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## Grossi Remarks Distorted With Political Motivation

TEHRAN (MNA) - Reacting to allegations as IAEA chief's remarks were quoted by media on discovering uranium in unannounced centers in Iran, AEOI Spokesman said that Iran believes Grossi's remarks have been distorted for political purposes.

In reaction to the allegations raised by IAEA Chief Rafael Grossi regarding the discovery of uranium in unannounced locations in Iran and non-responding of Iran in the last few months, Behrouz Kamalvandi Spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said, "Yes, we have heard in the media."

Considering that these statements were strange and unexpected from IAEA Chief Grossi, he said, "We started verifying these statements on Tuesday and also asked Mr. Ghaebi, Iran's Permanent Envoy in IAEA to discuss this issue with Mr. Grossi and Massimo Aparo, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Safeguards."

Iran believes that IAEA Chief's remarks have been distorted for political purposes, Kamalvandi reiterated.

It is very unlikely that Director-General of IAEA has raised the issue that Iran does not cooperate with the IAEA, he added.

In line with the joint statement that was recently signed between IAEA Chief Grossi and Head of AEOI Mohammad Eslami on issues related to cooperation between Iran and IAEA, "we are cooperating with each other on relevant issues and evaluation should not be submitted by IAEA in this period."

Turning to the appropriate interaction between Iran and International Atomic Energy Agency, Kamalvandi emphasized that there is practically the necessary cooperation between Iran and IAEA and naturally, announcing any assessment by the IAEA Director General on the way of implementation of the statement is very early.

The AEOI spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi said on April 16 that the new site in Natanz is a safer place against sabotage attacks than the previous TESA Karaj site for machines to produce centrifuges parts.

## Russian Envoy Believes Restoring JCPOA Still Possible

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - There is still a chance to restore the Iran nuclear deal, but Tehran will insist on keeping its red lines, Russian Ambassador to Iran Levon Dzhagaryan said during a Rossiya-24 TV broadcast.

"There is always a chance, but the Iranians insist, and quite rightly so, that their red lines be respected," he stated.

According to the diplomat, exchanges between Washington and Tehran are continuing, mediated by Brussels.

"One of the main stumbling blocks is the issue of Iran's insistence that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps be removed from the sanctions list. Not just the corps itself as a whole, but some of its units, so that everything is considered in a comprehensive way," he added.

"And while there are no meetings on the Vienna platform yet, the exchange of messages between Washington and Tehran continues. As we understand it, [US President Joe] Biden's administration is under a lot of pressure. Not only from Republican opponents, but more and more Democrats are starting to oppose the restoration of the JCPOA," Dzhagaryan noted.

Iran insists that the nuclear talks must lead to the removal of all American sanctions that were imposed against Tehran following Washington's unilateral withdrawal from the landmark agreement in May 2018. Tehran has also demanded credible guarantees that Washington will not abandon the deal again.

## Leader Tells Qatari Emir Regional Problems Solvable Through Dialogue



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TEHRAN – Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says dialogue among regional countries is the best solution to the existing problems in the region, warning against foreign interference.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a Thursday meeting with the visiting Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, during which the Leader called for increased political and economic cooperation between the two countries.

During the meeting, the Leader emphasized that regional problems can be solved through dialogue among regional countries without any interference of "foreign factors."

"The issues of Yemen and Syria can be also solved through dialogue. Of course, dialogue should not be undertaken from a weak position at a time that the opposite parties, mostly the United States and others, rely on military and financial power," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that management of the region does not need any meddling by foreign parties, adding, "Wherever Zionists go, they foment corruption and can give no power or concession to [regional] countries."

"Therefore, we, as regional countries, must boost our relations as much as we can through common thinking and cooperation," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Confirming the Qatari Emir's remarks in which he condemned the crimes committed by the Zionist regime, the Leader described decades-long oppression of the Palestinian people by "evil Zionists" as a bitter reality and a blow to the Islamic world and the Arab world.

"In the face of these crimes, the Islamic Republic of Iran expects the Arab world to take explicit political action," Ayatollah Khamenei noted.

Referring to Israeli forces' attacks on the restive Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of the occupied Palestinian city of al-Quds, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The support offered by some Arab countries to Palestinian people in that case did not even match up to [the support offered by] some European [countries] and they took no [decisive] position. Even now, they are still acting like that."

"If this approach taken by Arab countries is out of fear of the Zionist regime or having hopes in it, they must know that today, the occupying regime is in conditions that nobody can have hopes in or be afraid of it," the Leader said.

The Qatari Emir, for his part, said the crimes committed by the Zionist regime in Palestine are horrible and must be confronted by all regional countries.

Expressing regret over the Israeli killing of a Palestinian journalist on Wednesday, he said, "Zionists committed this crime in cold blood."

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## Iran Welcomes Local, Int'l Investors to Participate in its Oil Industry

### IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iran Oil Minister Javad Owji emphasizes the need to invest in Iran's oil industry, adding we welcome all domestic and foreign investors.

Owji made the remarks at inauguration ceremony of the 26th International Oil, Gas, Refining and Petrochemical Exhibition, Iran Oil Show, and said investors are well aware of the profitable investment in this sector given the energy crisis.

As one of the largest exhibitions in the world oil industry, the Iran Oil Show is an annual gathering and a place for domestic and foreign activists' interactions in Iran's oil industry, he said.

The 26th Iran Oil Show's motto of "Knowledge-based oil industry, Iranian production, Global exports" is very inspiring, he said, a knowledge-based oil industry and focusing on the domestic production are Iran's Petroleum Ministry's top priority at the current stage, the same as it is across the world where oil industry is an area of development of many new technologies.

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## Iran Monitoring All Enemy Moves Near Maritime Borders

TEHRAN (PressTV) - The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s Navy says the Islamic Republic is fully monitoring all moves by enemies near Iran's maritime borders and does not allow them to approach the country's territorial waters.

"There is complete security on the country's maritime borders and no danger is [currently] posed to them," Rear Admiral Ali Reza Tangsiri said on Thursday.

"We proudly declare that our territorial waters are today clear of any enemy" thanks to the efforts made by the country's armed forces. "The country's enemies do not have a presence in the vicinity of the waters that are under the supervision of the Islamic Republic and their activities are monitored at every single moment."

"Whenever the enemies move toward [Iran's] sea borders and are physically present there, they will be forced to retreat through the timely action of our forces," the senior IRGC commander pointed out.

The IRGC Navy commander said in December that the elite military force's large-scale military exercise, codenamed the Great Prophet 17, sent a warning to the enemies that the country will annihilate them before they can even get close to its southern islands in the Persian Gulf.

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## Iraq Strikes Deal With Iran to Secure Summer Gas Imports

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) - Iraq has agreed to pay \$1.6 billion in debt to Iran by June 1 to secure a steady gas supply for power generation through the summer, its electricity minister said.

Chronic underinvestment through decades of war and sanctions has left Iraq dependent on imports from its eastern neighbor for a third of its gas needs.

But U.S. sanctions on Iranian oil and gas have complicated Iraq's payments for the imports, leaving it in heavy arrears and prompting Iran to respond by periodically switching off the taps.

