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Tehran Expects Actions From Washington On JCPOA Than Words

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TEHRAN - Foreign Ministry spokesman has said Tehran has had enough of words from the US regarding the Iran nuclear deal and it's waiting for action from Washington.

Saeed Khatibzadeh also referred to latest comments from US National Security Advisor about President Joe Biden's readiness to return to the nuclear deal, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, JCPOA.

He said what Sullivan says contradicts the actions Biden administration has taken so far.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the US violated UN Security Council Resolution 2231, left the JCPOA illegally and did all it could to scrap the agreement.

Khatibzadeh added that the U.S. imposed oppressive and illegal sanctions on Iran and did all in its power to prevent Iran from doing business with other nations.

According to the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson, the Vienna talks aim to pave the way for the US return to the JCPOA and that Tehran held talks with the other members of the 4+1 group of countries to make sure Washington will get back to the deal in a committed way. The JCPOA unraveled in 2018 when former US president left the deal and reinstated sanctions on Iran.

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Manufacturing of Refrigerators, Freezers Up 10% in H1

TEHRAN (MNA) - Manufacturing of refrigerators and freezers in Iran has increased 10 percent during the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-September 22), as compared to the same period of time in the past year, the data released by Industry, Mining, and Trade Ministry indicate.

As reported, 1.07 million refrigerators and freezers have been manufactured in the six-month period of this year, while the figure was 972,900 in the same time span of the previous year.

Home appliances manufacturing has increased 78 percent to stand at 15 million sets in the past Iranian calendar year (ended on March 20).

Rise in home appliances manufacturing and export has been also planned for the current year.

Manufacturing of home appliances in Iran has risen 9.7 percent during the first half of the present year.

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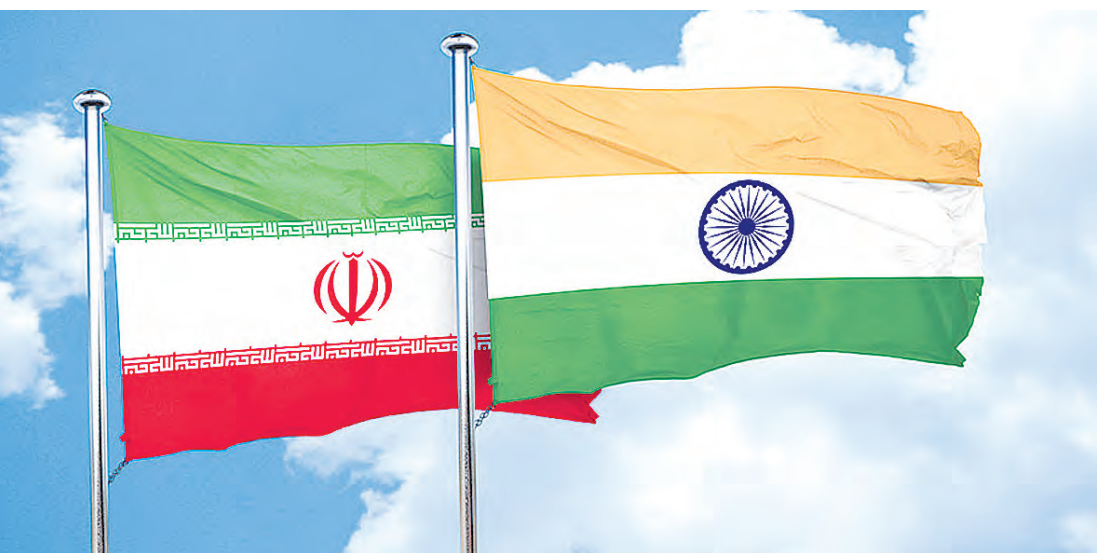


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Iran Seeks Resumption of Oil Sales to India



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TEHRAN - Iran's ambassador to India says Tehran expects New Delhi to resume oil purchases from Iran. He added Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian plans to visit India later this month.

Iran's ambassador to India Ali Chegeni told ThePrint in an interview that bilateral ties are poised to reach the next level under Iran's new President Ebrahim Raisi.

The envoy said the country's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian plans to visit New Delhi later this month for the India-Iran Joint Economic Commission, which will "herald a new era" for the countries.

"We have no limit, no ban, no barrier in developing our relationship with India ... India used to be our big customer of oil, and we were the first country to export oil to India based on the rupee. It was recognition of the rupee as international money, instead of using the dollar or some other currency. We did that also to buy commodities from India," Chegeni stated.

"For oil, we expect India to begin (purchases). Of course, we are not deciding on behalf of our Indian friends; Indian authorities should do that. But from our side, there is no problem in exporting oil and gas, petrochemical and even non-oil goods. There is a big capacity," the ambassador added.

According to Chegeni, two-way trade between India and Iran, which had exceeded \$17 billion in 2018-19, had the potential to reach \$30-35 billion by this fiscal had the oil imports not been stopped by India.

"If India starts taking oil, gas and other items from Iran, then both sides can have balanced trade," he continued.

In May 2019, under pressure of stringent economic sanctions from the US administration, New Delhi had brought oil imports from Tehran down to zero.

The development of the Farzad B gas field, negotiations for which had been going on for over a decade, is another part of the bilateral ties that has suffered a setback.

However, according to Chegeni, "the door is still open for India for Farzad B".

"But how to go about it will be decided between the oil ministries of both sides. This block is common between us and some neighbouring countries. Since 2006, they are taking their share and we are losing out. We have lost more than 15 years because of the slow reply and activity from our Indian friends. It is now up to India to decide how they want to come (join the project)," Chegeni noted.

According to Chegeni, although India considers the Chabahar Port project as the 'Golden Gateway' to Afghanistan, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, there is "not enough activity" taking place from India's side.

"Chabahar, on paper, is not covered by the U.S.' illegal sanctions," he said, adding that there is still some fear on India's part, and maybe some "scare" from "third parties" in investing and working in Chabahar.

While India has been focusing on developing Chabahar to enhance trade with the landlocked Afghanistan and the countries beyond it by bypassing Pakistan, it has not moved on the next phase of the project, which involves building a rail-link from Chabahar to Zahedan, near the Afghanistan border.

India was also expected to invest in setting up plants in sectors such as fertilisers, petrochemicals and metallurgy in the Chabahar Free Trade Zone, but nothing happened.

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Many of Former Afghan Forces, Abandoned by U.S., Joining Daesh

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - Many of Afghanistan's US-trained spies and military personnel have joined the Daesh terrorist group after being abandoned by the United States, a new report has revealed.

Citing Taliban leaders and former Afghan security officials, The Wall Street Journal reported that several members of the former Afghan government's intelligence and military apparatus joined Daesh, following the hasty withdrawal of the US-led coalition troops from the country in August.

This "relatively small, but growing" number of recruits, according to the report, provides the Takfiri terrorist group with "critical expertise in intelligence-gathering and warfare techniques, potentially strengthening the extremist organization's ability to contest Taliban supremacy."

Some of them, however, have already been killed in violent clashes with Taliban's forces in different parts of the war-ravaged country. An Afghan security officer who previously commanded the military's weapons and ammunition depot in Gardez, the capital of southeastern Paktia province, was killed a week ago in a clash with Taliban fighters, a former Afghan official is quoted as saying in the report.

Rahmatullah Nabil, former chief of Afghanistan's erstwhile spy agency National Directorate of Security (NDS), who left the country shortly before the Taliban takeover in August, told the journal that Daesh had "become very attractive" to former members of Afghan security and defense forces "who have been left behind" by the United States.

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Iran Slams UN Human Rights Rapporteur Silence On U.S. Sanctions

TEHRAN (MNA)- Kazem Gharibabadi criticized the intentional silence of Javid Rehman, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, on U.S. anti-Iran sanctions that violate the Iranian nation's human rights.

Referring to Rehman's excessive obedience for certain countries, such as the United States and Sweden, which is documented in a declaration by a group of independent UN special rapporteurs and technicians, Iran's Judiciary Deputy for International Affairs and Secretary of High Council for Human Rights Gharibabadi said, "Javid Rehman's intentional silence about the status of the fundamental rights of the Iranian patients, which is deteriorating due to the US sanctions, followed by the support of some other countries, is repeated violation of the human rights of the Iranian nation, and leaves room for no doubt about the biased nature of his reports and lack of his independence, teaming him up with those who breach the human rights, not those who defend the Iranian nation's human rights."

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Indian Port of Mundra Reportedly Resumes Processing Iranian Ships

TEHRAN (PressTV) - The Shipping Association of Iran (SAOI) says Iranian ships are no longer banned from India's port of Mundra some three weeks after an Indian port operator said it will no longer process containers from Iran at the port.

In a letter addressed to Iran's main business forum on Sunday, SAOI Secretary General Masoud Palme said that restrictions on Iranian ships had been lifted at Mundra, which is India's largest private port, according to a report by the ISNA news agency.

India's Adani Ports said on October 11 that its terminals in the country would no longer process import and export containers from Iran as well as from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

It came after reports said that Indian authorities had seized a large shipment of narcotics originating from Afghanistan.

