

Consular Director-General of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Reports An Increase in Visa Issuance for Foreigners, After a 20-Month Period Due to the Corona Pandemic

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Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh on Thursday Night Strongly Criticized the Inappropriate Behavior of Westerners on the Eve Of the Vienna Talks Saying That They Issue Bogus Statements

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Tehran calls for Scrapping Sanctions, Immunizing JCPOA

TEHRAN (PressTV) - The chief Iranian negotiator calls once more on Washington to relieve all its sanctions against Iran and also provide guarantees that future American administrations would not walk out of the 2015 nuclear deal between the Islamic Republic and other countries.

Ali Baqeri-Kani, who leads the country's talks with the nuclear agreement's signatories, made the remarks in an interview with The Independent on Thursday.

The U.S. left the historic accord in 2018 under former American president Donald Trump. It then returned the sanctions that the deal had lifted and started to force other countries to abide by the economic restrictions too.

Former American president Donald Trump would call the policy Washington's "maximum pressure" campaign. His successor Joe Biden has voiced a willingness to return the U.S. to the deal, but has refused to take any meaningful measures towards the self-proclaimed intention.

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Iran Seeking to Normalize Trade Ties With Europe

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Iran's Ambassador to Germany said that Tehran continues to normalize trade relations with Europe.

Mahmoud Farazandeh made the remarks in an interview with Germany's federal union for economic development and foreign trade (BWA). "But in the case of absence of the necessary will to use investment opportunities in Iran on the other side, such opportunities will be used by serious business competitors, an issue that greatly weakens Europe's position in Iran," the Iranian ambassador said.

In response to a question about the state of economic relations between Iran and Germany while referring to the positive view of the two countries towards each other and his colleagues' efforts to promote bilateral relations in various fields, he stressed the high capacity of the two countries to meet mutual needs.

Access to Iran's large market in various fields, including energy in safe conditions and communication and use of Iran's young and educated population and the market of 400 million people in Iran and neighboring countries, has provided a unique opportunity for German companies to invest.

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Iran Needs No Permit to Produce Advanced Centrifuges



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TEHRAN - The spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) has said Tehran does not need permission from anyone when it comes to producing advanced centrifuges as he lamented that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is under the influence of the US and its Western allies.

"At the Karaj nuclear facility, we don't have nuclear material, and that's why the site is not subject to the Safeguard Agreement. We produce centrifuges there. They say Iran is producing advanced centrifuges in the Karaj facility. Yes, we do not shy away from this fact," Behrouz Kamalvandi said in an interview with Iran's official TV on Thursday.

"Thank God, we are able to produce such centrifuges at a high capacity, and we do not get permission from anyone for this," he said, explaining that Iran is entitled to producing advanced centrifuges without having to endure any limits under Article 4 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Kamalvandi also criticized the IAEA over its prejudiced approach toward Iran's civilian nuclear program, saying the United Nations' nuclear agency is under the influence of major world powers.

Kamalvandi made the remarks days after Rafael Grossi director general of the IAEA visited Tehran in the wake of November 29 Vienna talks aimed at removing U.S. sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

Iran and six world powers - the US, Russia, China, France, Britain, and Germany - reached a nuclear agreement in 2015 to remove international sanctions against the Islamic Republic in exchange for certain caps on the country's nuclear program.

Despite repeated reports by the IAEA that certified Iran's full compliance with the deal - officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) - the US unilaterally withdrew from the accord and reinstated harsh economic sanctions.

In recent days, as the world awaits a new round of talks aimed at removing U.S. sanctions and reviving the JCPOA, Iran has called on the IAEA to refrain from politicizing technical matters that could be resolved otherwise.

"It is a fact that the IAEA has not treated Iran as it should," Kamalvandi said. "We have been constantly pointed this out and issued warnings."

Nevertheless, he continued, Iran has continued to strive and secure its rights and nullify the world powers' plots to establish the accusation that Iran was seeking nuclear weapons.

"Of course, they ultimately want to say, 'because Iran is looking for a nuclear weapon, it must not acquire a nuclear weapon,'" he said, adding that Tehran, despite knowing that the IAEA is under the influence of big powers, will not stop its cooperation with the UN nuclear agency.

In an escalation just a few days before the resumption of the Vienna talks, the U.S. threatened on Thursday to confront Iran at the IAEA next month if it does not cooperate more with the watchdog.

"If Iran's non-cooperation is not immediately remedied ... the Board will have no choice but to reconvene in extraordinary session before the end of this year in order to address the crisis," U.S. chargé d'affaires in Vienna Louis Bono said at an IAEA Board of Governors meeting.

Bono claimed that Iran "has still not provided the necessary cooperation, even after extensive attempts by the [IAEA] director general to develop a constructive relationship with Iran's new leadership."

Envoy Blasts Israel Over Its Nuclear Claim Against Iran

TEHRAN (PressTV) - A senior Iranian diplomat with the country's permanent mission to international organizations in Vienna has slammed the Israeli envoy's anti-Iran remarks in an address to the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Mohammad Reza Ghaebi, who serves as the acting head of Iran's mission in the Austrian capital, on Thursday reacted to the Israeli envoy, who "presented a long, fabricated and boring story about Iran's peaceful nuclear activities" during his speech to the IAEA's Board.

"This regime has become so brazen that it manipulates the realities and preaches other members of the NPT (nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty)," Iran's representative said in response to the Israeli envoy's remarks.

Ghaebi added, "Israel preaching [other IAEA members] about the importance of nonproliferation and the safeguards regime is like a mafia boss preaching [others] about the importance of laws set to fight organized crimes."

"This is not the first time that Israel's representative [at the IAEA] takes up the valuable time of the Board of Governors by telling a long, boring and fabricated story about Iran's peaceful nuclear activities," the Iranian diplomat said.

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ViewPoint

By: Hamid Reza Naghashian



Powerful Iran a Thorn in Eyes of West

While the November 29 is approaching and everybody is waiting for the resumption of the nuclear talks between the Islamic Republic of Iran and P4+1, the West led by the U.S. has begun making fuss and sometimes it is barking to frighten the Islamic Republic of Iran in order to corner the country for getting more unilateral concessions but they have forgotten that the Islamic Republic of Iran now has upper hand against them and it will not repeat the same mistake that it committed in 2015 and during its pro-West government.

Every day the U.S. and sometimes some European officials resort to bullying Iran but they have forgotten this fact that Iran has turned into a powerful regional country and it can defend itself strongly against any vicious act from them either militarily or economically.

Americans threaten Iran with different options on the table essentially with military one but at the same time they acknowledge that Iran is a powerful country in terms of defensive and attacking military power.

On Wednesday once again one of the American senior military officials admitted that Iran has progressed amazingly in military field and to some extent he said it will be tough to mess with this powerful country in the West Asia.

The commander of U.S. Central Command has acknowledged the significant progress that Iran has made in its ballistic missile capabilities in recent years, saying Tehran's precision-guided missile attack on the U.S.-run Ain al-Assad air base in Iraq last year is proof of the advancement.

"The one thing the Iranians have done over the last three to five years is they built a very capable ballistic missile platform," General Kenneth McKenzie told TIME magazine.

In January 2020, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched a barrage of ballistic missiles at two U.S.-run bases in Iraq as part of its promised revenge days after the US military assassinated its Quds Force Commander Lieutenant General Soleimani in Baghdad. Iran called the IRGC's strikes "Operation Martyr Soleimani."

The missiles targeted an airbase in Iraq's Erbil as well as the Ain al-Asad airbase in the Arab country's western province of Anbar, in what Tehran described as a "first slap."

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Iran Posts \$2.8b Trade Surplus With ECO Countries

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran has maintained a trade surplus of \$2.8 billion with the bloc of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in the seven months to late October, according to figures by the Iranian customs office IRICA.

IRICA spokesman Rouhollah Latifi said that Iranian exports to the 10-member ECO bloc had amounted to over \$6 billion in the seven months to October 22, an increase of 60% against a similar period last year.

Latifi said the value of exports to ECO countries over the period had exceeded figures seen before the coronavirus hit trade in the region in 2019.

He said exports to Turkey had been responsible for 56% of all shipments sent to the ECO bloc at nearly \$3.4 billion. Exports to Afghanistan and Pakistan reached \$1.12 billion and over \$655 million, respectively, added the official.

On Imports from ECO, Latifi said that shipments had increased by 31% year on year in March-October to more than \$3.3 billion with Turkey being the largest supplier at \$2.861 billion.

Iran is a founding member of ECO, an organization which has sought to promote sustainable economic development for member states in a region beset by violence and political rivalries over the past decades.

The organization consists of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Heads of states of bloc will gather in Turkmenistan's capital Ashgabat on November 28 for a summit which is expected to further boost regional cooperation.



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ECO to Help Broaden Iran-Turkmenistan Cooperation

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian in a telephone conversation with his Turkmen counterpart called the upcoming ECO Summit an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest.