The result has been extended power cuts across much of the country, particularly during the summer, when temperatures routinely reach 52 degrees Celsius (126 degrees Fahrenheit) sending demand for refrigeration and air conditioning soaring.

"We have reached agreement on supply in sufficient quantities. We have agreed on 50 million cubic metres (per day) during the four summer months," acting electricity minister Adel Karim told state television late Wednesday.

During winter, Iraq will import between 10 million and 20 million cubic metres per day of Iranian gas, he added.

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## India, Uzbekistan Agree To Exploit Full Potential of Chabahar Port for Trade

NEW DELHI (Dispatches) - India and Uzbekistan agreed to exploit the full potential of the Chabahar port for trade between the two countries as they held extensive talks focusing on greater bilateral economic ties.

The two sides also agreed to take steps to enhance connectivity to boost trade during the 15th round of India-Uzbekistan Foreign Office Consultations that took place in Delhi.

"During the consultations, both sides undertook a comprehensive review of the state and prospects of bilateral cooperation including political, security, trade-economic, connectivity, development partnership, humanitarian and cultural spheres," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

It said the talks particularly focused on greater economic cooperation and steps to enhance connectivity between India and Uzbekistan.

"Both sides agreed to exploit the full potential of Chabahar port for trade between the two countries," it said in a statement.

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# Majlis Finalizes Automobile Import Law

TEHRAN (IP) - The spokesman for the Parliament's presiding board announced the finalization of the car import law in the Expediency Council, which is one of the important ratification of the 11th parliament and can have a significant impact on balancing the automobile market and improving the quality of home Made cars.

Nizamuddin Mousavi said that process will be completed soon.

He emphasized: "According to the bill, which legalizes the import of cars, the necessary measures to promote domestic production have also been considered."

## Regional People Will Never Go Under Israeli Normalization Burden

**TEHRAN (PressTV) - Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has told Lebanon's Culture Minister Mohammad Wissam al-Mortada that the people of the region will never brook normalization of relations with Israel.**

He made the remarks in Tehran as the two ministers discussed the latest developments in the region, promotion of relations among the Islamic countries and especially development of cooperation between the two countries.

Amir-Abdollahian touched on the special place of Lebanon in Iran's foreign policy and the historical antiquity of good relations between the Iranian nation and all Lebanese groups and tribes.

He called the resistance of the Lebanese people against the continuous aggression of the Zionist regime a shining example for the nations of the region.

"Therefore, the resilient people of the region will never go under the burden of normalization with the terrorist and child-killing Israeli regime," the Iranian foreign minister added.

Amir-Abdollahian touched on the difficult economic situation in Lebanon amid oppressive Western sanctions on the country, reiterating Tehran's readiness to upgrade



economic cooperation with Beirut if demanded by the Lebanese government and people.

Western countries, led by the United States, have targeted the Lebanese economy with draconian sanctions with the aim of pressuring the government in Beirut to ostracize Hezbollah and cut it from the country's political and military landscape.

The resistance movement is a nemesis of the West and Israel for inflicting repeated defeats on their regional schemes, especially during two recent wars which shattered Tel Aviv's myth of invincibility.

Al-Mortada, for his part, hailed Iran's special place in the West Asian region, saying Beirut is ready to expand its relations with all friendly and brotherly regional countries, especially the Islamic Republic.

He touched on problems related to the livelihood and basic needs of the Lebanese people, stressing that the Lebanese government and nation, nonetheless, will act in the national interests of their country and will never wait for outside help or solutions.

## Iran Welcomes Efforts to Strengthen Tehran-Brussels Ties

TEHRAN (IRNA) - President Ebrahim Raisi in a telephone conversation with Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said that Iran welcomes efforts to boost Tehran-Brussels ties.

President Raisi said that the two countries have developed their diplomatic relations based on the principles of mutual respect and mutual benefit, adding that the Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes efforts to strengthen and expand ties between Tehran and Brussels".

Referring to the good areas and capacities in the two countries to improve the level of interaction, the President added that the implementation of potential capacities in bilateral relations can also be a good ground for increasing cooperation between the two countries.

Pointing to the long and positive history of relations between the two countries and describing these relations as important for Belgium, the Belgian Prime Minister expressed hope that the process of expanding relations and interactions with the Islamic Republic would be facilitated by the two countries' officials.

The Belgian Prime Minister said that Belgium seeks to strengthen Iran's bilateral relations, especially in the economic and consular fields.

## Italian Firms Keen on Trade With Iran

TABRIZ (IRNA) - Italian companies are very interested in trading with Iran and making investment in the country, that's according to Italian ambassador to Tehran, Giuseppe Perrone.

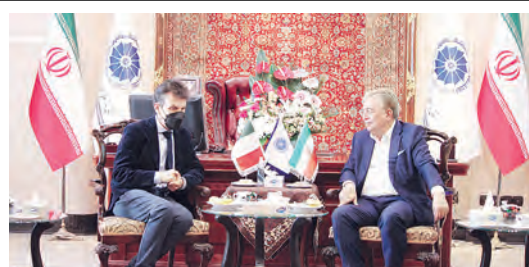
The Italian diplomat was speaking with members and head of the chamber of commerce department in Tabriz, the capital city of East Azarbaijan Province, northwest Iran.

He said that prior to sanctions imposed on Iran, Italy ranked the first among European trade partners of the Islamic Republic, but now trade ties between the two countries have been impacted to a great extent because of those sanctions.

"Italian companies are keen to resume and increase trade with Iran," Perrone stressed, adding that a number of Italian banks have kept interactions with Iranian banks despite the sanctions.

The Italian diplomat said that his embassy makes efforts to facilitate relations between companies of the two countries.

Perrone also said that his country is well-experienced



in manufacturing cars and industrial machinery, adding that Tabriz can have cooperation with Italian firms in this field.

Yunes Zha'ele, head of Tabriz Chamber of Commerce Department, referred to long-running trade relations between Italian businessmen and their counterparts in the city, and said that Iranian tradesmen, including those in Tabriz are interested in expanding cooperation with Italy.

He agreed that sanctions on Iran's banking sector are currently hindering relations between the two countries.

The Iranian official added that trade relations between the two sides should be promoted, as it benefits Italy too.

He said that East Azarbaijan province can play an active role in this regard.

Zha'ele explained that the province has good capacities to export energy-consuming goods, while Italy requires equipment whose production needs energy and is not cost-effective for Europe; therefore, he said, Italy can use capacities of East Azarbaijan province in this regard.

## Iran-Romania Economic Cooperation on the Rise

QOM (IRNA) - Romanian Ambassador to Tehran, Mirla Carmen Greco said on Wednesday that economic cooperation between her country and Iran, especially in agricultural areas, has increased over last year.

The ambassador made the remarks during a visit to the Central Iranian province of Qom in a meeting with the governor of the province Mohammad-Taqi Shahcheraqi.

The Qom governor said that the province is ready to attract foreign investors in different areas, including construction of solar power plants, tourism, industry and agriculture.

Referring to the existence of some major industrial units in Qom, the governor said that some of the products of the province, such as carpet and footwear are exported to other countries.

