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Sima Sadat Lari Said on Tuesday
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Died as a Result of the Coronavirus
Disease Over the Past 24 Hours as
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Iran Foreign Debt Hits \$8.6b in Three Months

TEHRAN (MNA) – Statistics of Central Bank of Iran (CBI) indicate that Iran's foreign debt in the first three months of the current year (from March 21 to June 22) reached \$8.655 billion.

According to CBI, current account balance of the country in foreign sector in the first quarter of the current year has reached -\$622 million.

In the same direction, balance of trade or the account of commodity hit -\$212 million, so that the country's exports and imports volume in the first three months of the current year hit \$8.938 and \$9.150 billion respectively.

Also, Iran's total foreign debt at the end of this period has registered \$8.655 billion.

Unilateral Sanctions Impeding Its Efforts to Fight COVID-19

TEHRAN (IFP) - A senior Iranian diplomat has slammed unilateral sanctions as they have had adverse effects on measures adopted by developing countries to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran's ambassador to international organizations based in Vienna, said comprehensive, multilateral, coordinated and extensive support should be offered to countries which need assistance to cope with the virus.

"We voice deep concern over the serious repercussion of the coronavirus for many developing countries, including vulnerable nations and those facing serious challenges which are out of their control," said Gharibabadi at conference of United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) held via videoconferencing.

He said the disease deeply affects the ability of these countries to tackle COVID-19 as well as investment in the implementation of sustainable development plans.

The top diplomat said fighting the coronavirus requires global cooperation and solidarity.

"We are still seeing unilateral sanctions being used against countries, which is a flagrant violation of the objectives and principles of the UN Charter, international and human rights as well as the principles of multilateralism and norms of diplomacy and international relations," he said.

Gharibabadi noted the campaign against the coronavirus pandemic is a global one.

He also urged UNIDO to work closely with other UN bodies to help with efforts to reach out to countries needing support to fight the coronavirus.

Negotiations Led to No Result; Country Can Nullify Sanctions



IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN – Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says the collective effort, and innovation are the keys to ward off the impacts of the cruel sanctions against the Iranian nation.

"The country's economic problem is not about not having or not knowing what approach to take. Rather, that which is required is diligence, courage, serious effort, and follow-up," the Leader said while addressing a session of the members of the Supreme Council of Economic Coordination on Tuesday.

He called on the Iranian officials to concentrate efforts on thwarting and overcoming the sanctions instead of seeking their removal, pointing to the unsuccessful outcome of years of negotiations for lifting the sanctions.

There are two ways in warding off the impacts of the cruel sanctions, namely "neutralizing and overcoming them" and "lifting them", he said, adding, "Of course, we tried the path of lifting sanctions once and negotiated for several years, but we did not reach a conclusion."

The Leader, then, referred to the path of overcoming and nullifying sanctions and making them ineffective, and said, "This path may have difficulties and problems at the beginning, but it has a happy ending."

"If we overcome the sanctions with effort and innovation and protect ourselves against the problems, the other side will see its sanctions ineffective, and will gradually lift the sanctions."

Ayatollah Khamenei, elsewhere in his remarks, highlighted the importance of self-reliance and the use of domestic capabilities, instead of hoping for external assistance, saying that some are hoping for a change of position from foreign governments that themselves are grappled with their own domestic challenges.

Ayatollah Khamenei also referred to recent anti-Iran claims by three European countries and said, "The situation of the United States is not clear and the Europeans are constantly taking a stand against Iran."

"They tell us not to interfere in the region, while they themselves have the falsest interference in the affairs of the regional countries."

He added, "While Britain and France have destructive nuclear missiles and Germany is on this path, they tell us not to have missiles."

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the Europeans keep taking positions against Iran while they themselves are making the most incorrect interference in regional issues.

"Our missile program and our region are none of your business," said the Leader, addressing the E3 leaders.

"They keep telling us not to meddle in the region while Britain and France possess destructive atomic missiles, and Germany is one the same path," said Ayatollah Khamenei.

The Leader also warned the Iranian officials that foreigners cannot be trusted.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the Leader described anti-Iran sanctions as a crime.

"The issue of sanctions is a bitter reality and a crime committed by the US and its European partners against the Iranian nation," he explained.

"This crime has been committed against the Iranian nation for years, but it has intensified over the past three years," he noted.

Ayatollah Khamenei urged people to continue their resistance against sanctions.

"If we can overcome sanctions by making efforts and taking initiatives and standing up to problems, and the other side sees that sanctions have become ineffective, they will gradually give up on sanctions," he said.

U.S. Responsible Withdrawal From Afghanistan Positive Step Towards Peace

TEHRAN (IFP) - Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says the responsible withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan will be a positive step towards a sustainable peace in the war-torn state.

Addressing the 2020 Geneva virtual conference on Afghanistan, Zarif said the military approach to building peace has failed, and the presence of foreign troops has been a lingering problem.

"A responsible exit of foreign troops from Afghanistan—with a smooth and effective assumption of their duties by the Afghan security forces—will be a positive step toward a sustainable peace," he noted.

He said Iran has always supported intra-Afghan talks, owned and led by Afghans themselves, including the Taliban, which preserves the post-2001 achievements: the democratic Constitution, the right of the people to self-determination through elections, the rights of religious and ethnic minorities, the rights of women; and combating terrorism.

What follows is the full text of Foreign Minister Zarif's speech:

It is a tragedy of epic proportions that twenty years after the conference in Bonn, we are still talking about war in Afghanistan. For over 40 years, Afghans have endured bloodshed, perpetrated primarily from the outside.

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ViewPoint

By: Hamid Reza Naghashian



Return of the U.S. To JCPOA!

The day when U.S. President Donald Trump announced withdrawal of the U.S. from of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and the White House put on a righteous face regarding his decision and issued a perfectionist statement, the reactions in Iran were different.

Some expressed their hatred regarding Trump and the U.S. Administration, and some other called this decision a totally ineffective and useless one. This action was praised by the U.S. conservatives who considered the JCPOA as a weak agreement. Other American political personalities like former President Barack Obama and his vice-president Joe Biden criticized Trump's decision while European countries including UK, France and Germany which were the signatories of the JCPOA deplored this action of President Trump. By the way, all polls conducted showed that most of American people disagreed President Trump's decision and preferred at least some part of the deal to be preserved.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action which is unofficially known as Iran nuclear deal or Iran deal was an international agreement on Iran's nuclear program which was inked in July 2015 between Iran, P5+1 (five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – China, France, Russia, UK and the U.S. – plus Germany) and EU, and Iran's pullout of it was not considered as a legal action.

President Trump had repeatedly spoken about the modification of the JCPOA until May 12, 2018 and reiterated that if other signatories of the JCPOA (France, UK, Russia, China and Germany) did not take action for modifying the deal based on the U.S. policy (of course supporting Israel), the U.S. would reimpose the nuclear sanctions against Iran. He used to say that the U.S. would only stay in the JCPOA if it was modified and four new conditions to be included in it.

Trump during a joint press conference with French President Emmanuel Macron officially announced, "Nobody knows what will be my decisions for May 12 (the deadline for Iran's commitment to the JCPOA)." Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his equivocal remarks said that he presumed strongly that the U.S. would soon pull out of the nuclear deal. He considered the U.S. being on the verge of leaving the JCPOA. Former counselor to the U.S. Department of State Wendy Sherman expressed her concern over isolation of the U.S. after its pullout of the nuclear deal. She even in an article published in the New York Times emphasized, "The U.S. exit from the nuclear deal will provide Iran with this opportunity for uranium enrichment, and as long as the U.S. is not committed to its deal obligations, Iran will not remain committed to its obligations, either." See Page 7

Saudi Aramco Acknowledges Major Damage From Yemeni Attack

RIYADH (Dispatches) - Saudi Arabia's state oil company Saudi Aramco says a Yemeni missile attack that targeted its distribution facility in the city of Jeddah on Monday caused major damage.

Abdullah al-Ghamdi, the manager of the North Jeddah Bulk Plant, told reporters during a tour of the facility on Tuesday that one of the 13 tanks used for diesel oil, gasoline, and jet fuel at the facility had been damaged and was out of service.

"This tank, as you see, is hit from the top side... there is major damage to the roof itself, it's a big hole that is almost two meters by two meters," he said.

Ghamdi added that the attack triggered an explosion and fire, "but it was controlled." He said the Monday attack had caused no casualties.

Saudi Arabia confirms that a distribution station belonging to its Aramco oil company has been hit by a Yemeni missile attack, claiming that the Houthis have targeted "the core of global economy and its supply routes."

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Iran Marks Prime Achievements in Railway Industry

TEHRAN (IP) - The Minister of Roads and Urban Development of Iran, expressing happiness at the re-launch of locomotive production lines in Pars Wagon Company, said that today, Iran has achieved self-confidence and prime achievements in the railway industry.

Mohammad Eslami at the ceremony of adding a new domestically- produced rail fleet to the Iranian railway network said, “It is very important to restart the Pars locomotive production plant and return it to the production.”

The Minister of Roads and Urban Development said: “Today, the first Pars locomotive under the name of “Pars33” was delivered to Alborz Niroo Company.”

Iranians Happy to See Failure of U.S. Maximum Pressure

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN Government spokesman says Washington’s “maximum pressure” policy against Iran would have failed even if Donald Trump had won the U.S. elections.

Speaking in a Tuesday press conference, Ali Rabiei said Iranians are happy to see the policy has been a non-starter.