During the phone conversation, the Amirabdollahian exchanged views with the deputy prime minister and the foreign minister of Turkmenistan, Raşit Meredow on bilateral relations and the ECO summit to be held in Ashgabat.

Amirabdollahian conveyed the greetings of Iran's President to the President of Turkmenistan and announced his readiness to cooperate in holding this summit successfully.

SCO Is Successful in Strategic Regional Cooperation

TEHRAN (IRNA) - First Vice President of Iran Mohammad Mokhber said in the 20th Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) which was held online that the body was a successful example of strategic regional cooperation and in line with promotion of multilateralism in the international arena.

Mokhber appreciated the member states for accepting Iran's request for full membership this year and said that Iran was ready to complete its membership process in the shortest time possible.

He said that Iran, as a responsible member of the regional and global community, enjoys many capabilities, including sustainable security and stability, rich energy resources, geographical continuity and national integration, extended historical and cultural ties with the SCO member states, and a rich culture that prevents growth of extremism.

The first vice president also referred to Iran's transportation advantages due to adjacency with the Caspian Sea in the north and the Persian Gulf in the south which allows the member states to get connected to global markets.

As a policy announced by President Ebrahim Raisi, Mokhber said, the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches a lot of importance to strengthening of ties with countries



in the region, especially to facilitate transportation from China, South Asia and Southeast Asia to Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Russia.

He singled out Afghanistan, saying that without paying attention to security grounds and challenges, the planning for facilitation of investment and expansion of economic cooperation to reach sustainable development and security wouldn't be possible.

Mokhber mentioned several economic mechanisms devised by the SCO, including Interbank Consortium, Business Council, Development Bank and Energy Club, and said that Iran welcomed all these mechanisms and was ready to activate all its capacity to realize the goals of the mechanisms.

Minister Emphasizes Need To Expand Tehran-Islamabad Cultural Ties



TEHRAN (IRNA) - Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance here referring to 13th government's policy of expansion of ties with neighboring countries, stressed the need to expand Tehran's cultural ties with Islamabad.

Mohammad Mehdi Esmaili made the comment in a meeting with Pakistan's ambassador to Iran, and referring to the historical, cultural and civilizational shared background of Iran and Pakistan.

"The two countries have lots of commonalities in those fields, and many of our literary figures have had cultural activities in different regions of Pakistan," he added.

Esmaili said that the Iranians have always felt that the people of Pakistan and their brothers and friends and during the past century great Pakistani personalities, such as Iqbal Lahori have been very popular in Iran and his poems are recited in Iranian schools.

Pakistan's Ambassador to Iran Rahim Hayat Qureshi, too, said that Iran and Pakistan have lots of cultural and civilizational commonalities.

"During the past 800 years our official language in South Asia has been the Persian language, and besides the language, the architecture of the two nations are quite close to each other," he added.

The Pakistani ambassador also prosed cooperation in cinematographic, cultural and artistic fields between the two countries.

"The two countries can get engaged in a shared cinema production based on the lives of the two countries' champions, or make TV serials based on them," he added.

FM Proposes Establishment of Iran-Armenian Economic Commission

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Iranian foreign minister in a phone talk with his Armenian counterpart expressed hope that the Joint Economic Commission of Iran and Armenia will be established as soon as possible.

Hossein Amirabdollahian and Ararat Mirzoyan in their Wednesday night phone talk focused on various issues, such as bilateral relations, economic cooperation, the two countries' joint economic commission, the ECO summit meeting, and the regional and international developments.

The Iranian foreign minister said that Iran-Armenia relations are quite logical and ever onward, asking for their further comprehensive expansion.

He expressed satisfaction about the recent months' growth of the two countries' relations and highlighted the significance of expansion of ties in political and economic grounds, as well as the other fields.

The Iranian foreign minister announced the readiness of the Iranian companies for having a stronger presence in Armenian Republic.

Amirabdollahian said in the phone talk that the Islamic Republic of Iran's basic policy is not accepting any change in regional countries international borders, expressed Tehran's worries about the recent military clashes in Caucasus region, and asked for self-restraint and respecting the territorial integrity of all regional countries.

The Armenian foreign minister, too, in the phone talk referred to the proposed roadmap for the two countries' relations which was emphasized in his recent visit of Tehran and announced his country's readiness for sponsoring the joint economic commission and expansion of economic ties with Iran.

Ararat Mirzoyan praised the Islamic Republic of Iran's standpoint on the need to respect the territorial integrity of every country and announced Yerevan's determination to expand comprehensive relations with Iran.

He, meanwhile, repeated his invitation for his Iranian counterpart's visit to Armenia.

Iran, Iraq Stress Int'l Prosecution of Masterminds Behind Assassination of Martyr Soleimani

TEHRAN (PressTV) - An investigation committee comprised of officials from Iran and Iraq has announced the conclusion of a joint agreement on taking all necessary legal measures to prosecute perpetrators behind the last year's U.S. assassination of top Iranian anti-terror commander Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani and deputy commander of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

The Joint Investigation Committee set up by Iran and Iraq said in a statement issued at the end of their two-day meeting in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Thursday that it has started the legal proceedings to pursue and prosecute the parties involved in the January 2020 assassination of the two distinguished commanders.

The investigation committee announced that all possible judicial and legal measures would be taken to bring to justice and punish perpetrators and those involved in the heinous crime.

General Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and his Iraqi trenchmate Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of Iraq's PMU, were martyred along with their companions in a US drone strike authorized by former President Donald Trump near Baghdad International Airport on January 3, 2020.

Both commanders were highly popular because of

their key role in fighting the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group in the region, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

In a relevant development on Thursday, Kazem Gharibabadi, the secretary general of Iran's Human Rights Office, confirmed in a series of tweets that the investigation committee has concluded its work by issuing a joint statement.

"Both sides recognized that the crime was committed during the official visit of Martyr Soleimani to Iraq; condemned the crime as a serious crime, which violated the national sovereignty of Iraq and rules of international law and human rights; stressed the necessity to combat the impunity of the perpetrators and bring them to justice," Gharibabadi wrote.

The senior Iranian official also stated that the two sides agreed "to take all possible legal and judicial measures to prosecute and punish all those involved in the crime, particularly U.S. agents and nationals involved."

The joint statement on Thursday also underlined bolstering cooperation between the two countries and called for employing the entire existing capacities to complete the ongoing investigations and resume meetings as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the joint judicial team will be held next month in the Iranian capital, Tehran.

Iran Has Plans to Expand Ties With Kuwait

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani, in a meeting with the Kuwaiti foreign minister on Thursday, underscored expansion of comprehensive ties with neighboring countries.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah conveyed the greetings of Emir of Kuwait to the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution and President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The top diplomat also underlined the importance of expansion of bilateral ties in all areas between Iran and Kuwait and thanked Tehran's friendly stances with regards to Kuwait and other countries in the region.

Elsewhere in the meeting, Bagheri Kani said that the new administration in Iran has given priority to expanding and strengthening of relations with neighboring countries, Persian Gulf states in particular.

Tehran Municipality to Cooperate With Tokyo Governorate



TEHRAN (IRNA) - Tehran mayor proposed that a joint workgroup to be established between Tehran Municipality and Tokyo Governorate to upgrade the level of relations from greetings to scientific achievements.

Tehran Mayor Ali-Reza Zakani in his meeting with Japan's Ambassador to Iran Aikawa Kazutoshi, arguing said that the Iranian and Japanese nations have had 90 years of relations amid mutual respect and "I am very delighted that the ambassador of Japan in Tehran has good information about Tehran and Iran and experience of working in our country".

"We have the good experience of having fruitful cooperation between Tehran Municipality and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the field of crisis management," said Zakani.

He expressed hope that today's meeting will lead to cooperation in such areas as transportations, environment, garbage recycling, and other issues related to security of Tehrani citizens.

"We can also use Japan's precious experience in dealing with earthquakes and the technologies to counter them," added Mayor Zakani.

Japan's ambassador, for his part, congratulated Zakani for being appointed as Tehran mayor, saying that the metropolitan Tehran city's management is quite difficult and "I wish you succeed in your job, and appreciate your invitation for Tokyo governor, and will inform him about the matter".

"Although coronavirus has made everything difficult, I hope you, too, will visit Japan upon your first convenient opportunity," added Ambassador Aikawa Kazutoshi.

He said that a large city's management is tough and this year the Olympic Games were held in Tokyo, in which Iran, both participated and gained many gold medals, which is praiseworthy.

The ambassador also appreciated the fine and descent behavior of the Iranian athletic teams in Japan, which the Japanese nation really liked.

Iran Slams Bahrain's Attempt to Falsely Link Tehran to Foiled Bombing

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran has dismissed Bahrain's accusations linking Tehran to what was claimed to be a foiled bomb attack in the kingdom, saying the regime in Manama will not be able to cover up its woes at home and abroad with such baseless allegations.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh reacted to the Bahraini interior ministry's claims that the kingdom had arrested a number of suspects "linked with terrorist groups in Iran" and confiscated weapons and explosives ahead of a "planned terrorist operations against security and civil peace."