However, Palme said in his letter to the Iranian Chamber of Commerce that the issue had been resolved with Adani, adding that Iranian-flagged ships or ships carrying cargoes loaded from Iranian ports would be able to dock at Mundra, located in India's western state of Gujarat.

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Kuwait, Iraq Back OPEC+ Oil Supply Rise Plan

CAIRO (Reuters) - Kuwait and Iraq support sticking to plans to raise oil output by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) at an OPEC+ meeting on Thursday, as the U.S. called again for extra supply to cool rising prices.

Kuwait's oil minister Mohammad Abdulatif al-Fares said on Monday that the OPEC member supports the plan to raise output, which would ensure adequate crude supply to balance the global market, state news agency KUNA reported.

Iraq's state oil marketing company, SOMO, said on Saturday that the OPEC member sees raising output as already planned was sufficient to meet demand and stabilize the market.

U.S. President Joe Biden on Saturday urged major G20 energy producing countries with spare capacity to boost production to ensure a stronger global economic recovery.

President Biden's statement is part of a broad effort by the White House to pressure OPEC and its allies to increase supply.

Brent crude prices were trading at near \$85 a barrel on Monday, despite China announcing a release of fuel reserves to increase market supply and support price stability in some regions.

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Serving People; Gov't's Main Priority

TEHRAN (IP) – President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi called serving the people, solving their problems and paying attention to their livelihood the main priority of the government.

Speaking in the meeting of Cabinet's Economic Coordination Board on Sunday evening, Raisi said: "Serving the people, solving their problems and paying attention to their livelihood is the main priority of the government and should not be neglected in any way".

At the meeting of Cabinet's Economic Coordination Board, the necessity of "creating coherence and connection between the network of supply and distribution of food and basic goods" and "mobilizing all facilities and capacities, including unions and guilds, to exercise organizational supervision over this network" were emphasized.

U.S. Blamed for Current Condition in Afghanistan

TEHRAN (MNA) – U.S. military presence and occupation of Afghanistan over the past two decades has brought nothing but destruction, devastation, civil war, insecurity, an increase in drug trafficking, an Iranian parliament member said.

Member of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the Iranian Parliament Fada-Hossein Maleki met and held talks with an assistant to UN special representative for Afghanistan affairs.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as a country that shares common religion, language, culture, and history with Afghanistan, is sensitive to political and social developments in this county, Maleki said in this meeting.

Iran has always sought to establish peace and stability in its neighborhood, he stressed, adding that Iran supports the formation of an inclusive Afghan government with all ethnic groups, religions, and cultures living in this country.

He further noted that Iran is paying close attention to the security of its long borders with its eastern neighbors.

Despite the economic problems caused by the oppressive US sanctions, Iran has always welcomed Afghan refugees based on human and Islamic duty as well as the emphasis of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, MP added.



He went on to say, that the U.S. military presence and occupation of Afghanistan over the past two decades has brought nothing but destruction, devastation, civil war, insecurity, an increase in drug trafficking.

The assistant to the UN special representative, for his part, said that the United Nations is well aware that the Islamic Republic of Iran has always warmly welcomed Afghan refugees and migrants over the past four decades and has suffered problems in this way.

There is currently a humanitarian crisis in this country that must be resolved with the help of the United Nations and neighboring countries, he stressed.

S. Korean Embassy's Mask Donation Enrages Iranians

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iranian social media users have sharply rebuked the South Korean embassy in Tehran over the donation of merely 2,000 face masks to a private Iranian hospital to help protect health personnel and patients against COVID-19, pointing out that the move comes whilst billions of dollars of the Islamic Republic's funds remain frozen in the East Asian nation's banks.

"Iranians do not need the negligible amount of masks you have bothered to donate. It is worth mentioning that Iran is now an exporter of masks itself," a user wrote on Twitter. "It would rather be very civilized to release the Iranian nation's assets instead."

Another user tweeted that "Atieh Hospital should not have accepted such humiliation, [which] allowed the embassy of the Republic of Korea to ridicule us after blocking billions of dollars of Iranians' funds."

Pointing out that Iran is currently exporting masks, the user said the hospital's officials "should act wisely, send back the masks and respond befittingly to the offense; otherwise, [the hospital] must be compelled to do so."

The public anger came after South Korea's embassy in Tehran announced via Twitter that the country's ambassador, Yun Kanghyeon, donated 2,000 masks to Atieh Hospital during a visit to the hospital in order to "help the Iranian people overcome COVID-19." According to Journalist Sara Massoumi, South Korea, out of the United States' fear, has frozen Iranian assets worth billions of dollars and has helped Washington to press ahead with its medical and drug terrorism against Iran — a nation of more than 80 million people.

"How come you are now talking about helping Iranian people with 2,000 masks?" she asked.

Moreover, Iranian-American academic and political analyst Seyed Mohammad Marandi also criticized South Korea for preventing Tehran to use its financial resources.

"The South Korean regime has confiscated \$8 billion of Iranian assets after consuming Iranian fuel. Seoul helps Trump/Biden murder Iranians as the Iranian government battles Corona. Now the Korean embassy insults the Iranian people by giving 2,000 masks to a PRIVATE HOSPITAL," he wrote on his Twitter page.

Last month, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian warned that Tehran will not stop the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) from filing a lawsuit against South Korea over the freezing of Iranian assets in its banks under US pressure if Seoul fails to take practical strides to unblock the funds.

Armenian Minister Plans to Visit Iran

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK

TEHRAN – Armenian Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures Gnel Sanosyan received Ambassador of Iran to Armenia Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri.

The minister welcomed the Ambassador and highlighted the reliable partnering relations between Armenia and Iran, as well as the bilateral cooperation in different sectors, stating that the two countries have a big agenda of bilateral relations.

In his remarks the Iranian Ambassador said that there is a good cooperation with the Armenian ministry of territorial administration and infrastructures, expressing confidence that it will continue also in the future. He said that the deep historical-cultural ties between Armenia and Iran contribute to the development of

bilateral relations in various directions.

The meeting also touched upon the regional developments. The Ambassador highlighted the situation in the region and stated that the Syunik province is important also for them and informed that mutual visits of various delegations are expected soon which will be able to take part in different programs being implemented in the province.

The minister attached importance to the role of infrastructures in Syunik, stating that active road construction works are being held in the province.

The officials also exchanged ideas about the prospects of expanding the cooperation within the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as on Iran's entry to the EAEU market via Armenia as a member of the Union.

Some details of the upcoming visit of minister Sanosyan to Iran were also discussed.

Gov't Announces Huge Rise in Exports From Chabahar Port

IRAN NEWS ECONMIN DESK

TEHRAN (IFP) - Iran's Customs Office says the country's exports from the southern port city of Chabahar increased nearly 100% since March 21, 2021 compared with the same period in 2019.

The Customs office said figures also show a 500% rise in exports during the same period compared with the period starting on March 21, 2018.

The exports from March 21, 2021 hit 19.2 million dollars in terms of value. According to this report, Iranian goods were mostly exported to Pakistan, India, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Iraq, Malaysia, Somalia, Armenia and China.

The jump in exports comes at a time when Iran is under the harshest sanctions ever imposed by the United States.

Experts say the rise in exports is due to the capacity of Iran's only oceanic port.

Chabahar is located in such a strategic location that it serves as a bridge between the east and west of the world. It is because of these intrinsic capacities that the port city has not been and will not be sanctioned.

The other key factor in making Chabahar an attractive port city is the expansion of its infrastructure that paves the way for development.

With Chabahar Free Zone developed, the free zone and the port are now integrated. Iran's nationwide railway is close to reaching Chabahar and Chabahar International Airport is under construction.

The construction of these infrastructure installations helps realize a free zone in real terms and creates a suitable hub and transit network for global trade.

Head of IMEO Visits Mehdi Abad Mining Complex



IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – Head of Iranian Mining Engineering Organization (IMEO), accompanied by 19 heads of provincial offices of the organization, visited the Mehdi Abad Lead and Zinc Mining Complex in Yazd Province.

According to the public relations of IMIDRO, Head of IMEO Mr. Taghi Nabini along with heads of the organization in 19 provinces paid a visit to Mehdi Abad Mining Complex.

At the beginning of this group visit, the group were kept on track of the current condition in the complex and the amount of progress of the project which was presented by the head of mine, exploration and processing unit of the complex Mr. Mohsen Haji Ghasemi. Then the caretaker of the complex Mr. Hamid Reza Hemayat briefed the visiting group of the latest development regarding the project.

Mehdiabad Lead and Zinc Mine is located 115 kilometers southeastern of Yazd City. With remarkable deposits, Mehdiabad Lead and Zinc and Barite Mining Complex is one of the biggest world mines, and with construction of zinc and lead plants in the complex, some 2.5 percent of world metal will be produced in this complex.

Currently the first phase of constructing the processing plant of the complex has progressed physically by 65% and it is to come on stream as schedule next year.

PGSOC, the Forehead of Pride In National Oil Industry



IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – Representative of Velayat-e Faqih in Hormuzgan Province along Friday-prayer leaders of the province visited the Persian Gulf Star Refiner and got acquainted with the actions and jihadi achievements of the defenders of securing the provision of the fuel basket of the country.