“What made people happy was the failure of the ‘maximum pressure’ policy as well as the masterminds and advocates of that policy,” he said.

“Regardless of the outcome of the U.S. presidential election, our people became pleased to see the ‘maximum pressure’ policy had failed. And Iranian people had every right [to be happy],” said the spokesman.

“Today, illegal sanctions against our nation are at their weakest and most ineffective point ever in the past three years. People and markets have clearly received the message that the sound of the wall of sanctions and the maximum pressure policy crashing down has echoed across the world,” he noted.

Rabiei said the outcome of the U.S. presidential vote had no bearing on the failure of the “maximum pressure” policy.

“The reason behind the collapse of the wall of sanctions was not a change of administrations in the US; rather, the reason was definitely our people’s resistance against the United States’ bullying as well as weak, inhumane and coercive logic, which came to light for the international community, too,” he said.

“We do believe that even if Trump were elected President, the policy of sanctions would be doomed to failure, too,” said the spokesman.

He also said that the new 12 budget notes ratification for the upcoming year



(1400 in the solar year) are moving toward oil-free budgeting and exports.

Rabiei then said that the new 12 budget notes ratifications for the upcoming year (1400 in the solar year) is going to aim at reducing the state budgets, moving toward oil-free budgeting and exports.

Referring to the approval of 12 notes of the budget bill in the cabinet meetings, the government spokesman he said: “One of the most important goals of the 1400(2021) budget is to reduce the current budget and government expenditures and the second is to reduce the oil dependency in budgeting.”

Rabiei called internalization of government revenues, strengthening the non-governmental sector in the economy, paying special attention to anti-poverty plans, pursuing public livelihood support, expanding micro, small and medium employment, pursuing the plan to provide national housing within the framework of Ministry of Roads and Urban Development programs, and paying attention to productivity as the goals and approaches of 1400 budget plan.

According to him, the completion of semi-finished projects, paying attention to the environmental concerns and expansion of non-oil exports, as well as addressing new technologies and knowledge-based companies and development of programs to protect public health are among other goals of the 1400 budget plan.

U.S. Sanctions Against Independent Countries Have Failed

TEHRAN (IP) - In a meeting with the Turkish ambassador to Tehran, the Iranian Parliament Speaker called the U.S. sanctions against independent countries a failed policy.

Majlis Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf referred to the deep and historical ties between Iran and Turkey, saying: “In recent years, despite the imposition of harsh sanctions and the U.S.’ unilateralism against Iran, the domestic production has become stronger and threats have turned into opportunities.”

Emphasizing that the outbreak of the coronavirus is one of the reasons for the decline in trade relations between Iran and Turkey, Qalibaf noted: “This issue caused problems in border markets and official trade. I hope we can overcome obstacles as soon as possible.”

The speaker considered the relations between the Iranian and Turkish parliaments important, adding: “Development



of parliamentary cooperation with neighboring countries, especially with the Turkish Parliament, is one of the priorities of Iran and the expansion of parliamentary relations can have positive effects on regional and international issues.”

The Turkish ambassador to Tehran, Derya Örs, also said: “The Turkish parliament emphasizes the development

of parliamentary relations with the Iranian parliament.” The ambassador added: “We hope that next year, with the coronavirus vaccine production and the improvement of the situation, the economic and trade exchanges between the two countries expands.”

Stressing the importance of removing possible obstacles in various bilateral relations areas, he called the relations between Tehran and Ankara historic and invited the Iranian Parliament Speaker to visit Turkey.

Zarif Holds Phone Talk With Lavrov Over Nagorno-Karabakh

TEHRAN (MNA) – Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif held a phone talk with his Russian counterpart Lavrov on important regional issues, including the JCPOA, the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and Syria.

During the phone conversation, the Iranian and Russian foreign ministers discussed the current situation in the Nagorno-Karabakh region, considering Russia’s efforts to achieve a full-fledged ceasefire in the conflict region and the need for humanitarian aid to residents affected by the war.

The two sides also discussed other key issues, including the situation in Syria, the Persian Gulf and Yemen, as well as the issue of Afghanistan.

They also conferred on bilateral cooperation between Iran and Russia in the international arena.

The talks stressed the commitment of Tehran and Moscow to the return of all parties to the JCPOA to the full implementation of their obligations in the framework of this international agreement and Security Council Resolution 2231.

The Iranian and Russian foreign ministers discussed the current plans of comprehensive partnerships between the two countries, especially in the economic, trade and humanitarian fields.

The two sides agreed to continue talks on all issues of mutual interest.

Ending Yemen War Int’l Community’s Long Overdue Duty

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has lambasted the inhumane crimes against the Yemeni people, saying that ending the tragedy in the war-torn country is a long-overdue responsibility of the international community.

“Enough is enough! It is a moral responsibility, long overdue, for the international community to end the Yemen tragedy. And hold invaders—and their masters trading Yemeni lives for \$—to account,” Zarif tweeted on Monday.

“Only viable path is ceasefire+end to bombardments; urgent humanitarian aid; and political talks,” he stressed.

The top diplomat made the remarks in a reply to a tweet by UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the same day.

Guterres wrote “Yemen is in imminent danger of the worst famine in decades. Without immediate action, millions of lives may be lost. I urge all those with influence to act urgently & request that everyone avoids taking actions that could make a dire situation worse.”

Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched their devastating war on Yemen in March 2015 in order to bring former president, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, back to power and crush the Houthis Ansarullah movement.

Tehran, Doha Sign Cooperation MoU



IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN – Iran, and Qatar signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for cooperation in a variety of areas at the end of the two countries’ seventh Joint Economic Committee meeting which was held in Isfahan on Tuesday.

Based on this MOU, the two sides are going to cooperate in forming a joint trade working group between the two countries, establishing trade centers between the private sectors of the two sides, establishing commercial affiliates in the embassies of the two countries in Tehran and Doha, and using the ports of the two countries to boost the export and import of goods.

As reported by IRNA, the event which was attended by Iranian Energy Minister Reza Ardakanian and Qatar’s Minister of Commerce and Industry Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari as the chairs of the committee was the first meeting of the two countries’ Joint Economic Committee held after the coronavirus pandemic in Iran.

Head of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) Gholam-Hossein Shafei, the Qatari ambassador to Tehran Mohammed Ben Hamad Al-Hajri, Chairman of Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry Khalifa Bin Jassim Al-Thani, as well as the representatives from the Iranian ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, and Industry also attended the meeting.

Cooperation between the two countries’ chambers of commerce to encourage the private sectors of the two sides for joint ventures, the development of cooperation in the fields of agriculture, electricity, water and wastewater and gas, cooperation in the field of cultural heritage, handicrafts and tourism, including holding a cultural week in Isfahan, were among other provisions of the mentioned MOU.

The MOU also covered cooperation in the fields of pharmaceutical and medical equipment, higher education and scientific research, transit and transportation of goods, communications and information technology, as well as protection and maintenance of fiber optic cables (submarine).

Iran, Kazakhstan Stress Maritime, Ports Cooperation

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - During the webinar on Iran- Kazakhstan maritime, ports, and road transport, the two countries stressed the expansion of maritime cooperation.

In the Iran-Kazakhstan Maritime Transportation Webinar, which was attended by shipping, ports and roads officials of the two countries, the two sides stressed the need to continue cruises by Ro-Ro vessels between the ports of the two countries, and increase reciprocal facilities to offer port discounts, an increase in the volume of cargo and visa issuing facilitation.

The two sides also agreed on the reduction of loading and unloading time of the ship.

Iran’s Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Majid Saber, also stressed the importance of continuing the recent success of ship traffic between Iran and Kazakhstan, calling it a turning point in the two countries’ maritime relations.

A webinar on Iran- Kazakhstan maritime, ports, and roads transport was held on the occasion of the launch of the first Ro-Ro vessel from the Iranian port of Amirabad to the port of Kuryk in Kazakhstan so that the two countries’ cooperation continues.



More Than 85% of Iranians Observe New COVID Restrictions

TEHRAN (IP) - Deputy Interior Minister said according to reports, more than 85% of the Iranians have observed health protocols and COVID-19 restrictions.

Following the 47th session of the National Task Force for Combating Coronavirus headquarters, Deputy Interior Minister for Security and Police Affairs Hossein Zolfaghari told reporters on Monday that traffic and transport have been decreased by 39% since the beginning of the implementation of the smart restrictions plan.

Zolfaghari added that 44 people with positive tests in rail transport and 4 in air transport had been prevented from travel in the past two days.

He said: “We owe this measure to the intelligent system of identifying asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19.”

Zolfaghari added that since the beginning of the smart restrictions’ implementation, more than 11,000 cars were given a ticket in the amount of one million, five hundred thousand, two hundred thousand tomons, and more than two hundred and thirty thousand cars have been warned.

Zolfaghari stated that the police officers had prevented 93,000 vehicles from continuing their route, and a text message had been sent to 100,000 offending drivers.

Deputy Interior Minister for Security and Police Affairs said: “During the recent smart restrictions, red, orange, and yellow cities are being carefully monitored, and we hope that in the two weeks that these restrictions will be implemented, cities will be in better conditions in terms of the coronavirus outbreak.”

Inter-Afghan Talks Can Lead To Establish Peace, Stability

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iranian Parliament Speaker said that inter-Afghan talks can lead to the establishment of peace and stability.