Khatibzadeh said making "such baseless claims simultaneously with the IISS Manama Dialogue, which has turned into a tribune against Iran, shows Bahrain's lack of comprehension about regional issues."

He added that the Bahraini government had put its relations with the illegitimate Israeli regime above ties with its own people and refused to fulfill their righteous civil demands. "The Bahraini government cannot cover up its problems inside and outside [the kingdom] by leveling such false accusations," the Iranian official added.

Bahrain, one of the closest U.S. allies in the region and host to the United States Navy's Fifth Fleet and other international naval operations, has often made groundless accusations against Iran, claiming that Tehran seeks to destabilize Manama. Iran has always denied such allegations.

Vaccine Manufacturing in Iran Highly Accurate

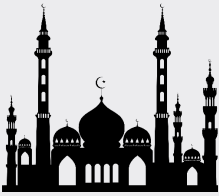
KARAJ (IP) - Health Minister said that domestic vaccines are checked and controlled with particular sensitivity, and the accuracy of their manufacturing is very high.

In a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, the scientists, and researchers of the Razi Vaccine and Serum Research Institute, Bahram Einollahi said that the government could solve Iran's problems with "We can" and cooperate with the parliament.

Referring to the outbreak of the coronavirus in the country and the fifth wave of COVID -19 peak, and the high mortality rate in the country, Einollahi noted that the scientists worked with concern, and their efforts surprised other countries.

He stressed that the government is always on the people's side, adding no limits between the ministries and the universities. Everyone is working together to serve the people. Einollahi highlighted that the activities of the Razi Institute and other vaccine manufacturing companies in the country, with the Leader's support, assured the people that with the outbreak of the new virus, Iranian scientists would be able to produce the vaccine.

He stressed that the Ministry of Health would support the Razi Institute in purchasing vaccines and exporting them to other countries. The Minister of Health and the Minister of Agriculture Jihad visited different parts of the Razi Vaccine and Serum Research Institute.



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91. They said: "By Allah, indeed has Allah preferred thee above us, and we certainly have been guilty of sin!"

92. He said: "This day let no reproach be (cast) on you: Allah will forgive you, and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy!"

Surah 12. Joseph (91 - 92)

Gov't to Divest Shares in Its Largest Gasoline Refinery

TEHRAN (PressTV) - The Iranian government is planning to hold an initial public offering (IPO) for its largest gasoline refinery within weeks as part of a privatization campaign which is meant to attract financial resources for the government and to use the private investment for the modernization of manufacturing infrastructure.

President of Iranian Privatization Organization Hossein Ghorbanzadeh said on Thursday that the government's shares in Arak Oil Refinery will be divested until December 22.

Ghorbanzadeh told the state TV that the divestment is in line with the annual budget law, saying the government will continue to sell assets that are deemed surplus to meet targets set under the budget.

The Arak Oil Refinery, which also goes by the name of Shazand refinery, is responsible for 25% of Iran's gasoline output. The refinery, which was founded in the early 1990s in the central Iranian province of Markazi, has a total capacity of 175,000 barrels per day (bpd).



The refinery is one of the most efficient in Iran as low-quality mazut fuel accounts for less than 10% of its output. It became the first refinery in Iran to produce pentane and hexane last year while a project is underway with more than \$300 million worth of investment to produce petroleum coke which is highly needed in the Iranian steel manufacturing sector.

Iran has to build 5,000 megawatts of coal-fired power capacity in the coming years due to limitations of gas supplies to power plants in cold seasons and the need to diversify the fuel basket of thermal power generation units, a senior energy official says.

Officials in the Oil Ministry, which controls the refinery, had said in August that the value of the facility for divestment is around 2,110 trillion rials or \$8.4 billion considering exchange prices at the time. They said the refinery's debts to the banking system in Iran amounted to around 800 million euros.

Gas of 80% of Iran Cement Plants Cut Off

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TEHRAN - The secretary of the Iranian Cement Industry Employers' Association says gas has been cut off from 60 out of 76 cement plants.

Abdolreza Sheikhan told ILNA that the third phase of the gas outage begins today, during which gas supply continues to only 16 cement companies and the gas of the rest of the companies is cut off. Part of Tehran, Alborz and some factories in the south of the country will still have gas, he said.

According to Sheikhan, the first gas cutoff phase of cement factories began on November 6, when among 76 cement companies, gas was cut off from 15 factories in the north and east of the country, as well as Azerbaijan.

"In the second phase, which began on November 16, gas from 24 other factories was cut off. The third phase of the gas glitch begins today, during which gas supply continues to only 16 companies and the gas of the rest of the companies is cut off."

Iran has faced severe gas deficits due to the lack of development of gas projects this year, as well as the continued significant waste of gas in the grid.

Oil Minister Javad Owji recently announced that there is expected to be a 200 million cubic meter per day gas deficit in the winter.

According to him, the country's gas production is not expected to increase this year and the gas deficit will be much higher than last year.

Italian Embassy Holds Preview of Exhibition on Vaziri Moghaddam

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TEHRAN – The Residence of Italian Ambassador Giuseppe Perrone on Wednesday hosted, the preview of the exhibition “Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam. Unrealized Projects. Dynamic Sculptures from Small to Monumental 1968-2018” which was to be held at Argo Factory as of Friday.

The exhibit showcases interactive sculptures by Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam, by many considered to be the champion of modernist painting in Iran.

Vaziri Moghaddam was born in 1924 in Iran and relocated to Italy at a young age to complete his studies and carry out his artistic work. The exhibition is being organized by the “Pejman Foundation” and the “Fondazione Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam” headed by Vaziri Moghaddam's son and based in Rome, with the support of the Italian Embassy in Tehran.

This initiative, indicated Ambassador Perrone in his introductory remarks, aims at celebrating a great artist, Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam, who drew inspiration from European abstract artistic movements and Italian art and nature. It will also highlight the depth of the cultural link between Italy and Iran as well as their mutual artistic influences.

Curated by the Maestro's son Hamoun Vaziri, the exhibit includes a group of about one-hundred works in the collection of the “Fondazione Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam”, such as sculptures, bas-reliefs, sketches and rhythmic aluminium reliefs.

Three years after the artist's death, one of the most important creative periods of his career, between 1966 and 1978, will be investigated through the showcase for the first time all of his studies, maquettes and sculptures from this period. For the occasion, visitors can also interact with artworks by assembling and disassembling them according to their own wishes.

The preview at the Italian Residence's Persian garden featured an iconic wooden sculpture created by Vaziri Moghaddam in 1970, which reproduces anthropomorphic repeated shapes with arms that can be opened up to 3-4 meters.

During the event, the documentary “Mohsen Vaziri Moghaddam. Hands in Earth” was also screened. The film, produced by the Italian Embassy in Tehran in collaboration with Yasmin Zandieh and Ehsan Ronagh for the exclusive video-series “From Tehran to Rome. A Journey through Art”, is available for viewing on the Italian Embassy's social media channels (YouTube, Instagram and Twitter).



Dr. Hassan Asgharzadeh, CEO of “Azarandishan Saba Steel” Trading Company, emphasized:

It is necessary to pay attention to the production and trade of ferroalloys with the aim of developing the country's metal and mineral industries



Domestic and foreign investment for the increasing prosperity of ferroalloy production in the country, paves the way for meeting domestic needs and a gradual increase in exports of these products. Dr. Hassan Asgharzadeh, CEO of “Azarandishan Saba Steel” trading company, stated this in an interview with the specialized monthly processing magazine. “There is a clear horizon ahead for the production and trade of ferroalloy products,” he said. Focusing on the strategy of increasing the country's steel production capacity to 55 million tons by 2025 has led to inadequate planning to complete the value chain and produce high value-added products. The country's ferroalloy industries are unable to meet domestic demand after nearly two decades of operation. This trend is gradually changing. He sees one of the signs of this change as the growing importance of ferroalloys. “Ferroalloys are used in the steel industry to create special properties on metals,” he said. These materials also create unique properties in the final product in deoxygenation, alloying and inoculation in iron casting. Asgharzadeh continued: “These special roles in the production of products with higher added value, show the importance of ferroalloys in the country's steel industry.” Import of ferroalloys and investment of foreign countries, including Indians, in the production of ferroalloys in Iran are important. Azarandishan Saba Steel CEO added: “The importance of ferroalloys used in steel industries such as ferromanganese, ferrosilicon manganese, ferrochromium and ferrosilicon is increasing day by day.” Most of the country's ferroalloy industry is focused on the production of ferrosilicon and ferrochrome.