Also during a meeting with Qom Mayor Morteza Saqqaeiannejad, the Romanian ambassador referred to longstanding relations between Iran and Romania and voiced her country's willingness to expand cultural and social relations with Qom.



**Hungary Ready To Broaden Technology Ties With Iran**

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Head of Hungarian Science and Technology Park said that his country is ready to broaden ties with Iran, including Pardis Technology Park and Tehran Innovation network.

Bolkai Donnes on Wednesday during his visit to the 11th International Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INOTEX 2022) said that Iran's development in startups and knowledge-based companies has been significant.

He added: "The high number of youngsters in the 11th International Innovation and Technology Exhibition indicates the scientific development of Iran and the bright future of this country in the field of startups and knowledge-based companies.

Head of Hungarian Science and Technology Park added that the Hungarian Science and Technology Park supports 86 companies in four fields, including "renewable energy, revenue management, health and food issues". He said that his country is ready to broaden ties with Iran, including Pardis Technology Park and Tehran Innovation network.

## Boosting Banking Cooperation to Facilitate Iran-Qatar Trade Ties

TEHRAN (MNA) - The development of banking and trade relations between Iran and Qatar can help facilitate relations between traders and investors of the two countries, Iranian First Vice President told the Emir of Qatar in Tehran.

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar has paid a one-day visit to Tehran at the invitation of Iranian President Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi.

The Qatari Emir and a high-ranking political-economic delegation who accompanied him on his trip were officially welcomed by Iranian First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber upon their arrival at Mehrabad International Airport.

In a meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Mokhber referred to the level of relations between Tehran and Doha, and appreciated Qatar's position on regional and international issues, especially towards the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mokhber stressed that expanding bilateral and regional relations between two neighbors will be in the interest of the development of peace, stability, and security in the region.

He also called for the holding of a joint commission for cooperation between the two countries.

Referring to the meetings of senior officials of the two countries and the agreements reached for joint cooperation in holding the World Cup Qatar 2022, Mokhber announced the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate Qatar in holding these competitions.

Elsewhere in his remarks, he said that the development of banking and trade relations between Iran and Qatar can help facilitate relations between traders and investors of the two countries.

## Iran, China Sign MoU On Earthquake Forecast

BANDAR ABBAS (IRNA) - An earthquake research center in Iran signed a scientific cooperation memorandum of understanding with a Chinese institute.

Tsunami and Earthquake Research Center of University of Hormozgan in southern Iran signed an MoU with the Institute of Earthquake Forecasting, affiliated to China's Earthquake Administration on Thursday to cooperation on earthquake forecasting in Makran region, southeastern Iran.

Dean of University of Hormozgan Mohammad Sadeqi said that the cooperation was based on the university's reputation as the country's scientific hub of sea-based economy and aimed at mitigating the damage caused by earthquakes in Hormozgan Province.

The MoU was signed during a video conference, presenting a program to work on geochemistry of fluids in tectonics and genetic models and their application in forecasting earthquakes.

The program will be run from 2022 to 2024 with the cooperation of the aforementioned centers as well as Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV) and Geology Group of Turkey's Hacettepe University.

## Iran-Cuba Joint Economic Commission to Be Held in Tehran

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Mehdi Safari, an Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister on Economic Diplomacy Affairs, said that the 18th Iran-Cuba Joint Economic Commission will be held in Tehran on May 15-17, 2022.

He said that Cuban Deputy Prime Minister Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz is to visit Tehran at the head of an economic delegation in line with efforts to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.

B2B meetings are also scheduled to be held between the main Iranian and Cuban companies on the sidelines of the Commission, the official said.

Some 21 technical committees in different areas, such as trade, investment, transit and transportation, electricity and energy, oil and gas, customs, banking and finance, health and so on are to convene as part of the Commission in Tehran.

The two sides will also reportedly sign documents on pharmaceuticals, agriculture, customs, food industry and vaccine production.

The commission is to be co-chaired by Iranian minister of health and the Cuban deputy prime minister.

## Tehran, Yerevan Keen to Expand Bilateral Cooperation



**IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK**

TEHRAN - The 17th sitting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission of the Republic of Armenia and the Islamic Republic of Iran was held in Yerevan under the co-chairmanship of Armenian Deputy Prime Minister Mher Grigoryan and the Minister of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ali Akbar Mehrabian.

A memorandum of understanding was signed as a result of the sitting.

"Bilateral relations with friendly Iran built on mutual respect and trust are of great importance for the Republic of Armenia, as Iran is not only a neighboring country, but also an important trade partner, a reliable and trustworthy partner for us. We must make joint efforts to fully realize the great potential of the relations between the two countries. It is obvious that the expansion of bilateral cooperation will have a positive impact on the friendly peoples of Armenia and Iran," Deputy Prime Minister Mher Grigoryan said in his opening remarks.

He stressed that the governments of the two countries show the necessary political will and consistency to develop interstate relations in various spheres.

"Given Iran's interest in integration with the Eurasian Economic Union, Armenia is constantly making efforts to promote this process, as well as to become a gateway for friendly Iran to the EAEU market. We reaffirm our readiness to ensure active cooperation with Iran in this direction," the Deputy PM added.

Referring to the bilateral cooperation, he highlighted the mutual agreements in the field of energy and transport, in particular, the extension of the gas-for-electricity contract, the implementation of the North-South quadrilateral energy link and the Persian Gulf-Black Sea international transport corridor. He noted that in the context of development of regional transport communications, establishment of the railway connection of the Republic of Armenia with the Islamic Republic of Iran is among the most important issues on the agenda.

Mher Grigoryan emphasized the fact that as a result of the work of expert groups, further guidelines for cooperation between the two countries in a number of areas have been developed. He stressed the bilateral willingness to develop cooperation in the fields of trade, industry, healthcare, education, culture, tourism, agriculture and high technologies.





# Fully Iranian Made "Decanter Centrifuge" of Arvand Petrochemical Co. Unveiled in Presence of Vice President



Arvand Petrochemical Company, after finding the root causes of this problem, the complex specialists redesigned 3 decanters with the cooperation of the manufacturer. The installation of a new decanter, which has been designed, built and installed for the first time in the country by local experts in the company "Hamgam Sanaat of Ahvaz", in addition to removing production barriers, has saved up to 50% of costs in leaving the country." Concluding his remarks Kiani emphasized trusting domestic companies and knowledge-based companies in removing production barriers and added: "We should proudly announce that the equipment made by domestic companies has performed better than the foreign likes, and once again in Arvand Petrochemical Company, with reliance on the capabilities and knowhow of domestic companies, all sanctions were made ineffective and it saved flight of forex from the country.