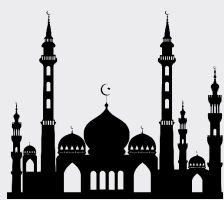
Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf made the remarks in his meeting with Afghanistan Ambassador to Tehran Abdul Ghafoor Liwal on Monday.

He reiterated that inter-Afghan talks, regardless of pressure from third countries with the centrality of legal government of Afghanistan, can lead to spread of peace and stability.

He pointed to the longstanding ties and cultural commonalities between Iran and Afghanistan and added, “Iran and Afghanistan have always established friendly and brotherly relations between people of the two countries and this is a strong support for the development and expansion of political, economic and cultural ties between the two countries.”

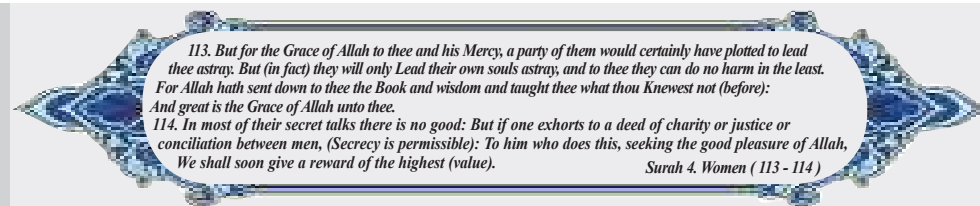
Qalibaf expressed his deep regret over the recent terrorist attack in Kabul and stated, “Islamic Republic of Iran has always emphasized on establishing peace and security in Afghanistan.”

Elsewhere in his remarks, he stressed the need to compile Comprehensive Cooperation Document between the two countries of Iran and Afghanistan and added, “We emphasize all-out cooperation between the two countries and Iranian Parliament will support the Comprehensive Cooperation Document wholeheartedly.”



PRAYER TIME

■ Noon (Zohr)	11:51
■ Evening (Maghreb)	17:12
■ Tomorrow's Dawn (Fajr)	05:23
■ Tomorrow's Sunrise	06:51



113. But for the Grace of Allah to thee and his Mercy, a party of them would certainly have plotted to lead thee astray. But (in fact) they will only Lead their own souls astray, and to thee they can do no harm in the least. For Allah hath sent down to thee the Book and wisdom and taught thee what thou knewest not (before): And great is the Grace of Allah unto thee.

114. In most of their secret talks there is no good: But if one exhorts to a deed of charity or justice or conciliation between men, (Secrecy is permissible): To him who does this, seeking the good pleasure of Allah, We shall soon give a reward of the highest (value).

Surah 4. Women (113 - 114)

Tehran Ready to Help Colombo Through Barter System, JVs

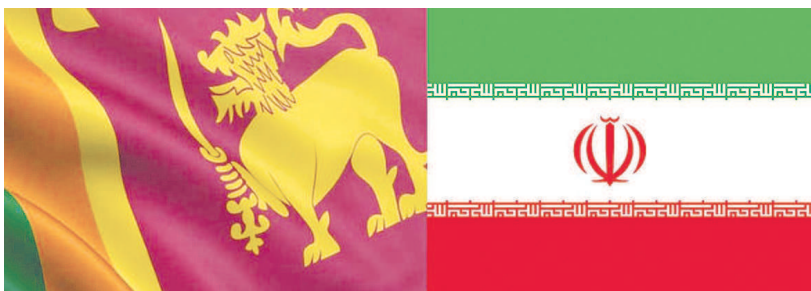
IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Hashem Ashjazadeh, Iran's new Ambassador to Sri Lanka, says his country is ready to assist Sri Lanka despite the limitation of U.S.-imposed sanctions.

Since the sanction was imposed in 2012, Sri Lanka is forced to stop importing Iranian light crude officially from the nuclear-powered nation and the island nation still owes \$ 250 million to Iran from the past oil imports before the sanctions. The delay was because sanctions prevent Sri Lanka using international banking system to pay the money in US dollars.

"Sanction is a reality. We should find some solutions in doing our business and there are a lot of ways," Ashjazadeh said in an interview in Colombo.

Iran has been one of the top exporters of Sri Lankan tea and discussions for a crude oil for tea deal did not take off due to lingering negotiations on a barter system without using US dollars.



"We can do a lot. It is not only oil and tea," Ashjazadeh says.

"There is an issue on money transaction through banking system because of the sanctions. We propose to open an account with Sri Lanka Central Bank and Sri Lanka can open an account with Iranian Central Bank. The exports between both countries could go to these accounts and then weekly and monthly they can balance the accounts in rupees and riyal."

He said the discussions on a possible barter system has made progress and Iran is ready to export petro chemicals and equipment as well.

"We are not in a position to invest a lot. But we can help in constructions, roads and we also can export through joint ventures," he said.

"Sri Lanka should not consider Iran as only an 80 million market. It should consider it as a 300 million people market as we have our neighbors as well. We export a lot to Turkey, Iraq, and CIS countries. So potentially we can do a lot. If Sri Lanka wants assistance, we are ready to help. We can do something for Sri Lanka. We have some limitations because of sanction, but we can go with joint ventures if Sri Lanka likes."

Spotlight on Italian Cinema

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

TEHRAN – The Art and Experience Institute of Iranian's Cinema in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in Tehran is to hold Spotlight on Italian Cinema on December 1-5 virtually.

According to the reports, the event takes place online through the Hashure platform and five contemporary Italian art movies are to be screened on December 1-5 on Hashure.com in cooperation with Art and Experience Institute of Iranian's Cinema for the Italian movie enthusiasts.

The event is held exclusively for Iran by featuring five movies. Everyone can sign up hashure.com platform for free to watch the films.



Iran Planning to Buy 18m Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

TEHRAN (IFP) - Iran's health minister says the country is planning to purchase around 18 million doses of vaccine for coronavirus. Saeed Namaki said Iran is seeking to buy the vaccine from different channels.

"We are pursuing this through three channels. The first one is to buy the vaccine from sources which have been confirmed in the world. We are among countries which can choose which sources to pick," he said.

"We have chosen four sources to buy the vaccine from, and we are scheduled to buy around 18 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine," the health minister noted.

"We are also holding consultations with other vaccine producers in the world, so that we would be able to buy their surplus vaccines," he said.

"The second method is a model in the form of a joint contract which brings together domestic production and foreign technical know-how," he said.

"The third model is to rely on domestic know-how and production. Four of our companies presented a report on their performance to the World Health Organization through a webinar," he noted.

The health minister said the products of two of the four companies will be authorized to enter the "human phase," so that at least one of them will be able to begin undergoing human phase tests.

11 Consignments of Basic Goods Loaded, Unloaded at Chabahar

TEHRAN (MNA) - Some 11 large-scale vessels carrying basic goods have been loaded and unloaded at Iran's oceanic port of Chabahar since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20), Behrouz Aghaei, the director-general of Sistan-Baluchestan Province's Ports and Maritime Department, announced.

"Although the coronavirus pandemic has overshadowed the world and Iranian trade since the beginning of the year, the process of importing basic goods to the port of Shahid Beheshti in Chabahar has continued, during which 11 ships carrying these goods have been unloaded and loaded, including 8 ships carrying wheat," Aghaei said.

According to Aghaei, the imports of basic goods into the southeastern Chabahar Port in the current year has increased significantly compared to the previous year and the upward trend is continuing.

"A few days ago, a ship of Russian origin carrying more than 68,000 tons of wheat was unloaded at Shahid Beheshti port," he said.

The loading and unloading processes are going smoothly in this port because of the modern equipment as well as the existence of the necessary infrastructure, he added.

According to Aghaei, with an annual loading and unloading capacity of 8.5 million tons, Chabahar port is a new destination for the import of basic goods in Iran.

Appreciation of the Universities of the World for The Iranian Researcher Professor Malekzadeh

Professor Mohammad Sharif Malekzadeh is the Inventor of the MFT Universal Theory



Awarding the title of founder and father of modern science in world tourism management, he was ranked among the world's top scientists. The title was announced to him in an official letter dated October 15, 2020, by the International Association of University Universities (IAUP), following the scientific confirmation of the MFT theory by professors from world-renowned universities and officials of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Following this honor, the official international ceremony honoring "Professor Mohammad Sharif Malekzadeh" was held on Monday, November 17, by the International Association of World Universities (IAUP) and a group of the world's largest universities. The event was attended by the President of the International Union of World University Presidents and senior members of the United Nations World Tourism Organization and world-renowned universities, including George Washington University, Kyoto University, China University of Political Science, the University of Holwa in Spain, and a group of scholars Kish Island was present. Presidents and professors of universities, experts and high-ranking officials of the World Tourism Organization were present at this webinar. Dr. Kakha Shenglia, President of IAUP, Dr. Janiharianto,

