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## Taliban Not Invited To Tehran Summit On Afghanistan

TEHRAN (IFP) - Iran will host a meeting of Afghanistan's neighbours on Wednesday without the participation of the Taliban. The new rulers of Afghanistan have not been invited to the summit, according to a Taliban spokesperson.

Tehran will host a ministerial meeting with Afghanistan's neighboring countries on Wednesday and hold talks on inclusivity within the Afghan government and stability inside the country.

The Islamic Emirate is not invited to the meeting yet, but a spokesman of the Islamic Emirate, Zabiullah Mujahid, noted he hopes the meeting's outcome will benefit Afghanistan.

It is reported that the meeting will mainly focus on topics of peace and stability and an inclusive government in Afghanistan.

"We are aware that the meeting will be held. The meeting relates to neighbors, and we are not invited," Mujahid stated.

The foreign ministers and political representatives of Pakistan, China, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Russia will gather to discuss the formation of an inclusive government and other Afghan issues.

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## Iran Discusses Trade, Tourism Ties With Oman

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TEHRAN - Iran and Oman are planning to expand cooperation in the field of tourism, the head of Iran-Oman Joint Chamber of Commerce Mohsen Zarrabi told Trend in an interview.

Tourism has become a priority for Oman in the past several years, so this could be an opportunity for Iran to capitalize on, he said.

The number of Omani tourists visiting Iran has increased to 85,000 in 2019 - mostly due to medical and religious tourism, generating about \$250 million revenue for Iran.

Meanwhile, the Iranians have invested in establishing of several health care clinics in Oman, and Iran seeks to attract more health tourists from Oman by offering good quality services. The visa requirement issue has been resolved between the two countries to boost tourism. Iranians can obtain one year multi visa upon arrival at Omani's airports while Iran has lifted visa requirement for Omanis.

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## President Calls for Reforming Consumption Pattern



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TEHRAN - Emphasizing the importance of providing sustainable energy for the growth of Iran's economy and to pay attention to social justice and support for the deprived, President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi said, "The executive bodies should present their proposed program for reforming the consumption patterns and observing social justice as soon as possible."

The meeting of the Cabinet's Economic Coordination Board was held on Sunday night, chaired by President Raisi, in which the President tasked the government's economic team to submit their proposed plans regarding consumption pattern and social justice so that a decision can be made as soon as possible.

In this meeting, the issue of providing sustainable energy for Iran's economy with two axes of rationalizing energy consumption and emphasizing social justice and supporting the deprived was on the agenda.

Meanwhile on Sunday and before the speech of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, the President called the existence of the Prophet of Islam (PBUH) the greatest blessing and the peak of change for humanity and said, "Our change-seeking Imam [Khomeini] followed the path of the Prophet (PBUH) and relied on God and people for uprising, and today, the document of the Second Step of the Revolution is a guide to change in all parts of the country and a response to the needs of the people".

In another part of his speech, Raisi mentioned the issue of coronavirus and the supply of basic goods as the two main concerns at the beginning of the government's term of office and said, "Today, with large-scale vaccination, a big step has been taken to protect public health, and concerns in this regard have been eliminated with the supply of essentials".

Describing broad interaction with the world, especially its neighbors, as Iran's foreign policy, he said, "We are committed to what we have promised, but the United States and the Europeans are in a crisis of decision-making".

On Sunday evening and Emphasizing the need to support championship and public sports in the country, the President said, "Sports should be promoted to a higher position, and this is undoubtedly possible with the efforts of officials and athletes."

Speaking in the ceremony of awarding the Pahlevan Armband of Year 1400 and praising the medal winners of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Raisi congratulated the birthday of the Prophet (PBUH) and Imam Jafar Sadiq (AS), saying, "Championship sports is accompanied with bravery and attention to the weak and with high concepts of worship and trust in God, and everyone should help to promote it".

Pointing out that Iran has capacities and talented young people in the field of championship sports, the President said, "Apart from wrestling, attention should also be paid to championship and professional sports, and the young and athletes of the country can be famous in this field in the world with their steely efforts".

Raisi said that paying attention to sports can guarantee the health of men and women and prevent many social harms, adding, "Supporting the promotion of sports can bring vitality to the society".

He added, "In the matter of enjoining the good and forbidding the bad, one of the most important things is inviting to sports, and we must do something to pay serious attention to sports in all families, organizations and departments".

Referring to the attention of our country's athletes to religious values and Islamic ethics, the President said, "Many of the heroes and heroines of Iran who win medals in the world arena immediately pray to God and present their medals to the martyrs and Imams".

At the end of the ceremony, Ayatollah Raisi awarded the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic medallists.

## Iran's Demand for U.S. to Guarantee Nuclear Deal Logical

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Russia's ambassador to international organizations in Vienna says Iran's demand from US administration to guarantee the landmark nuclear deal signed by Iran and world powers in 2015 is not only logical, but also "corresponds ... to elementary common sense."

Mikhail Ulyanov made the remarks in a Sunday tweet while answering to a follower who asked him about his opinion on why the US administration of Joe Biden refuses to guarantee the deal even through his own presidency.

Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations Majid Takht-Ravanchi told reporters in early July that the Islamic Republic had asked Washington to provide strong guarantees that it will never again withdraw from the nuclear deal unilaterally.

He added that a US guarantee that it will never unilaterally leave the Iran nuclear deal again is vital to a successful conclusion of talks in Vienna on the terms of Washington's return to the agreement.

Takht-Ravanchi noted that unless some U.S. guarantee of stability was provided, European and other investors would not have the confidence to invest in the Iranian economy.

In his Sunday tweet, Ulyanov said, "This Iranian demand seems to be logical and justifiable, it corresponds not only to diplomatic practice but also to elementary common sense."

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## Iran Says It Needs \$11b to Develop Southwest Oil Fields

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran says it needs billions of dollars in investments to boost production from oil fields it shares with Iraq along its southwestern border.

"We need around \$11 billion in investment to develop the second phase of the North Azadegan and Yadavaran oil fields, as well as the South Azadegan and Yaran," Mohsen Khojastehmehr, appointed in September as the new head of the National Iranian Oil Co., said in a statement on the company's website.

The financing, should it come through, would help add more than 1 million barrels of oil per day to Iranian crude output from its shared fields with the neighboring Iraq, Khojastehmehr said without elaborating.

International companies pulled out of the Islamic Republic's energy sector after former U.S. President Donald Trump abandoned the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 that curbed its atomic activities in exchange for economic sanctions relief.

Earlier this month, Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji said his country would welcome "any investor" willing to finance Iranian energy projects and receive crude oil or condensate as payment.

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## Iran Bitumen Prices Rally To Three-Year High

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Bitumen bulk prices from Iran have rallied by around 22.6pc through October and were near the highest seen in nearly three years, on the back of tightening supply and a surge in demand from India.

Spot prices for bulk bitumen cargoes were seen at and above \$365/t fob Bandar Abbas on 21 October, up by at least \$30/t from prices last assessed by Argus on 15 October. Prices have rallied by 22.6pc, or \$67.5/t, since 1 October on the back of strengthening fundamentals.

Offers for prompt to early November-loading cargoes were seen in the \$385-400/t range on Thursday, up from deals and discussions seen at \$365/t at the start of this week. Deals were seen mostly in the \$365/t and higher levels throughout this week.

"Supply is limited and we are seeing demand is coming back slowly," said a key Indian importer. Demand from India has resumed with the start of the peak paving season this quarter. A prolonged monsoon season that was expected to end in mid-September has lasted until October.

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## Expansion of Industrial Production to Help Develop Trades With Neighbors

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Focus on export of industrial production will help Iran boost trade ties with neighboring countries, an Iranian official believes.

Chairman of Iran-Russia Joint Chamber of Commerce Hadi Tizhoush Taban told IRNA on Monday that expansion of trade relations with neighboring states is a proper strategy, which will bring about economic and security achievements.

According to the official, the administration of President Ebrahim Raisi attaches great importance to development of trade ties with neighboring and regional countries, so the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is tasked with the implementation of the goal.

Iranian Industry, Mining, and Trade Minister Reza Fatemi Amin underlined that his ministry will do all-out efforts to increase trade exchanges to four billion dollars within four years.

Official statistics in the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2021 to September 22, 2021) show that trade with 15 neighboring states increased 37 percent in terms of weight and 52 percent in terms of value, reaching 47 million tons worth 22.588 billion dollars.

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# Iran's Exports to Iraq Soaring

TEHRAN (IP) - Co-chairman of Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce said the implementation of incentives has caused an increase in Iran's exports to Iraq by \$ 40 billion.

Hamid Hosseini stated: "Iran has a lot of potential in technical engineering services and can earn foreign currencies by implementing projects in different countries.

In the first half of the current year (starting from 20 March, 2021 in the Persian calendar), Iran's foreign trade reached 79 million and 100 thousand tons of goods.

## Cleric Blames Lack of Theist Democracy in Some Islamic Countries

**TEHRAN (IRNA) - Secretary General of World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST) said here on Sunday that one of the problems faced by the Islamic world today is the lack of theist democracy in some Islamic countries, breaching the citizenship rights in them, and ignoring their peoples' most natural and righteous demands.**

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the 35th Islamic Unity Conference, the WFPIST Secretary General Hamid Shahriari, congratulated the blessed birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and Imam Ja'far Sadeq (PBUH) to the conference audience and the world Muslims, reiterating that today, we are faced with wars, bloodshed, terrors, disputes and various kinds of insults within the Islamic world.