Simultaneously with the 3rd Exhibition on Supporting Domestic Production; Concentrating on Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (PGPIC) held on Kish Island and in a ceremony attended by Dr. Mohsen Rezaei, Vice President for Economic Affairs, Dr. Ali Askari, CEO of the Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Group and Engineer Neshanzadeh Moghaddam, CEO of Arvand Petrochemical, the fully home-made decanter centrifuge of SPVC (suspension polyvinyl chloride (SPVC)) unit which had been for the first time designed and manufactured domestically upon the order of Arvand Petrochemical Company was unveiled. In the unveiling ceremony which was attended by the Vice President and CEO of Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Group, CEO of Tejarat Bank and CEOs of Shahid Tondgovian and Bandar Imam Petrochemical (BIPC) companies, the stages of localization of technical knowhow, design and manufacture of this equipment which was previously in the monopoly of three countries were presented and explained by Mr. Hassan Neshanzadeh Moghaddam, the CEO of the manufacturing company Arvand Petrochemical. This equipment, which is used by petrochemical companies producing SPVC and high density poly ethylene (HDPE), can make the country completely self-sufficient in the production of this type of strategic equipment and cut the dependence of the petrochemical industry in this sector to overseas companies. The fully Iranian made "Decanter Centrifuge" of Arvand Petrochemical Company, which is localized, designed and manufactured by Hamgam Sanaat Company of Ahvaz, is considered as a strategic equipment in the separation equipment group. By localizing and manufacturing this equipment in the country, besides preventing the outflow of currency from the country, up to 50% of costs have been saved.

## Arvand Petrochemical's fully Iranian made decanter centrifuge successfully entered the production circuit

"Decanter Centrifuge" of Arvand Petrochemical Company, which for the first time in the country has been completely designed and built by local experts in "Hamgam Sanaat Company of Ahvaz", has successfully entered the production circuit of this complex. According to the public relations of Arvand Petrochemical Company, the caretaker of Arvand Petrochemical Company announced this news and said: "Decanter centrifuge" is one of the rotating equipment which is used to separate multiphase mixtures in industry. He added: "Previously, 4 decanters had been installed in the PVC unit to separate PVC powder from water, which has always been known as one of the production barriers due to design problems from the beginning of the complex."

Explaining the performance of these strategic equipment, Afshin Kiani added: "These centrifuges, which are classified as strategic equipment in the group of separation equipment, are separated from the processing units of petrochemical companies producing SPVC and HDPE. It is one of the goods that technology owners refuse to offer to Iranian companies due to harsh sanctions."

Kiani stated the importance of reading the internalization of this equipment by local knowledge-based companies and said: "In



## Establishment of energy management system in Arvand Petrochemical Company

Taking a fundamental step to reduce greenhouse gases and improve energy efficiency; Establishment of energy management system in Arvand Petrochemical Company

Arvand Petrochemical Company, as one of the largest chlorine chains in the world and one of the largest PVC chains in the Middle East, succeeded in establishing and receiving ISO50001: 2018 energy management system certification from TUV AUSTRIA.

The chairman of the complex and the representative of the board of directors of Arvand Petrochemical announced this news: after conducting external audits in two stages, Arvand Petrochemical Company succeeded in establishing and receiving ISO50001: 2018 certification of energy management system. He added: Energy management system in Arvand Petrochemical Company, In the last two years, by creating technical and managerial infrastructures, along with formulating the necessary processes and performing phases of recognition, planning, deployment and internal and external audit, by issuing energy management certification according to ISO50001: 2018 standard of TUV AUSTRIA company in industrial and non-industrial sectors. Kiani added: "Establishing an energy management system in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental effects, improving energy performance, including energy efficiency and its use and consumption, and finally significantly reducing energy-related costs based on international standards and increasing indicators." It should be mentioned that it is worth mentioning. It should be mentioned that ISO50001: 2011 energy management system, which was first established in Arvand Petrochemical Company in 2015, based on the approach adopted, the delivery process of the mentioned management system based on its latest The revision of the energy management system ISO50001: 2018 was considered, which has significant and effective changes compared to the previous edition.

## Basic steps of Arvand Petrochemical Co. to exit the polluting industries / to correct the process waste conveyed to Fajr Refinery

In line with the orders of the Supreme Leader and in the year of production, knowledge-based and job creation and with using the capacity of knowledge-based and efforts of Arvand Petrochemical experts the major step was taken to get the company out of the polluting industries. According to the public relations office of Arvand Petrochemical Co., with the round-the-clock efforts of the complex's specialists, one of the most advanced smart online systems for modifying the process effluents sent to the Fajr treatment plant was launched to control the parameters of the production effluent to the treatment plant and transfer the effluent in accordance with environmental standards. Arvand Petrochemical, as a PVC chain, has always emphasized on maintaining environmental standards and sustainable and green production, and now with the installation of PH control package, the effluent of EDC-VCM control unit and PH will be transferred to Fajr refinery in standard period.

## To protect the environment, Arvand Petrochemical Co. filter press system was launched

In order to protect the environment, the filter press system of Arvand Petrochemical Company, which has been planned by the company's experts, was successfully launched in order to reduce environmental wastage and reduce waste and economic efficiency for the complex. According to the public relations of Arvand Petrochemical Company, the alkali chlorine unit is designed based on membrane electrolyzer technology. In this technology, the membrane (which is a very special and expensive membrane) has acted as a selective separator. In the presence of electricity, it produces the main product of chlorine on one side and the main product of caustic on the other side. Considering that membranes play an important role in the production process and their protection should be given first priority. The most important impurities that cause damage to the membranes are calcium and magnesium in the raw salt water input. Therefore, to remove these two important impurities, sodium carbonate and sodium hydroxide (caustic) chemicals in the raw salt water entering the chlorine unit, As a result of the reactions, the two impurities are converted to suspended solids (T.s.s), calcium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide. Most of these (T.s.s) are deposited in the chlorifiers of the alkaline chlorine unit. The suspended solids, after



settling under the clarifier, were discharged with a large amount of brine. E, after being directed to the effluent treatment unit and pre-treatment, is sent out of the alkaline chlorine unit. This, on the one hand, causes acute environmental problems and on the other hand, significant amounts of capital (salt water with Concentration of about 254g / l) is discarded. Therefore, in order to deal with these environmental and capital losses, the company's experts decided to use an alternative method instead of the discarded method. Research conducted; The use of filter press equipment was on the agenda of Arvand Petrochemical experts. The integrated HSE unit will be transferred to a suitable environment and the recycled salt water will be returned to the production cycle. DM and leached salt will be reduced and the consumption of sodium carbonate and caustic will be reduced for Arvand Petrochemical Complex.





## Oman, Welcoming Russian FM, Says Committed to OPEC+ Agreement

DUBAI (Dispatches) - Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov visited Oman, a fellow member of the OPEC+ alliance of oil producers, where he met with the Persian Gulf Arab state's ruling sultan, Omani state media said.

U.S.-allied Persian Gulf states have not taken sides in the Russia-Ukraine conflict while urging restraint and diplomacy to end the crisis. Persian Gulf oil producers had also resisted Western calls to pump more oil and help isolate Moscow.

Omani Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi told his Russian counterpart that Muscat was committed to OPEC+ output agreements and supported all international efforts to salvage the 2015 Iran nuclear pact, state media reported.



## Shanghai Hunts Down Covid-19 Cases

SHANGHAI (Dispatches) - Shanghai authorities combed the city today for its last Covid-19 cases in the hope of clearing the way for an exit from a painful six-week lockdown, while Beijing curbed taxi services to keep a lid on its smaller outbreak.