President of Indonesia University, Dr. Takeshi Matsuda, President of Kyoto University, Ms. Carol Marino, Director General of Tourism of Bogota Colombia, Dr. Elham Medvedev, President of Azerbaijan University of Tourism and Management Kandaki, CEO of Gold Italy, Prof. Wilson Silung, Director of the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality of Zambia, Dr. Mustafa Babanli, President of Azerbaijan University of Technology, Prof. Donald Hawkins, Professor of George Washington University, Dr. Sabur Khan, President of Daffodil University of Bangladesh; The Netherlands University of Applied Sciences was present. By reading and sending their electronic statement, they confirmed the MFT theory and praised the scientific position of "Professor Mohammad Sharif Malekzadeh", former Vice President, university professor and prominent Iranian author. Tourism in MFT calms the mind. This model adds a new regime to the definitions and foundations of tourism to provide this approach. MFT transforms small local communities into entrepreneurial, economical and developed communities. At the beginning of the ceremony, Professor Malekzadeh thanked the loving messages of his compatriots, especially a group of Iranians living in the United States and Canada. He sincerely appreciated the kindness of Professor Tawfiq Moosivand, the world's first inventor of cardiopulmonary bypass. "Traditional tourism had three elements: time, place and man," he said. In the current era, traditional tourism has not been able to meet the nature of our global needs. I presented a new model with my research and changed the pyramid of need to the nature of need. The fourth side, the nature of the need, was added. The father of modern world tourism science introduced the nature of need as spirit and psyche, which

leads to the formation of the fourth side of need. The soul is not visible, but it is the essence of tourism. The MFT model will change the definition of tourism in the world. Tourism after MFT Tourism is peace of mind. This model adds a new regime to the definitions and foundations of tourism to provide this approach. With this new definition, we must pay attention to the nature of the human request to travel, and we must respect the new needs of tourism. Malekzadeh then invited Gholam Abbas Barzegar, director of Bavanat Shiraz Tourism House, and Zahra Barzegar, Iran's youngest tourist guide. He described the family as a successful example of moving in the direction of the MFT model. The family added a fourth dimension to the traditional tourism need triangle, the nature of need. By creating memories for the tourist in the environment, they were able to create the title of the best entrepreneur in the country and the fourth place in the amazing places of Iran in the shortest possible time, while creating employment for tens of people. They were also able to move their local communities towards economic and advanced communities and make Barzegar Iran's first rural billionaire. George Washington University thanked Professor Malekzadeh for his scientific and educational cooperation on MFT theory. Professor Donald 3 Hawking, a full professor at George Washington University, thanked Professor Malekzadeh for this success and for reading the official message of the university. He announced the full readiness of George Washington University for educational and research cooperation with the International City One. The Vice President for Affiliate Members of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) said that affiliate members and tourism ministers of the UNWTO are looking for

innovative solutions and initiatives in the tourism industry. They want to be able to overcome the negative consequences of the corona epidemic and ensure the revival of the industry. Undoubtedly, the MFT theory could be one of these initiatives. "The spread of the corona around the world has proven that traditional methods of tourism management need to be reconsidered and adapted to new realities," he said. According to MFT theory, attention to human and spiritual aspects should be on the agenda of the tourism industry. He emphasized in the last part of his message: it is necessary for the needs of tourists to be compatible with the services and products they receive in order to achieve peace of mind. It is a meaningful experience and helps to improve the quality of life. These are among the global goals that will shape a sustainable, comprehensive and flexible future for tourism. Bogota Tourism Institute in Colombia invites Professor Malekzadeh to teach MFT theory for postgraduate courses Carol Marino, Director General of the Bogota Tourism Institute, congratulated the UNWTO and tourism activists on their success. He invited Dr. Malekzadeh to

teach MFT theory to Bogota tourism graduate students. "We at Colombia believe that the tourism industry needs to have a wide range of innovation and creativity so that tourists and people can not only experience a variety of destinations and services, but also touch the cultural sense, local communities, emotions and memories," said the director general of the Bogota Tourism Institute. Live in a pleasant environment during the trip. "There is a new opportunity to synergize and exchange knowledge so that we can adopt different attitudes and tools," Ms. Marino said. Our countries, as tourism destinations, must meet the special needs of each tourist. This attitude will enable the tourist to relax his soul while experiencing a life in the local communities. At the end of the ceremony, Professor Malekzadeh was presented with the Ayari scarf, which is an ancient symbol of valuable Iranian culture and has a special place among the people of Sistan and Baluchestan. This gift was given to him by a group of artists in this province due to the efforts of "Professor Mohammad Sharif Malekzadeh" in promoting the culture and name of Iran.



Spain's King Felipe In Quarantine

MADRID (Reuters) - Spain's King Felipe VI started 10 days of quarantine on Monday after coming into close contact with someone who later tested positive for the new coronavirus, a Royal House source said.

The king, 52, has cancelled his public appearances during the quarantine period after the person tested positive on Monday, one day after they were in close contact, the source added.

Felipe VI had chaired a scientific meeting in Madrid earlier on Monday.



Majority of Croatians Skeptical of Coronavirus Vaccine

ZAGREB (Dispatches) - A majority of Croatians do not plan on taking a vaccine to immunize against the coronavirus once it becomes available, a recent survey has found.

According to the poll, which was conducted by the Valicon market research company and published by Croatian news agency RTL last week, 43 percent of respondents said they would definitely or would probably vaccinate, mostly citing responsibility towards others and that a higher rate of vaccination will limit infections as reasons.



Trump Administration Gives Green Light to Proceed With Biden Transition



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - After weeks of waiting, President Donald Trump's administration on Monday cleared the way for President-elect Joe Biden to transition to the White House, giving him access to briefings and funding even as Trump vowed to continue fighting the election results.

Trump, a Republican, has alleged widespread voter fraud in the Nov. 3 election without providing evidence. Although he did not concede or acknowledge his Democratic rival's victory on Monday, Trump's announcement that his staff would cooperate with Biden's represented a significant shift and was the closest he has come to admitting defeat.

Biden won 306 state-by-state electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory, to Trump's 232. Biden also holds a lead of more than 6 million in the national popular vote.

The Trump campaign's legal efforts to overturn the election have almost entirely failed in key battleground states, and a growing number of Republican leaders, business executives and national security experts have urged the president to let the transition begin.

The president-elect has begun naming members of his team, including tapping trusted aide Antony Blinken to head the State Department, without waiting for government funding or a Trump concession. But critics have accused the president of undermining U.S. democracy and undercutting the next administration's ability to fight the coronavirus pandemic with his refusal to accept the results.

On Monday, the General Services Administration, the federal agency that must sign off on presidential transitions, told Biden he could formally begin the hand-over process. GSA Administrator Emily Murphy said in a letter that Biden would get access to resources that had been denied to him because of the legal challenges seeking to overturn his win.

That means Biden's team will now have federal funds and an official office to conduct his transition until he takes office on Jan. 20. It also paves the way for Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to receive regular national security briefings that Trump also gets.

The GSA announcement came shortly after Michigan officials certified Biden as the victor in their state, making Trump's legal efforts to change the election outcome even more unlikely to succeed.

Trump and his advisers said he would continue to pursue legal avenues but his decision to give Murphy the go-ahead to proceed with a transition for Biden's administration indicated even the White House understood it was getting close to time to move on.

Germany Angers Turkey With Attempt to Police Libya Arms Embargo

BERLIN (Reuters) - Turkey protested to Germany and the EU on Monday after German forces belonging to an EU military mission boarded and tried to search a Turkish cargo ship that they suspected of taking weapons to Libya illegally.

Soldiers from the frigate Hamburg, part of an EU mission enforcing a U.N. arms embargo, boarded the Roseline A overnight but withdrew after Turkey raised objections with the EU mission, which had ordered the search, the German Defence Ministry said.

Turkey released footage showing armed men in military uniform marshalling sailors with their hands on their heads on the bridge of what it said was the Roseline A, at sea southwest of the Greek Peloponnese peninsula.

The incident comes at a time of friction between Turkey and the European Union. The EU's foreign policy chief has said ties are reaching a "watershed moment" over Turkish oil prospecting in waters claimed by Greece and Cyprus, and that sanctions could be imposed next month.



Saudi Arabia Denies Meeting Between MBS and Israeli Officials

RIYADH (Dispatches) - Saudi Arabia's foreign minister has denied reports that a meeting took place between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Israeli officials on Sunday.

"I have seen press reports about a purported meeting between HRH the Crown Prince and Israeli officials during the recent visit by @SecPompeo. No such meeting occurred. The only officials present were American and Saudi," Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud wrote on Twitter on Monday.

Israeli media reported earlier that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held secret talks in Saudi Arabia on Sunday with Crown Prince Mohammed, also known as MBS. The reports by Israeli public broadcaster Kan and other outlets came weeks after Israel reached deals to establish relations with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Sudan.

The deals were brokered by the administration of United States President Donald Trump, who leaves office in less than two months.

There has been widespread speculation, within Israel and the U.S. that Washington may push for other Arab states to follow suit before President-elect Joe Biden is sworn in.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was in Israel last week, was also at the reported talks, according to Kan's diplomatic correspondent.

Pompeo has confirmed he was in Neom on the Red Sea as part of a Middle East Tour and met MBS.

Netanyahu's office, U.S. State Department and the US embassy to Israel had not commented on the reports. Publicly, Saudi Arabia has said it would stick to the decades-old Arab League position of not having ties with Israel until the Jewish state's conflict with the Palestinians is resolved. The Palestinians have condemned the normalization deals as "a stab in the back", urging Arab states to hold firm until Israel ends its occupation of Palestinian territory and agrees to the creation of a Palestinian state.

Police Use Tear Gas to Disperse Migrant Camp in Paris

PARIS (Dispatches) - Police used tear gas as they dismantled a new migrant camp in the center of Paris set up to house hundreds of refugees evacuated from makeshift suburban shelters without being relocated.

Volunteers had helped set up around 500 blue tents at the Place de la Republique in the heart of the French capital late Monday, which were quickly filled by migrants, the majority from Afghanistan.

Around an hour later police arrived to dismantle the camp, picking up tents, sometimes with people still inside, to the protests of migrants and jeers from volunteers.