He said: “In fact, the production of these products has expanded along with increasing the country's steel production capacity.” Significant domestic consumption has made it difficult to export and exchange currency. In contrast, more than 85% of the import value of ferroalloys belongs to ferromanganese and ferrosilicon manganese. There is

currently an annual foreign exchange need of more than \$ 340 million to supply the ferroalloys needed by the steel industry. An average of four kilograms of ferrosilicon is used to produce each ton of steel. Also, the steel industry needs ferromanganese and ferrosilicon manganese on average about five kilograms per ton of steel produced. Therefore, assuming the production of 30 million tons of steel in 2020, the annual demand of the country for ferrosilicon will reach about 120 thousand tons. The annual requirement of ferromanganese and ferrosilicon manganese is about 150 thousand tons. Meanwhile, 150,000 tons of ferrosilicon are produced in the country. Production of ferromanganese and ferrosilicon manganese in the country is less than 90 thousand tons. In 2019, more than 265 thousand tons of these products have entered the country.

Existence of indigenous knowledge to create ferroalloy industries

The CEO of Azarandishan Saba Steel Trading Company adds: The country's ferroalloy industry has reached a high level of localization after two decades, and in terms of technical knowledge, foreign companies have become largely needless; This advantage is one of the strengths of the production boom in the ferroalloy industry and ultimately the export of ferroalloys, considering the economic sanctions and the exchange rate. Asgharzadeh, noting that some equipment and materials specific to this industry, including “carbon refractories” are naturally imported, continues: “Despite this knowledge, there is the ability to build a ferroalloy plant in the country, and this is a clear horizon for the advancement of this Industry puts. According to him, the tendency to invest in ferroalloy industries has increased not only in the country but also among foreign investors due to low production costs in Iran. Several production units have been set up by the Indians, including Mako Alloy Cabs, Ram Pars Forofolad, and Red Rose of Saveh. Other projects are being implemented by foreign investors. “This increase in the willingness to invest is promising for the prosperity of production and the flourishing of the ferroalloys market,” he said. Commercial companies active in the supply of these products will also flourish in terms of quantity and revenue.

Competitiveness despite high energy consumption

Asgharzadeh believes: Ferroalloy industry is among the most energy consuming industries. Despite the increase in the price of energy carriers, the price of electricity for the production of ferroalloys in Iran is cheaper than in other countries. Accordingly, the industry has maintained its competitiveness. He pointed to the high electricity consumption in the ferroalloy industry and continued: the production of each ton of steel requires about half a megawatt of electricity. It produces 9 megawatts per ton of ferrosilicon with an electric

arc furnace and three megawatts per ton of ferromanganese. He stated: The appropriate quality and low costs of ferroalloy production in Iran are components of the competitiveness of these products in various domestic and foreign markets. The CEO of Azarandishan Saba Steel Trading Company believes that the development of ferroalloy industries in parallel with the increase of the country's steel production capacity to 55 million tons in 2025 is inevitable. The Parliamentary Research Center also pays serious attention to this important issue.



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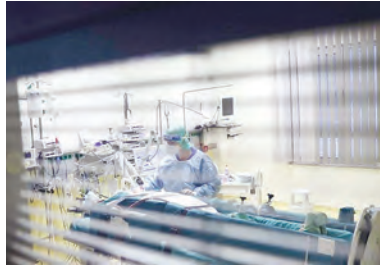
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Germany's Covid Death Toll Tops 100,000

FRANKFURT (AFP) - Germany announced record coronavirus fatalities and infections Thursday as the total death toll passed 100,000, with the nation's most severe virus wave worsening just as a new government prepares to replace Angela Merkel's coalition.

Germany weathered earlier bouts of the pandemic better than many other European countries, but has seen a recent resurgence, with intensive care beds rapidly filling up.

Europe's largest economy recorded 351 Covid fatalities in the past 24 hours, bringing the official death toll since the start of the pandemic to 100,119, in what Bild daily called a "grim milestone".



Russian Mine Tragedy Worsens With Death of 3 Rescuers

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - At least 14 people were killed in a Russian coal mine in Siberia on Thursday, including three rescuers who were sent down to try to bring out dozens still missing.

At least 11 miners died in the initial accident, when coal dust ignited in a ventilation shaft in the Listvyazhnaya mine in the snowbound Kemerovo region, filling the mine with smoke, the TASS news agency cited local emergency services as saying.

It quoted the acting head of the Emergencies Ministry as saying three rescuers had also been killed.

With methane levels in the mine dangerously high, an operation to rescue 35 people stuck underground had to be halted, regional governor Sergei Tsivilev said. Three rescuers were also reported missing.



Ethiopia Admonishes U.S. Over Security Warnings



ADDIS ABABA (Dispatches) - Ethiopia on Thursday accused the United States of spreading false information about security conditions in the war-hit country, warning such statements could harm ties.

Crowds of government supporters protested outside the US and British embassies in the capital Addis Ababa, waving Ethiopian flags and chanting "Stop foreign meddling" and "Stop fake news".

Ethiopia's claim highlighted growing tensions between Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government and world powers that once saw him as a reformer but now voice alarm at the year-old war destabilizing Africa's second most populous country.

Washington in particular once viewed Ethiopia as a vital security partner in the volatile Horn of Africa.

But their relationship risks hitting new lows even as rebels threaten to march on the capital Addis Ababa.

On November 5, the State Department ordered the withdrawal of non-essential embassy staff because of "armed conflict, civil unrest, and possible supply shortages", and several other diplomatic missions have followed suit.

This week the U.S. embassy further rankled Abiy's government by posting a warning about the potential for terrorist attacks in Ethiopia.

"Previously they disseminated the information that Addis Ababa is surrounded [by rebels], now they are saying this false information that a terror attack will be conducted," Kebede Desisa, a government spokesman, told a press conference for state media Thursday.

"These actions hurt the two countries' historical relations," he said.

The Biden administration this month announced its intention to boot Ethiopia from a key trade pact that grants duty-free access for most exports.

But it has held off on imposing sanctions against the Ethiopian government and rebels in hopes of encouraging a ceasefire.

Ethiopia's war erupted in November 2020 when Abiy, winner of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, sent troops into the Tigray region to topple its ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

He said the move was in response to TPLF attacks on federal army camps and promised a swift victory, but by late June the rebels had retaken most of Tigray, including its capital Mekele.

Since then, the TPLF has pushed into neighbouring Amhara and Afar regions, and this week it claimed to have seized a town just 220 kilometres (135 miles) from Addis Ababa.

The fighting has killed thousands and driven hundreds of thousands into famine-like conditions, according to UN estimates.

Ceasefire push

The African Union's special envoy for the Horn of Africa, Olusegun Obasanjo, is leading a diplomatic push for a ceasefire, but there have been few signs of progress so far.

Andersson Gets Second Shot at PM Post

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Swedish Social Democratic Party leader Magdalena Andersson will get a second shot at becoming the country's first woman prime minister next Monday, after her first attempt lasted just seven hours.

Parliament on Wednesday elected Andersson as prime minister, but she resigned just hours later -- before she even had a chance to formally take office -- after the Green Party quit the coalition government.

Speaker of parliament Andreas Norlen said he "deeply regretted" Wednesday's turn of events, which the media described as a "nightmarish day".

"This kind of behaviour risks hurting the people's trust in parliament and politics," Norlen said.

Andersson, 54, is expected to form a minority government made up solely of the Social Democrats, less than a year ahead of September general elections.

The unprecedented situation arose when Andersson secured a last-minute deal with the Left Party to raise pensions in exchange for its crucial backing to get her elected as prime minister. But that agreement did not sit well with the small Centre Party, which withdrew its support for Andersson's budget due to the concessions made to the Left.

That left Andersson's budget with insufficient votes to pass in parliament.



Ex-General to Lead Romania

BUCHAREST (Dispatches) - ucarest (AFP) - Retired four-star general Nicolae Ciuca on Thursday received the greenlight from Romania's parliament to lead a coalition government, ending a political crisis as the EU member fights a fourth Covid-19 wave.

Ciuca's liberals and their former social democratic rivals reached an agreement on Sunday to form a coalition government, two months after liberal prime minister Florin Citu lost a no-confidence vote in parliament.

The Hungarian Minority Party (UDMR) is also a partner in the new coalition, which garnered 318 votes with 126 votes against.

"We put aside our political differences... to end the tense situation that this country is going through," Ciuca, a 54-year-old Afghanistan veteran, told lawmakers before the vote.

Ciuca's liberals (PNL) and the Social Democrats (PSD), which shared power in 2012-14 before falling out, have agreed on an unprecedented "rotation" of prime ministers until legislative elections are held in December 2024.

Under the accord, Ciuca and his PSD counterpart Marcel Ciolacu will each serve an 18-month term.

The PSD is Romania's largest party, but its most recent stint in power until 2019 was marked by massive anti-corruption protests and spats with Brussels over controversial judicial reforms.

Romania was plunged into turmoil in early October when premier Citu lost the no-confidence vote, weeks after a coalition ally walked out of his government accusing him of a "dictatorial attitude".

The political crisis has coincided with a particularly virulent wave of Covid-19 in the poor EU state where barely 37 percent of the population of 19 million are double vaccinated.

Thousands Protest in Sudan Against Military Takeover

KKARTOUM (Dispatches) - Thousands of Sudanese protesters rallied against last month's military power grab, rejecting an agreement struck between the top general that saw the prime minister reinstated, witnesses said.