The Chinese commercial hub of 25 million people has in recent days been tightening its lockdown for a final push to eradicate the virus by the end of the month, having made some significant progress, according to data this week.

Shanghai's mass testing detected just two new cases outside areas facing the strictest curbs on May 11, officials said today, but that was two more than none the previous day.



## Russia Vows Response as Finland Seeks NATO Membership Without Delay



HELSINKI (Dispatches) - Finland said on Thursday it would apply to join NATO "without delay", with Sweden expected to follow, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine looked set to bring about the very expansion of the Western military alliance that Vladimir Putin aimed to prevent.

The decision by the two Nordic countries to abandon the neutrality they maintained throughout the Cold War would be one of the biggest shifts in European security in decades. Finland's announcement angered the Kremlin, which called it a direct threat to Russia and threatened an unspecified response.

It came even as Russia's war in Ukraine was suffering another big setback, with Ukrainian forces driving Russian troops out of the region around the second largest city Kharkiv, the fastest Ukrainian advance since forcing Russia to withdraw from the capital and northeast more than a month ago. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the Finns would be "warmly welcomed" and promised an accession process that would be "smooth and swift".

Finland and Sweden are the two biggest EU countries yet to join NATO. Finland's 1,300-km (800-mile) border will more than double the length of the frontier between the U.S.-led alliance and Russia, putting NATO guards a few hours' drive from the northern outskirts of St Petersburg.

"Finland must apply for NATO membership without delay," President Sauli Niinisto and Prime Minister Sanna Marin said in a joint statement. "We hope that the national steps still needed to make this decision will be taken rapidly within the next few days."

Asked whether Finland's accession posed a direct threat to Russia, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: "Definitely. NATO expansion does not make our continent more stable and secure."

"This cannot fail to arouse our regret, and is a reason for corresponding symmetrical responses on our side," Peskov added, without elaborating. Russian officials have spoken in the past about potential measures including stationing nuclear-armed missiles on the Baltic Sea.

Asked on Wednesday if Finland would provoke Russia by joining NATO, Niinisto said: "My response would be that you caused this. Look at the mirror." read more

Five diplomats and officials told Reuters that NATO allies expect both countries to be granted membership quickly, paving the way for an increased troop presence in the Nordic region to defend them during a one-year ratification period.

Putin, Russia's president, cited NATO's potential expansion as one of the main reasons he launched a "special military operation" in Ukraine in February. Ukraine has long sought to join NATO, although it has lately offered at peace talks to accept some form of neutral status.

## EU Seeks Bigger Role in Asia's "Theatre of Tensions"

TOKYO (Dispatches) - European Union leaders said that the EU wants to become a bigger actor in Asia, which they termed a "theatre of tensions", warning of an increasingly assertive China even as they called on Beijing to defend the multilateral global order.

The call came in a joint news conference in Tokyo after an EU-Japan summit featuring European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, European Council President Charles Michel and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. It also came a day after Beijing warned the summit not to "speak ill" of China.

The trio said they would keep up talks on ways to maximize their partnership to tackle Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, in areas such as energy as well as aid, joining in a statement to call for the immediate cessation of hostilities.

But Michel and von der Leyen, in Japan for the latest in a series of annual talks, also said they were aware that regional tensions existed in Asia as well, and that the EU wanted - and needed - to take on a bigger role.

"The Indo-Pacific is a thriving region. It is also a theatre of tensions," von der Leyen said. "Take the situation in the East and South China Sea and the constant threat of the DPRK (North Korea)."



## North Korea Fires 3 Ballistic Missiles After Reporting COVID Outbreak

SEOUL (Dispatches) - North Korea fired three ballistic missiles toward the sea off its east coast on Thursday, South Korea said, in the latest such move by the isolated country racing to advance its weapons programs on the day it first reported a COVID-19 outbreak.

Japan's coastguard confirmed the launch of a ballistic missile by North Korea, citing its military. The projectile appeared to fall outside Japan's exclusive economic zone, public broadcaster NHK said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said three short-range ballistic missiles were fired from the Sunan area of the North's capital, Pyongyang, where an international airport is located and where the North had said it fired its largest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), the Hwasong-17, on March 24.

The missiles flew approximately 360 kilometres (224 miles), reaching an altitude of 90 km and a maximum velocity of Mach 5, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

The firing was the first after the inauguration this week of conservative South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol, who has signalled a hard line against the North's weapons development.

The launch, the North's 16th known weapons test this year, also came hours after it reported its first COVID-19 outbreak, declaring a "gravest national emergency" and ordering a national lockdown.

Yoon's national security office issued a statement condemning the launch and saying it "deplored the duplicitous conduct" of firing ballistic missiles and ignoring the plight of its people in the middle of a COVID outbreak.

In its last weapons test on Saturday, the North used a submarine-launched ballistic missile, which it has been aggressively developing in recent years.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed late last month to expedite the country's buildup of nuclear arsenal, amid stalled denuclearisation talks with the United States.

U.S. and South Korean officials have said Pyongyang's first nuclear test since 2017 could take place as early as this month.

## Palestinian President Blames Israel For Al Jazeera Reporter's Killing

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) - Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Thursday that Israeli authorities were "fully responsible" for the killing of a veteran Al Jazeera reporter during clashes in the occupied West Bank and called for an international investigation.

Shireen Abu Akleh suffered a gunshot wound to the head in Jenin on Wednesday. Al Jazeera and Qatar, where the news network is based, accused Israeli troops of the killing.

Israel, which has voiced regret at Abu Akleh's death, said it was looking into the killing and that the fatal shot might have been fired by a Palestinian gunman. It has proposed a joint investigation with the Palestinians, asking them to provide the bullet for examination.

"We rejected the joint investigation with the Israeli occupation authorities because they committed the crime and because we don't trust them," said Abbas during an official memorial ceremony for Abu Akleh,

who was Palestinian-American.

He added that the Palestinian Authority "will go immediately to the International Criminal Court in order to track down the criminals".

Abu Akleh, 51, was wearing a blue vest clearly marked "Press" while reporting in Jenin, Al Jazeera said. She was covering the latest arrest operation launched by the Israeli military amid deadly Arab attacks in Israel. Another Palestinian journalist at the scene, Ali Samoudi, was wounded.

The body of Abu Akleh was driven in a motorcade from a hospital in the Palestinian hub city of Ramallah towards Abbas's compound. Hundreds of mourners lined both sides of the road, some throwing flowers.

The death drew international and Arab condemnation, including from the White House, which demanded a "comprehensive investigation".



## Sri Lanka Names New PM as Unrest Simmers Over Economic Crisis

COLOMBO (Dispatches)

- Sri Lanka's embattled president swore in a new prime minister Thursday to replace his brother, who was banned from leaving the country after his supporters launched violent attacks on a protest against the nation's economic crisis.

The new premier, Ranil Wickremesinghe, has already served in the office five times -- but it remains unclear if he will be able to get any legislation through parliament. The 73-year-old will be tasked with navigating Sri Lanka through the worst economic downturn in its history as an independent nation, with months of shortages and blackouts inflaming public anger.