"They are too violent," sobbed Shahbuddin, a 34-year-old Afghan as he put a grey beanie back on his head after being forced out of his tent.

"We just want a roof."

Police later used tear gas to disperse the rest of the camp, driving the migrants out into the streets of central Paris.

The dismantling of the new camp comes one week after migrants were evacuated from makeshift shelters in the northern suburb of Saint-Denis without being relocated.

Ian Brossart, a deputy of the city's mayor in charge of housing, emergency accommodation and refugee protection, slammed the "law and order response to a social situation".

French home minister Gerald Darmanin later said images of the dismantling were "shocking" and that he had ordered the city's police to present a report on the clearance.

Paris is a key stop-off point on the European migrant route, with tented camps repeatedly sprouting up around the city only to be torn down by the police a few months later.

Thousands have travelled from Paris to the port of Calais and attempted to stow away on trucks heading across the Channel to England. A small number attempt the crossing by boat.

The clearance comes after the French government approved an amended security law that would restrict the publication of photos or videos taken of police officers' faces while carrying out their duties in public spaces.

Media unions say this could give police a green light to prevent journalists from doing their work and potentially documenting abuses by security forces.

"We're here to show that we have nowhere else to go," said Murtaza, 20, from Afghanistan before the camp was dispersed.

"We can't live like animals, we just want to claim asylum."



Australia Hits Back at Needless Worsening of China Ties

SYDNEY (Dispatches) - Australia has hit out at "needlessly" worsening relations with China, with the country's prime minister appealing for smaller nations not to be caught in the crossfire of Sino-U.S. rivalry.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison decried mounting Chinese pressure and rejected the portrayal of Australia as a U.S. lapdog, saying it was wrong and "needlessly deteriorates relationships" in an online speech to a London forum late Monday.

Morrison insisted Australia wanted "mutually beneficial" relations with both its largest trading partner and the United States, while having the right to pursue its own interests independent of both. In recent months, Canberra's relationship with Beijing has gone from bad to worse.

Beijing has produced a laundry list of complaints about Australian policies -- from banning Huawei's participation in 5G rollout to its call for an investigation into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic.

It has also targeted sensitive Australian exports with economic sanctions, in a bid to increase the cost of defying China's wishes.

Morrison warned this coercive diplomacy was just "a foretaste" of what other countries -- including those in Europe -- can expect to endure in future.

But in a nod to the incoming administration of U.S. president-elect Joe Biden, Morrison also insisted countries like Australia should not be asked to pick sides as Washington and Beijing duke it out for influence.

"Greater latitude will be required from the world's largest powers to accommodate the individual interests of their partners and allies. We all need a bit more room to move," Morrison told the UK Policy Exchange.

During the last four years, U.S. President Donald Trump has taken a confrontational approach, trying to rally allies to counter China's rising influence, something critics say risks creating a Cold War-style standoff between two competing power blocs.

It is uncertain that Sino-U.S. relations will improve under a Biden administration, with the Democrat outspoken during his campaign on China's dismal human rights record.



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India Likely to Report Current Account Surplus

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India is likely to report a current account surplus at the end of the current financial year ending in March 2021, mainly led by a fall in imports, the chief economic adviser at the ministry of finance said on Monday. India's current account surplus rose to a record \$19.8 billion in April-June as its trade deficit narrowed sharply, the Reserve Bank of India said earlier. Demand for imports has fallen amid the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with recent economic reforms initiated by the government to boost manufacturing, Krishnamurthy Subramanian told a virtual conference organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).



U.S. to Target 89 Chinese Firms With Military Ties

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - The Trump administration is close to declaring that 89 Chinese aerospace and other companies have military ties, restricting them from buying a range of goods and technology made in the United States, according to a draft copy of the list seen by Reuters.

The list, if published, could further escalate trade tensions with Beijing and hurt US companies that sell civil aviation parts and components to China, among other industries.

A spokesman for the US Department of Commerce, which produced the list, declined to comment. The Chinese foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request by Reuters for comment.

Commercial Aircraft Corp of China Ltd (COMAC), which is spearheading Chinese efforts to compete with Boeing and Airbus, is on the list, as is Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) and 10 of its related entities.

The list is included in a draft rule that identifies Chinese and Russian companies the US considers "military end users," a designation that means US suppliers must seek licenses to sell a broad swath of commercially available items to them. According to the rule, applications for such licenses are more likely to be denied than granted.

U.S. President Donald Trump has stepped up his actions against China in recent months. Ten days ago, he unveiled an executive order prohibiting US investments in Chinese companies that Washington says are owned or controlled by the Chinese military.

The pending list comes after the Department of Commerce expanded the definition of "military end-user" in April.

The April rule includes not only armed service and national police but any person or entity that supports or contributes to the maintenance or production of military items – even if their business is primarily non-military.

The export restriction applies to items as disparate as computer software like word processing, scientific equipment like digital oscilloscopes, and aircraft parts and components. In terms of aircraft, the items include everything from brackets for flight control boxes to the engines themselves.

The Comac C919, China's first large passenger jet, is made by the Commercial Aircraft Corp of China, another firm reportedly on the list of firms to be hit with US trade restrictions [File: Greg Baker/Pool via Reuters]

News of the list comes at a sensitive time for the US aerospace industry as Boeing seeks Chinese approval for its 737 MAX after it was cleared by US regulators last week. In March 2019, China was the first nation to ground the jet after two fatal crashes. A spokesman for Boeing declined to comment.

Washington trade lawyer Kevin Wolf, a former Department of Commerce official, said the department had shared the draft rule with a technical advisory committee of industry representatives, and it should have been kept confidential.

Wolf said the rule and list still could be modified and that the clock was running out for it to go into effect under the Trump administration since it would need to be cleared and sent to the Federal Register, the official US publication for rules, by mid-December.

WTO Aiming to Net Fishing Deal

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - Negotiations on banning billions of dollars in fisheries subsidies are coming to the crunch at the beleaguered World Trade Organization, with the deadline to net a deal fast approaching.

Disagreements persist, especially over what the outcome might mean for developing countries, while over-fishing continues to strip the seas of a hugely important resource on which millions of people depend for their livelihoods.

Negotiations began at the WTO in Doha in 2001 and got a much-needed boost with the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in 2015. That set the end of 2020 as the non-binding deadline for eliminating subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

It also bans certain types of subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, while providing special treatment for the world's developing and least developed countries.

Member states have so far failed to reach an agreement but pressed into action by the approaching deadline, negotiators have been beaver away since September on the basis of a confidential working document.

Their work has been slowed by the coronavirus pandemic and several countries, including India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Namibia, doubt the deadline can be met, according to a source close to the discussions in Geneva, where the WTO is based. Global fisheries subsidies stood at \$35.4 billion in 2018, with \$22 billion of that going towards building up fishing fleets, according to Ussif Rashid Sumaila of the University of British Columbia in a study which is regularly cited by diplomats.

Meanwhile the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has an increasingly alarming outlook on over-fishing. The FAO said a third of commercial fish stocks were fished at biologically unsustainable levels in 2017.

Global fisheries production in 2018 reached a record 96.4 million tonnes – up 5.4 percent on the average across the three previous years.



The increase was mainly due to marine fisheries, in which the top seven producing countries – China, Indonesia, Peru, India, Russia, the United States and Vietnam – account for almost half the total catch.

Despite the years of discussion, multiple fault lines still exist, including over whether there are good subsidies and bad subsidies.

European countries and others such as Japan and South Korea want a ban on subsidies, except where it has a positive impact and any potential negative effects can be cancelled out.

"If subsidies allow fishing to be made more sustainable – for example by developing the use of selective nets – then it must be permitted," said Jean-Marie Paugam, France's permanent representative to the WTO. Others believe, on the contrary, that any subsidy is inherently bad and should be removed. There are also voices calling for subsidy caps.

Pakistan's Central Bank Keeps Main Policy Rate Unchanged at 7%

KARACHI (Reuters) - Pakistan has kept its main policy rate unchanged at 7%, the central bank said on Monday, as consumer price index inflation remained close to 9%.

It is the second time that Pakistan has kept its main policy rate unchanged after cutting it 625 basis points, down from 13.25%, at the time the global pandemic hit its economy in February.

"Overall financial conditions remain appropriately accommodative, with the real policy rate remaining in slightly negative territory on a forward-looking basis," a statement from the State Bank of Pakistan said, quoting the monetary policy committee (MPC), which met on Monday.

The statement said headline inflation had fallen sharply since January but remained close to 9%, primarily driven by sharp increases in food items due to supply-side issues.

However, it said core inflation remained relatively moderate and stable, and price indexes suggested a weakening of food price momentum.

"Risks to the inflation outlook are balanced," the statement said.

Pakistan's rate remained on the high side until earlier this year, at 13.25%, primarily to contain inflation, before a series of cuts to spur economic activity amidst the pandemic.

"The MPC noted that since the last meeting in September, the domestic recovery has gradually gained traction, in line with expectations for growth of slightly above 2 percent in FY21, and business sentiment has improved further."

UK Economy Shrinks as New Lockdown Shuts Services Firms

LONDON (Reuters) - British business activity has contracted in November as a new wave of coronavirus restrictions hammered the huge services industry, but news of possible vaccines has sharply boosted hopes for 2021, a survey showed on Monday.