"Due to such difficulties inside the Islamic world, we titled this year's 35th Islamic Unity Conference: Islamic Unity, Preventing Discord and Disputes in Islamic World," he added.

Shahriari said that although Islam's initial order was promotion of peace and brotherhood among Muslims, but the emergence of difficulties within the Islamic world led to the outbreak of such problems which he mentioned some of them, and then he proposed ways for their practical resolving. "The first problem with which the Islamic world is faced with is the global oppression system, led by the United States and the looter west, which are constantly trying to make endless wars and disputes within the Islamic world, and justifying their nasty deeds, while they westerners are the main source of all those bloodsheds, and wasting the wealth of the Islamic world nations," he added.

Shahriari said that the 2nd problem is the existence of some Islamic world leaders and clerics who are justifying their deeds, which paves the path for those oppressors' moves who have tied their illegitimate interests to the interests of the Islamic world's enemies, and pave the path for their presence in the Islamic world by naturalizing this with them.

The WFPIST secretary-general said that the 3rd problem faced by the Islamic world is the existence of certain historical and contextual disputes within the words,



thoughts and jurisprudence of the Islamic schools of thought, which have paved the path for activation of the deeds of the enemies of Islam.

"The fourth problem is the ignorance, or treachery of the followers of some extremist followers of Islamic schools of thought, either Shia, or Sunni Muslims, who insult the sanctities of the other Muslims, and pave the path for disputes, Takfirist moves and bloodshed, even proposing looting the other Muslims and massacring them," he regretted.

Shahriari referred to the 5th problem of the Islamic world as the lack of theist democracy in some Islamic countries, and adopting state decisions just by one family, breaching the citizenship rights of their nations, and ignoring their righteous demands.

The 6th problem is the existence of political parties which are fighting each other in some Islamic countries, and prompting the atmosphere of accusations, distrust, sabotage, resorting to force and even breaching the Islamic rules, aimed at securing partisan and political interests, while eliminating all political competitors and critics.

"The 7th problem is the competition among Islamic countries in taking sides and finding supporters, form among the enemies of the Islamic world, aimed at defeating their competitors within the Islamic world," he added.

Shahriari then proposed ways for resolving all those eight difficulties, including fortifying the strength of the world Muslims in confrontation with the US hegemony; the Islamic world clerics' refraining from taking side with the despotic monarchs and condemnation of the Takfirist and terrorist tendencies, refraining from disputes in jurisprudence thoroughly, and promoting the establishment of theist democracies within the Islamic world.

## Money Transfer the Major Obstacle for Iran-Turkey Trade

TEHRAN – Secretary of Presiding Board of Tabriz Chamber of Commerce Mr. Reza Kami says the major obstacle in way of trade between Iran and Turkey is the transfer of money and emphasized that joint venture and joint production is the best way for expanding trade ties between the two countries.

In meeting with commercial attache of Turkey's consulate in Tabriz, Mr. Kami said currently Turkish investors are busy in different provinces of Iran especially in East Azarbaijan that Tabriz Chamber of Commerce has played a key role in this bilateral connection.

He reiterated the existing problems have not let the trade between the two countries hit \$30b while everybody knows that in the past the bilateral trade between the two states hardly hit \$22m.

He then pointed to the cultural and social commonalities between the two countries and said Tabriz is the focal point in Iran's trade with Turkey and there have been always strong bond between the traders of Tabriz and Turkey.

Kami also called for presenting and educating regulations regarded to the business for the economic

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activists of the other sides and called for resolving the current problems at Bazargan check points and referring them to the Turkish officials.

Then Turkish commercial attache at Turkey's consulate in Tabriz Mr. Tahir Dingil, for his part, blamed the pandemic as the main reason for the decline

in the trade exchanges and exchange of trade delegations between the two states and said now with reopening of borders, it is possible to exchange trade delegations.

Regarding the current problems at the Bazargan border check point, he said this problem will be definitely reported to the officials in Ankara and solution for them will be asked. He also emphasized getting required information by traders of both sides and reiterated that traders of the two countries should put aside the short-term trade approach and seek a long-term one.

He also called for resolving major problems for bilateral trade like the problem of money transfer and lack of information about the laws and regulations of trade by both sides. Then Dingil and Kami called for holding bilateral webinars between the business activists of the two state as well as exchange of trade delegations.

## Pakistan Cultural Festival Held in Tehran

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TEHRAN - An event was organized to celebrate Pakistan cultural night and food festival at ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) on Saturday in Tehran.

Diplomats, Ambassadors from Missions in Tehran, Media representatives, Iranian think tanks, and large number of Iranian and Pakistani community participated in the event. Renowned Pakistani Qawaal duo Fareed Ayaz- Abu Muhammad paid tribute to Holy prophet by singing their Qawwalis. The audience was captivated by their performances. Calligraphy on poetry of Allama Iqbal (Popularly Known as Iqbal Lahori) by Mr. Khosrow Azarbeyg was also displayed in which the audience showed keen interest.

Mr. Gholam Ali Haddad Adel, Head of Persian language and literature and Saa'di Foundation speaking on occasion said that Pakistan and Iran share good neighborly relations. Cultural events like these help in gaining deeper understanding of each other's culture. H.E. Rahim Hayat Qureshi, Ambassador of Pakistan, speaking on the occasion thanked the chief guest for gracing the event. H.E. highlighted the importance of the qawali for paying tribute to Holy prophet (PBUH) as it was occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi in Iran. On the occasion, a minute of silence was observed in to express solidarity with people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

In the end the guests were served sumptuous cuisine from different regions of Pakistan.



The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Organized Pakistan Cultural Festival in Tehran on 23.10.2021 at ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)

## Iran to Focus on Developing Oilfields Near Iraqi Border



TEHRAN (PressTV) - The National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) will focus on developing oilfields near the border with Iraq, says the company's CEO, as Iran plans to increase its crude output regardless of foreign sanctions affecting exports.

Mohsen Khojasteh Mehr said on Sunday that Iran will need some \$11 billion to develop four oilfields located to the west of the Karun River near the southwestern Iranian border with Iraq.

Khojasteh Mehr said that full development of the four oilfields will add some 1 million barrels per day to Iran's total crude output.

"This issue is being regarded as one of NIOC's high-priority projects," he said in an address to the NIOC staff.

Iran's development projects in West Karun Oilfields hit a snag in 2018 when sanctions imposed by the U.S. caused some Chinese contractors to withdraw from the projects.

Experts say delays in developing the oilfields have also been due to Iranian Oil Ministry's own focus of development of gas fields in the Persian Gulf.

However, a series of massive infrastructure projects for supplying electricity and other utilities to the fields were launched earlier this year, suggesting that Iran is intent on developing the fields which have shared reserves with neighboring Iraq.

That comes as Iraq has signed major contracts with Western oil companies to develop oilfields located across the Iranian border.

Khojasteh Mehr said that NIOC plans to fully develop South Azadegan oilfield within the next year 12 months.

In comments covered by the Oil Ministry's news service Shana, he said that works for the three other fields, namely North Azadegan, Yadavaran and Yaran will also go ahead as planned.

## FM Pursuing Situation of Iranians Stranded on Belarus-Lithuania Border

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Foreign Ministry spokesman says the Ministry, including its staffers at home and abroad, are closely following up the situation of more than a dozen Iranian nationals, who have been stranded on the Belarus-Lithuania border.

"The Ministry is pursuing the situation seriously" and would keep up its efforts until its complete resolution, Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Sunday.

The individuals number 13, including 10 women and three men, who have been stranded on the common border for several days.

Upon finding out about the situation, the Ministry contacted Iran's Embassy in Minsk, Khatibzadeh said. The diplomatic mission, in turn, established contacts of its own with the Belarusian ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant authorities, urging them to "immediately" address the Iranian nationals' situation, he added.

The embassy has also dispatched a delegation to the common border and established direct contact with one of the affected individuals earlier in the day, noted the spokesperson.

The delegation, he added, was currently trying to enable the Iranians' return home.

"We are positive that, within the framework of Tehran-Minsk relations, the Belarusian government will provide the necessary and sufficient cooperation until resolution of the Iranian nationals' situation," Khatibzadeh concluded.

## IME Posts Monthly Trade Over 7m Tons

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TEHRAN - Within the Iranian month of Mehr ending on October 22nd, 2021, the Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME) witnessed trade of 7,222,000 tons of commodities with a total trading value of 2,008 million USD on its physical market.

According to a report by the IME's international affairs and PR, within this month, the exchange traded on its metals and minerals trading floor 5,541,000 tons of commodities valued at \$1,096m.

Commodities sold on this floor included 1,226,000 tons of steel, 3,993,000 tons of cement, 26,445 tons of copper, 580 tons of molybdenum concentrate, 69 tons of precious metals concentrate, 23,940 tons of aluminum, 215,000 tons of iron ore, 21,870 tons of zinc, 2,000 tons of coke, 49,000 tons of sponge iron and 67 kg of gold bars.

Furthermore, the IME saw on both domestic and export pits of its oil and petrochemical trading floor trade of more than 1,650,000 tons of commodities worth 885 million USD.

The IME's customers purchased on this floor 419,796 tons of bitumen, 328,872 tons of polymeric products, 140,451 tons of chemicals, 13,955 tons of slops wax and 501,000 tons of vacuum bottom.

It's worth noting that the IME's agricultural trading floor played host to trading 1,300 kg of saffron within this month.

Last but not least was the IME's side market which was a platform to trade 30,860 tons of various types of commodities in this month.