Hojjatolislam Ebadizadeh during this meeting hailed the jihadi actions in the biggest world gas condensates refinery and said Persian Gulf Star Refinery is a glorious set and it is considered as the forehead of pride for the national oil industry and the Supreme Leader attaches a special attention to this set.

He added that pursuing activities of the refinery by the Supreme Leader shows how important this refinery is for him and the country.

He expressed hope by developing the refinery and the launch and development of downstream oil industries, the refinery would have final say in the world in terms of quality and quantity.

Meanwhile the CEO of Persian Gulf Star Oil Company Mr. Mohammad Ali Dadvar, for his part, explained the actions taken in the company for providing fuel and said the refinery guarantees supply of half of the national fuel demands and called it vital.

He said Persian Gulf Star Refinery is the only refinery in the country which produces euro 5 gasoline which is the best quality gasoline base on the international standards.

Dadvar then pointed to the measure taken by the company against the cyber-attacks and said that most of the parts in the refinery have been indigenized and most of the software systems have been prepared by the domestic experts in the sanctions era and it makes safe the refinery against the cyber-attacks.

Navy Foils Pirate Attack on Iranian Oil Tanker



TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iranian naval forces have managed to thwart a pirate attack on one of the country's oil tankers en route to the Gulf of Aden before entering Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

In a statement released on Monday, the Iranian Navy said four boats carrying between 4 to 6 pirates sought to launch an attack on the Iranian tanker earlier in the morning.

However, they were forced to escape following a timely action by the Navy's escort teams, which shot warning shots to repel the pirates, the statement added.

Last month, an Iranian warship successfully foiled a pirate attack on an Iranian oil tanker in the Gulf of Aden following a heavy exchange of fire.

"The 78th naval fleet of the Islamic Republic of Iran, consisting of the Alborz destroyer, was attacked by five pirate boats this morning while escorting two Iranian tankers," Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said in an interview at the time, describing the incident as "maritime terrorism."

In line with international efforts against piracy, the Iranian Navy has been conducting patrols in the Gulf of Aden since November 2008, safeguarding merchant containers and oil tankers owned or leased by Iran or other countries.

Iran's Navy has managed to foil several attacks on both Iranian and foreign tankers during its missions in international waters.

Iran Policy Is to Develop Relations With Islamic Countries

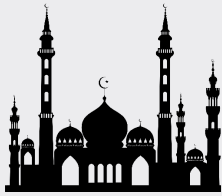
TEHRAN (IP) - Iranian parliament member defined Iran's policy as expanding relations with Islamic countries.

Fatollah Tavasoli stated that the more the Islamic countries would be united, the less the others interfered in their affairs.

Referring to Lebanon's conditions, he noted that Lebanon has been experiencing special situations in the last decades, and some countries cannot tolerate resistance in this country.

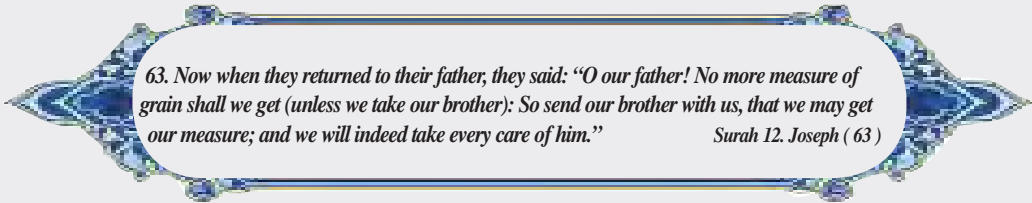
He pointed out that the US and the Israeli Regime have always tried to weaken resistance in Lebanon, but Iran has always helped this country, especially recently, by providing fuel for them.

"Forming a government in Lebanon is difficult, since there are various groups and some countries like Saudi Arabia tried to create diplomatic crisis," he concluded.



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No Bright Economic Future Without JCPOA, FATF

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TEHRAN - Head of Iran-Switzerland Joint Chamber of Commerce believes there is no bright economic future for the country without the JCPOA and joining the FATF.

Speaking to ILNA, Sharif Nezam Mafi said that if Iran reaches agreement on its nuclear program, the JCPOA, it will expect an economic boom ahead otherwise without it and joining the FATF, he cannot predict a bright future for the national economy for the next years.

He said through the JCPOA, the economic enterprises and especially the private sector can create jobs and expand investment and Iran's economy can return to its good economic growth like in the post-JCPOA era.

On the outlook of Iran's trade with Europe, he added that all traders, economic enterprises and producers are watching carefully the developments on the FATF and the JCPOA and any success will lead to economic boom.

Nezam Mafi went on to say that lifting sanctions of Mammut Industrial Group was



an important event which has gone unnoticed in the media, adding that it indicated that those who work professionally in the private sector can be a barricade against the sanctions and the government can trust the private sector.

He reiterated that Iran's economy should be strong enough to resist against and international developments, adding that some Republican candidate likely worse than Donald Trump may win in the 2024 U.S. Presidential election and takes a tougher stand against Iran and a strong economy can stand against it.

Nezam Sharif added that Iran's economy and especially the private sector's with the world should be in a way that continuation of the ties would be to the benefit of the involved companies. He reiterated all countries move in direction of their own national interests.

Indexes in Machine Sazi Tabriz Improving After Handover to IDRO

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – Deputy Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade and Head of Industrial Development and Renovation Organization of Iran announced that performance indexes of Machine Sazi Tabriz Group



have improved after being handed over to Industrial Development and Renovation Organization of Iran (IDRO).

According to Mr. Mohsen Salehinia, the process for diagnosing problems in the company has started and it is underway and the measures for improvement will be taken based on the findings during the studies.

He then pointed to some reforming measures of IDRO for taking the group out of the current problems like providing working capital required by the company, opening the banking account and resolving the related problems, providing the debts of the company to the government treasury and providing a comprehensive program and diagnosing problems to renovate and reconstruct the company.

Salehinia then pointed to other actions taken by IDRO for revival of the company like appointing members of board of directors and managing director of company, talks with reputed international companies active in the machine tools industry for the joint cooperation and production of new products, planning for creating the first center for machine tools and preventing the process of tender for selling the education center of the company by paying its debts.

He said the average production of the company in four months after the presence of the IDRO appointed management rose by 134% comparing to the previous average monthly production of the company. He added the sales of the company in four months under the new management have been 64% of the total sales of the group last year and the average quarterly sales of the group under new management have increased by 235% comparing to the sales of the company in the previous eight months.

Machine Sazi Tabriz Group was handed over to IDRO last year after some problems under its former custodian.

KSC Sets New Record for Daily Slab Ingot Production

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – Head of steelmaking unit of Khuzestan Steel Company (KSC) announced a new record in the company and said this time the company set a new record for daily slab ingot production.

Mohammad Mehdi Sharif said that slab ingot is one of the export products of the company and the hardworking and tireless personnel of the company on October 22 produced 7338 tons of slab ingots which is a new record for the daily production in the company.

Sharif pointed to another record for slab ingot production which was set



last month and said after three months of hardworking, the monthly slab ingot production record of the company improved last month and the company produced 179,386 tons of slab ingots.

He said achieving such amount of production needs both round-the-clock efforts of the personnel, planning, monitoring and meeting the demands of the market as well as employing the state-of-the-art technology.

Sharif also pointed to the restrictions in consuming electricity in the spring and summer and said that those broad restrictions in the first five months of the current year affected the production of the company but KSC took advantage of this restriction and began repairing some of its units and equipment.

The representative of the Supreme Leader in the province and the Friday prayer leader of Isfahan in a meeting with the CEO and deputies of Mobarakeh Steel Company:

Industries Plan to Generate Electricity



The representative of the Supreme Leader in the province and the Friday prayer leader of Isfahan, emphasizing the need for managers to pay attention to major goals, said: "Industries can produce their own electricity or even surplus, and this issue must be planned." Simultaneously with the birth of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Mohammad Mustafa (PBUH) and the Week of Unity, the CEO of Mobarakeh Steel Company and his deputies went to visit Ayatollah Seyyed Yousef Tabatabaei, the representative of the Supreme Leader in the province and the Friday prayer leader of Isfahan. Ayatollah Seyyed Yousef Tabatabaei, the representative of the Supreme Leader in the province and the Friday prayer leader of Isfahan, also congratulated the birth of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the birth of Imam Sadegh (AS) and the Week of Unity, emphasizing the need for managers to pay attention to major goals. My message to the management team of Mobarakeh Steel is to use the expert opinions of all people in making their decisions and to use the experiences and knowledge of different people.

The Friday prayer leader of Isfahan, referring to the extensive measures taken by the servants of the Islamic Republic in the field of military weapons, so that since the imposed war They were afraid of us, during the holy defense they were afraid that we would buy weapons from one country and now they are afraid that we will give our weapons and missiles to other countries;The United States is afraid of Iran's missiles, and this shows the pride and greatness of Islamic Iran.He said that industries can produce their own electricity

or even surplus and should be planned for this issue. It is taken so as not to challenge energy.