An early "flash" reading of the IHS Markit/CIPS UK Composite Purchasing

Managers' Index (PMI), a gauge of private sector growth, tumbled to a five-month low of 47.4 in November from 52.1 in October.

It is the first time the index has gone below the 50.0 growth threshold level since June.

The decline was smaller than a slump to 42.5 forecast in a Reuters poll of economists, however, and less severe than the drop in the euro zone.

The forward-looking component of the PMI hit its highest in more than five years, boosted by progress on COVID-19 vaccines.

Bank of England Chief Economist Andy Haldane said on Monday he hoped the economy would be "turning a leaf" next year, but warned that some long-term damage was inevitable.

Britain's economy is widely expected to contract in the fourth quarter - albeit by less than it did around the time of the first coronavirus lockdown - after Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered a four-week lockdown for England.

Other parts of the United Kingdom have also imposed restrictions on businesses, including in hospitality and other face-to-face activities.

Those closures helped to push the services PMI to 45.8 from 51.4 in October.

But manufacturing, which was largely unaffected by the latest lockdown, accelerated, with its PMI rising to 55.2, the joint-highest level since 2018.

"The two-speed nature of the recovery is increasingly clear," J.P. Morgan Asset Management strategist Hugh Gimber said. "The manufacturing sector continues to tick along at a healthy pace, while new lockdowns have slammed the brakes on the nascent recovery in the service sector."

The approach of a possible trade shock at the end of next month, when Britain's post-Brexit transition deal with the European Union will expire, prompted clients of British factories to increase their orders to build up stocks.

Abu Dhabi Discovers 24b Barrels Worth of Oil

DUBAI (Dispatches) - Abu Dhabi has discovered around 24 billion barrels of onshore oil, according to the UAE's state media agency WAM.

The discovery is a huge boost to the UAE's reserves, which stood at 97.8 billion barrels in 2019 according to OPEC's Annual Statistical Bulletin.

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company's (ADNOC) plan to increase its capital investment to 448 billion dirhams (\$122 billion) over the next five years was also approved – a move that is expected to inject an additional 160 billion dirhams (\$43.6 billion) into the local economy.

The Supreme Petroleum Council (SPC) announced the discovery of around 22 billion barrels worth of non-conventional, recoverable oil resources on Sunday. Nearly 2 billion barrels' worth of conventional oil reserves were also discovered.

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Conventional oil is found in pools and can be extracted with vertical well bores, whilst conventional oil requires horizontal boring and often hydraulic fracturing (fracking), according to the government of British Columbia's Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing.

The SPC announced the new discoveries during a virtual meeting headed by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and SPC Deputy Chairman.

Meanwhile Abu Dhabi will invest 448 billion dirhams (\$122 billion) in oil and natural gas over the next five years as it seeks to raise production capacity, even while OPEC restricts its output.

The Persian Gulf emirate's top body for energy policy, the Supreme Petroleum Council (SPC), approved the budget for Abu Dhabi National Oil Co., state-run news agency WAM reported on Sunday. The SPC gave approval to Adnoc to develop hydrogen as a low-carbon source of energy and to award contracts for companies to explore onshore and offshore oil and gas blocks.

UAE announces 'important' moment in drive for gas self-sufficiency Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates and holds almost all its oil. The emirate's officials last week privately floated the idea that the UAE could leave the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a move which would be highly unusual and probably destabilize oil markets.

Energy Minister Suhail Al-Mazrouei later said the UAE "has always been a committed member", though he didn't address the country's future in the cartel.

Abu Dhabi plans to raise daily oil-production capacity to five million barrels by 2030 from about four million barrels. The UAE's output is limited by OPEC to roughly 2.6 million barrels a day until the end of the year.

Euro Zone Business Activity Shrinks But Vaccine Hopes boost Optimism



LONDON (Reuters) - Euro zone business activity contracted sharply this month as renewed lockdowns forced many firms in the bloc's dominant service industry to close temporarily, although news of possible vaccines boosted hopes for 2021, surveys showed on Monday.

The bloc's economy is on track for its first double-dip recession in nearly a decade as a second wave of the coronavirus sweeps across Europe, a Reuters poll suggested last week. But on Monday, Britain's AstraZeneca said its vaccine could be around 90% effective without any serious side effects.

Pfizer and Moderna have also developed apparently effective vaccines and Monday's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) showed optimism about the year ahead improving to its highest since before the pandemic hit the continent.

Still, IHS Markit's headline flash composite PMI, seen as a good guide to economic health, fell to 45.1 in November from October's 50.0 - the level separating growth from contraction. A Reuters poll had predicted a shallower dip to 46.1.

"The drop in the composite PMI to well below 50 adds to the evidence that the euro zone economy will post another sizeable contraction in Q4," said Jack Allen-Reynolds at Capital Economics.

"But with vaccines looking increasingly likely to be rolled out in the first half of next year, the surveys show greater optimism about 2021."

Vaccine hopes, and expectations of more stimulus from the European Central Bank next month, meant optimism improved. The composite future output index jumped to 60.1 from 56.5, its highest since February.

Shares and oil prices rose on Monday while the dollar softened. Services activity in Germany, Europe's largest economy, contracted faster this month after lockdown measures were introduced while in France the economy shrank at the fastest pace since May, sister surveys showed.

Veteran Iranian Film Director Passes Away at 65

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iranian film director and scriptwriter Kambuzia Partovi passed away in Tehran on Tuesday at the age of 65.

Partovi, the prominent director of children’s cinema and scriptwriter of many films, including Muhammad: The Messenger of God, passed away on Tuesday morning in Day Hospital in Tehran after a short illness due to the infection of coronavirus.

Kambuzia Partovi was born in Rasht. After studying theatre arts in school he wrote mainly scripts for TV series.

In 1988 he made his feature film debut with Golnar. His 2007 film Café Transit, which received a special mention at Mar del Plata film festival, was selected by Iran as its candidate for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.



Central Asian Countries Discuss Economic Recovery Over Pandemic

TASHKENT (Dispatches) - The member states of the U.N. Special Program for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) discussed potential opportunities as well as short- and medium-term measures last week for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic recovery in a COVID-19 world.

During the SPECA Economic Forum in the Kyrgyz city of Bishkek from Nov. 18 to 19, high-ranking officials of member nations called for enhanced regional cooperation on trade, transportation, digital technology and other sectors that can better connect them.

The officials said cooperation was crucial for regional economic development and implementation of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Other participants included representatives from the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The two U.N. bodies jointly support the seven-member SPECA that was launched in 1998 to spur economic cooperation in Central Asia and help the region’s integration into the world economy.

The seven are Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

“Overcoming the COVID-19-induced developmental setback provides a unique opportunity for SPECA member states to repurpose policy priorities in making economies more resilient to future pandemics and crises,” U.N. Under-Secretary General and ESCAP Executive Secretary Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana said in her opening speech. “In this context, harnessing regional cooperation, especially among SPECA member states and with its neighbors, must be focused to promote the SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals.”

She said ESCAP, in close collaboration with UNECE, is committed to “move forward the recommendations of the forum to build back better and advance the SDGs for SPECA member states and beyond.”



UNECE Executive Secretary Olga Algayerova, who also serves as a U.N. under-secretary general, said UNECE stands ready, alongside ESCAP, to help SPECA with “numerous tools.”

Kyrgyz Minister of Economy Sanjar Mukanbetov underscored that Kyrgyzstan will “continue to pay great attention to the development of regional cooperation.”

He also noted the importance of sharing experience, joining hands on public health and other collective efforts to overcome the economic fallout of the COVID-19 crisis.

To facilitate economic cooperation, SPECA member states are considering joining relevant regional and international agreements and blocs, such as the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, the Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade, Asian Highway Network, the Trans-Asian Railway Network and the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports.

Turkey Needs to Rebuild Credibility, Economic Program Unrealistic



ANKARA (Dispatches) - Turkey’s reputation for monetary responsibility has been undercut by the extent of policy loosening earlier in the summer, which reduced interest rates, net of inflation, to minus 4.4 percent in June, Fitch said in a report.

The real policy rate using current inflation is now 3.1 percent after the central bank’s governor was replaced this month and the institution hiked interest rates to 15 percent from 10.25 percent last week. That real rate is now above the average of other major emerging markets, the ratings agency said.

“The sacking of two central bank governors over the last 16 months underlines the lack of independence from political pressure, and President (Recep Tayyip) Erdoğan has continued to state his opposition to higher interest rates,” Fitch said.

“Policy tightening will provide some support to Turkey’s external position, as well as disinflation prospects. Lira weakness had contributed to high inflation, which was 11.9 percent in October, and increased inflation expectations. It has also driven a steady rise in the proportion of bank deposits held in foreign currency to 57 percent from 50 percent in July,” it said.

The central bank’s net foreign exchange reserves, minus swaps, have fallen to a negative \$46.5 billion from \$22.7 billion at the end of last year, Fitch said.

“More effective monetary policy tightening, a partial recovery in tourism next year, and a reduction in central bank FX interventions should support a stabilization in external finances, but we do not anticipate a marked improvement in Turkey’s FX reserve position in the near-term,” the ratings agency said.

“It is unclear how much tolerance the authorities will show for a sustained period of tighter policy settings to address this issue,” Fitch said.

The government’s economic program, which targets average growth in GDP of 5.3 percent between 2021 and 2023 along with a slowdown in inflation to 4.9 percent and the current account returning to balance is “unrealistic”, Fitch said.

“It remains to be seen how policymakers will resolve the trade-offs between boosting growth and reducing external and domestic imbalances over time,” it said.