In Khartoum, demonstrators chanted "the people want the downfall of the regime". In the capital's twin city Omdurman others shouted "power to the people, a civilian government is the people's choice".

General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan seized power and detained Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok on October 25, but after international condemnation and mass protests he reinstated the premier on Sunday.

But protest organizers in the northeast African state have accused Hamdok of "treason" and vowed to maintain pressure on the military-civilian authority.

Activists took to social media this week to call for "Martyrs' Day" demonstrations on Thursday, in honor of the 42 protesters killed in the post-coup crackdown, according to an updated toll from medics.

Hamdok, who has been prime minister in the transitional government since the ouster of long-time autocratic ruler Omar al-Bashir in 2019, said Wednesday he had partnered with the military in order to "stop the bloodshed" and to "not squander the gains of the last two years".

Hamdok himself was placed under house arrest after the putsch, which sparked a wave of mass street protests that triggered a deadly crackdown by security forces.

The deal he signed with Burhan lays down a "clear date" for Sudan's first free elections in three decades slated for July 2023, the premier said.

Twelve out of 17 ministers from a bloc calling for a purely civilian government resigned on Monday, rejecting Hamdok's strategy of engaging with the military.

Reserving their ire for Burhan, protesters in North Khartoum chanted that "Burhan is dirty", and had been "brought to power by Islamists", connected to the old regime of Bashir.

Ihsan Omar, a witness in Omdurman, said he had witnessed some 500 people taking part in a rally.

Volker Perthes, the UN special envoy to Sudan who helped mediate between the military and civilian factions after the coup, said Wednesday that the rallies were "another test of credibility" of the agreement.

He urged authorities to allow demonstrations to go ahead "without bloodshed or arbitrary arrests".

Elsewhere in Sudan, in the western Darfur region, at least 35 people were reported to have been killed in days of fighting between herders with more than a thousand homes set on fire, officials said Thursday.



Interpol Elects UAE Official as President

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Global police agency Interpol elected Emirati Inspector General Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi as its president on Thursday, despite accusations from rights groups that he failed to act on allegations of torture of detainees in the United Arab Emirates.

Although the presidency is a part-time role and does not oversee day-to-day operations of the agency, the president is a high profile figure who chairs meetings of Interpol's assembly and executive committee.

Human Rights Watch and the Gulf Center for Human Rights said in May that Raisi's department had not investigated credible allegations of torture by security forces, and electing Raisi would put Interpol's commitment to human rights in doubt.

A spokesperson for the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation said Raisi "strongly believes that the abuse or mistreatment of people by police is abhorrent and intolerable".

Responding to questions about Raisi's candidacy and Interpol's election process, Secretary General Jurgen Stock said Interpol did not intervene in politics.

"We also do not have the mandate to, for instance, start any investigation on national issues. That is the national sovereignty where we have to stay away," Stock said this week.

Human Rights Watch has said hundreds of activists, academics and lawyers are serving lengthy sentences in UAE jails, often following unfair trials on vague and broad charges. The UAE has said those accusations are false and unsubstantiated.

Two men said this week they had filed a criminal case with Turkish prosecutors against Raisi, while he was in Istanbul for the election at the Interpol general assembly.

Matthew Hedges, 34, an academic at the University of Exeter, said he was held in solitary confinement for seven months in 2018 in the UAE over allegations of espionage when he went to the country to do research for his doctorate.

He said he was threatened with physical violence or rendition to an overseas military base and harm to his family. "This was done by the Emirati security services within a building that Nasser al-Raisi ... has responsibility for," Hedges told Reuters in Istanbul.



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The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Novin Tejarat Bashmaq Trading Company was explained

Trade Bottlenecks With Turkmenistan

Trade in goods with the world has always been one of the most important economic relations. This should lead to a competitive environment and the expansion of exports to the world with the support of governments. In fact, the development of foreign trade requires government support, the creation of the necessary infrastructure and bases. In Iran, government officials and economic decision-makers emphasize the activity of the private sector in the field of trade, identifying new opportunities and strategies for developing relations with different countries. Unfortunately, in practice, in the face of problems and challenges, they do not support traders in foreign countries. Where the government and the private sector must converge to overcome problems and the government is in the hands of the private sector, the government's vacancy is quite palpable. The government does not support Iranian exporters in target markets.

One of the foreign countries that has faced our traders with concerns and problems is our border country, Turkmenistan. Trade with Turkmenistan, one of our neighbors in Central Asia, has always been fraught with many challenges that even our governments have failed to address. Really, where is the institution and organization supporting our businessmen in Iran? If there is a problem for exporters and traders, how should they be supported? Which body tries to solve the problems of businessmen and economic activists and solves the problems of our country's businessmen?

While these questions are raised, the problems that have arisen for the private sector in trade relations with Turkmen businessmen and the lack of opening and resolving these problems, have led to serious economic concerns and part of the market of foreign trade actors is lost. Meanwhile, export statistics also indicate a declining trend in trade with this country, and even in recent years this decline has intensified. Many traders are currently complaining about the blocking of their money in Turkmenistan and are unable to receive their money. What is important here is the government's involvement in trade between the two countries. As Turkmenistan's economy is state-owned, Iran's private-sector economic actors suffer from insecurity and are threatened in the event of a trade crisis. For this reason, in order to solve the problems of Iranian businessmen with Turkmen businessmen, the Iranian government should be more involved in this issue. In fact, the private sector has no role in Turkmenistan. The only effective component in the relationship between the two countries is diplomatic interactions. In recent years, wherever the President has come in and we have had an active ambassador, good things have happened. According to private sector officials, resolving some ambiguities between the two countries' businessmen is possible only with the efforts of Iranian officials. The communication of the diplomatic apparatus with this country is the most important measure to reduce the problems. If diplomacy does not improve, no action will be taken to reclaim the rights of Iranian businessmen, and other actions will be useless. In fact, the removal of existing trade barriers through diplomatic channels by the country's top officials can remove barriers to the advancement of foreign trade. Novin Tejarat Bashmaq Trading Company is one of those companies that has not only failed to exercise its rights in trading with Turkmenistan, but has also been humiliated and ridiculed by Turkmen debtors.

Export troubles to Turkmenistan

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Novin Tejarat Bashmaq Trading Company spoke about the process of commercial activity of his company with Turkmen businessmen and the non-receipt of claims and challenges between the two countries. Abdullah Dashti, said: The company has started its trade and commerce activities since 2007 in the field of exports, focusing on the target markets of Iraq, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. It has achieved success in securing Iran's share of target markets. The company also received several statues of honor and commendation from government officials. Participated in the Iran Exhibition of Ashgabat-Turkmenistan Project in March 2015. The company, in cooperation with the Trade Development Organization, the National Iranian Gas Company and with the presence of Iranian and Turkmen companies, negotiated with Turkmen business partners named Mr. Guvanch Saparove with passport number 221247 and Mr. Charyyev Guychmuhammet with passport number A0060185. Were involved in government relations and were responsible for supplying raw materials to Turkmen ministries and government agencies. We got to know them and entered into negotiations to supply them with the materials they needed.

Dashti added: In December 2015, with the presence of the Turkmen business partner at the company's office in Tehran, a final agreement was reached. The field for export (UFC85) produced by Sina Chemical Industries Company, required by the Ministry of Turkmen Chemical Turkmenistan and also (Petchips) produced by Petrochemical Shahid Tondgovian was provided to meet the consumption needs of the third company under the Food and Drug Administration of Turkmenistan. A total of \$ 727,431 was issued under contracts, invoices and bills of lading. Unfortunately, we have received only \$ 183,335 of this amount and \$ 544,076 is unpaid. The economic activist noted the lack of legal power to withdraw claims from

Abdullah Dashti:
These demands are part of the national capital. It is the duty of government diplomacy to achieve the effective result desired by Iranian businessmen, given the bureaucracy that prevails in Turkmenistan and the hierarchy that is structured in a particular way. So if the government can not solve the problems of traders and merchants, how can we expect the development and expansion of production and exports?



Turkmen traders. He continued: "Turkmen parties have always claimed that the Turkmen government has not paid their claims and will not be able to pay its debts to the new trading company Bashmaq until the government pays their claims." Meanwhile, the embassies of other countries consult and provide accurate information to the merchants and work for the merchants and traders of their country until the result is achieved. Unfortunately, our country's ambassadors and business advisers in previous governments have not provided any effective assistance to their businessmen.

Turkmenistan is deceitful in trade

The chairman of the board of directors of Novin Tejarat Bashmaq Trading Company said: the company's capital is limited and it has been provided from banking facilities. The Turkmen side's failure to meet its obligations has put the company in a precarious and bankrupt financial position. Following a lawsuit in a Turkmen court, the employment of a lawyer and the payment of



huge foreign exchange costs, the Turkmen court was finally sentenced to pay \$ 598,483, plus court costs. Despite the certainty of the verdict and the issuance of the executive order, due to the dependence of the convict against the Turkmen government, no positive action has been taken in favor of this company. According to Abdullah Dashti, the Turkmen business side has claimed that because they have provided the goods for government consumption and have not yet received their demand from the government, they cannot pay our demand. A Turkmen court has blocked their accounts and even banned them from leaving. We do not know whether they have received their demand from the government or whether they want to use this trick to avoid paying this demand.