## 85% of Covid Deaths Unvaccinated People

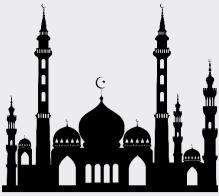
TEHRAN (IFP) - Health Minister Bahram Einollahi says more than 85 percent of patients who died of Covid-19 had not received vaccine.

According to Einollahi, concerns about the sixth wave of the pandemic in Iran are due to people who have not been inoculated yet.

Einollahi has denied claims that Covid vaccine causes death, adding vaccination and the resulting immunity fully prevents death from Covid and that scientific studies show that vaccination is a key factor in fighting Covid.

He added that all Iranians will be vaccinated against Covid.

Einollahi said Iran proved that it's capable of inoculating the whole population in a short period as it managed to administer the first dose to over 70 percent of people in nearly two and a half months.



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■ Evening (Maghreb)

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■ Tomorrow's Sunrise

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52. "This (say I), in order that He may know that I have never been false to him in his absence, and that Allah will never guide the snare of the false ones.

53. "Nor do I absolve my own self (of blame): the (human) soul is certainly prone to evil, unless my Lord do bestow His Mercy: but surely my Lord is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful."

Surah 12. Joseph ( 52 - 53 )

# Tehran, Brasilia Urged to Seriously Pursue Barter Trade

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**TEHRAN – During a webinar held last week, Iran and Brazil were urged to seek seriously barter trade to increase their bilateral trade.**

In a webinar on reviewing potential and capacities for cooperation between Iran and Brazil, both sides called for finding ways to enhance trade ties and participants called for boosting the trade volume to \$1b.

Head of International Affairs of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mine and Agriculture (ICCIMA) Mr. Mohammad Reza Karbasi said that the trade balance between Iran and Brazil is one-sided and despite agreements over bartering oil with goods, the oil exports have not been possible and Iran should diversify its basket of export goods to Brazil, adding that beside petrochemical products, dried fruits and porcelains are the other fields which have export potentials.

He reiterated that both countries should gradually move towards a balance in their bilateral trade, adding that for example signing of preferential and free trades with Brazil should be pursued by the state bodies and be signed by the two countries.

Karbasi said that Brazil and its neighbors are a 400-million-population market and at the same time Iran has the same capacity and both countries should have a long-term approach for their cooperation.

He noted that he has recently met with representatives of other Latin American countries and all of them are keen along with Brazil to expand their trade with Iran, adding that with the existing capacities of Iran and Brazil, there is possibility for the joint cooperation.

Then Iran's Ambassador to Brazil Mr Hossein Gharibi, for his part, said that Brazil has a big agro and livestock products markets, adding that the country in the industrial sector is one of the biggest producers of cars with having 26 car-making companies and producing 3m cars per year whose revenues including the sales of auto-parts exceeds \$100b.



He said that the trade volume of Iran and Brazil directly and indirectly was over \$4b in 2019. He said in 2019, Iran's urea was introduced to Brazil's market and in the shortest time the volume of export of urea to Brazil surpassed millions of tons as the demand for this product is very high in Brazil. He added that there is also huge demand in Brazil for petrochemical products like bitumen, methanol and polymers, reiterating that bitumen has a \$200m market in Brazil.

Gharibi reiterated that to balance the bilateral trade, two actions should be taken: maintaining the current level of exports and diversification of the exporting items. He noted that one of the grounds for expansion of trade with Brazil is to resolve the banking problems.

He reiterated that there have been some talks between the two countries on transporting goods by ship and a shipping line is to be launched by two countries but it needs providing ships with fuel in Brazil's ports. He noted the opening of the Iran-Brazil trade office in Sao Paulo will have help considerably the trade ties between Iran and Brazil.

Gharibi emphasized that Brazil has a positive policy regarding the Middle East and therefore Iran should strengthen its position in the West Asia in trade with Brazil because countries in the region like the UAE, Bahrain and Oman are currently improving their trade with Brazil.

Then Head of Iran-Brazil Joint Chamber of Commerce Mr. Fakhroddin Amerian, for his part, said that the issue of bartering trade between the two states should be seriously pursued and by the way Iran should increase its exports to Brazil to \$1b and the country should use its bargaining levers for easing exports to Brazil.

He said the chamber is working to hire chartered 60,000-ton ships for import of livestock inputs and to serve the importers.

# Iran-Kazakhstan Trade Soars by 34%

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TEHRAN - Head of Iran-Kazakhstan Joint Chamber of Commerce says the trade between the two states in the first half of the current year have been around \$112m and the figure shows 34% growth comparing to the same period last year.

Speaking to ILNA, Amir Abedi said that the trade between Iran and Kazakhstan in the first half of the year hit \$112m while it was \$3.4m in the same period last year and the figure shows 34 percent growth.


He added that Iran's exports to Kazakhstan saw 29% growth in the same period and in return its imports from Nur-Sultan have jumped by 49%.

Abedi said Iran exported to Kazakhstan goods worth \$79.9m while its imports in the same period were \$32.3. In other words, Iran's exports to Kazakhstan have been 2.4 times more than Kazakhstan and the trade balance has been in favor of Iran, he added.

He reiterated that in the first half of the year barely has been the only item that Iran has imported from Kazakhstan which has been valued at \$27.1m and it indicates the significance of barely in the trade with Kazakhstan.

Abedi noted that the potential for trade between Iran and Kazakhstan has been announced around \$6b but it will possible if Iran can fully meet Kazakhstan's demands and it is possible.

He went on to say that if the country use its potentials and plans for the next two years and improves the software and hardware infrastructures, then exporting goods worth \$1.2 will be possible.



Dr. Alireza Saleem Secretary of the Employers' Association of Pharmacy Founders

What does the word black monopoly mean:

Monopoly means to make something specific to a particular person or group, and in fact it means to limit and make it unrivaled in something. In economic terms, monopoly means restricting the production, distribution, or sale of a particular good to a particular government, institution, factory, company, pharmacy, or individual.

A monopolist can change the price and quantity of production.

Sometimes, in a broader sense, it refers to any violation of moral and legal boundaries that can violate the privacy of others and grant privileges beyond what is necessary or merit to a particular individual or group.

According to the Qur'anic teachings, monopoly can be formed in two ways:

1. To choose himself over others and to use the information, knowledge and position he has at his disposal to increase his power and wealth, and to use the information at his disposal as a responsibility to eliminate competitors or overtake transactions and contracts.

2. Either provide this information and knowledge to his relatives and friends or prioritize them in government and national transactions.

Types of monopolies:

1. Ethical monopoly

That human beings, by appealing to traits such as jealousy, narrow-mindedness, and narrow-mindedness, not only do not help others to acquire virtue, but even prevent them from attaining virtue.

2. Economic monopoly

That we have no respect for the financial rights of others and simply consider the property of others to be lawful for ourselves.

3. Social monopoly

That social positions are made just for us and that others have no qualifications for these responsibilities.

The process of monopolizing the country's pharmaceutical system

The increasing number of schools of pharmacy and the upward trend of graduates in this field, along with the purely economic view of attracting students in the country's education system without coordination with other departments in the field of medicine has created a widespread crisis in employment of pharmacy graduates.

Attracting about 3% of pharmacists in the field of pharmacy and the significant silence of the country's pharmaceutical industry to play an effective role in employing young pharmacists has turned practically the whole view of society towards pharmacies and this is the only pharmacy field that should respond to all shortcomings. Employment of pharmacists.

It seems that the process of monopolization has spread from zero to one hundred points of the country's pharmaceutical system.

In the field of production, a monopolist can change the price and amount of production.

In the field of distribution, a monopolist can refrain from distributing a good due to changing price conditions.

And in the field of management, a monopolist can grant privileges beyond what is necessary or worthy to himself, a particular individual or group.

In the meantime, is the independent founder of a pharmacy who, after going through the difficult stages of passing through the filtering of the Food and Drug Administration and spending his youth in deprived areas, his only request is to maintain job security and business stability in the field of pharmacy?

The process of exclusivism in the eyes of society

The author believes that the lords of power and capital with years of codified planning, comprehensive and calculated and field research at different levels of common businesses in Iran and knowing that medicine is a strategic and valuable commodity, where they see sales and services Drugs are an inherent category for pharmacists in the country, with the launch of a black scenario of the word monopoly among the young population of pharmacists and with widespread publicity in the community and the use of extensive facilities of newspapers and television, this is simply the only regulatory lever in the field of health They have been taken out of the hands of pharmacists and given to large collections with government support.The puzzles are placed one by one and a sad silence has overshadowed the country's pharmaceutical community, as if we should all just be silent observers of the capitalists' power-seeking arena and expose our small and independent businesses to ruin at once.In this scenario, the owners of capital and owners of large online stores in the role of main idea makers, the young pharmaceutical population in the role of tools to achieve this goal with the weapon of elimination of monopoly, upstream centers such as the Court of Justice, parliament and government, especially the Ministries of Silence and Economy. The role of the main presenters and some pharmacist colleagues working in the parliament and the organization and the association and the medical system in the role of silent actors and unaware of everything, only indifferent observers, recorded their name in this sad story.The new regulation establishing a pharmacy marks the end of independent pharmacy and the beginning of the emergence of large capitalist chains and the formation of the drug mafia in the health system.The drafters of the regulations, who sat in a managerial position in the last year of the twelfth government in a completely questionable manner, cleverly and intelligently in the form of articles 4, 5, 6 and 7, and instead of including scientific points such as the veterinary regulations, by entering indicators Economics such as the area of the pharmacy, the size of the consulting room, the warehouse, the parking lot, the waiting room, the queuing machine and other things, have prepared the ground for large investors to enter the pharmacy area and have destroyed the small and independent pharmacy business.