Construction of 1500 MW power plant by Mobarakeh Steel

Dr. Mohammad Yaser Taybnia, CEO of Mobarakeh Steel Company, emphasizing the need to pay attention to the macro view and development-oriented in Mobarakeh Steel, asked the Friday prayer leader of Isfahan to support such views in macro management so that managers can act more freely on their main issues and missions. Be focused and different margins do not hinder the advancement of grand goals; Mobarakeh Steel Company is not only accountable to its shareholders, but also to its other stakeholders, which are the employees, the people of the region, the province and the country. Financial assistance and services to various centers.Emphasizing the need for a macro and expert view in management, he added: "Sectarianism and political view in management are harmful and the lack of a comprehensive management approach has irreparable consequences for various sectors, including the country's industry, so that previous non-expert projects are currently plagued." Some sections have been; The mining sector is one of the great capacities of the country for investment, and in many of its sub-sectors, we use the latest

knowledge and technology in the world to advance projects.The CEO of Mobarakeh Steel Company announced the construction of a 1500 MW power plant in Isfahan by this company and specified: considering the regional capacities, access to 500 MW of electricity from the above amount is being studied in solar form.In the end, he said: "In the difficult economic situation of the country, which is similar to the unequal war imposed, our victory requires a jihadist management approach and a transformational spirit, as many warlords at that time were able to overcome the restrictions in this way."



Raid on Alleged Brazil Bank Robbers Leaves 20 Dead

BRASILIA (Dispatches) - More than 20 alleged members of a gang of Brazilian bank robbers were killed Sunday in a vast police operation in Minas Gerais state, a police source told AFP.

"The preliminary information we have for now is that more than 20 criminals have died," said the source with the Federal Highway Police.

No members of the security forces were among the dead, the source said.

The operation, carried out in conjunction with the Military Police, took place near the city of Varginha.



Man Arrested After Knife Attack on Tokyo Train

TOKYO (Dispatches) - A man was arrested for attempted murder after a knife and fire attack on a train in Tokyo on Sunday, Japanese media said, with at least 17 people reportedly injured and one in a serious condition after being stabbed.

Eyewitnesses told national broadcaster NHK of their fear during the attack that took place on Halloween when the Japanese capital is full of revelers, many in costume.

Media outlets said the alleged perpetrator in his 20s -- wearing a green shirt and indigo suit -- attacked people with a knife and started a fire on the train.



G20 Leaving Unfinished Business for COP26



ROME (Dispatches) - Leaders of the Group of 20 major economies agreed on a final statement on Sunday that urged "meaningful and effective" action to limit global warming, but offered few concrete commitments, angering climate activists.

The result of days of tough negotiation among diplomats leaves huge work to be done at the broader United Nations COP26 climate summit in Scotland, which starts this week.

Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi hailed the Rome gathering, saying for the first time all G20 states had agreed on the importance of capping global warming at the 1.5 degrees Celsius level that scientists say is vital to avoid disaster.

"We made sure that our dreams are not only alive but they are progressing," Draghi told a closing news conference, brushing off criticism from environmentalists that the G20 had not gone nearly far enough to resolve the crisis.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who warned on Friday that the world was rushing headlong towards climate disaster, said the Rome summit was not all he hoped for.

"While I welcome the #G20's recommitment to global solutions, I leave Rome with my hopes unfulfilled — but at least they are not buried," he said in a tweet.

The G20, which includes Brazil, China, India, Germany and the United States, accounts for 60% of the world's population and an estimated 80% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

The 1.5C threshold is what UN experts say must be met to avoid a dramatic acceleration of extreme climate events like droughts, storms and floods, and to reach it they recommend net zero emissions should be achieved by 2050.

The stakes are huge - among them the very survival of low-lying countries, the impact on economic livelihoods the world over and the stability of the global financial system.

"This was a moment for the G20 to act with the responsibility they have as the biggest emitters, yet we only see half-measures rather than concrete urgent action," said Friederike Roder, vice president of sustainable development advocacy group Global Citizen.

The final summit document said current national plans on how to curb emissions will have to be strengthened "if necessary" and makes no specific reference to 2050 as a date to achieve net zero carbon emissions.

"We recognize that the impacts of climate change at 1.5°C are much lower than at 2°C. Keeping 1.5°C within reach will require meaningful and effective actions and commitment by all countries," the communique said.

The leaders only recognized "the key relevance" of halting net emissions "by or around mid-century". This removed the 2050 date seen in previous versions of the final statement so as to make the target less specific.

China, the world's biggest CO2 emitter, has set a target date of 2060, and other large polluters such as India and Russia have also not committed to the 2050 target date.

Kishida Defies Expectations as Ruling LDP Easily Keeps Majority

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's ruling LDP defied expectations and held on to a majority in Sunday's parliamentary election, exit polls showed, solidifying his position in a fractious party and allowing him to ramp up stimulus.

While Kishida's conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was projected to emerge with fewer seats in the powerful lower house than it won in the last election in 2017, the party retained its majority, exit polls by public broadcaster NHK showed early on Monday.

The result was at odds with expectations and initial exit polls that suggested the LDP could lose sole majority. Kishida, a soft-spoken former banker who has struggled to shake off an image that he lacks charisma, is also likely to be emboldened by the win. The vote was a test for Kishida, who called the election soon after taking the top post early this month, and for the long-powerful party, which has been hurt by perceptions it mishandled the coronavirus pandemic.

"The overall trend is in favour of stability. The LDP cleared the hurdles it absolutely had to," said Tobias Harris, senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. "We'll see a lot of stimulus," he said.

A poorer showing would have heightened expectations that he could follow predecessor Yoshihide Suga in becoming another short-term premier.

The party did take some notable hits, including the loss by its secretary general, Akira Amari, in his single-seat district. Amari, a key backer of Kishida, intended to resign from his party post, NHK said.

Kishida has hewed to traditional policies of the party's right wing, pushing to increase military spending, but has also promised to address wealth inequality, touting a "new capitalism" that has stoked concern among investors.



Blinken and Wang Warn Against Fuelling Taiwan Tensions

ROME (Dispatches) - U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi locked horns over Taiwan on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit on Sunday, trading warnings against moves that could further escalate tensions across the Taiwan Strait.

In an hour-long meeting in Rome, Blinken made "crystal clear" that Washington opposes any unilateral changes by Beijing to the status quo around Taiwan, a senior State Department official said.

A recent increase in Chinese military exercises in Taiwan's air defense identification zone, including what Taipei said were eight such flights on Sunday, is part of what it views as stepped-up military harassment by Beijing.

The United States wants to manage the intense competition between the world's two largest economies responsibly, the State Department official said, adding that both sides acknowledged that open lines of communication are paramount.

Wang expressed China's "solemn concern over various issues on which the U.S. side has damaged China's legitimate rights and interests, and asked the U.S. side to change its course and promote China-U.S. relations back to the track of healthy development", China's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Wang said it was misleading of the United States to blame China for a change in the status quo on Taiwan, saying it is U.S. "connivance" and "support" for pro-independence forces in Taiwan that are at fault, China's statement said.

China claims the island as part of its own territory and views any foreign intervention over Taiwan as interference in its domestic affairs.

Blinken's meeting with Wang was their first in person since a fiery exchange in Alaska in March.

Sunday's meeting in Rome was "exceptionally candid" but productive, and will help lay the groundwork for a virtual summit between U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping later this year, the U.S. official said.

Sudanese Anti-Coup Protesters Barricade Streets

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Sudanese anti-coup protesters on Sunday manned barricades in Khartoum a day after a deadly crackdown on mass rallies, as a defiant civil disobedience campaign against the military takeover entered its seventh day.

Tens of thousands turned out across the country for Saturday's demonstrations, marching against the army's October 25 power grab, when top General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan dissolved the government, declared a state of emergency and detained Sudan's civilian leadership.

The move sparked a chorus of international condemnation, with world powers demanding a swift return to civilian rule and calls for the military to show "restraint" against protesters.

At least three people were shot dead and more than 100 people wounded during Saturday's demonstrations, according to medics, who reported those killed had bullet wounds in their head, chest or stomach. It takes the death toll since protests began to at least 11.

Police forces denied the killings, or using live bullets. "No, no, to military rule," protesters carrying Sudanese flags chanted as they marched around the capital and other cities, as forces fired tear gas to break them up.

More than 100 people were also wounded on Saturday, some suffering breathing difficulties from tear gas, the independent Central Committee of Sudan's Doctors said.

Sudan had been ruled since August 2019 by a joint civilian-military council, alongside Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok's government, as part of the now derailed transition to full civilian rule.

Hamdok and other top leaders have been under military guard since then, either in detention or effective house arrest.

U.S. President Joe Biden has called the coup a "grave setback", while the African Union has suspended Sudan's membership for the "unconstitutional" takeover.

The World Bank and the United States froze aid, a move that will hit hard in a country already mired in a dire economic crisis. But Burhan -- who became de facto leader after headline ex-president Omar al-Bashir was ousted in 2019 following huge youth-led protests -- has insisted the military takeover was "not a coup".

Instead, Burhan says he wants to "rectify the course of the Sudanese transition".