"A cabinet is likely to be appointed tomorrow," Sudewa Hettiarachchi, a spokesman for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, told AFP. In a televised address to the nation on Wednesday night, Rajapaksa stopped short of yielding to weeks of countrywide protests calling for him to resign. But in a bid to win over opposition lawmakers demanding he quit, Rajapaksa, 72, pledged to give up most of his executive powers and set up a new cabinet this week.

Mahinda Rajapaksa, the president's brother, resigned as prime minister on Monday after his supporters attacked anti-government demonstrators who had been protesting peacefully for weeks. This marked a turning point and unleashed several days of chaos and violence in which at least nine people were killed and over 200 injured, with dozens of Rajapaksa loyalist homes set on fire.

On Thursday, a court banned Mahinda, his politician son Namal, and more than a dozen allies from leaving the country after ordering an investigation into the violence. "Congratulations to the newly appointed Prime Minister," Mahinda tweeted from the Trincomalee naval base on the country's east coast, where he took refuge after fleeing the capital Colombo. "I wish you all the best as you navigate these troubled times."

Security forces patrolling in armoured personnel carriers with orders to shoot looters on sight have largely restored order. A curfew was lifted Thursday morning -- only to be reimposed after a six-hour break allowing Sri Lanka's 22 million people to stock up on essentials.





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## Nissan Reports First Full-Year Net Profit In Three Years

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Nissan reported a positive full-year net profit for the first time in three years, citing cost-saving efforts and a stronger US market, but issued cautious forecasts. The Japanese auto giant was on a rollercoaster even before the disruption caused by the pandemic and, more recently, the conflict in Ukraine. It had battled slowing demand and the fallout from the arrest of its former chief Carlos Ghosn and is currently implementing a plan involving slashing models, cutting costs and restructuring operations.

It cited some of those efforts in reporting an annual net profit of ¥215.5 billion (RM7.3 billion) — its first net profit since fiscal year 2018-19 — which surpassed its forecast of ¥205 billion.

But looking ahead, it warned of a market environment “more severe than in fiscal year 2021, due to semiconductor supply shortages, higher raw material prices and logistics costs, the crisis in Ukraine as well as the impact of lockdowns on parts supplies in China.”

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## U.S. Inflation Slowed in April But Prices for Many Goods Rising

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – U.S. inflation slowed in April, according to new data released Wednesday, but Americans are still seeing their wallets empty faster than before when they buy groceries and pay rent.

President Joe Biden has gone on the offensive, blaming the price spike on Russian leader Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, and announcing a series of steps he hopes will ease the pain.

The conflict and the sanctions imposed on Russia have driven up prices around the world for fuel, grain and fertilizer, raising costs for farmers who in turn are forced to raise prices.

Biden, whose popularity has taken a hit from the highest inflation in four decades, has labelled the recent surge “Putin’s price hike.”

While visiting a farm in Illinois on Wednesday, he laid out the White House strategy to help food producers, including boosting domestic fertilizer production to combat a nationwide shortage.

“My administration has been working to drive down the cost of farmers... and prices to consumers,” he told reporters.

That includes a US\$500 million (RM2.1 billion) federal investment in fertilizer production and working with the G7 to increase global fertilizer supplies, as well as to “prevent export restrictions on food and agricultural inputs, and bring more global production to market, which will stabilize prices.”

The latest inflation data offered some good news, as the consumer price index (CPI) slowed slightly last month, jumping 8.3 per cent compared to April 2021, after peaking in March at 8.5 per cent, according to a Labor Department report.

Biden called the slow-down “heartening” in a statement earlier Wednesday, but acknowledged inflation is still a major challenge, and said “bringing it down is my top economic priority.”

The dip was helped by easing energy costs, as gasoline fell 6.1 per cent in April compared to March after an 18.3 per cent surge in the previous month.

But gasoline prices at the pump hit a new record on Tuesday, so the news from April may be of little comfort to drivers.

Biden noted during his speech that to offset this, he had signed an emergency waiver last month to allow the nationwide sale of e-15 gasoline — a blend of ethanol and gasoline — during the summer, when fuel sales tend to go up as more Americans travel for vacation.

Prices continued to rise last month for a range of goods, including housing, groceries, airline fares and new vehicles, and



annual inflation remains at its highest rate since early 1982.

CPI rose just 0.3 per cent compared to March, after the 1.2 per cent surge in the prior month, but excluding volatile food and energy goods, the “core” index last month increased at double the March rate, the Labor Department report said.

A large driver was food at home, which jumped 10.8 per cent over the last 12 months — the largest annual increase since November 1980, it said.

The index for meat, poultry, fish and eggs surged 14.3 per cent in the biggest gain since May 1979.

Americans saw big increases in the month for dairy and cereal products, even as fruit and vegetable costs fell last month.

Even with the decline in gasoline, energy costs have surged 30.3 per cent over the past 12 months, with gasoline up 43.6 per cent compared to a year ago.

Economists expect inflation to continue to slow gradually, but see no sign the Federal Reserve will ease up on what it said will be rapid interest rate increases to try to tamp down the price pressures and cool demand.

The Fed last week announced its largest rate hike since 2000, and signaled similar increases were likely in the coming months.

Despite the “modest reprieve” in the data suggesting inflation peaked in March, “the renewed rise in gasoline prices towards a record US\$4.50 nationally and increase in diesel prices signals that there is still upward risk to the inflation outlook,” Kathy Bostjancic of Oxford Economics said in an analysis.

“Further, the Covid-related China lockdowns and the continued Russia-Ukraine war places further stress on already strained supply chains.”

## Asian Economic Powers Warn of Risks From War, Monetary Policy Normalization

TOKYO (Dispatches) - East Asian economic leaders warned of risks to the region’s outlook and pledged to remain committed to market stability and sound fiscal policy.

Economic risks included unexpectedly early rises in interest rates “in some advanced nations”, runaway inflation and supply chain disruption on top of the war in Ukraine, finance ministers and central bank governors said in a joint statement.

The statement followed annual meetings, held online, of the officials from China, Japan, South Korea and the 10 members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The Japanese, Chinese and South Korean officials affirmed their commitment to supporting financial market stability and to long-term fiscal sustainability.

“We must remain on guard against heightening risks to which the regional economic recovery is being exposed ... on top of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and earlier-than-expected monetary policy normalization in some advanced nations,” it said.

“These factors could become downside risks to the regional economic outlook, causing volatility to financial markets and capital flows.”

The officials’ joint statement comes amid concerns that U.S interest rate rises and related reduction in central bank assets have driven up the dollar. This has raised the prospect of capital flight from some emerging markets and a rising burden of dollar-denominated debt in the developing world.

The officials steered clear of references to currency market moves, notably rises in the dollar and falls in the yen, or sanctions against Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which Moscow calls a “special operation.”

Instead, they underscored progress in regional initiatives, including a mechanism aimed at helping countries in times of financial distress, the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation currency swaps deal.

A deep divide has emerged within the Group of 20 (G20) major economies, which includes Western nations that have accused Moscow of war crimes in Ukraine. Other members - China, Indonesia, India and South Africa - have not joined Western-led sanctions against Russia over the conflict.