UK-EU Trade Deal Would Avoid Years of Acrimony

LONDON (Reuters) - A trade deal between Britain and the European Union would help open the door to cross-border financial services from January and avoid years of acrimony, industry officials said on Monday.

Financial services are not part of talks that continue this week in a bid to conclude a free trade agreement (FTA) before Britain’s access to the bloc under transition arrangements ends next month.

“It’s very important for the financial services industry that there is a deal, it will completely change the atmosphere,” Nicolas Mackel, CEO of Luxembourg for Finance, told an online event.

“If there were to be no deal, relations would be acrimonious for at least one or two years, and it would be very difficult to envisage any bridges to be built across the Channel,” he said.

Any FTA is expected to include a commitment to create a forum for regulators in Britain and the EU to meet regularly, which the financial sector sees as crucial to avoiding clashes that would slam shut the door to cross-border access.



Having such a “structured regulatory dialogue” would provide a good base to build on, said Chris Cummings, chief executive of the Investment Association, a trade body for fund managers. “The worst thing in the world would be no political agreement, no regulatory agreement and hard barriers,” Cummings said.

Compared with other parts of the financial sector, the funds industry has emerged relatively unscathed from Brexit, with the EU allowing asset managers in Britain to continue picking stocks for funds based in the bloc from January.

Sheila Nicoll, head of public policy at asset manager Schroders, said it would take time to rebuild trust between British and EU financial regulators if there was no FTA.

Asset managers were already concerned about stock markets fragmenting in Europe because Brussels has yet to allow cross-border share trading from January, she said.

“You don’t want to cut off liquidity for political reasons,” Nicoll said.

FAO, WHO Urge Countries to Prioritize Infection Prevention

TEHRAN (FAO) - Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is not only responsible for the death of 700 000 people per annum across the world, but also compromises food safety, contaminates soil and water and reduces the effectiveness of medicines and treatment options, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) warn.

AMR is a natural phenomenon where microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi lose sensitivity to the effects of antimicrobial medicines, like antibiotics, that were previously effective in treating infections. As a result, infections and diseases become difficult, lengthy and costly to be treated. Antimicrobial resistance also leads to increased health care costs, hospital admissions, treatment failure, severe illness and death.

However, the emergence and spread of AMR is expedited and exacerbated by excessive and inappropriate use of antimicrobials. Given the anticipated intensification of agricultural production in response to growing demands of an expanding population, FAO and WHO urge Member Countries to implement more sustainable agricultural practices that prioritize infection prevention for healthier animals and crops and a reduced need for antimicrobials.

It is recommended for countries to adopt regulatory mechanisms to ensure responsible use of antimicrobials in animal and crop production or in medical practice, discouraging the use of poor quality and falsified antimicrobial products—or using the wrong antimicrobials to treat particular causes of diseases.

Furthermore, FAO and WHO also warn that AMR organisms and antimicrobial residues are present in wastes from agricultural production, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and human sewage. Inadequate treatment and improper disposal of wastes can spread antimicrobial residues and AMR microorganisms through the environment in soils and in waterways.

Antimicrobial resistance is making many infections harder to treat worldwide. WHO’s latest reporting shows that the world is running out of effective treatments for several common infections.

FAO and WHO support Member States in adopting the “One Health” approach in the fight against AMR, and bring together human health, animal health and environment health as one.

Robust monitoring, integrated surveillance, increasing capacities for antimicrobial stewardship across all sectors are needed together with raising public awareness among the public and professionals.

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She tried to make her friends taking office in the White House believe if the U.S. was not a trustable ally, its European allies would not involve it in other international equations. Most of the critics of the White House policies also believed that the U.S. exit from the JCPOA would harm seriously the relation between the U.S. and its European allies. They believed that this action, besides being a threat against the U.S. national security interests, would decrease the international capability for monitoring Iran’s nuclear activities and it would be crystal clear that the U.S. exit of the JCPOA would dishearten hostile countries to the U.S. (like North Korea which is considered a dangerous nuclear threat to the U.S.) from negotiation with this country and this exit would be more loss to the U.S. and instead in favor of Iran.

Now 22 months after the U.S. pullout of the deal, Trump is on the slope of falling from the power and legally handing over the White House to the Democrat Party representative, and he should accept this point that whatever his non-partisan rivals had criticized have come true, and if there was not President Hassan Rouhani government’s tiptoeing-around in Iran regarding the reactions to the U.S. action, today Iran could have stood three hundred steps ahead of its current position.

Trump should believe this fact that his deadly sanctions despite inefficiency of Iran government have not succeeded so much. He should believe that all of his actions in the past might turn into the encounter of him versus nothing, and the U.S. legal president-elect Joe Biden, with winning some 51 percent of Americans’ votes in the 2020 presidential election, would indisputably return to the same JCPOA in order to prove the world that the U.S. is not a uncivilized country where a government signs a deal and the next government retreats its signature under any pretext.

Now Biden should think of how he does convince Iran for the U.S. return to the JCPOA and what concessions he should give Iran or how he compensates Iranian people with the damages they have suffered in these years.

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The spokesman for Yemen’s Armed Forces, Brigadier General Yahya Saree, said in a statement on Monday that the distribution station had been targeted with the Quds-2 type winged missile with high precision. He said the attack came in response to the ongoing Saudi military aggression and siege.

Ghamdi said the attack had been “similar to what happened at Khurais and Abqaiq,” referring to strikes on the two Saudi oil facilities in 2019. In September 2019, Yemeni forces conducted retaliatory drone attacks on the Abqaiq processing plant and Khurais oil field in Saudi Arabia’s east. The strikes cut the country’s oil production in half. Ghamdi said operations at the North Jeddah Bulk Plant, which supplies refined products, including jet fuel, to the country’s west, resumed within three hours after the attack. He said the company was assessing whether the targeted tank could be repaired.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its allies launched the devastating war on Yemen in March 2015 in an ongoing, unsuccessful attempt to suppress a popular uprising that had overthrown a Riyadh-friendly regime.

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The military approach to building peace has failed, and the presence of foreign troops has been a lingering problem. A responsible exit of foreign troops from Afghanistan—with a smooth and effective assumption of their duties by the Afghan security forces—will be a positive step toward a sustainable peace.

Iran has always supported intra-Afghan dialogue, owned and led by Afghans themselves, which should include the Taliban, and which preserves the post-2001 achievements: the democratic Constitution, the right of the people to self-determination through elections, the rights of religious and ethnic minorities, the rights of women; and combatting terrorism. The UN should be central in facilitating intra-Afghan dialogue, and Iran stands ready to cooperate.

We all know that poverty and unemployment are fertile grounds for extremism, terrorism, and drug trafficking. Peace will not be sustainable if Afghans have to struggle to simply survive.

For our part, We host over 3 million Afghans, using our subsidized food, transport and health services, in spite of savage US economic war against our people.

470000 Afghan students attend our schools, 22000 Afghans are being trained by our universities. We connect Afghanistan to the outside world through Chabahar, The Khaf-Herat railway is due to be inaugurated in the coming days.

Our power plants provide electricity for Afghan people. And we can do far more in the field of energy.

But instead of facilitating, the U.S.—through its economic terrorism targeting Iranians and Afghans alike—impedes such cooperation.

Also, international donors have a seriously flawed approach—exemplified in the order of speakers in this meeting putting the neighbors last. The world must put the people of Afghanistan before other considerations.

Iraq to Re-Issue Entry Visas for Tourists to Bolster Coronavirus-Hit Economy

DUBAI (Dispatches) - Iraq will begin facilitating entry visas for foreigners in a push to bolster its economy weakened after months of a border lockdown due to the coronavirus global pandemic.

Authorities will begin procedures to grant foreigners entry visas so they can visit touristic, religious and heritage sites, the state news agency INA reported. “After the coronavirus crisis has cleared up, Iraq needs to build new bridges to communicate with various countries of the world,” a statement from the presidential office said.

Along with revitalizing the tourism and cultural sectors in the country, the presidential office looked at ways of bringing foreign investment into the country in a meeting with the Director General of Civil Status, Passports and Residence.

“Iraqi cities, social life and multiple activities” provide opportunities for economic, commercial and investment cooperation, the statement read.

Zaha Tests Positive For Coronavirus

LONDON (Dispatches) - Crystal Palace manager Roy Hodgson has revealed that Ivory Coast forward Wilfried Zaha is self-isolating after testing positive for Covid-19. Zaha was missing from the Palace squad for their Premier League match at Burnley on Monday as a result of the illness. "He has tested positive unfortunately for coronavirus so is self-isolating, and is awaiting the results of the next test," Hodgson said. "He is not feeling particularly ill, but unfortunately the test proved positive and he is following the procedures."

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England Star Grealish Charged With Driving Offence

LONDON (Dispatches) - England midfielder Jack Grealish has been charged with a fourth driving offence according to court documents published on Monday. The 25-year-old Aston Villa playmaker has been charged with allegedly driving carelessly near the club's training ground in October. Police had said in June Grealish had been charged with three offences, including failing to stop at the scene of an accident, connected to an incident during the first lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic on March 29.

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Nadal Weighs in on Australian Open Turmoil

MADRID (Dispatches) - Rafa Nadal has called for patience after the 2021 Australian Open campaign was thrown into turmoil after conflicting reports. Tennis Australia boss Craig Tiley has responded to reports the Australian Open could be delayed until as late as March or April.