The misuse of the term deprived areas and the lack of a clear definition of deprivation in the geographical areas of Iran Zamin, citing only the population criteria, has caused countless areas that happen to be in high-income areas called deprived areas to have the necessary conditions to establish a pharmacy. It can pave the way for pharmacists to leave low-income areas.

Non-compliance with paragraphs (5) and (7) of the general "health" policies announced by the Supreme Leader in 1393 with the content of organizing the demand and preventing the induced demand in this regulation is so obvious and tangible that it can be implemented , To enable the departure and migration of pharmacists from small towns to high-income cities.

It should be noted that according to Article (74) of the Sixth Development Plan Law, the Ministry of Health is obliged to arrange the units providing health services in such a way that people have easy access to health services in all parts of the country. Also according to Article (6) The Law on Organization and Duties of the Ministry of Health, approved in 1988, all plans and approvals must be given priority to meet the needs of deprived areas, and therefore any attempt to vacate deprived areas and less has a clear violation of the relevant law.

In the above regulations, a doctoral degree graduate in pharmacy with 5 points (Article 2 of the degree score table) and with a minimum point of obtaining agreement in principle (Article 2 of the minimum points table) instead of establishing a pharmacy in deprived areas , Saddles his horse and travels to the temperate regions of northern Iran and the area full of facilities around Tehran, such as Lavasan, and will make the most of the unprofessional definition of deprived areas by having a population of less than 2,000 people (documents and Reports received from all over the country are attached).

In the above regulation, non-pharmaceutical investor groups by hiring young pharmacists and using the economic indicators mentioned in Article (1) and in the table of how to obtain the licenses of the establishment of the establishment easily by buying large properties and strong facilities such as Large consulting, warehousing, parking and other necessities, establish super-pharmacies adjacent to the wall of the old pharmacies and cause the bankruptcy of the independent and weak private sector.

Unfortunately, according to notes (1), (1) and (1) of Article 3 of the By-Laws, any relocation of the existing pharmacy or even the extension of the establishment license of the pharmacy is subject to obtaining the minimum necessary points to obtain an operating license. Small and poor people who are unable to operate due to the establishment of a nearby mega-pharmacy will have no choice but to close their business unit due to their inability to obtain economic benefits to relocate their pharmacy.

With the implementation of the above regulations, the number of independent pharmacies will be reduced and super-pharmacies will emerge by exploiting capitalist rents.

Looking at the experience of liberalizing the establishment of pharmacies in countries like the United States, you will notice that the number of pharmacies in proportion to the population in such countries is declining day by day and gradually chain pharmacies will replace independent pharmacies.

Other cases of unconstitutionality in the text of the by-laws are as follows:

1. Pursuant to Note (2) of Article (1), it is necessary to create a consultation space and rooms in specific dimensions in the pharmacy, while the pharmacist advises the patient and the pharmacist resides as a counselor in a place other than the prescription delivery department in Nowhere are the rules and regulations imposed and no tariffs for pharmaceutical services based on k pharmacy are allocated to it.

2. Note (2) of Article (2) of the by-laws refers to the word "rating and ranking of pharmacies" under such headings as "specially selected" or "specially selected" and is subject to its implementation in the form of criteria.

It should be noted that any discrimination and injustice in the distribution system and depriving patients of receiving medical services by stopping the delivery of drugs to pharmacies, is an illegal action and the continuation of this corrupt process by granting privileges to friends, managers and dividing the country's pharmaceutical community. Insider and outsider is an illegal and criminal act.

## Colombia's Most Wanted Drug Lord Captured

BOGOTA (Dispatches) - Colombian security forces have captured the country's most wanted drug trafficker, a rural warlord who stayed on the run for more than a decade by corrupting state officials and aligning himself with combatants on the left and right.

President Iván Duque likened the arrest Saturday of Dairo Antonio Úsuga to the capture three decades ago of Pablo Escobar.

Colombia's military presented Úsuga to the media in handcuffs and wearing rubber boots preferred by rural farmers.



## Melbourne to Ease More COVID Curbs

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - Melbourne, the world's most locked-down city that emerged from its latest spate of COVID-19 restrictions on Friday, will see more curbs eased next week when Victoria state reaches an 80% full vaccination rate, officials said on Sunday.

Home to about five million people, Melbourne endured 262 days, or nearly nine months, of stay-at-home restrictions during six lockdowns since March 2020, longer than the 234-day continuous lockdown in Buenos Aires.

Starting on Friday, when 80% of people across Victoria - of which Melbourne is the capital - are expected to be fully vaccinated, Melburnians will be free to travel throughout the state and masks will no longer be required outdoors.



## U.S. Urges N. Korea To End Provocations



SEOUL (Dispatches) - North Korea's recent ballistic missile tests were "concerning and counterproductive" for efforts to reduce tensions, and Pyongyang should instead engage in talks, the U.S. envoy for North Korea said on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with his South Korean counterpart in Seoul, Special Representative Sung Kim said the United States is committed to exploring "sustained and substantive diplomacy" with North Korea.

"Our goal remains the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula," Kim said. "That's why Pyongyang's recent ballistic missile test, one of several in the past six weeks, is concerning and counterproductive to making progress toward a lasting peace on the Korean peninsula."

Pyongyang so far has rejected U.S. overtures, accusing Washington and Seoul of talking diplomacy while ratcheting up tensions with their own military activities. On Thursday, the North said the United States was overreacting to a submarine-launched ballistic missile test that it called self-defensive, and questioned the sincerity of Washington's offers of talks, warning of consequences.

U.S. Special Representative for North Korea, Sung Kim and Noh Kyu-duk, South Korea's Special Representative for Korean Peninsula Peace and Security Affairs, arrive to attend a briefing after their meeting at a hotel in Seoul, South Korea October 24, 2021. Ahn Young-joon/Pool via REUTERS

That launch violated multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions and poses a threat to North Korea's neighbors and the international community, Kim said.

"We call on the DPRK to cease these provocations and other destabilising activities and instead engage in dialogue," he said, using the initials of North Korea's official name. "We remain ready to meet with DPRK without preconditions and we have made clear that the United States harbours no hostile intent toward DPRK."

South Korean nuclear envoy Noh Kyu-duk said Sunday's talks with Kim had included "serious" discussion of Seoul's proposal to formally declare an end to the state of war that has technically existed since the 1950-1953 Korean War ended in an armistice rather than a peace treaty.

South Korean officials see such a declaration as a gesture of goodwill to get talks started.

Kim said Washington was discussing ways to make progress with North Korea, including the South's end-of-war proposal and possible humanitarian aid projects.

## Uzbek President Expected to Secure Second Term in Office

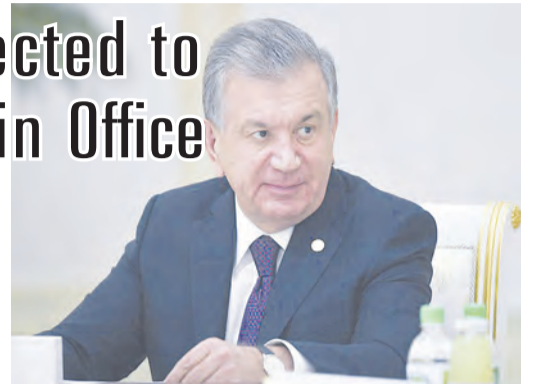
TASHKENT (Dispatches) - Uzbekistan voted in a presidential election on Sunday in which incumbent President Shavkat Mirziyoyev faced no genuine opposition and is almost certain to win a second term.

Mirziyoyev's predicted victory will allow him to deepen his largely successful reform campaign and likely lead to Uzbekistan opening up further to foreign trade and investment - while retaining a highly centralised political system.

Shortly after polls closed at 8 p.m., Central Election Commission Chairman Zayniddin Nizamkhodjaev told a briefing that voter turnout reached 89.8%, more than the 87.7% reported in the 2016 vote when Mirziyoyev was first elected president.

"The people of Uzbekistan acknowledged that the election was carried out transparently, in line with international norms and democratic principles," he said.

The 64-year-old leader has rebuilt the resource-rich country's ties with both Russia and the West which had become strained under his predecessor Islam Karimov, Uzbekistan's first post-independence president.



## Moscow Decries U.S. Move to Call Russians Homeless for Visa Purposes

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia on Sunday condemned a decision by the United States to add Russians seeking U.S. visas to a list of "homeless nationals" who can apply for visas in third countries.

The move allowed Russians to apply for U.S. visas in Warsaw instead of their home country after the American Embassy stopped processing most visa applications in May due to Moscow's ban on employing embassy staff in Russia.

The U.S. State Department lists as "homeless" applicants from countries in which the United States has no consular representation, or where consular staff cannot issue visas due to the political or security situation.

Russia became the 10th nation on the list, after Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen.

"American diplomats have for many years been destroying the system of consular services in Russia ..." foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on social media.

"They have turned a technical procedure, a routine one for the 21st century, into a real hell."

With ties already at post-Cold War lows, Russia and the United States are in a dispute over the number of diplomats they can post to each other's capitals, and failed to make progress at talks this month.

In addition, Russia has placed the United States on a list of "unfriendly" countries who must seek approval to employ Russian nationals - and has set the U.S. quota at zero.