Demonstrations on Saturday rocked many cities across Sudan, including in the eastern states of Gedaref and Kassala, as well as in North Kordofan and White Nile, witnesses and AFP correspondents said.

As night fell Saturday, many protests in Khartoum and the capital's twin city of Omdurman thinned out. But on Sunday morning protesters were back on the streets, again using rocks and tyres to block roads.

Shops remain largely shut in Khartoum, where many government employees are refusing to work as part of a nationwide protest campaign.



Pakistan Reaches Agreement With Banned TLP

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) - Pakistan's government has reached an agreement with the outlawed far-right Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) party, putting an end to a 10-day protest that resulted in violent clashes.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and religious leader Mufti Muneeb Rehman took part in the talks but did not share any details of the agreement at a news conference in the capital, Islamabad, on Sunday.

"Details and positive results of the agreement will come before the nation in a week or so," said Rehman, who said he had the endorsement of TLP party leader Saad Rizvi.

Thousands of TLP supporters launched a "long march" from Lahore towards Islamabad on October 22 to press for the release of their leader, Rizvi, who was arrested last year for inciting supporters to stage an anti-France protest.

The group is also demanding the expulsion of France's ambassador for the publication of a series of caricatures depicting the Prophet Muhammad by French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Paramilitary Pakistan Rangers were deployed to stop the protesters from continuing towards the capital. The protest march saw supporters clash with police at several points along the way. At least seven police officers and four demonstrators were killed and many injured on both sides.

The violence erupted a day after the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan turned down the group's demand to close the French embassy and expel the French envoy.

Al Jazeera's Kamal Hyder, reporting from Islamabad, said negotiations went late into the night and lasted more than 12 hours.

Rawalpindi and Islamabad had been cut off from the rest of the country since the march started.

"This protest has already caused hundreds of millions of dollars in losses," Hyder said. The economic damage of the demonstration, which took place along Pakistan's busiest highway, includes cargo being seized by the group and used as roadblocks.

"The people of Islamabad have heaved a sigh of relief ... Everybody will now be waiting to see how this agreement will be implemented," he added.



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Saudi Aramco's Quarterly Profit Surges on Oil Price, Volumes

DUBAI (Dispatches) - Saudi Arabian state oil producer Aramco said on Sunday its third-quarter net profit more than doubled, boosted by higher crude oil prices and volumes sold, beating analysts' forecasts.

The oil giant's best quarterly earnings since its listing in December 2019 was fuelled by the strongest quarterly average crude prices since its shares began trading.

Aramco shares were up 1% in early trade after the company disclosed its results and have risen about 9% this year to a market valuation of just over \$2 trillion, a goal sought by de-facto Saudi leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman before the company's initial public offering.



China Factory Activity Slumps In October on Energy Woes

BEIJING (Dispatches) - Factory activity in China plunged more than expected in October, official data showed Sunday, suggesting the industrial sector continued struggling as it grappled with tight power supply and surging raw material costs.

The key Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) — a gauge of manufacturing activity in the world's second-largest economy — fell to 49.2 this month, down from 49.6 in September, said the National Bureau of Statistics.

This marks the second straight month in which China's PMI has dipped below the 50-point mark separating growth from contraction.

A Bloomberg poll of economists had pegged the reading at 49.7, which would have been a slight improvement.

Although the country's PMI contracted when the spread of Covid-19 — which first surfaced in the central city of Wuhan — forced most business activity to a halt, life has largely returned to normal as strict measures brought the outbreak under control.

But the NBS said Sunday: "In October, due to factors such as still-tight power supply and the high costs of some raw materials, the manufacturing PMI fell."

Both the production and new-order indexes were in contraction, pointing to a weakening in supply and demand, senior statistician Zhao Qinghe said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the price index continued rising, reflecting higher purchase prices of raw materials such as petroleum and coal, as well as that of sales costs.

Non-manufacturing activity fell in October as well, official data showed, as authorities noted "the recovery of the service industry has slowed".

China's non-manufacturing PMI came in at 52.4, down from 53.2 in September.

While the reading still indicates expansion, helped by holiday activity at the start of October, the NBS added that the threat of local outbreaks continued to cast a pall over consumer sentiment.

OPEC+ to Meet Demand With Daily Increase of 400,000 Barrels in Oil Output

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) - Iraq's state oil marketing company, SOMO, said Iraq sees no need to take any decision to increase its production capabilities beyond what has already been planned for OPEC countries.

In the light of increased demand for energy, Iraq sees the OPEC+ agreement raising its output by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) a month, sufficient to meet demand and stabilize the market, SOMO added in a statement.

"Meanwhile Iraq seeks to increase gas production through increasing investment in gas fields," SOMO added. An OPEC+ committee largely stuck to forecasts of a strong demand rebound this year and next ahead of a meeting next week, at which the group is expected to rubber stamp a planned output increase of 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) in December.

The Joint Technical Committee (JTC), which met on Thursday, now expects oil demand to grow by 5.7 million bpd in 2021, 120,000 bpd below OPEC's forecast in its latest monthly report, two OPEC+ sources said, Reuters reported.

The JTC left its demand forecast for next year steady at 4.2 million bpd, one of the sources said.

OPEC+ forecasts are still higher than those of the International Energy Agency (IEA), which expects oil demand to grow by 5.5 million bpd in 2021 and 3.3 million bpd in 2022.

Ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Russia and their allies - collectively known as OPEC+ - met on Nov. 4 to decide output policy. This week Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak told Reuters he expected OPEC+ to go ahead with its planned increase for December, as previously agreed.

G20 Urged to Seed Up Work on Debt of Poor Countries

ROME (Dispatches) - World Bank President David Malpass on Saturday called on leaders of the Group of 20 rich nations to speed up work on debt restructuring for low-income countries, including a freeze on debt payments and mandatory participation of private creditors.

Malpass told G20 leaders meeting in Rome that progress on dealing with the debt of the poorest countries has stalled and urgent efforts are needed to jumpstart the process.

G20 leaders pledged to step up their efforts to implement the Common Framework on Debt Treatments and stressed the importance of private-sector participation, but failed to include any language on a new debt standstill, according to the text of their communique, which was seen by Reuters.

Several countries including China — the world's biggest creditor, accounting for 65 per cent of official bilateral debt — have opposed a new freeze in debt service payments.

Malpass, who this month called for adding a freeze in debt-service payments to the Common Framework, said developing nations face problems disrupting economic recovery including the Covid-19 pandemic and the scarcity of vaccines, as well as inflation, energy shortages and a breakdown of the supply chain.

"The multiple problems are causing devastating reversals in development," Malpass said, citing rising poverty rates and increasing fragility in dozens of countries including Sudan, even as the debt of low-income countries rose 12 per cent during the pandemic, reducing their ability to invest in anything else.

"Progress on debt has stalled," Malpass said. "I urge you to explicitly accelerate the implementation of the Common Framework, request transparency and reconciliation of debt, and require the participation of private creditors."

Malpass said International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva also favours a debt-payment standstill, but additional steps also are needed to balance the legal relationship between creditors and sovereign debtors.

Brexit Is Harming UK Economy



LONDON (Dispatches) - Almost twice as many voters now believe Brexit is having a negative effect on the UK economy as think it is benefiting the nation's finances, according to the latest Opinion poll for the Observer, carried out during budget week.

The survey comes after Richard Hughes, the chairman of the Office for Budget Responsibility, said his organization calculated that the negative impact on GDP caused by the UK's exit from the EU was expected to be twice as great as that resulting from the pandemic.

Hughes said Brexit would reduce the UK's potential GDP by about 4% in the long term, while the pandemic would cut it "by a further 2%". "In the long term, it is the case that Brexit has a bigger impact than the pandemic," he said.

Opinium's findings appear to be in line with other recent polling, including a survey last week by Ipsos MORI, which showed concern about the effects of Brexit rising to the point that it is now seen as the biggest issue for the country alongside Covid-19.

The Opinium survey found that 44% of people think Brexit is having a bad impact on the UK economy, compared with 25% who think it is having a positive effect.

More starkly, 53% of people believe Brexit is having a bad effect on prices in shops, against 13% who think it is having a good effect, while 51% think it is adversely affecting the UK's ability to import goods from the EU, against 15% who think it is helping.

While chancellor Rishi Sunak's approval rating rose slightly after his Budget speech on Wednesday, in which he increased government spending to its highest sustained level since the 1970s while warning that inflation would rise to 4% next year, the fact that people appear to be linking Brexit with economic problems including rising prices will be a worry to No 10 and No 11 Downing Street.

During the campaign for Brexit, led by Boris Johnson and Michael Gove, voters were told by the Leave campaign that leaving the EU would create a more dynamic UK economy able to trade freely across the globe, and less bureaucracy, leading to lower prices.

The OBR report, published alongside Sunak's budget, said that its evidence to date suggested its previous forecasts that Brexit would lead to a 15% fall in both UK imports from, and exports to, the EU appeared to have been broadly accurate.

The report said: "The evidence so far suggests that both import and export intensity have been reduced by Brexit, with developments still consistent with our initial assumption of a 15% reduction in each."