ASEAN is chaired by Cambodia this year and includes Indonesia, which currently chairs the G20. Japanese Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki used harsher words than the joint statement in discussing the invasion of Ukraine.

“Russia’s unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine has shaken the foundation of international order and is a clear violation of international law,” Suzuki told reporters. “It is having a serious impact on the global economy with energy and food price rises, supply-chain disruptions, destabilisation of financial markets and increasing numbers of refugees.”

## Lagarde Suggests ECB Rate Hike Could Come as Soon as July

FRANKFURT (Dispatches) - European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde hinted the Frankfurt-based institution could raise its interest rates from historic lows as soon as July as inflation in the eurozone soars.

The ECB should end its stimulus bond-buying scheme “early in the third quarter”, Lagarde said in a speech in Ljubljana, and could then raise interest rates “only a few weeks” later.

The comment is the clearest sign yet from Lagarde that the ECB is ready to move on rates soon rather later, as the institution trails behind the US Federal Reserve and other major central banks that have already taken the step to combat inflation.

ECB policymakers will next meet on June 9 and July 21 to decide their course of action.

Any hike would be the ECB’s first in over a decade and would lift rates from their current historically low levels.

These include a negative deposit rate which effectively charges banks to park their excess cash at the ECB overnight.

Inflation in the eurozone reached 7.5 per cent in April, an all-time high for the currency club and well above the ECB’s own two-per cent target.

The surge, driven in no small part by steep increases in prices for energy due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, has strengthened calls for the ECB to follow its peers towards interest rate hikes.

The Fed and the Bank of England among others have been raising rates in efforts to stop price rises.

German central bank president Joachim Nagel said yesterday he “will advocate a first step normalising ECB interest rates in July”.

At its last meeting in April, the ECB’s governing council resolved to end a bond-buying scheme that has been used to stoke economic growth “in the third quarter”.

## Aramco Becomes World’s Most Valuable Company

SAN FRANCISCO (Dispatches) - Saudi Aramco dethroned Apple as the world’s most valuable company as surging oil prices drove up shares and tech stocks slumped.

The Saudi Arabian national petroleum and natural gas company, billed as the largest oil producing company in the world, was valued at US\$2.42 trillion based on the price of its shares at close of market.

Apple, meanwhile, has seen its share price drop over the past month and was valued at US\$2.37 trillion when official trading ended on Wednesday.

The sinking share price came despite Apple reporting better-than-expected profits in the first three months of this year amid strong consumer demand.

But, Apple warned that the China Covid-19 lockdown and ongoing supply chain woes would dent June quarter results by US\$4 to US\$8 billion.

“Supply constraints caused by Covid-related disruptions and industry-wide silicon shortages are impacting our ability to meet customer demand for our products,” Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri said on a conference call with analysts.

The results looked good following stumbles by some Big Tech peers as growth from the stay-at-home demand amid the pandemic slows and companies confront rising operating and labor costs.

## Note of CEO of Arvandan Oil, Gas Company on Occasion of Opening of 26th Tehran Oil, Gas, Refining and Petrochemical Exhibition

**CEO of Arvandan Co. Highlights Significance of Tehran Int’l Oil, Gas Refining and Petrochemical Exhibition**

**In his note, the CEO of Arvandan Oil and Gas Company Mr. Abdullah Azari Ahvazi explained the company’s development goals at the 26th International Oil Industry Exhibition.**

**According to the public relations of Arvandan Oil and Gas Company, Azari Ahvazi in his note wrote:**

Iran International Oil, Gas, Refining and Petrochemical Exhibition, which is held annually with the presence of a large number of capable domestic and foreign companies, is a good opportunity to attract capital, mutual cooperation, Strengthen the capacity of domestic manufacturers, upgrade technical and engineering capacity, increase Creates the level of production as well as the executive capacity of contractors, production and operation companies and knowledge-based centers.

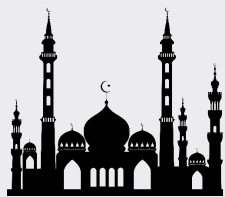
Arvandan Oil and Gas Company has been an active presence in this exhibition every year as the second largest producer of Iranian crude oil. And the implementation of projects resulting in over-harvesting of fields, especially joint fields, and is also the first subsidiary of the National Iranian Oil Company, which has outsourced outsourcing of exploitation services under its supervision to domestic contractors. The Supreme Leader’s thoughtful emphasis in naming this year as a knowledge-based product, as evidenced by past experience, shows that not every product can achieve high economic prospects unless it is cost-effective and cost-effective. Proportionally can create value, and today this approach of «knowledge-based production» is doubly important for the oil industry in this regard and is an essential strategy that in the not too distant future, entering the second half of Iran’s oil reservoirs, the era of high-yield reservoirs and it will cost less and the maximum protection production and realization of production goals that are worthy of this huge amount of oil reserves of the country will be possible only by relying on updated knowledge. This forward-looking commitment has put Iran’s large oil industry on the path to becoming technology-driven, which has accelerated with the advent of the 13th government and an endogenous outlook and



approach. The realization of knowledge-based production will undoubtedly depend on the trust and creation of role-playing opportunities for knowledge-based companies, so with the trust that exists in local capacities, the necessary ground should be provided for role-makers and domestic suppliers to advance and fulfill the slogan of the year. Of course, the role of universities and research centers should not be overlooked, because it is the universities and scientific centers that can provide the infrastructure and conditions for the growth of knowledge-based and support for domestic production. And now, after a one-year hiatus, the large gathering of the country’s oil, gas and petrochemical industry again with the slogan «knowledge-based oil, Iranian production, world exports» at the 26th Tehran International Oil Exhibition, an admirable and appropriate platform To provide synergy and meet the needs of the private and public sector, such as previous exhibitions that provided valuable opportunities for cooperation to the company to identify qualified manufacturers and suppliers, as soon as possible their equipment and service needs Satisfy. The 26th exhibition can be more than ever, the background of interactions, sharing current knowledge, updating technical and operational information and access to new technologies in various fields of production, maintenance and repair, processing and so on. In this regard, Arvandan Oil and Gas Company will be active in this period of Tehran International Oil Exhibition with the aim of identifying and supporting contractors, consultants, knowledge-based centers as well as manufacturers of domestic goods in the operation of western Karun fields. Will be visitors and visitors.

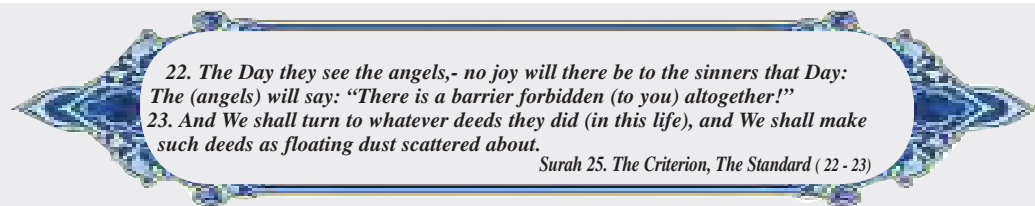






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# Cannes Marks Its 75th Year in Nostalgic Form

PARIS (Dispatches) - From Maverick to Bowie to Elvis, the Cannes Film Festival launches its 75th-anniversary edition on Tuesday with a roster full of icons from the last century.