At the talks, Moscow said it was willing to lift all the restrictions imposed in recent years, and Washington said it wanted parity on diplomatic staff numbers and visa reciprocity.

## Sudan Security Forces Tear Gas Protesters

KHARTOUM (Dispatches) - Sudan's security forces have fired tear gas at pro-military protesters who blocked major roads and bridges in the capital, Khartoum, amid growing tensions between the generals and the pro-democracy movement that fuelled the uprising against former president Omar al-Bashir.

Protesters briefly blocked major roads and bridges in Khartoum on Sunday, cutting off the central area from the northern neighborhoods.

They also cut off the Mec Nimr Bridge, which links Khartoum's downtown with other areas of the capital, according to activist and rights defender Tahani Abbas.

The move caused traffic to clog the streets early on Sunday, the first workday of the week, especially Nile Street, a main traffic artery in Khartoum.

The souring ties between the military and civilians in the ruling government threaten Sudan's fragile transition to democracy since the military's removal of al-Bashir in April 2019 after nearly three decades of autocratic rule.

Al Jazeera's Hiba Morgan, reporting from Khartoum, said these protesters want the military to take over, replace the current cabinet with a new one, inclusive of everyone who took part in the protests that took off in December 2018.

"They are trying to expand the area of the sit-in from the presidential palace to block every single road that leads there, to put pressure on the transitional

government and Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok to dissolve his cabinet and appoint new members that include those from the Forces of Freedom and Change, the national charter alliance," she said.

The protests are largely a result of a split within the coalition which led anti-government protests against al-Bashir, she said.

"But not everyone in the coalition feels like they have enough representation in the government, because that coalition included armed groups, [and] opposition members who were outside the capital when protests were ongoing," Morgan said.

"So some of them say they feel left out of government participation and they want the PM to dissolve his cabinet." The current crisis surfaced following last month's coup attempt.

Officials blamed al-Bashir's loyalists for the move but the generals lashed out at the civilian part of the government, accusing politicians of seeking government posts rather than helping ease people's economic suffering.

General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the head of the ruling Sudan Sovereign Council, said that dissolving Hamdok's government could resolve the continuing political crisis. That suggestion was rejected by hundreds of thousands of pro-democracy protesters who took to the streets across the country on Thursday.



## Orban Accuses EU, U.S. of Meddling



BUDAPEST (Dispatches) - Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who faces a close election race next year, accused Brussels and Washington of trying to meddle in Hungarian politics and called on his supporters to defend the achievements of his nationalist government's decade in power.

For the first time since he came to power in 2010, Orban will face a united front of opposition parties including the Socialists, liberals and the formerly far-right, now center-right, Jobbik in 2022 parliamentary elections.

The six-party alliance is led by Peter Marki-Zay, a 49-year-old Catholic conservative, father of seven and small-town mayor who seems to embody the traditional values Orban publicly champions and is seen as a tough challenger.

Orban told tens of thousands of supporters in central Budapest that Washington and billionaire George Soros were trying to get their people, the Hungarian leftist opposition, elected using their money, media and networks.

"But what matters is not what they in Brussels, in Washington and in the media which is directed from abroad, want. It will be Hungarians deciding about their own fate," Orban said on Saturday.

"Our strength is in our unity ... we believe in the same values: family, nation, and a strong and independent Hungary."

At a separate opposition rally Marki-Zay said that if elected, his government would draft a new constitution, clamp down on corruption, introduce the euro and guarantee freedom of the media.

"This regime has become morally untenable ... the momentum we have now should take us to April 2022," he said.

Opinion polls show Orban's Fidesz party and the opposition alliance running neck-and-neck, with about a quarter of voters undecided.

Saturday's anniversary of the 1956 uprising against Soviet rule has offered Orban a symbolic platform for his agenda as his Fidesz party scales up its pre-election campaign.

He has showered the electorate with handouts, including a \$2 billion income-tax rebate for families, and stepped up his strong anti-immigration rhetoric.

Orban's government, with its main ally Poland, has clashed with Brussels over media freedoms, rule of law issues and LGBT rights - while stating that Hungary's interest is to remain a member of a strong European Union.



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## Ukraine Offers Gazprom 50% Tariff Discount for Extra Gas Transit

KIEV (Dispatches) - Ukraine has offered Russian gas giant Gazprom (GAZP.MM) a 50% tariff discount for an additional gas transit to Europe, a Ukrainian president spokesman said. "Ukraine offers it to Gazprom and European gas traders," Sergiy Nykyforov said. Oleksiy Danilov, secretary of the security and defence council of Ukraine, told a briefing earlier on Friday that Kyiv was ready to increase its annual gas transit to Europe by 55 billion cubic meters from the current 40 bcm provided by the 5-year contact with Gazprom. He did not reveal details.



## Russia Hikes Rates as Economists Warn of Triple Threat to Economy

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Russia's Central Bank hiked interest rates to 7.5% as economists warned the country faces a triple threat of rising coronavirus cases, new lockdown measures and surging inflation.

The Russian economy recovered to its pre-coronavirus size earlier this year — a quicker recovery than first expected and faster than most other large economies — but now faces serious headwinds from both home and abroad.

The Central Bank said inflation was "developing substantially above forecast, and is expected to be within the range of 7.4-7.9% at the end of 2021" — a huge increase from the previous forecast of under 6% that was set in July.

Governor Elvira Nabiullina has taken an aggressive approach to taming inflation, and has warned for months that rising prices threaten to derail the Russian recovery.

Those fears prompted her to increase the Central Bank's key interest rate by 0.75 percentage points to 7.5% — a more aggressive hike than financial markets were expecting. The Russian ruble advanced on the news, gaining 1.4% against the U.S. dollar in trading to stand at 70.1, its strongest level since before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic last year.

Nabiullina said further rate rises were in the cards, as the Bank battles to bring inflation back down to its 4% target. Prices are currently rising at almost double that level — 7.8% — it said in a statement Friday, adding that inflationary factors were "dominating" the economic horizon.

"The Central Bank continues to act decisively and ahead of the curve — which is fully justified in the current conditions in the global and Russian economy," said Dmitry Polevoy, investment director at Loko Invest.

"An additional 50 basis point increase in December may now be considered the baseline scenario."

The Bank did not downgrade its growth forecasts, but other economists have said the Russian economy will be hit by the latest surge of the coronavirus. Moscow is about to enter a 10-day partial lockdown, which will see all non-essential businesses closed and workers sent on extended paid vacations. Several other regions have rolled out vaccine passports for entry into indoor venues and vaccine mandates for works in certain sections of the economy.

Russia reported a record 37,141 new Covid-19 infections Friday and said 1,064 patients had died from the virus over the last 24 hours.

Economists at Sova Capital said the latest restrictions look set to take up to 0.3 percentage points off Russia's growth this year, with more damage should the Kremlin opt to extend the so-called "non-working" period, as it has hinted.

The Central Bank is forecasting GDP will expand by 4-4.5% over 2021. It noted however that signs of an economic slowdown were already prevalent across many sectors of the economy — with the global supply chain crunch playing a role.

"A number of sectors are under increased pressure from supply-side constraints. Their restraining effect on business activity may grow stronger against the background of tightened anti-pandemic measures."

## Saudi Arabia Targets Zero Carbon Emissions by 2060

RIYADH (Dispatches) - The kingdom, one of the world's biggest polluters, said it would also join a global effort to cut methane emissions by 30 percent by 2030.



The UN says more than 130 countries have set or are considering a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, a target it says is "imperative" to safeguard a livable climate.

"I announce today Saudi Arabia's target to reach net zero emissions by 2060 through its circular carbon economy approach," said Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in a recorded statement at the "Saudi Green Initiative" forum.

"I am pleased to launch initiatives in the energy sector that will reduce carbon emissions by 278 million tons annually by 2030, thus voluntarily more than doubling the target announced," said Prince Mohammed.

"We also announce the kingdom's accession to the Global Methane Pledge."

A statement said Saudi Arabia would "contribute to cutting global methane emissions by 30 percent by 2030, as part of its commitment to deliver a cleaner, greener future".

The 2060 target would "enable us to have a smooth and viable transition, without risking economic or social impacts", Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman told the conference.

The announcements come a day after UN chief Antonio Guterres said the current climate situation was "a one-way ticket for disaster", stressing the need to "avoid a failure" at the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

Held between October 31 and November 12, the gathering in the Scottish city is seen as a crucial step in setting worldwide emission targets to slow global warming.

In March, Saudi Arabia unveiled a sweeping campaign to tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions, including a plan to plant billions of trees in the coming decades. The OPEC kinglypin aims to reduce emissions by generating half of its energy from renewables by 2030, Prince Mohammed said at the time.

The crown prince on Saturday announced the first phase would include planting more than 450 million trees and the rehabilitation of eight million hectares of degraded land.

Saudi Arabia also declared it would designate new "protected areas".

The move brings "the total protected areas in the kingdom to more than 20 percent of its total area", Prince Mohammed said, adding the first set of green initiatives cost more than 700 billion riyals (\$186.6 billion).

## Japan to Focus on Supply Chain Chokepoints in Security Push

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Japan's economic security strategy will focus on two pillars of "strategic autonomy and indispensability," a top ruling party official said on Saturday, as the nation faces an increasingly assertive China.