EC Approves €923m of Additional Resources for Recovery in Spain

MADRID (Dispatches) - The Commission has granted €923 million for the recovery and digital and green transition of Spain under REACT-EU to be implemented through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) operational programs.

Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, Elisa Ferreira, said: "Cohesion policy has been at the forefront of the fight against the economic, social and territorial consequences of the coronavirus pandemic and is now playing a crucial role in the

economic recovery process. I am happy that these additional resources will strengthen the health sector and give Spain a significant support for a green, digital and cohesive recovery."

Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas Schmit, said: "Europe needs a recovery that is socially fair. The European Social Fund invests in people, and these additional funds will support those who need it most: young and elderly people, those who lost their jobs, and persons with disabilities. European solidarity and investment will help lay the ground for just and job-rich recovery."

The multiregional operational program for the ERDF will be reinforced with additional resources of €890 million to support the acquisition of more than 34 million doses of anti-COVID-19 vaccine, the organization of the vaccination process in Spain and investments in products and services for the health sector. The funds will also support investments contributing to the transition to a green economy.

In Aragón the ESF operational program will receive an additional €25.5 million to support the unemployed, elderly people and persons with disabilities. Unemployed young people and those in long-term unemployment will receive tailored support through guidance and training to improve their skills or learn new ones. Authorities will focus on training in emerging sectors on those that have been particularly affected by the crisis. The funds will also reinforce the protection of vulnerable groups, for instance by supporting care and social protection of elderly people, securing additional interpreters of sign language so people with hearing impairments can access services more easily, and with adapted social transport projects.

In Murcia the ESF operational program will receive an additional €7.3 million to finance the hiring of additional educational staff during the pandemic and to set up the necessary health and safety measures allowing face-to-face teaching of smaller groups in schools.

Indonesia on Course to Be Major Solar Power Exporter

JAKARTA (Dispatches) - Experts interpret recently announced solar power projects as harbingers of an export-focused strategy in which local and international companies look to sell clean power from Indonesia to neighboring countries.

Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR) executive director Fabby Tumiwa said solar power exports would be largely driven by Singapore's plan to diversify its electricity supply with a focus on new and renewable energy (NRE) sources.

"There are tremendous opportunities for exporting renewable energy to neighbouring countries, especially Singapore," he told the Jakarta Post.

He was referring to an announcement made two days earlier by Singaporean Minister of Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong that the city state was targeting 4GW worth of low-carbon electricity imports by 2035.

Rising demand for low-carbon electricity presents NRE power plant developers with new opportunities to export energy to Singapore or other countries of the region.

Anurag Chatterjee, who serves as Apac (Asia-Pacific) region business development manager at Norway-based classification and advisory services firm DNV, expects increasing intra-ASEAN energy trade thanks to rising regional demand due to population and economic growth.

Given the commercial interest in exports, Fabby, who also chairs the Indonesian Solar Energy Association (AESI), urged the government to ensure NRE power plant developers prioritised domestic NRE supply to help the country achieve the promised 23 per cent NRE portion in the national energy mix by 2025.

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources' renewables director-general, Dadan Kusdiana, said a solar power export trend would not affect domestic NRE supply, as the government continued to push for NRE usage in accordance with its 2021-2030 long-term electricity procurement plan (RUPTL).

"Several parties have shown interest in exporting low-carbon electricity, especially from solar power plants," he told the Jakarta Post.



As to how a solar power export trend might affect Indonesia's efforts to achieve the 23 per cent target, Erika Hamdi, an energy analyst with the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), said the interesting question was who would get to claim the carbon reduction in joint venture projects.

"If the [carbon reduction] has been claimed by Indonesia, it cannot be claimed by Singapore, and vice versa," she said. The carbon credits for solar power projects were usually claimed by the energy purchaser, said Chatterjee. Ownership for the credits associated with the clean energy generation of the solar arrays was assigned in the power purchase agreement (PPA), he added.

A joint venture between Indonesia and Singapore has agreed to develop a total of three solar power export projects.

Leeds Int’1 Film Festival to Host Iranian “Orthodontics”



TEHRAN (MNA) – Iranian short film ‘Orthodontics’ directed by Mohammadreza Mayghani, will take part in the 35th edition of the Leeds International Film Festival in the UK.

Iranian short film ‘Orthodontics’ directed, written and produced by Mohammadreza Mayghani, will be screened in the Leeds International Film Festival which is slated to be held on November 3-18.

The synopsis of ‘Orthodontics’ read, “Amitis is a teenage girl who always has an orthodontics headgear and under the pressure of orthodontic treatment. But suddenly she does a strange thing with her friend Sara.”



Last Seven Years on Track to Be Hottest on Record

GLASGOW (AFP) - The years from 2015 to 2021 are on track to be the seven hottest on record, the World Meteorological Organization said on Sunday, warning that the planet was heading into “uncharted territory”.

The preliminary WMO state of the climate report, launched as the UN COP26 climate conference opens, said that global warming from greenhouse gas emissions threatens “far-reaching repercussions for current and future generations”.

Based on data for the first nine months of the year, the WMO said 2021 was likely to be between the fifth and seventh warmest year on record -- despite the cooling effect of the La Nina phenomenon that lowered temperatures at the beginning of the year.

“From the ocean depths to mountain tops, from melting glaciers to relentless extreme weather events, ecosystems and communities around the globe are being devastated,” said United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in a statement on the report.

He added that the two-week COP26 climate conference “must be a turning point for people and planet”.

The WMO found that the average temperature for 2021 was around 1.09 degrees Celsius higher than pre-industrial levels.

And the average temperature over the last 20 years (2002-2021) for the first time exceeded the symbolic threshold of 1C above the mid-19th century, when humans began burning fossil fuels on an industrial scale.

This will “focus the minds of delegates at COP26 aspiring to keep global temperature rise to within the limits agreed in Paris six years ago”, said Stephen Belcher, chief scientist at Britain’s Met Office.

The 2015 Paris Agreement saw countries agree to cap global warming at “well below” 2C above pre-industrial levels, and 1.5C if possible.

Since then the world has seen a litany of weather disasters including record-shattering wildfires across Australia and Siberia, a once-in-a-thousand-years heatwave in North America and extreme rainfall that caused massive flooding in Asia, Africa, the US and Europe.

“Extreme events are the new norm,” said WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas.

“There is mounting scientific evidence that some of these bear the footprint of

human-induced climate change.”

The state of the climate report is a snapshot of planetary health, including temperatures, extreme weather, glacier retreat and ice melt.

Ocean acidification due to the absorption of carbon dioxide by the seas was “unprecedented” in at least 26,000 years, the WMO said, adding that this will lessen the ability of the oceans to take in more CO2.

Meanwhile, sea level rise -- mainly caused by the expansion of warming sea water and the melting of ice on land -- was at a new high.

The report is “shocking and deeply disturbing and yet another wake-up call to world leaders that time has run out for talk”, said Jonathan Bamber, Director of the Bristol Glaciology Centre, in comments to the Science Media Centre.

He said on the current trajectory, sea level rise could exceed two meters (more than six feet) by 2100, which could displace some 630 million people worldwide.

“The consequences of that are unimaginable,” said Bamber.

“What is required now is profound and comprehensive action by every nation and state actor to limit further and deeper climate breakdown.”

Iran, India Begin New Economic Diplomacy

BANDAR ABBAS (IRNA) - The Islamic Republic of Iran and India have started a new economic diplomacy in Iran’s southern province Hormozgan, indicating their capacity to expand ties despite the US unilateral sanctions against Tehran.

India could be considered to have a unique status in Iran’s foreign policy, as their relationship has always been mild, stable, and long-standing.

The two countries have long-lasting historical, lingual, religious, and cultural commonalities and have recently developed, in addition to economic and cultural relations, military ties with Indian fleets being deployed to Hormozgan coasts and Iranian flotillas to the Indian Ocean as well as holding joint marine drills.

Indians had a bold presence in Hormozgan Province in the first half of the 20th century which is manifested in the Hindu Temple constructed in 1921 in Bandar Abbas.

Indian Ambassador to Tehran Gaddam Dharmendra and Indian Embassy’s second secretary, economic attaché, and military attaché took a trip to Hormozgan



Province, south Iran on Sunday.

Indian officials had a meeting with Bandar Abbas mayor, paid a visit to Shahid Rajaei Port that is the largest commercial port in Iran, met with a group of economic activists and commerce chamber officials, and finally had a meeting with the governor-general of Hormozgan Province.

The Indian ambassador called Iran a strong partner for India and said that the countries could be strategic partners in the region and international arena.

He also pointed to the capacity of Hormozgan Province and Shahid Rajaei Port in the North-South Corridor and said that India would convey its positive viewpoint on Hormozgan to Iranian foreign minister in his trip to India.

Governor-General of Hormozgan Province Mehdi Dousti said that the province would soon introduce representatives from the government and private sector to form a joint working group with Indian representatives to elevate trade ties with the country.