The government should not leave the exporters behind

He pointed out: Turkmen businessmen are government affiliates. Under these circumstances, only the governments of the two countries, through strong negotiations, can reach out to the exporters and support them. The Turkmen government has a difficult bureaucracy. The private sector economic activist cannot easily negotiate and communicate with them. Therefore, government agencies should help their country's businessmen according to their duties. Dashti pointed to the pursuit of the issue through Iranian government institutions. He said: "Letters have been sent to government organizations and bodies, including the Presidential Institution, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Minister for International Affairs of the Judiciary and the Embassy of the Government of Turkmenistan in Tehran." These organizations have been asked for help and permission to sit peacefully in front of the Turkmen embassy in Tehran. The purpose is to protest against the non-execution of the final court order and the favorable answer to this company. The above license was not approved. He also promised to make repeated efforts and meet in person at the embassy with Mr. Gurbanov, the Honorable Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Tehran. He stressed that without the need to sit in front of the embassy, as in the case of justice, justice will be achieved in

practice. They promised to take care of our work as soon as possible and solve our company's problem. Unfortunately, no effective action has been taken so far. Eventually, all of these bodies led us to the State Department. The ministry also says that we have done our best in this regard and we have done what was our duty and we can not do anything outside of it. The efforts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the previous government were limited to sending a note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan.

The Turkmen government must live up to its commitments

The private sector activist stressed the commitment of the Turkmen government. "If our diplomatic apparatus is serious about pursuing the receipt of the company's claims, this business case will be successful," he said.

Dashti added: "Turkmen parties and the court of Turkmenistan offer us to buy goods or manats, which are the currency of Turkmenistan, instead of asking for your currency (dollars)." They suggested purification with polyethylene pipe and mineral water. It is said that we calculate the goods produced in Turkmenistan at the government rate. We were told to take the goods instead of the currency (dollars). In that case, we will face huge losses. We have rejected the above offer in writing.

Request for assistance from the diplomatic authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Dashti pointed to the lack of serious pursuit of the diplomatic apparatus to collect the demands of Iranian businessmen abroad. He said: "In this case, what our company has been responsible for is getting a lawyer, filing a lawsuit, paying court fees, negotiations and repeated appeals to the competent authorities, and finally obtaining a positive decision of the Supreme Court, arbitration and appeal." What can identify an alien citizen in the target country, who is legally engaged in economic and commercial activities in accordance with the country's master plan to expand exports and expand target markets, and whose rights are violated, and in fact protect national capital? Slow are the only governments. He added: "These claims do not belong exclusively to the individual, but are part of the national capital." It is the task of government diplomacy to achieve effective results, given the bureaucracy in Turkmenistan and the hierarchy of its structure. So if the government can not solve the problems of traders and merchants, how can we expect the development and expansion of production and exports?

Dashti pointed to the payment of the company's claims by Turkmen businessmen in the event of a serious involvement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this business case. He said: "In the follow-up of this case by our lawyer, important and responsible people in Turkmenistan have repeatedly mentioned that if the report of this case and the delay in its payment reaches the person of the President of Turkmenistan, it will definitely be investigated." Given the stubborn bureaucracy of the Turkmen government, this can only be done by senior diplomats in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, we ask the senior diplomats of the Islamic Republic of Iran to address the problem of the new Bashmaq Trading Company in Turkmenistan. We demand serious and necessary follow-ups in this regard so that the receipt of complete and legitimate claims can be realized.

All judicial measures have been taken leading to the final verdict of the prosecution. Also, the Iranian diplomatic corps has been in correspondence with Turkmen government officials for several years, and frequent visits to the embassy and news coverage of problems have been carried out in violation of good neighborliness rules. The protection of foreign nationals and merchants and the principle of payment of foreign exchange obligations is important. Although the court fees and attorney's fees were paid in foreign currency in the Turkmen courts, according to the latest response from the Turkmen embassy, the repayment of the financial obligation subject to the court order explicitly issued in foreign currency in the form of manat payment and export. The domestically produced goods of the Turkmen government have been offered to Novin Tejarat Bashmaq Company, which indicates the extreme disregard and intention of this government to trample on the financial rights of the Iranian company. Repayment of foreign currency obligation in manat and at government rate or in the form of goods will not amount to 10% of the original foreign exchange demand. This proposal should in fact be considered a kind of mockery of the principles of international trade. In fact, modern rule cannot be claimed by the patriarchal model. In the meantime, the diplomatic apparatus of the Islamic Republic of Iran must, with an authoritative presence, prevent the plunder of national capital and the rights of Iranian businessmen. Such a proposal indicates the ignorance of Turkmen government officials about the principles and rules of trade and international obligations. The proposal was made by Turkmen government officials, who are aware of the lack of domestic support for abuse.

China Supports Iran's Rightful Stances

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's Ambassador to China Mohammad Keshavarzzadeh said that Beijing strongly opposes U.S. bullying in international affairs and supports Iran's rightful stances.

Mohammad Keshavarzzadeh, Iran's ambassador to the People's Republic of China, made the remarks on his Twitter account about the phone conversation between the Iranian and Chinese foreign ministers.

"Yesterday in Tehran, I attended an online meeting between the Iranian and Chinese foreign ministers which took place a few days before the Vienna talks."

The Iranian diplomat continued, "The exchange of views between the officials of the two countries plays an important role in adopting a shared position in the upcoming Vienna talks."



Singapore Economy Grows 7.1% in Q3

SINGAPORE (Dispatches) - Singapore's economy grew by 7.1 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter of 2021, beating expectations, but still slower than the 15.2 per cent growth recorded in the previous quarter.

Analysts had expected a 6.5 per cent increase for Q3, according to a Reuters poll. In data released on Wednesday (Nov 24), the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) also narrowed the GDP growth forecast for 2021 to about 7 per cent, from the previous 6 to 7 per cent.

This is based on the performance of the Singapore economy in the first three quarters of the year, as well as the latest external and domestic economic developments, said the ministry.

GDP growth in the first three quarters of 2021 came in at 7.7 per cent.

The Q2 figure of 15.2 per cent was "largely due to the low base" in the same quarter of 2020 when GDP fell by 13.3 per cent due to the Circuit Breaker measures put in place from Apr 7 to Jun 1, as well as the sharp fall in external demand during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These factors would also explain the strong year-on-year growth seen in the second quarter of 2021 for sectors such as construction, retail trade and food & beverage (F&B) services," said MTI.

All clusters within the manufacturing sector, with the exception of the biomedical manufacturing cluster, expanded during the third quarter.

The manufacturing sector grew by 7.2 per cent year-on-year, moderating from the 17.9 per cent growth in the previous quarter. The electronics and precision engineering clusters, in particular, continued to post "healthy growth" amid "robust" global demand for semiconductors and semiconductor equipment respectively.

The construction sector rose by 66.3 per cent year-on-year, slowing from the 117.5 per cent growth in the previous quarter, as both public and private sector construction output rose.

"The strong growth during the quarter was mainly because of low base effects given the slow resumption of construction activities after the Circuit Breaker period last year," said MTI.



The wholesale trade sector grew by 5.9 per cent year-on-year, led by the machinery, equipment and supplies segment. This was in turn bolstered by the strong wholesale sales of electronic components, telecommunications equipment and computers.

The retail trade sector grew by 0.7 per cent, supported by an increase in non-motor vehicle sales volumes, even as motor vehicle sales fell due to a reduction in Certificate of Entitlement (COE) quotas.

Growth in the transportation and storage sector slowed to 8.2 per cent year-on-year. Within the sector, the air transport segment recorded strong growth, mainly due to an increase in air passengers handled from a low base in the same quarter in 2020.

However, the water transport segment "grew marginally", due to slower growth in the volume of sea cargo handled at Singapore's ports, said MTI.

The accommodation sector fell 4.1 per cent year, a reversal from the 15.8 per cent growth in the previous quarter.

Powerful Iran...

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"Those missiles hit within tens of meters of their targets," McKenzie claimed, noting that Iran's missiles have a proven capability to strike targets with precision.

According to the US Defense Department, more than 100 American forces suffered "traumatic brain injuries" during the counterstrike on the US base. Iran, however, says Washington uses the term to mask the number of the Americans who perished during the retaliation.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the American general also said the Islamic Republic had not made the decision to build a nuclear warhead, but voiced concerns about Iran's nuclear energy program's progress.

"They're very close this time," McKenzie claimed. "I think they like the idea of being able to breakout."

Throughout the years, Iran has repeatedly reassured the world, in particular its neighbors, that its nuclear program is for purely peaceful purposes and that it has no intention of developing nuclear weapons.