Akira Amari, secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), has in recent years driven a policy push for Japan's economy to be less reliant on other countries, while investing in areas that are indispensable to other countries. "'Autonomy' means understanding our chokepoints and rectifying them," Amari said in a video message to the Mt. Fuji Dialogue, a meeting of experts on the U.S.-Japan alliance "'Indispensability' means securing the chokepoints of others."

Amari's economic security agenda encompasses a broad portfolio of issues, from protecting sensitive technologies to communications, energy, transportation, maritime logistics, finance and healthcare.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who took office this month, created the post of minister for economic security, which went to an Amari protege. Amari said the government would submit a bill promoting the economic security agenda next year.

Facing a tough battle in his home district ahead of an Oct. 31 general election, Amari is focussing his campaign not only on recovery from the pandemic but also on national security, given growing tensions between Washington and Beijing over Taiwan.

"We need to check whether our supply chains are able to provide a stable supply of critical goods," said Amari. "If we have supply chains in risky countries, we should shift them to our allies or produce at home even if it's more expensive."

Amari, who did not name China in his remarks, said his economic strategy included sensitive technologies as well as "low-tech items" such as medical masks and gloves, whose production cannot be covered by Japan alone. Japan experienced an acute shortage of medical equipment when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out.

The LDP's election platform vows to "reconsider" how to respond to an increase in China's military activity around the Taiwan Strait and islets in the western Pacific controlled by Japan but also claimed by China.

## Italy Urges EU to Start Work Now on Joint Gas Storage Plan

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) - Italy has urged the European Union to start work immediately on a plan to create a joint storage system for strategic gas reserves, Prime Minister Mario Draghi said.

Speaking to reporters after an EU summit, Draghi said Brussels needed to draw up an inventory of gas reserves that are available today across the bloc.

"On energy, Italy underlined the need to intervene immediately at a European level," Draghi said.

European gas prices have soared in recent weeks amid tight supply and surging CO2 prices as economies gradually emerge from the health pandemic.

That has prompted some member states to call for an EU response - with Spain, Italy and Greece proposing a new system of joint gas buying among EU countries to form strategic reserves.

Draghi said Brussels had come forward with a series of good proposals ranging from helping poorer families to developing interconnection between member states and integrating markets and gas storage.

Earlier this week Draghi said the energy transition could not be done without state involvement.

The surge in gas and power prices has stoked tensions between EU countries over the energy transition, with some saying new green policies could inflate consumer bills.

Draghi, who said the issue of nuclear power had been discussed at the summit, said it was difficult to give up using gas in the short term.

Europe is heavily dependent on gas to generate its electricity.

He said Europe was still very divided on the taxonomy of energy sources.

The EU's "sustainable finance taxonomy", aimed at stamping out "greenwashing", is a list of economic activities and the rules they must meet to be labelled as green investments, starting next year.

## S&P Affirms Turkey's Credit Rating, Outlook Stable



LONDON (Dispatches) - S&P affirmed Turkey's long-term foreign currency rating at "B+" and long-term local currency rating at "BB-," with a stable outlook.

The stable outlook considers the risks from Turkey's economic imbalances, but these are partly offset by the resilience of Turkey's private sector and the manageable stock of net general government debt, the global rating agency said. "Our ratings on Turkey remain supported by its diversified economy and resilient and adaptive private sector, which, in the past, has weathered external shocks, currency volatility, and frequent changes in economic policy," it said in a statement.

"Turkey's economy has recovered faster than those of other emerging markets, with real output already 8.4% above the pre-pandemic peak as of the second quarter of 2021," it added.

The agency said it expects Turkey's economy to expand by 8.6% this year with a strong recovery in exports and resilience of domestic activity to the pandemic.

It said Turkey's credit rating would be upgraded if balance of payments are strengthened, especially the central bank's net foreign-exchange reserves.

The rating would also be revised up if there is an effectiveness in monetary policy, it added.

"The Turkish economy rebounded briskly from a pandemic-related downturn last year, and has continued to expand in 2021," the statement said.

"In real terms, output had already exceeded the pre-pandemic peak in the third quarter of 2020, and now stands 8.4% above the pre-pandemic level attained in the first quarter of 2020," it added.

Noting that Turkey has fully vaccinated more than 55% of its population, with almost 65% having received at least one jab, S&P said pandemic risks for the Turkish economy are now receding.

"The lifting of pandemic-related restrictions, as well as the removal of Turkey from red travel lists by several EU countries, the UK, and Russia, has allowed tourism to restart, boosting service exports," it said.

The agency said Turkey's travel income from visitors abroad jumped to \$7.7 billion in May-August period of this year, which is a significant increase from \$2 billion during the same period of last year.

Turkey's total travel revenue amounted to \$10.5 billion in the first eight months of 2021, the agency said, adding the amount could increase to \$18 billion for the full year.

S&P, on the other hand, warned that supply chain disruptions and higher energy prices could drag on economic recovery, since Turkey is an energy importing country.

The agency warned that it could lower Turkey's rating if there is a heightened risk of banking system distress, and if banks' access to foreign funding deteriorated, or domestic residents dollarized their savings further.

## UN Values of Peace, Development, Human Rights, Opportunity for All Never Expire



TEHRAN (UNIC) - United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in his message on the United Nations Day, 24 October 2021, said the values that have powered the UN Charter for the last 76 years — peace, development, human rights, and opportunity for all — have no expiration date.

### *The full text of his message reads:*

Seventy-six years ago, the United Nations was created as a vehicle of hope for a world emerging from the shadow of catastrophic conflict.

Today, the women and men of the UN carry this hope forward around the globe.

COVID-19, conflicts, hunger, poverty and the climate emergency remind us that our world is far from perfect.

But they also make clear that solidarity is the only way forward.

We need to come together to tackle great challenges and advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

By ensuring that every person, everywhere, has access to COVID-19 vaccines sooner rather than later.

By securing and upholding the rights and dignity of all people — especially the poorest and most disadvantaged, girls and women, and children and young people.

By seeking an end to the conflicts that scar our world.

By making bold climate commitments to save our planet — and living up to them.

And by building global governance that is more inclusive, networked and effective — as detailed in my recent report, Our Common Agenda.

The values that have powered the UN Charter for the last 76 years — peace, development, human rights, and opportunity for all — have no expiry date.

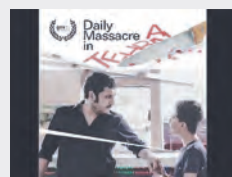
As we mark UN Day, let's unite behind these ideals, and live up to the full promise, potential and hope of the United Nations.

## “Daily Massacre in Tehran” Goes to Festival Curta Cinema

TEHRAN (MNA) - Iranian short film ‘Daily Massacre in Tehran’ directed by Hessem Hamidi will take part in Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival (Festival Curta Cinema) in Brazil.

Written and produced by Hossein Tehrani, ‘Daily Massacre in Tehran’ is slated to be screened at the competition section of the 31st edition of the Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival.

Hamidreza Karami, Mehran Atashzai, Roozbeh Sinaki, Mehmoosh Salimi are among the film’s cast members.



## \$667m Funding Call to Help Afghans Through Economic Crisis

KABUL (Dispatches) - Afghanistan’s economy is imploding, with all but three per cent of households expected to fall below the poverty line in coming months, the UN said.

To help ordinary Afghans, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) has announced the launch of a “people’s economy” fund, to provide desperately needed access to cash.

Today, we launched a new emergency initiative to support the most vulnerable populations and collapsing micro businesses in #Afghanistan The programme will provide community level solutions, complementing urgent humanitarian interventions. [#StayAndDeliver](https://t.co/nqwWmNDEu) [pic.twitter.com/nHKCacdd9t](https://t.co/nqwWmNDEu)

The fund will tap into donations frozen since the Taliban takeover in August. Germany has already pledged \$58 million of the more than \$660 million required over the next 12 months, UNDP chief, Achim Steiner, told journalists in Geneva.

“There are 38 million people who cannot be kept alive just from the outside”, he said. “We have to step in, we have to stabilize a ‘people’s economy’ and in addition to saving lives, we also have to save livelihoods.

“Because otherwise, we will indeed confront a scenario through this winter and into next year where millions and millions of Afghans are simply unable to stay on their land, in their homes, in their villages and survive.”

UNDP is now in touch with other donors to mobilize resources, Mr. Steiner added. “Discussions over the last few weeks have focused on how we do find a way to be able to mobilize these resources in view of the economic implosion that is now unfolding and the international community’s repeated commitment not to abandon the people of Afghanistan”.

Last week UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged the world to take action during a “make or break” moment for the country. While reiterating that “humanitarian assistance saves lives”, the UN chief warned that “it will not solve the problem if the economy of Afghanistan collapses”.

The fund is part of a new program for the country called ABADEI, which denotes community resilience.

It’s designed to contribute to preventing a humanitarian catastrophe and the country’s economy from “completely crashing” by supporting the most vulnerable populations and collapsing micro-businesses in Afghanistan, the agency says.

ABADEI will see UNDP, UN agencies and non-governmental organizations providing community level solutions which complement the urgent humanitarian interventions.

“The country needs immediate humanitarian assistance, but we also need to keep the local economies going – this is fundamental to ensure that people still have



livelihoods and feel that they have a future in their communities,” Mr. Steiner said.

Cash in local currency will be provided directly to community groups and to Afghan workers in public works programs, such as drought and flood control.

Grants will also be given to micro-enterprises and a temporary basic income would be paid to the vulnerable elderly and disabled, added Kanni Wignaraja, Director of UNDP’s regional bureau for the Asia Pacific.