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This rapporteur attaches value to any political declaration against Iran, attends the gatherings of the terrorist groups, and bases his reports on biased and deviated information, but is not yielding to identifying the real cases of breaching the human rights of the Iranian nation, leaving no doubt that the special rapporteur’s reports on Iran are based on politicizing and need to be ended, he added. A group of UN technicians and human rights rapporteurs a few days ago issued a joint communique in which they have referred to Javaid Rehman’s over-obedience of some countries of the unilateral US sanctions, considering their move obvious breaching of the Iranian nation’s rights to have access to health and their other human rights.

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He said that Iranian businesses in India and the country’s embassy in the New Delhi had contributed to negotiations with Adani Ports that led to the removal of the ban in Mundra.

Iran has expanded its sea trade with India in recent years with efforts mostly focused on development of the southeastern Iranian port of Chabahar through which India seeks easier access to Afghanistan and

landlocked countries in Central Asia. A report by the semi-official Tasnim news agency said India’s ambassador to Tehran Gaddam Dharmendra had travelled to Bandar Shahid Rajayi, Iran’s largest container port, on Sunday. The report said that the diplomat’s visit to the port on the Persian Gulf coast was in line with plans to sign a sister ports agreement between Shahid Rajayi and India’s port of Mumbai.

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“If there were a resistance, they would have joined it,” Rahmatullah Nabil is quoted as saying, arguing that “for the time being” Daesh is the only armed group in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has been rocked by a series of terrorist attacks since August, claimed by the Daesh terrorist group in its new, more dangerous incarnation. The resurgence of the terrorist group coincided with the disastrous end of the US military occupation of Afghanistan. The narrative that the US military-industrial complex paved the way for its resurgence has been gaining ground for quite some time now.

The Taliban officials have unequivocally blamed the US for the group’s return in Afghanistan.

Notably, the top American military commander Mark Milley sounded alarm bells recently, saying there was probability of a broader civil war, reconstitution of Al-Qaeda and growth of Daesh in the country.

U.S. undersecretary of defense Colin Kahl told the U.S. Senate last week that the group could be in a position to attack the West from Afghanistan within six months. The U.S. completed the chaotic withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan by the end of August, in what observers saw as a botched exit after a futile military adventure lasting 20 years.

The U.S.-led NATO alliance invaded the South Asian country in 2001 under the pretext of ‘war on terror’, to decimate the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. None of the goals were achieved despite massive investment.

A senior Taliban commander Mawlawi Zubair recently turned down the U.S. proposal to jointly fight the Daesh, saying “there is no need, not even a tiny need, for us to seek assistance from anyone”.

Australia Suffers From Crazy House Prices, Record-High Petrol Prices

SYDNEY (Dispatches) - Australians are feeling the pain as house values rise by 30 per cent a year, petrol prices hit record highs and used cars become more expensive - but wages are hardly growing.

So with Twitter billionaire founder Jack Dorsey issuing a dramatic warning that global ‘hyperinflation is going to change everything’, is the worst still to come?

The 44-year-old social media mogul issued a grim warning that rising inflation in the United States would become a global contagion: ‘It will happen in the US soon, and so the world.’

Under hyperinflation, prices rises at astronomical rates every month to the point money is carried around in wheelbarrows as prices, in some cases, literally double every day.

It has been seen in Zimbabwe, Germany’s Weimar Republic during the 1920s and Venezuela.

Australian house values are rising by 30 per cent a year, petrol prices are at record highs, used cars are more expensive but wages are hardly growing (pictured are Sydney business managers Elaine Stephanie and Oranith Phattrapanee preparing for the end of lockdown)

In Australia, house prices in some cities have increased by more than 30 per cent during the past year.

Then there are increasing food prices with beef now 10.9 per cent more expensive than a year ago.

Used car prices are also 36 per cent dearer than before the pandemic, as global Covid restrictions and a semiconductor shortage hamper the supply of new cars.

Sydney and Melbourne motorists are paying a record 172 cents a litre for petrol.

But these increases aren’t even remotely comparable to, say, Zimbabwe under murderous tyrant Robert Mugabe where the inflation rate was 79,600,000,000 per cent in 2008.

That occurred eight years after his ZANU-PF government forcibly took over white-owned farms, causing widespread food shortages and pushing up the price of bread to \$10million Zimbabwe dollars as a bag of potatoes cost \$160million in the local currency.

Nor is it anything like Venezuela under the socialist leadership of Hugo Chavez and Nicolás Maduro where hyperinflation in 2019 hit 10million per cent in 2019.

This saw a kilogram of milk powder cost 19,995 bolívars or half a typical salary. Hyperinflation gripped Weimar Republic Germany after World War I and saw money carried around in wheelbarrows during the early 1920s, following the harsh reparation demands of the French-led Treaty of Versailles.

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OPEC heavyweight Saudi Arabia has already dismissed calls for more oil supplies from the group, saying the oil market was well-supplied.

“Other than the potential for the market returning to surplus next year, the other factor holding back the group is the uncertainty over if and when Iranian supply could return to the market,” bank ING said on Monday. Last week, Iran said talks with six world powers to try to revive a 2015 nuclear deal will resume by the end of November.

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Last year, seeing a delay from India’s side, Iran decided to develop the rail link on its own.

“We have completed more than 70 per cent of the rail network between Chabahar and Zahedan... We now expect India to come for signalling and other infra development,” the envoy said.

“Chabahar is a very big area for investments and there is a free trade zone area ... (There are a) lot of opportunities for India to come and invest. Unfortunately, the private sector from India is still hesitant because of some fear regarding the sanctions. I am sure the (Indian) government wants that, but the speed is not there,” he commented.

Chegeni also confirmed Amir Abdollahian’s upcoming visit to India in November.

Amir Abdollahian was scheduled to visit earlier, but due to the rapid changes in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime, the trip got postponed.

“We are strategic partners, we are in the same geography, we are in the same history,” the ambassador continued, adding, “I now see goodwill and the potential of a high-profile relationship under our new President.”

“My minister will be coming; we will have an exchange of visits ... A new chapter will be opened. Both countries have a lot of potential to improve the relationship ... We are going to have a very good relationship, promoting economic, political and other aspects of the relationship,” he added.

Chegeni further said for the first time in the history of India-Iran bilateral ties, a special representative for India has been appointed by his country’s President. Earlier this year, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Iran twice as President Raisi came to power.

Chegeni stated Iran will also participate in the NSA-level talks on Afghanistan in New Delhi, which will be hosted by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

Tehran last month hosted a meeting of Afghanistan’s neighbouring and regional countries, to which India was not invited. The meeting was aimed at pushing the Taliban regime in Afghanistan to establish an inclusive government.

Chegeni said this was an initiative of Pakistan, and inviting India depended on the entire group. Apart from Iran, the meeting in Tehran was attended by Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, China and Russia. The next round, which is going to be the third of this format of talks, is expected to be held in Beijing.

However, on the NSA talks, the ambassador noted, “We see Indian participation in different formats as pushing our ideas, strengthening our ideas. So, we welcome Indian presence in all different formats. We share similar views and we see India’s presence in Afghanistan can solve the problem and that will bring peace and prosperity in Afghanistan.”

He also added Afghanistan should not become a place from where terrorists are to be used against neighbouring and regional countries.

“People of Afghanistan have the right to enjoy a good life. We feel the fire in our neighboring country will bring the fire at home. Instability in Afghanistan will also affect the neighboring countries,” he stated.

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In response to a question about some Western media reports of a U.S. offer to Iran to hold bilateral talks in Baghdad, Khatibzadeh said there has been no dialogue between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the American side for a long time.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman also stressed that the South Korean government needs to take action to return Iranian blocked funds. “Our blocked money in South Korea must be returned. Of course, efforts have been made in this regard, but it is not enough,” he stated.

Khatibzadeh noted that the South Korean government’s seizure of Iranian money is separate from other bilateral issues, and that the two sides try to make sure that this problem will have the least possible impact on bilateral relations. He also dismissed as a joke South Korea’s recent donation of a limited number of face masks to Iran, stressing that the South Korean people have shown that they are dissatisfied with what their government has done regarding Iran.

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Last year, the industry was able to achieve 78 percent growth despite the restrictions on the manufacturing sector, Deputy Industry, Mining and Trade Minister Mehdi Sadeqi Niaraki has said, adding, “While foreign brands left Iran, manufacturers were able to achieve this leap by relying on domestic capacities.”

Back in April, the official had said that considering the Iranian home appliance industry’s infrastructure and capacities, the country will be able to become an exporter of such products in the near future because most of the raw materials needed by the mentioned sector are produced domestically.

Afghanistan Beat Namibia by 62 Runs

ABU DHABI (Dispatches) - Afghanistan gained their second victory of the T20 World Cup group stage as they thrashed Namibia by 62 runs in Abu Dhabi.

Afghanistan batted first and made 160-5 with former captain Asghar Afghan bidding farewell with 31.

They then held Namibia to 98-9 as seamers Hamid Hassan, making his first T20 international appearance in five years, and Naveen-ul-Haq both took three wickets.

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Zaha Suffers Racist Abuse Online

LONDON (Dispatches) - Crystal Palace forward Wilfried Zaha has been subjected to racist abuse online and the 28-year-old shared screenshots of some of the comments after 2-0 Premier League win over Manchester City.