Aussie tennis commentator Brett Phillips revealed on SEN radio on Saturday that the event will almost certainly be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Tiley on Sunday released a statement saying TA was "doing everything we can to finalise the summer of tennis as soon as possible".

Now Nadal has called for patience and said it is not for him to tell a foreign government on how to govern their borders during the global pandemic.

"I don't know what's the situation going to be yet. We need to wait about what the (state) government there in Victoria says," Nadal said after his loss to Daniil Medvedev at the ATP Finals. "We can't do much from ATP position or just wait. We have nobody to say what they feel is better for his country."

"We just need to be patient and accept the situation that we are facing. That is difficult for everyone. We need to be flexible to understand the situation and to find a way to play as many tournaments as possible next year."

Tiley responded to the reports and released a statement claiming they were working with the government on the best solution. "Our intention is to deliver a summer in conditions that allow the players to prepare and perform at their best and the fans to enjoy their efforts - all in an environment that is safe for all concerned," he said.

"We are working closely with the Victorian Government on a plan that takes into account the needs of the players, fans, our partners and staff, and is of major benefit to the Victorian and Australian economies."

"We are continuing our urgent talks with local health authorities regarding quarantining and bio-security requirements"



and are confident we will have decisions soon."

Meanwhile Dominic Thiem ticked a couple of things off his tennis to-do list this year and, although he hasn't quite set himself any goals yet, Thiem hopes to move further moving up the ATP Rankings. Thiem reached a career-high of No 3 in the Rankings in March on the back of finishing runner-up at the Australian Open. Tennis then went on a five-month hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, but once the sport resumed the Austrian reached another high as he won his maiden Grand Slam, beating Alexander Zverev in the US Open.

"When the tennis world [came back], our job came back - I mean, luckily it came back - everything was different with life in the bubble, playing without [a] crowd. There were many, many new experiences," Thiem said after finishing runner-up to Daniil Medvedev at the ATP Finals. "I think it is still a very tough year for many, many people. We athletes, and I'm speaking of tennis players, we are very privileged to do our jobs."

"If I speak about the tennis, if I speak about my job, I mean, it has been an outstanding year. I have reached one of my big lifetime goals with winning that Grand Slam."

"So even though it's a tough year, it will always have a special place in my heart this year, 100%."

With a difficult 2020 season done and dusted, it is natural to start looking towards the new campaign and he already has one goal in mind: the top two spots in the ATP Rankings, which are currently occupied by Novak Djokovic and Nadal.

Evergreen Ibra Out for 10 Days With Thigh Injury



MILAN (Dispatches) - Zlatan Ibrahimovic will miss AC Milan's Europa League clash at Lille after a source at the Italian club told AFP that the in-form veteran will be out for at least 10 days with a thigh injury.

Ibrahimovic, 39, kept Milan top of Serie A with a brace in a 3-1 win at Napoli on Sunday but left the field shortly before the end of play at the Stadio San Paolo with a left thigh knock.

The source told AFP that tests on Monday morning revealed damage to the hamstring muscle in Ibrahimovic's left thigh, and that the Serie A top scorer would undergo new tests in 10 days' time.

As well as missing Thursday's Group H match at Lille, the former Inter Milan, Juventus, Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain forward will also be unavailable for Milan's next league match with Fiorentina and the visit of Celtic early next month.

The Swede's absence is a big blow to Milan coach Stefano Pioli, whose team have been galvanised by their ageing frontman since his return to the seven-time European champions in January. Milan are top of Serie A and unbeaten in domestic competition so far this season, with Ibrahimovic scoring 10 of their 19 league goals.

Tottenham Post £64m Loss, Warn of £150m Hole for 2020/21

LONDON (Dispatches) - Tottenham Hotspur announced losses of £63.9m (\$85 million) on Monday and warned that a further £150 million revenue will be lost in the 2020/21 season should fans not be allowed back into stadiums.

Spurs have also been hit by the cancellation of NFL games, concerts and conferences at the club's new £1.2 billion stadium.

The Premier League leaders' revenue dropped from £59 million to £402 million for the year ending June 30.

Broadcasting income was down £95 million due to the late finish to the league season which will defer some revenue into next year's accounts, and an earlier exit from the Champions League as Spurs were knocked out in last 16 after reaching the final in 2018/19.

Matchday revenue was up by £13 million to £94.5 million thanks to the club's first full season in the new stadium before fans were shut out in March.

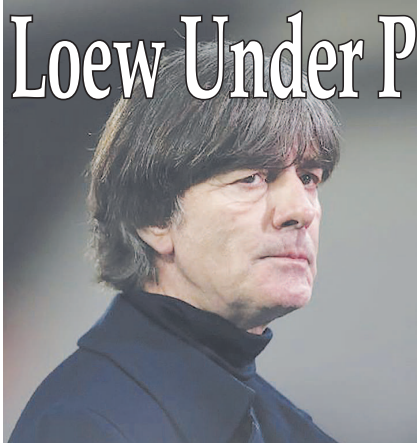
Chairman Daniel Levy warned of the financial hole caused by eight months and counting behind closed doors.

"The 2020/21 season has so far seen no fans at games and this is compounded by a loss of third party events such as NFL, concerts, the closure of stores and visitor attractions," Levy said in a statement. "Our estimate for the current financial year of the potential loss of revenue, should the stadium remain closed to fans, is in excess of £150m. Clearly this would be an irrecoverable loss of income."

Despite the financial hit, Levy backed manager Jose Mourinho with seven new signings in the transfer window, including the return of Gareth Bale on loan from Real Madrid.

Levy's faith has been rewarded with an eight-game unbeaten run in the league which has carried Spurs to the top of the table for the first time in six years.

Loew Under Pressure Ahead of Probe Into Spain Thrashing



giving Loew time to "fundamentally review the national side's current situation".

"That (meeting) will include lessons learned from the loss against Spain, as well as the

side's overall development in the last two years," the DFB said in a statement. "This also gives the national head coach enough time and emotional distance to fundamentally review the national side's current situation."

"In sporting terms, to analyze the causes of the heavy defeat in Sevilla, but also personally, to come to terms with the great disappointment. That's part of the process."

Loew has been in charge of the Germany team since taking over from Juergen Klinsmann following the 2006 World Cup, leading the nation to a fourth world title, and first since reunification, in 2014.

But the recent hammering by Spain capped a poor three-year spell, which included an embarrassing group-stage exit at the 2018 World Cup.

The 60-year-old Loew has made some controversial decisions since the debacle in Russia, none more so than the one to end the international careers of World Cup winners Thomas Mueller, Jerome Boateng and Mats Hummels.

Hamilton a Fantastic Ambassador, Deserves A Knighthood

LONDON (Reuters) - Lewis Hamilton has been breaking down barriers since he arrived in Formula One and deserves a knighthood for his achievements on and off the track, former world champion Damon Hill has said.

Hamilton, the most successful grand prix racer of all time and the only Black driver in F1, sealed a record-equalling seventh world title with his victory in Turkey this month, fuelling expectations of a knighthood.

The 35-year-old Briton, who comes from an under-privileged, multi-racial background, has used his platform to campaign for racial equality, diversity and sustainability.

"Lewis has always been breaking down barriers, the moment he arrived in F1 or even in karting he was breaking barriers and challenging the status quo," the Guardian quoted Hill as saying.

"The knighthood will be seen as recognition of not just his driving but also as a Black driver that has bust another door open for anyone who is not white."

"He has destroyed the preconception that it can't be done, that there is an area where you cannot achieve something because of the colour of your skin. He has totally destroyed that notion."

Stirling Moss, Jack Brabham and Jackie Stewart are the other Formula One racers to have been knighted. Hamilton was awarded an MBE in 2008.

"It is a very rare thing in our sport to get a knighthood," said Hill, who won the world championship in 1996. "It is then also a recognition of his stance on equality, anti-racism and environmental issues."

"He is outspoken, he is playing his part and using his fame for positive purposes. He is a fantastic ambassador and having a knighthood will only increase his opportunities to do that work."



Liverpool Will Not Have 11 Fit Players Without Changes

LONDON (Dispatches) - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said the Premier League's top six could be left without 11 fit players unless changes are made to protect the welfare of stretched squads.

Already depleted by an injury crisis, the Reds will play three games in six-and-a-half days this week. Klopp's men saw off Leicester City 3-0 in Sunday's late Premier League kick-off and will welcome Atalanta to Anfield in the Champions League on Wednesday before travelling to Brighton for Saturday's 1230 GMT kick-off.

"If we keep playing Wednesday night and Saturday 12.30, I am not sure we finish the season with 11 players, all the top six or seven," said Klopp in an impassioned interview with Sky Sports, the largest domestic rights holder of Premier League games.

Under the terms of a £4.5 billion (\$6 billion) deal for three seasons, Sky have the first pick from each round of games with BT Sport choosing their headline match second.

But Klopp said broadcasters should adapt to the circumstances of a season like no other, with matches crammed into the calendar to make up for the lost time of a three-month postponement to last season due to the coronavirus pandemic. "Everybody tells me it is difficult, but it is difficult for the players. That's what is difficult. The rest is just a decision on a desk in an office," added Klopp.

"If someone tells me again about contracts I go really nuts because the contracts were not made for a Covid season."

"We all have to adapt. You stand here with a facemask, would you have thought a year ago you would go somewhere with a facemask and we cannot be close? That's the situation. Everything changed, but the contract with the broadcasters is still 'we said this so we keep this'."