This will enable people to stay and live and work on their lands and in their homes and allow them to earn an income and give them “the respect and dignity that they deserve and call for”, said Ms. Wignaraja.

All assistance provided will be based on impartial assessments carried out in conjunction with local community leaders and independently of authorities.

The UN has organized a COVID-19 vaccination drive for Afghanistan that began this week in Kandahar, targeting people in at-risk areas, according to the UN Spokesperson, briefing journalists on Thursday.

Starting on 8 November, a polio vaccination campaign is due to get underway in the region also, alongside the provision of Vitamin A, coordinated by WHO, UNICEF and other partners.

“We, along with our partners, continue joint needs assessments throughout Afghanistan to identify humanitarian needs and prioritize immediate assistance”, said Stéphane Dujarric.

The Flash Appeal for Afghanistan, which is over a \$606 million ask, is now 45 per cent funded.

## Merkel Says German Politics Needs More Women



BERLIN (Dispatches) - Angela Merkel encouraged more women to get involved in German politics as she prepared to leave office after 16 years as the country’s first female chancellor, saying it was still too male-dominated and needed to get with the times.

And Merkel, who inspired women around the world as leader of Europe’s largest economy, showed her typical no-nonsense flair as she answered a wardrobe-related question from Sueddeutsche Zeitung that probably would not have been asked of a man.

“I don’t give clothes to museums,” the 67-year old said when asked if she would give any of her trademark colorful blazers to a museum. In the broad-ranging interview, she noted that she instead donated to use clothes collection points.

Worries Merkel’s departure could spell a dearth of women in top political offices and accusations of sexual misconduct at media company Axel Springer sparked a heated debate this week about gender inequality and sexism in Germany.

“We’ve still not managed to enthrone enough women for politics,” Merkel said. “In general, more work needs to be done so women gain more confidence. Because even when there are women, it’s not like they for wrestling for example for the party chair.”

Gender parity could become a point of contention in the formation of the next government with the three parties currently in formal coalition talks divided over the matter.

Analysts say sexist attitudes and structural barriers also play a role. During the recent federal election campaign, the Greens candidate for chancellor complained sexist scrutiny was holding her back.

A rare woman in the upper echelons of her conservative, male-dominated Christian Democrats (CDU), Merkel long avoided casting herself as a feminist. For instance, she lagged other politicians in supporting policies pushed by feminists like boardroom quotas for women.

Yet in 2018 she publicly pressed the CDU to attract more women to their ranks or else lose their status as one of Germany’s two big popular parties, or ‘Volksparteien’.

The CDU/CSU conservative bloc achieved its worst national election result last month, due to a variety of reasons.

## Rebuilding Malaysia’s Economy Through Budget 2022

KUALA LUMPUR (Dispatches) – Malaysia has been suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic for almost two years now, which saw the economy ravaged as people and industries were put under lockdowns for extended periods, setting back Malaysia’s economy for a few years.

According to the World Bank, Malaysia’s gross national income (GNI) per capita, based on the current US dollar, was at US\$10,580 in 2020, which was lower than it was in 2018, when the country’s GNI per capita reached US\$10,650. Malaysia’s highest GNI per capita was in 2019 when it was at US\$11,230.

As the country emerges from the pandemic and the economy has been gradually reopened, Budget 2022 will be focused on the three major themes of recovery, resilience, and reform. It will be the foundation to rebuilding Malaysia’s economy after almost two years of economic and health crises.

Budget 2022, which will be tabled by Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Aziz in Parliament next Friday, is expected to include slightly bigger allocations for development expenditures (DE), as well as more direct assistance for the people and industries to spur economic recovery.

Industries such as tourism, hotel and accommodation, and aviation, for example, have been impacted by the international border closure and reduced demand for travel and tours. Budget 2022 is expected to provide support and promote greater domestic tourism activities.

Budget 2022 is expected to be mildly expansionary, as the government will have to balance the need for spurring economic recovery with projecting fiscal discipline. In July, Tengku Zafrul said Malaysia’s fiscal deficit will increase to as high as 7% of gross domestic product (GDP) this year.



This is going to be higher than the 6% estimated in Budget 2021, as the government had to increase spending on Covid-19 containment and management measures this year. The government wants to increase funds allocated for responses to Covid-19 to RM110 billion, from RM65 billion.

To do this, Malaysia will have to increase its statutory limit on debt ceilings to 65% of GDP, from the 60% level that has already been passed by the Parliament in 2020. However, this plan has not been presented to the Parliament for approval yet.

Meanwhile, the government’s debt levels have been increasing steadily. According to Bank Negara Malaysia’s data, the government’s total liabilities stood at RM958.4 billion as of the second quarter of the year, with RM34 billion being short-term.

Since the second quarter of 2020 (2Q20), the government’s short-term debts have been increasing rapidly, from RM6 billion in 1Q20. The short-term debts have been increasing by almost 500% between 1Q20 and 2Q21. Meanwhile, medium- and long-term debts have been increasing by 13% during this period, from RM823.8 billion in 1Q20 to RM958.4 billion in 2Q21. This shows that the government had relied more on short-term facilities to fund its various programmes and responsibilities during this period.

While the need to spend more to revive the economy and assist the people and businesses is apparent, the government has committed to reducing its fiscal deficits to between 3% and 3.5% by 2025, as outlined in the 12th Malaysia Plan.

This could mean that the government will have to raise more revenue to offset the increasing spending, in the form of new taxations or increasing the rates of the current tax regimes. This, however, is expected to be done gradually, considering the hardships faced by the people and businesses.

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He also posted another tweet the same day, rejecting a follower’s view that “Biden isn’t willing to stick to an agreement,” noting that “the participants in the #ViennaTalks have different views on some topics under discussion, but all of them, including the US, are sticking to the goal of restoration of the #JCPOA in its original form.”

He went further in a third tweet, saying that “the speediest and most reliable way” to lift “illegitimate unilateral sanctions against Iran” is “successful conclusion of the #ViennaTalks on #JCPOA.”

In a meeting with Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Khusrav Noziri in Tehran on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said the negotiations between Tehran and the P4+1 group of countries on the removal of US anti-Iran sanctions will be resumed in the near future.

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Since the collapse of the previous government, it is the second regional meeting to be held on Afghanistan. “In the condition that regional and international contributions to Afghanistan are declining, any kind of meeting will benefit the country,” noted Badul Haq Emad, political analyst.

In the meantime, the acting foreign minister of the Islamic Emirate, Amir Khan Mutaqi, met Iranian ambassador Bahadur Aminian, the ministry of foreign affairs announced and the two sides discussed multiple issues including political and economic relations and as well as immigrants’ problems in Iran.

The Iranian embassy in Kabul released a statement and said that the formation of an inclusive government, peace and stability, economic challenges, and preventing Afghanistan from becoming a haven for terrorists, will be discussed in the meeting.

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Zarrabi said following cooperation in tourism, Oman has recently approved to lift visa requirements, to allow for increase of Iranian tourists visiting the country.

Iran’s trade with Oman is also on the rise, as Zarrabi said. Iran’s exports to Oman reached \$177 million over the first four months of current Iranian year (started March 21,2021) with 48.7 percent growth compared to same period last year (started March 20,2020), he noted.

Furthermore, the bilateral trade of these two countries is forecast to reach \$1.1 billion by the end of current year, said the official.

Zarrabi noted that the bilateral steps taken by the two countries in 2020 when most borders were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic showed the value of ties.

Talking the dynamics of bilateral trade, Zarrabi noted that the trade volume between the two countries was \$221 million in 2013 and showed an upward trend increasing to \$1.1 billion in 2018.

Iran’s exports to Oman increased from \$146 million in 2013 to \$728 million in 2017.

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France’s Total S.A. and China National Petroleum Corp. were set to develop a major Iranian offshore gas project in the Persian Gulf before they opted out three years ago because of U.S. sanctions on doing business with Iran. CNPC was also previously involved in developing Azadegan, the largest oil field that Iran shares with a neighboring country, with an estimated 32 billion barrels of oil in place.

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Road paving and construction projects in India are resuming and expected to be in full swing by mid-November, following the end of the festive season.

Prices on a fob Iran basis have been on an upward trajectory since early September on the back of firm demand from various importing markets, as well as tightness in domestic feedstock supplies.

Drum bitumen export prices also rose by around \$30/t since early October to around \$403/t fob on 15 October. Deals and discussions were seen in the \$410-450/t fob range during this week. Higher price offers for drum containers from Bandar Abbas came on the back of scarcity of available container vessels.

Prices have also surged in Asia in recent weeks on reduced production and a stronger cost push. Argus assessed the benchmark fob Singapore index at \$445/t, up by \$10/t week-on-week, for the week.

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Taban emphasized that adopting appropriate policies to pursue economic diplomacy will pave the way for bolstering regional convergence and facilitate trade development with neighboring countries.

Referring to Russia’s potentials, he called on other Iranian entities to use the experience of this friend country in finding ways to expand non-oil exports and utilize free trade zones to increase joint investments.

He pointed to the fact that growth of Iran’s exports to neighboring states will help improve the country’s trade balance, urging that such a positive economic atmosphere requires proper perspective and planning.

The Islamic Republic of Iran enjoys a strategic geographical situation because the country has land or sea borders with Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan Republic, Armenia, Turkey, Iraq, Russia, Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.

## Chadwick Completes W Series Title Double

LONDON (Dispatches) - Britain's Jamie Chadwick retained her W Series title on Sunday after winning back-to-back races at Austin's Circuit of the Americas. The 23-year-old earned a \$500,000 prize for the winner of the all-female single-seater series and collected 15 points towards a Formula One super-license. Drivers need 40 points to race in Formula One but Chadwick now has the 25 that allow her to take part in Friday practice.