Zaha, who scored the opening goal of the game at the Etihad Stadium, was brought down by Aymeric Laporte which resulted in the City defender receiving a straight red card in first-half stoppage time.

Spurs Spread Around Scoring to Upset Bucks

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - San Antonio used a balanced attack Saturday to beat the reigning NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks 102-93, snapping a four-game losing skid with their first road victory of the season.

Point guard Dejounte Murray and reserve Bryn Forbes led the charge as five players, including two off the bench, scored in double figures for the Spurs, who improved to 2-4 on the season.

Murray scored a team-high 23 points, Forbes had 16, Derrick White delivered 17 and Keldon Johnson finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs. Thaddeus Young came off the bench to score 10.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the injury-hit Bucks who were missing Brook Lopez (back), Jrue Holiday (ankle) and Donte DiVincenzo (ankle surgery).

The Spurs were playing the third game of a road trip and coming off a disappointing 104-99 loss to Dallas.

San Antonio's mostly inexperienced squad outscored Milwaukee 33-26 in the final quarter.

The Spurs played without starting forward Doug McDermott, who has an injured knee.

In Washington, Bradley Beal scored a team-high 36 points and Kyle Kuzma grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds as the Washington Wizards continued their hot start to the season by beating the Boston Celtics 115-112 in double overtime.

Both Kuzma (17 points) and Montrezl Harrell (20 points, 14 rebounds) finished with double doubles as the Wizards improved to 5-1 for their best start since the 2005-06 season.

"It just shows our resilience," Washington coach Wes Unseld Jr. said. "I keep using that word, but it's who we are and who we have to be. And every night somebody else finds a way to step up and make a play for us."

Boston's Jaylen Brown finished with 34 points and Jayson Tatum tallied 27 points and 15 rebounds. Josh Richardson was the only other Celtic to score in double figures, coming off the bench to score 18.

Al Horford grabbed 10 rebounds and



blocked six shots for the Celtics, who played in their third overtime game out of six contests this season.

Beal made a layup with 25 seconds left in the first overtime period that forced a second one.

In double overtime, Beal scored on a fadeaway and layup, then Spencer Dinwiddie hit for two of his 20 points to give Washington a three-point lead.

Tatum forced a Kentavious Caldwell-Pope turnover to give Boston one last gasp. But Caldwell-Pope then stripped Brown on the final possession to secure the win for the Wizards.

"We stayed composed, we stayed within each other, and we got the job done," Caldwell-Pope said.

Also, Jerami Grant scored 22 points and NBA Draft top overall pick Cade Cunningham made his NBA debut as the Detroit Pistons beat the Orlando Magic 110-103.

Cunningham was sidelined the first four games with an ankle injury. He played 19 minutes, mostly in the first half, and shot one-for-eight from the field while scoring two points. He added seven rebounds and two assists.

Kelly Olynyk contributed 18 points, five rebounds and four assists, while Josh Jackson tossed in 13 points with seven rebounds for Detroit.

Zverev Takes Vienna Title

VIENNA (AFP) - Alexander Zverev beat American qualifier Frances Tiafoe 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the Vienna ATP tournament to claim his fifth title of the year.

The German second seed ran his record since losing in the last 16 in Wimbledon in June to 25-2 as he won in one hour and 36 minutes.

He has claimed all five finals that he has competed in this year with earlier titles coming in Acapulco, Madrid, the Olympic Games and Cincinnati.

"He didn't let me play the way I wanted to play, tactically he was very good," Zverev said. "But I am happy with the win and I am happy with my fifth title of the year and I am happy with my first in Vienna, so it was a good day."

Zverev broke in the fourth game of the first set but Tiafoe, the world number 49, immediately broke back.

Zverev found the breakthrough in the tense 12th game which he took after three deuces.

In the second set Zverev's serve was rarely threatened as he produced eight aces, while he had break points against Tiafoe in the second and sixth games before finally making one count in the 10th game.

He then held to love to seal the victory.

Tiafoe had been aiming to win his first tour title since Delray Beach in 2018.

Cilic Wins in Saint Petersburg For 20th Career Title

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Former U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic defeated American Taylor Fritz 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-4 to win the St Petersburg trophy and claim a 20th career title.

Cilic is just the sixth active player to pass the 20-trophy landmark, joining Roger Federer (103), Rafael Nadal (88), Novak Djokovic (85), Andy Murray (46) and Juan Martin del Potro (22).

Cilic, a former world number three, now ranked at 35, has collected four of his titles in Russia -- the 2011 and 2021 crowns in St. Petersburg and back-to-back wins in Moscow in 2014-2015.

Kontaveit Wins In Transylvania

BUCHAREST (Dispatches) - Anett Kontaveit defeated top seeded home hope Simona Halep to win the Transylvania Open and secure a maiden spot in the season-ending WTA Finals.

The Estonian eased to a 6-2, 6-3 victory for a fourth title of 2021, all of them coming in the last 10 weeks.

As well as being the first player representing Estonia to make the year-ending championships, Kontaveit is projected to make her Top 10 debut in Monday's rankings.

Sunday's title added to her trophies this season at Cleveland, Ostrava and Moscow.

Having won 26 of her last 28 matches, Kontaveit joins Aryna Sabalenka, Barbora Krejickova, Karolina Pliskova, Maria Sakkari, Iga Swiatek, Garbine Muguruza and Paula Badosa in the WTA Finals in Guadalajara next month.

Medvedev Coy About Playing in Australian Open

PARIS (Dispatches) - U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev says he is willing to play in the Australian Open but would not commit himself to doing so with only players vaccinated against Covid being allowed to compete.

The 25-year-old Russian said he agrees with world number one Novak Djokovic and that medical records should be confidential and private.



Djokovic Commits to Doubles Duty on Return to Action

PARIS (Dispatches) - Novak Djokovic has signed up for both singles and doubles duty at next week's Paris Masters, as the Serbian world number one returns to competitive action for the first time since his defeat in the US Open final to Russian Daniil Medvedev.

Djokovic, who is level with Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal on 20 major titles, has not played since coming up short last month in his bid for a calendar Grand Slam, losing in straight sets to

Medvedev at Flushing Meadows.

The 34-year-old will be the top seed at the Masters 1000 event in Bercy, where he is a five-time champion, and will also team up with countryman Filip Krajnovic with an eye on some practice ahead of the Davis Cup at the end of November.

"He's going to play with Krajnovic, his buddy from the Davis Cup," tournament director Guy Forget told reporters on Saturday.

"He said he would commit himself to play for the Davis Cup for his own country. This is why he wanted to play doubles here.

"We don't often see him play doubles, so we're delighted. It's rare to see a No. 1 playing a Masters 1000 in doubles."

After a first round bye, Djokovic will open his Paris Masters singles campaign either against Italian Fabio Fognini or Marton Fucsovics from Hungary.

New Zealand Defeat India to Revive Campaign

DUBAI (Reuters) - New Zealand revived their Twenty20 World Cup campaign with an eight-wicket thrashing of India, whose own semi-final hopes suffered a jolt after their second successive defeat in the tournament.

Put in to bat, India's rejigged top order wilted in no time and the 2007 champions crawled to 110-7 in 20 overs in the Super 12 match.

The below-par total was unlikely to test New Zealand's batting might and so it proved.

Daryl Mitchell made a breezy 49 and Williamson remained not out on 33 as New Zealand cruised to their first win of the tournament with 33 balls to spare.

"A fantastic all-round performance from us against a formidable India side," Williamson said after the victory.

"We were able to build pressure throughout and the way the openers came out really set the platform."

The Group II match featured two teams who were beaten by group leaders Pakistan in their respective openers and needed a victory to put their campaigns back on track.

New Zealand have been India's bogey team in recent global tournaments having prevailed over Virat Kohli's men in the semi-finals of the 2019 ODI World Cup and the final of the World Test Championship this year.

India tweaked their top-order for the match for the same opponents, harnessing Ishan Kishan with KL Rahul in a left-right combination and dropping Rohit Sharma to number three.



Correa Leads Inter to Win Over Udinese

MILAN (Dispatches) - Joaquin Correa scored twice in the space of eight second-half minutes to earn Inter Milan a comfortable 2-0 win over Udinese and provisionally lift the champions to four points off top spot in Serie A on Sunday.

Simone Inzaghi's side are third with 24 points, four behind leaders Napoli and second-placed AC Milan, who face Salernitana and AS Roma respectively later on Sunday.

"It was not a simple game, Udinese are a physical team that worries everyone. The guys were great, we deserved to win," Inzaghi told Sky Italia.

"We must continue like this, we have won two games in a row without conceding."

The hosts struggled to break down a well-organised Udinese defence in the first half despite the efforts of midfielder Nicolò Barella, who fired seven shots at goal before halftime.

But a superb individual effort from Argentina forward Correa put Inter in front after an hour, and he fired in a second eight minutes later to earn the Nerazzurri a deserved victory.

Inzaghi rotated his team amid a busy run of fixtures for Inter, with Stefan De Vrij and Lautaro Martinez among the players rested ahead of Wednesday's Champions League trip to Sheriff Tiraspol and next weekend's Milan derby against AC Milan.

