellal, the high-profile former owner of leading French rugby outfit Toulon, but backed by Saudi investors. The offer would reportedly see 300 million euros going towards the purchase of the club, with another 200 million euros going towards clearing debts and 200 million euros more destined to buy players. Champions League winners in 1993, Marseille have been owned since 2016 by the American tycoon Frank McCourt, formerly the owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers in Major League Baseball. Despite McCourt's investment, Marseille have been unable to close the gap on Qatari-owned Paris Saint-Germain, who dominate French football. Sources within the club insist that McCourt is committed to a "long-term" project at the Velodrome. Marseille finished second in the Ligue 1 season, which was shortened due to the coronavirus pandemic. That performance allowed the club with the biggest crowds in the French game to return to the Champions League for the first time since 2013. However, financial difficulties almost saw coach Andre Villas-Boas leave the club and earlier this month they were fined three million euros by UEFA for breaching financial fair play rules. They will also have to hand back 15 percent of the prize money due for their participation in next season's Champions League. The punishment is a result of huge losses in recent seasons under McCourt's stewardship, including a reported 91 million-euro deficit in 2018-19.



as fifth-placed Bayer Leverkusen missed out by two points despite beating Mainz 1-0. Dortmund, who had already wrapped up second place, crashed to a 4-0 home defeat by Hoffenheim, for whom Croatia striker Andrej Kramaric scored all four goals, including one penalty. That result allowed Hoffenheim to leapfrog Wolfsburg and take sixth place, although both sides will go into the Europa League next season along with Leverkusen. Before kick-off in Dortmund, Mario Goetze, whose winning goal sealed Germany's victory in the 2014 World Cup final, was given a send-off by the club. He will leave this summer with his contract having expired, but the 28-year-old attacking midfielder has not announced his future club. Elsewhere, Timo Werner signed off with a brace in RB Leipzig's 2-1 win at Augsburg in what was his final appearance for the club before moving to Chelsea. Schalke's disastrous second half of the season was completed with a 4-0 thrashing at the hands of Freiburg as they finished the season 12th, having been third in December. Eintracht Frankfurt beat bottom side Paderborn 3-2 in Saturday's other game.

Murray On Right Track Despite Evans Defeat



LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray insists he is on the right track following his return from injury despite losing to Dan Evans in the semi-finals of the 'Battle of the Brits' tournament on Saturday. Murray was beaten 1-6, 6-3, 10/8 behind closed doors in the exhibition event in Roehampton. It was the former world number one's fourth match in five days in his first event since last November after being sidelined because of bone bruising on his pelvis. Murray, a two-time Wimbledon champion, also needed hip surgery last year, but the 33-year-old is confident he is heading back to his best. "I thought I started the match well and then like in all of my matches this week, my levels dropped off a bit," Murray said. "My game is there, I just need more time to practise and prepare and I'll get there. "It was a big step up this week from what I've been doing, and I coped with it physically relatively well. "Some of the tennis this week has been very encouraging, I just wasn't able to do it for long enough in the matches." Murray is unlikely to play again until the ATP Tour resumes in Washington on August 14.

Robben Comes out of Retirement to Sign for Boyhood Side Groningen



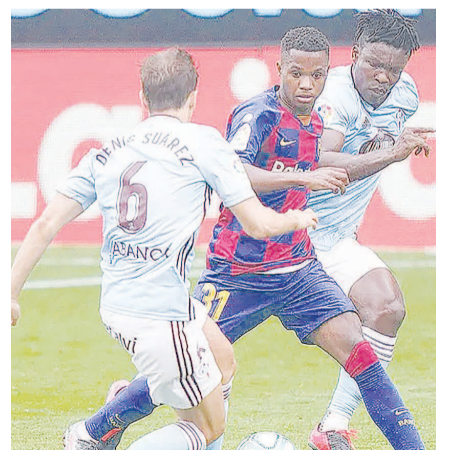
LONDON (Reuters) - Arjen Robben is seeking to make a sensational comeback to professional soccer after signing with his boyhood club FC Groningen for the 2020-21 season, the Dutch Eredivisie side said on Saturday. Robben, 36, retired last year after winning his eighth Bundesliga title with Bayern Munich, but he made his professional debut as a 16-year-old in 2000. The former Netherlands international, who has also played for Chelsea, PSV Eindhoven and Real Madrid, has won 12 league titles in a glittering career, and 96 caps for his country including playing in the 2010 World Cup final in Johannesburg. Groningen confirmed Robben has been back in training for the past few weeks in order to be ready for the next season and Robben told the club's website the potential of a comeback had been on the cards for some time now. "In recent weeks I have had many discussions with people within the club, but perhaps I listened most to the words of the supporters, who said: 'Arjen, follow your heart!'" "It started as an itch and now it's become my mission. I'm working on a comeback as a footballer," he said. But Robben admitted he was not sure whether he can still do it. "I don't know yet whether this will work. What I do know is that it will not depend on my commitment and motivation. It is now my dream to play in the shirt of FC Groningen again," he said. More details are expected at a news conference, planned by the club for Sunday. The Dutch season is set to start on Sept. 12, giving Robben more than two months of training.

Liverpool Slam Fans' Wholly Unacceptable Title Celebrations



LONDON (AFP) - Premier League champions Liverpool were forced to criticise their fans' "wholly unacceptable" behaviour after police claimed glasses and bottles were thrown at them during title celebrations that turned violent. Liverpool supporters have ignored coronavirus social distancing guidelines since Jurgen Klopp's side were crowned English champions for the first time in 30 years on Thursday. Thousands have flocked into the city centre to party after many initially gathered around Anfield. With many drinking to excess, the title celebrations have turned ugly. Merseyside Police Assistant Chief Constable Jon Roy said two officers needed medical treatment for injuries to their backs after bottles were thrown as they went to help an assault victim in a crowd of supporters on Friday. A group of about 100 people threw glasses and bottles at riot police as they tried to stop them committing acts of disorder in the city's Pier Head waterfront area, according to Roy. Deputy chief executive of the North West Ambulance Service Mick Forrest said crews were sent to 34 emergencies as a result of the violence. Twenty-seven people were taken to hospital, three in a serious condition. "The crowd largely dispersed by about 1.30am and a short time later officers were confronted by a group of people more than 100 strong who sought confrontation with the police," Roy said.

Aspas Strikes Late to Blunt Barca's Title Bid



VIGO (Reuters) - Spain striker Iago Aspas dealt a fresh blow to Barcelona's La Liga title hopes by striking a late free kick to snatch a 2-2 draw at home to the Catalans on Saturday as Quique Setien's side twice threw away the lead in a thrilling match. Luis Suarez headed Barca in front in the 20th minute thanks to a piece of ingenuity from Lionel Messi, who looked certain to fire at goal from a free kick but instead lofted the ball towards his Uruguayan strike partner. Suarez's return to form is undoubtedly timely but whether it will be enough to swing the title race back in Barca's favour is now debatable. Russia striker Fedor Smolov equalised for Celta early in the second half before Suarez again combined with Messi to restore Barca's lead in the 67th minute. However, Aspas converted a free kick with two minutes remaining. Indeed, Ter Stegen had already made one fine save from Nolito when Aspas curled the ball around the Barca wall and into the bottom of the net with just two minutes of normal time to go. Barcelona hadn't conceded in five straight matches. It hasn't won at Celta in six consecutive matches, since 2015. The draw put Barca back on top of the table on 69 points but Real Madrid, on 68, can go two points clear at the summit with seven games to go if they beat Espanyol away from home.