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## Gidey Breaks Half Marathon World Record

LONDON (Dispatches) - Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey smashed the women's half marathon world record on Sunday, finishing in one hour, two minutes and 52 seconds at the Valencia Half Marathon Trinidad Alfonso EDP. The 23-year-old Gidey, who is also the world 5,000 metres (14:06.62) and 10,000 metres (29:01.03) record-holder, shaved more than a minute off the previous half marathon mark of 1:04:02 set by Kenya's Ruth Chepngetich this year.

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## Bulls Off to First Start Since 2016

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - The Bulls held the Pistons to just 15 points in the second quarter, then 11 in the third, to build a commanding lead despite enduring their own shooting woes. Chicago shot just 35-of-84 (41.7 percent) from the floor, including 6-of-18 from Zach LaVine on a 14-point night. Chicago compensated for the quiet night from its star scorer with a balanced performance. Six Bulls scored in double figures, led by DeMar DeRozan's game-high 21 points. Detroit compounded its turnover issues with a woeful 34-of-88 (38.6 percent) shooting performance from the field, including 5-of-28 from beyond the 3-point arc. Trey Lyles made three of the Pistons' 3-pointers, providing some spark off the bench and finishing with 12 points. Lyles was one of only three Pistons to score in double-figures, joining Kelly Olynyk with 10 points and Saddiq Bey with a team-high 20. Bey also grabbed 16 rebounds.

**Cavaliers 101, Hawks 95**

Ricky Rubio scored 23 points and lifted Cleveland to its first win of the season, a victory over visiting Atlanta. Rubio was 9-for-15 from the field, including three 3-pointers, and added six rebounds and eight assists to help the Cavs stop their season-opening two-game losing streak. The Cavs have won six of their last seven against the Hawks in Cleveland. Atlanta suffered through a poor shooting night and made only 10 of 34 from deep. Trae Young scored 24 points -- 15 in the first half -- but was only 1-for-6 from 3-point range and had trouble getting his famed floater to fall. Cam Reddish came off the bench to score 19.

**Bucks 121, Spurs 111**

Khris Middleton scored 28 points, among all five starters in double figures, as Milwaukee played its best in the final quarter to beat weary host San Antonio.

## Kontaveit Wins Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW (AFP) - The ninth seed trailed by a set and a double-break, but rallied to win 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

It was Kontaveit's third WTA title of the season and leaves her locked in a battle with Tunisian Ons Jabeur to reach the season-ending event in Guadalajara.

If the 25-year-old wins the title in Cluj next week and Jabeur fails to reach the semi-finals in Courmayeur, Kontaveit would snatch the last Finals place.

"To go 4-0 down (in the second set), she was really hitting the balls down the line, she was playing amazing tennis," she said.

"I was just trying to stay in it as long as I could, and I never really gave up. I was just trying to fight for every point as much as I could. If I would have lost 6-4, 6-2 or whatever, I knew I tried everything."

Kontaveit has now won four WTA titles in her career.

## Sinner Wins In Antwerp

ANTWERP (Dispatches) - The 20-year-old Italian was top seed and dispatched the second-seeded Argentine in one hour, 16 minutes for a fourth title of the season.

Sinner did not lose a set in the tournament and was once again merciless in the final.

His service was impeccable and he broke Schwartzman twice in each set.

Sinner entered the tournament ranked 13th in the world and 11th in the race to the year-end Masters, an eight-player event which in Turin on November 14-21.

He will climb to 11th in the ATP rankings after his win but 10th in the Masters table, effectively ninth because Rafael Nadal has already ended his season.

Sinner won the Next Gen Masters for under-22 players in 2019 and is guaranteed a place in that tournament, in Milan from November 9-13, but he can still force his way into the senior event.

He is due to play in an ATP event in Vienna next week, and the Paris Masters starting on November 1.



**Mavericks 103, Raptors 95**

Luka Doncic compiled 27 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds as visiting Dallas defeated Toronto.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 25 points -- 13 in the fourth quarter -- for the Mavericks, who won for the first time this season after losing their opener at Atlanta on Thursday.

Kristaps Porzingis scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Dallas, and Dwight Powell and Dorian Finney-Smith each scored 11 points. Toronto's OG Anunoby scored 23 points, 20 in the first half as he ran into foul trouble. Fred VanVleet had 20 points for the Raptors, who lost for the second time in three games. Scottie Barnes had 17 points, Gary Trent Jr. scored 12 points and Precious Achiuwa added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

**Pacers 102, Heat 91 (OT)**

Rookie Chris Duarte turned a foul on a 3-point shot into three critical free throws in overtime as Indiana gave coach Rick Carlisle his first win at his new job with a victory over visiting Miami.

After losing a pair of one-point games on the road, including one in overtime at Washington on Friday on the front end of a back-to-back, the Pacers had enough energy to outscore Miami 16-5 over the five extra minutes to break into the win column.

**Timberwolves 96, Pelicans 89**

Karl-Anthony Towns scored a team-high 25 points, Anthony Edwards finished with 19 points and nine rebounds, and Minnesota held on for a win over visiting New Orleans. D'Angelo Russell and Naz Reid added 12 points apiece for Minnesota, which won its second game in a row to start the season. Patrick Beverley scored five points and dished six assists in his Timberwolves debut.

Brandon Ingram scored 30 points for the Pelicans, who remained winless after three games. Jonas Valanciunas had 20 points and 17 rebounds, and Nickeil Alexander-Walker also notched a double-double with 14 points and 14 boards.



## Quartararo Wins First MotoGP Title

ROME (Dispatches) - Bagnaia, who was 52 points behind Quartararo with three GPs including this race remaining, was comfortably leading when he fell with just four laps left to hand the Frenchman his country's first ever MotoGP championship.

Yamaha rider Quartararo, 22, now leads Bagnaia by 65 points meaning the Frenchman can no longer be caught by his Ducati rival and guarantees a first riders' title for his team since 2015 and a first ever for his nation.

"It's not the way I would have liked to win this championship but it's not the only race we've won," he said to Sky Sport Italia.

"It's been incredible and I think I performed so well this year thanks to Pecco (Bagnaia) who has really pushed me hard... I'm really happy."

Quartararo broke down in tears as his family sung his praises during the interview, carried out in Italian, covering his face to stop himself crying too hard on national television.

His win comes in his third season in MotoGP, the first with Yamaha's factory team after two years with the SRT satellite outfit.

In the 16 races he has contested this season, he has claimed 10 podiums, including five victories.

Quartararo surged from 15th on the starting grid to finish fourth on Sunday behind race winner Marc Marquez, who had been pursuing Bagnaia for almost the entire race.

Marquez's Honda teammate Pol Espargaro was second and Italian rider Enea Bastianini of Ducati came third.

"By the time that he (Bagnaia) fell, I had already given up, I was thinking I'll be finishing second, but luck was on our side," said Marquez, who also won the Grand Prix of the Americas in the last round.

## Real Madrid Defeat Barcelona 2-1 in Clasico

BARCELONA (Dispatches) - Real Madrid beat Barcelona 2-1 in the first Clasico of the season in front of 86,422 fans at the Camp Nou on Sunday after a sensational strike from defender David Alaba and a late goal from Lucas Vazquez gave Carlo Ancelotti's side three points.

Victory was Real's fourth straight in Clasicos and also Ancelotti's first at the Camp Nou in six visits, with his side devastating on the counter-attack and the result moving them provisionally top of LaLiga with 20 points. "We played a practical game. We knew what we need to do and the boys executed the game plan perfectly," Ancelotti said.

"Our team enjoy playing on the counter-attack and I have to take advantage of that."

Barcelona controlled possession in the first half but Real took the lead when Alaba started a flowing move with a tackle and finished it at the other end with a left-footed drive from the edge of the box. Barcelona manager Ronald Koeman brought on Philippe Coutinho at halftime while strikers Sergio Aguero and Luuk de Jong were also thrown on in the second half as they searched for an equaliser.

With seven minutes of injury time added on, Real doubled their lead when Marc-Andre ter Stegen saved a shot from Marco Asensio from another counter-attack but Vazquez was quicker than Gerard Pique to pounce on the rebound to score.



## Salah Hat-Trick As Liverpool Put Five Past United

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Mohamed Salah hit a hat-trick as Liverpool humiliated Manchester United, romping to a stunning 5-0 victory at Old Trafford in the Premier League on Sunday that leaves Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's future in serious doubt.

United were 4-0 down at halftime for the first time in the Premier League after 45 minutes of shambolic defending and the sense of chaos was added to when substitute Paul Pogba was sent off on the hour mark after entering play after the break.

The United hierarchy has shown faith in Solskjaer throughout difficult periods in his nearly three years in charge of the club but will come under pressure to rethink their loyalty to their former player after such an embarrassing performance and result.

"We know we are rock bottom, we can't feel any worse than this," said Solskjaer, who said though that he had no intention of falling on his sword.

"I have come too far, we have come too far as a group. We are too close to give up now."

Juergen Klopp's Liverpool, who are in second place, a point behind leaders Chelsea, looked every bit the title contenders they are with Salah continuing his remarkable run of scoring form -- finding the target for the 10th game in all competitions.

After their difficulties with injuries last season. Liverpool look just as strong as the team who won the title in 2020 with their attack once again among the most devastating in the game.