By the way the top U.S. commander in the Middle East repeated the same nonsense that political officials of his country say and threatened that his forces stood ready with a potential military option should the talks to restore the deal fail.

It seems he has very soon repeated the slaps hit by the Islamic Republic of Iran at the face of the American forces.

Last Sunday IRGC Navy Commander Admiral Alireza Tangsiri said that there have been numerous one-on-one clashes between Iran and the U.S. in the Persian Gulf, but many were not reported.

The commander went on to say, "Of course, Iran's advantages have caused the Americans to be greedy for the vast resources of this region and to always come to the Persian Gulf with great costs and hardships."

"We have slapped the Americans on the number of martyrs of the IRGC navy in a direct battle with the United States in the Persian Gulf, although the reports of many Iranian-American clashes in the Persian Gulf have not been released," the commander stated.

Tangsiri elaborated by saying that the IRGC navy has lost 9 servicemen in direct battles with the Americans to defend the Iranian territory in the Persian Gulf.

The Iranian commander once again revealed the weakness and haplessness of the Americans and he showed that Iranian nation should not be worried about the U.S. threat of military attack because they do not dare to do so because all of the Western countries are not in a condition to start another war with any country because any war in the West Asia will be like pouring oil on the fire of their fragile economies regardless of suffering losses in the battlefield.

Everybody is well aware that sanctions are the only weapon of the West against Iran and a strong determination by the Iranians can steer them to victory over the sanctions as the Americans have recently admitted repeatedly sanctions have been unable to stop the Islamic Republic of Iran's progress.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always been supporting dialogues but it is not ready to accept excessive demands of any country, no matter who will be this excessive demander. So it is better the West to come to its senses regarding its arrogant behavior against Iranians because this country has found its path towards progress and of course as the proverb says, "No Pain, No Gain."



Tehran calls for...

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"Regrettably, the failed policy of pursuing the maximum pressure campaign, which began in the Trump administration, remains in the agenda of the Biden administration," Baqeri-Kani said. "President Biden needs to remove the sanctions in order to relieve himself of what we see as political bewilderment and the pursuit of failed and inhumane policies of the Trump administration," he added.

The official also said Iran "demands guarantees from the other party not to exit the deal, not to impose and enforce new sanctions, and not to reinstate and reapply the previous sanctions."

The expectation is aimed at securing the deal against "political chaos" in the United States, he added, referring to the possibility that future American administrations could again take Washington out of the deal unless they were stripped of the political machinery to do so.

So far, six rounds of talks have been held in Vienna to examine the possibility of the Biden administration's standing by its words.

It has, however, stopped short of doing so and even slapped new economic measures against the Islamic Republic.

A seventh round of talks is to go underway in the Austrian capital towards the end of this month.

The Iranian official said the upcoming negotiations would fail too if Washington refused to both remove the bans and secure the deal that is officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

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Pointing to the developments after JCPOA such as the business trips of various German companies including large, small and medium, he praised investment in Iran which sometimes has historical roots.

This interest can also be seen at the political levels, where the fifth joint economic commission of the two countries was held immediately after the signing of JCPOA in 2016, and with the support of various public and private sectors, the volume of exchanges increased to 3.5 billion Euros in 2017.

In this part of the interview, the ambassador referred to the illegal sanctions against Iran and said that the statistics related to the international trade of Iran and other countries, including EU member states, show that following the restrictions caused by the coronavirus crisis the volume of trade between the countries has been decreased.

He continued that some of Iran's neighbors in the region, as well as some Asian countries, are taking advantage of the opportunity created by Europe's absence in Iran.

10th Int'l Exhibition of Elevators and Escalators Opens in Tehran



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TEHRAN – The 10th International Exhibition of Elevators, Escalators, Elevating Conveyors and Accessories inaugurated at Tehran's International Permanent Fairground yesterday in presence of Deputy Minister of Cooperatives, Labor and Social Welfare Mr. Mehdi Maskani, Head of Iran Chamber of Cooperatives (ICC) Mr. Bahman Abdollahi, Majlis deputy Egbal Shakeri and member of presiding board and head of for holding exhibitions at ICC Mr. Motie Jahani as well as some officials.

According to reports, 118 Iranian and foreign companies have taken participate in this international event and in different categories of elevators, escalators, cranes, lift truck and modern technologies in the related industries.

The event also witnesses the presence of associations, universities and scientific and research centers of the country. Representatives of countries like Germany, Italy, China, Turkey and Switzerland have participated in this exhibition which will run until November 29.

The officials participating in the event toured the pavilions in the opening day and answered the questions of reporters.

Iran's Emphasis on Modernizing Quetta-Taftan Railway Line

ISLAMABAD (IRNA) - Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan stressed on the need to modernize the Quetta-Taftan railway line in Pakistan with the aim of accelerating bilateral trade activities, improving railway cooperation, and launching the ECO container train.

Ambassador Seyed Mohammad Ali Hosseini called on Pakistan Minister for Railways Muhammad Azam Khan Swati at his office.

During the meeting wide-ranging issues of cooperation between Pakistan Railways and Iranian State Railways were discussed.

Head of the Pakistan Railways and the Director-General of development and planning of the railway ministry were also present on the occasion.

The Iranian ambassador stressed the need to modernize the Quetta-Taftan railway, which is a freight train route from Pakistan to Zahedan in Sistan and Baluchestan province, adding improved quality of freight cars on the Pakistani side can facilitate regional communications including the resumption of the ECO freight train.

He said: The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to increase four trains per week to speed up rail traffic between the two countries, and also considering the desire of the Pakistani people to make pilgrimage and tourism trips to Iran, if the railway line between

the two countries is developed, we can help develop the tourism sector of Iran and Pakistan.

The Iranian ambassador said that the development of the railway and equipping it with container trains and special wagons for transporting gas and oil condensate could play an important role in supplying fuel to Pakistan.

He said: The issue of railway cooperation between the two countries was also raised during the recent visit of the Prime Minister's Adviser on Commerce to Iran.

He added: Iran is ready to host the Pakistan Railways delegation or send a delegation to Islamabad to examine railway issues and strategies to increase bilateral relations.

Welcoming the remarks of the ambassador, the Pakistan Minister of Railways announced his readiness to host the technical delegation of the Railways of the Islamic Republic of Iran to advance bilateral agreements.

Public Relations office of the Ministry of Railways in a statement said the two sides further discussed opportunities for improving Railway cooperation including up-gradation of 638km long Quetta-Taftan Railway line preferably in standard gauge railways.

"Technical teams of both Railways will meet to discuss details in due course of time," it said.

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He added that the Israeli envoy had better break his silence about "this regime's savage crimes in the region, the clandestine nuclear program and nuclear bombs of the Israeli regime, or the case of targeting and conducting terrorist attacks against peaceful nuclear installations or assassination of nuclear scientists of other countries."

The Iranian diplomat also highlighted the fact that Israel is not a party to any disarmament and arms control treaty and has never been willing to put its nuclear installations and activities under IAEA's safeguards agreements.

Throughout the years, Iran has repeatedly reassured the world, in particular its neighbors, that its nuclear program – unlike that of Israel – is for purely peaceful purposes and that it has no intention of developing nuclear weapons.

Iran also signed a nuclear agreement with six world powers in 2015 to reassure the world of the peaceful nature of its nuclear program. However, the deal was abrogated by former US President Donald Trump in 2018 under intense Israeli lobbying, in spite of Iran's strict compliance with the terms of the nuclear deal.

Meanwhile, the Israeli regime, which does not abide by international law, possesses nuclear warheads and pursues an active military nuclear program. Israel does not allow IAEA inspectors to inspect its nuclear facilities and has refused to join the NPT or any other agreement on its nuclear weapons.

Benzema Gets Suspended Jail Term

VERSAILLES (Dispatches) - France and Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema was found guilty of complicity in the attempted blackmail of a former international team mate over a sex tape today and sentenced to a one-year suspended jail term. He was also fined €75,000 euros (RM354,745). Benzema's lawyer said the player would appeal against the verdict. Benzema, who had denied any wrongdoing, was not in the court in Versailles. He is due to play for the Spanish club against Moldovan side Sheriff Tiraspol later in the day.

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Cavendish out of Hospital After Collapsed Lung

PARIS (Dispatches) - Mark Cavendish has been discharged from the hospital where he was convalescing from a collapsed lung incurred in a track cycling crash and is back home in England, according to Belgian media. Cavendish rides for Belgian team Deceuninck Quick-Step and was left with two broken ribs and a collapsed lung last Sunday when crashing at the popular track event, the Six Days of Ghent.

Real Madrid, Man City Reach Champions League Knockout Stages

LONDON (Dispatches) - European giants Real Madrid and Manchester City have booked their spots in the knockout stages of the Champions League with a group game up their sleeve.

Both sides won with Madrid beating Moldovan rivals Sheriff Tiraspol, while City took down star-studded French side Paris St Germain thanks to a Gabriel Jesus 76th-minute winner.

The 2-1 win at the Etihad Stadium ensured City would top Group A before playing their last game against RB Leipzig.

PSG also advanced to the last 16 thanks to Leipzig's big 5-0 win over Club Brugge, but the loss highlighted their continued problems in finding an effective way to harness their star-studded attack.

City dominated playing with their usual invention and verve in the first half while PSG's front three of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe too often watched on from afar.

The most Paris managed before the interval was a breakaway that ended with Mbappe curling a shot over the bar, but his aim was better four minutes after the break when he drilled the ball home at the back post after Messi's cross deflected off Kyle Walker into the French forward's path.

City drew level when Raheem Sterling poked home at the back post after a lovely ball from Rodri had set up Walker for a trademark low cross.

Neymar squandered a chance to retake the lead, and City always looked the more likely to win the game, with Mahrez and Bernardo Silva asking plenty of questions and Gundogan taking charge in midfield in the absence of Kevin de Bruyne, who missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19.



Mahrez created the winner, floating a ball to Silva at the far post and the Portuguese midfielder showed a deft touch to cushion the ball to Jesus who picked his spot.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid did not have to work as hard as they turned around a shock September loss to Sheriff, strolling to a 3-0 win in their Group D clash.

Real top the group on 12 points from five games, two more than second-placed Inter Milan, with the result also sending the Italian champions through after they beat Shakhtar Donetsk 2-0.

France striker Karim Benzema, who was handed a suspended one-year prison sentence earlier on Thursday for attempted blackmail, had a goal chalked off in the 10th minute for offside as Real laid siege to the home side. David Alaba fired the visitors ahead with a deflected free kick in the 30th minute, with a shot from 22 metres leaving Sheriff goalkeeper Georgios Athanasiadis stranded after it clipped Cristiano's outstretched foot.

Midfielder Toni Kroos doubled Real's lead on the stroke of half-time with a fine shot that cannoned in off the underside of the crossbar after a flowing move left the German midfielder with time and space to pick his spot. And Benzema made it 3-0 with a sublime effort from the edge of the penalty area into the bottom corner after he was teed up by left back Ferland Mendy in the 55th minute, as Real kept their foot on the pedal.

Real are at home to Inter in their final group match, while Sheriff visit Shakhtar on December 7.

Elsewhere, Liverpool, already destined for the knockout matches, stayed perfect with a 2-0 win over Porto, who stayed in second place ahead of a match against Atlético Madrid in two weeks that will help to determine which team qualifies with the English club.

Djokovic Won't Want To Risk Missing Australian Open

LONDON (Dispatches) - Nine-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic won't want to risk missing out on winning a record 21st Grand Slam title, tournament chief Craig Tiley predicted Thursday as a bumper series of lead-up events was announced.

All players heading to Australia for the opening major of the year in January must be vaccinated against Covid, casting doubt on whether the Serbian world number one will play.

Djokovic, who is gunning for a record-breaking 21st Slam crown, has refused to reveal if he has been inoculated.

"He has not shared his status with anyone," Tiley told sports radio station SEN.

"He believes that what you say around your medical position is private and he believes people should have the right to choose."

But Tiley added: "Novak has won nine Australian Opens and I'm sure he wants to get to 10."

"He's on 20 Grand Slam titles as is Rafa Nadal, who is coming, and Roger Federer, so one of them is going to surpass the other."

"I don't think Novak will want to leave that feat to someone else."

Bayern Fans Put Pressure on Club To End Qatari Deal

BERLIN (Dispatches) - A group of Bayern Munich fans are putting pressure on the club to end their controversial Qatari sponsorship deal amid claims of human rights abuses.

Bayern signed a five-year sponsorship deal with state-owned Qatar Airways in 2018 which the German media claim is worth around €20 million (RM94 million) per year to the Bundesliga leaders.

The airline's logo is on the sleeve of Bayern's famous red shirts.

However a group of fans wants club president Herbert Hainer and CEO Oliver Kahn to cut ties when the Qatari deal expires in 2023.

"We'll wash anything clean for money," was the slogan on a banner which appeared during a recent Bayern home game alongside a cartoon of Hainer and Kahn feeding money into a washing machine.

In the run-up to the club's annual general meeting tomorrow, disgruntled fans have tried to impose a motion demanding the non-renewal of the deal.

Attempts to get an interim injunction were rejected by a Munich regional court, but the group say their fight goes on.

"We want to obtain preventive measures to avoid a renewal of the contract," said Michael Ott, a spokesman for the group of fans.

"Qatar is guilty of massive human rights violations and there are heavy suspicions of corruption in sport."

"Now we go into the next round."

Hosts for 2022 Davis Cup Finals to Be Announced Next Week

LONDON (Dispatches) - The International Tennis Federation (ITF) expects to announce the host cities for next year's Davis Cup Finals before the end of this year's event which begins on Thursday.

This year's 18-nation competition is being staged across three cities -- Madrid, Turin and Innsbruck.



Arteta Reveals Talks With Wenger About Arsenal Return

LONDON (Dispatches) - Mikel Arteta hopes to bring former Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger back to the Emirates in some capacity after revealing today that initial talks had taken place.

The 72-year-old Frenchman won three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups during his 22-year spell in charge of the London club, which ended in 2018.

One of his most striking achievements was completing the 2003/04 Premier League season unbeaten — the last time Arsenal were crowned English champions.

Current manager Arteta, who played under Wenger, is keen to have the former manager's expertise available to him and confirmed the pair had a conversation on the matter when they met at the premiere of Arsene Wenger: Invincible — a documentary about his ex-boss, who now works for Fifa as chief of global football development.

The Spaniard was asked at his pre-match press conference today if a formal offer had been made. "There has been communication," he said. "I saw him and talked to him when we went to see the film. It was incredibly pleasant to see him and chat to him — and hopefully we can bring him close."

"Because I think he will have a great time just seeing the environment that he can create around him (and) around this place. Because of the respect and admiration that everybody at the club has for what he's done — and as well for what he represents as a person in this club."

Arteta declined to elaborate on what kind of role Wenger could play, but added he would "like him to be much closer personally to me".

"Because I think it would be a great help — and it would be a great help for the club," said Arteta.

"Things take time, and I think he has to dictate those timings. What I can say is from my side, and I can talk I think on behalf of everybody, that we would be delighted to have him much closer."

Maradona Fans Remember Him A Year After His Death

BUENOS AIRES (Dispatches) - Thousands of fans of soccer great Diego Maradona will pay tribute to the star on the one-year anniversary of his death, amid legal wrangles about how he died and allegations over past relationships that threaten to tarnish his legacy.

The Argentine world champion, known as "Pelusa" for his once flowing mane and "D10S" — a play on the word for "God" in Spanish and his famous no. 10 jersey — died on November 25, 2020, at the age of 60 due to cardiac arrest.

Born in a humble neighborhood on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Maradona became an icon to many in Argentina and around the world. He was a cult hero in Napoli, Italy, where he helped drive an underdog team to domestic and European glory.

The player has been immortalized with murals and statues, as well as tattoos. Children — boys and girls — have been named after him.

"Diego made us feel so many things," Ezequiel Rossi, a 34-year-old teacher in Argentina, told Reuters this week.

"It was wonderful, seeing this kid who started with nothing and suddenly had everything. He made us dream and imagine that we could also do great things."

Maradona's personal life was controversial, marked by excesses with drugs and alcohol, multiple children, and friendships with strong-men leaders, including Hugo Chavez in Venezuela and Fidel Castro in Cuba.

This week a Cuban woman who had an affair with Maradona two decades ago, when she was 16 and he around 40, accused the star of "stealing her childhood" and on one occasion of raping her.



James Shines Late As Lakers Down Pacers in OT

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) - Los Angeles superstar LeBron James returned from the first suspension of his NBA career to score 39 points and lead the Lakers to a 124-116 overtime victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Russell Westbrook added 20 points for the Lakers, who trailed by 12 in the third quarter but rallied despite the absence of ailing star Anthony Davis, who missed the game with flu-like symptoms.

Indiana, led by the 28 points of Malcolm Brogdon, were in control for most of the night, the Lakers taking their first lead of the game at 101-100 on Malik Monk's three-pointer with 4:30 left to play.

James then dug in, delivering a pair of free throws, a driving finger-roll layup and a pull-up three-pointer as the Lakers pushed the lead to 110-104 with 1:17 left in regulation.

But the Pacers weren't finished and Dominican Chris Duarte drained an unlikely, off-balance three-pointer at the buzzer to force overtime.

A fired-up James scored eight of the Lakers' 12 points in the extra session, draining a pair of three-pointers for the win in his first game back since serving a one-game ban as his team fell to the Knicks on Tuesday.

"Just taking what the defense gave me, just trying to get into a rhythm," James said of his late shooting. "I understand that it's closing time, it's winning time, especially in the fourth quarter and overtime."

"Chris Duarte made an unbelievable shot to send it to overtime, so (I was) just trying to do my part and had a couple go."

The victory saw the Lakers finish their five-game road trip 2-3.