The world's foremost film festival always tries to strike a balance between serious arthouse fare and popcorn-guzzling entertainment.

It has scored some big crowd-pleasers for its diamond jubilee, with Tom Cruise coming to the French Riviera for the European launch of "Top Gun: Maverick", the sequel to his era-defining mega-hit from 1986.

Music legends will feature prominently, with flamboyant Australian director Baz Luhrmann screening his biopic "Elvis" along with new documentaries about David Bowie ("Moonage Daydream") and rock'n'roller Jerry Lee Lewis ("Trouble in Mind" by one-half of the Coen brothers, Ethan Coen). While those are all playing outside the main competition, there are also iconic names in the race for the top prize Palme d'Or, not least Canadian horror maestro David Cronenberg.

The 79-year-old returns to his body-horror (dis)comfort zone with "Crimes of the Future", in which Kristen Stewart, Lea Seydoux and Viggo Mortensen turn gruesome surgical alterations into a sexualised performance art. Meanwhile, US filmmaker James Gray gets nostalgic for his New York adolescence in "Armageddon Time", starring Anne Hathaway and Anthony Hopkins.

And one of France's most feted directors, Claire Denis, is back with "The Stars at Noon", a thriller set in Central America featuring Robert Pattinson.



Following some last-minute additions, a total of 21 films are competing for the Palme d'Or, including several from previous winners: the Dardenne brothers from Belgium, Sweden's Ruben Ostlund, Japan's Hirokazu Kore-eda and Romania's Cristian Mungiu.

## Arvandan Co. Gets IMS Certificate

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - According to reports, Arvandan Oil and Gas Company on Wednesday after passing the last session of evaluation got the integrated management standard (IME) certificate.

According to the public relations of the company, after the last session of evaluation of the administrative and operational units of Arvandan Oil and Gas Company, the process of awarding the IMS certificate ended and the company got the IMS certificate and the IMS system including ISO 9001:2015, ISO 1400:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 were placed in this company.

In this session, the CEO of the company Eng. Azari Ahvazi pointed to the outlook of the company by 2025 and goals of the oil industry regarding the West Karoun fields and said that achieving the sublime goals of the company needs paying attention to an integrated plan, standards, increasing the quality of process and to an approach for continuous improvement in all operational fields, environment and human resources and these missions increase the necessity of employing the important standards in the organization like IMS.

He noted that in this regard, since the beginning of the last year, the company put on its agenda implementation of some management standards with an eye on developing and improving the systems and methods, and with implementation of quality management standard, environment management standard and quality health and safety in the form of integrated management system, the company has started seriously its road for improving productivity and organizational excellence.

Azari noted that this will undoubtedly have very impact on improving the position of the company in



the national and international level, and Arvandan Co. with leading the most important joint oil fields of the country has a great role in materializing the oil industry goals whose materialization requires young and skilful human resources as well as a pioneer organization based on standards, systems and organized methods and modern management.

He congratulated this achievement of the company in getting IMS certificate and its implementation in the company and reiterated continuation of right move of the organization on a standard track.

## Brilliant Farvardin for KSC With 15% Growth in Sales

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Khorasan Steel Complex Company (KSC) with sales of 44008 tons of final products in the first month of Iranian calendar year Farvardin posted 15% growth in sales comparing to the same period last year.

According to reports, KSC at the end of month of Farvardin enjoyed 15% growth in the sales of the final product (rebar) while this figure in Farvardin of last year was 38300 tons.

Head of marketing and sales of KSC Mr Hossein Bakhtiari said that all domestic sales of KSC are done via offering on mercantile exchange, adding that the company ended the first month of the year Farvardin while over 7100 tons of its final products were exported to its target markets.

He added that KSC offered 85% of its final products on the mercantile exchange to be sold. He reiterated that this warm welcome to Khorasan Steel Company's final product has happened in Farvardin while over 800,000 tons of rebar had been offered by steelmaking companies on the mercantile exchange and only 22% of the figure, namely, 180,000 tons had been traded.

Bakhtiari noted that KSC offered 37,114 tons of its rebar product on the mercantile exchange and 31614 tons of this product was sold.

He stated that the sales of the company in first month grew 15% which is 98% beyond the schedule of the company in the field of marketing and sales for the first month of the current year.



Iran Monitoring...

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Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent years made substantial headway in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient in the arms sphere.

Iranian officials have repeatedly underscored that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile power, which are entirely meant for defense, and that Iran's defense capabilities will never be subject to negotiations.

Iraq Strikes Deal...

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"They agreed to supply us with the gas but they had conditions. They are demanding... \$1.6 billion," Karim said, adding the payment will have to be made "by the start of June".

The figure represents Iraq's arrears for 2020, which have yet to be settled because of the arcane payment method Iraq is obliged to use to comply with an exemption from U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Iraq is not allowed to simply hand over cash to Iran. Payments must be used to fund imports of food and medicines. Karim said gas imports from Iran are currently flowing at 38 million cubic metres per day.

Alternatives under consideration include a connection to the Turkish national grid to supply electricity to Iraq's second city Mosul and a link to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to help power the south.

Karim said imports of liquefied natural gas were also expected to begin from Qatar in the "next few months" but underlined that no alternative source was likely to replace Iranian gas soon.

"In my humble opinion we will depend on Iranian gas for five or 10 years to come," he said.

India, Uzbekistan...

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Located in the Sistan-Balochistan province on the energy-rich Iran's southern coast, the Chabahar port is being developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan to boost trade ties.

In a significant move, India, Iran and Uzbekistan in December held extensive talks on joint use of the Chabahar Port while underlining its importance in enhancing regional connectivity. On the India-Uzbekistan Foreign Office Consultations (FoC), the MEA said the two sides exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest, including Afghanistan. They agreed to further enhance cooperation in the UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and other multilateral fora.

"Indian side conveyed its full support for Uzbekistan's ongoing chairmanship of SCO. Both sides highly assessed the holding of the 1st India-Central Asia Summit in January and agreed to expeditiously implement its outcomes along with other Central Asian countries," the MEA said.

Iran Welcomes Local...

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Referring to participation of 23 universities and research centers and over 100 knowledge-based companies, startups, technology parks and science and research towns in the exhibition, he said it shows the Petroleum Ministry is determined in this area, adding the motto of the year "knowledge-based production and job creation", announced by the Iranian Supreme Leader, has also increased our responsibility.

Emphasizing that our approach to a knowledge-based oil industry and focusing on the domestic production is by no means a slogan, Owji stated, Petroleum Ministry and the Vice-Presidency for Science and Technology prepared and regulated the plan for knowledge-based production and job creation in oil industry which will soon be approved by the Cabinet.

Wide-ranging measures to increase production, make a knowledge-based oil industry and create more employment opportunities are on the agenda of the Ministry of Petroleum, Owji noted.

The second step in establishing a knowledge-based oil industry and focusing on the domestic production was issuing a call for participation of knowledge-based companies in oil industry's prioritized areas, he added, over 300 companies cooperated in prioritized and job-creating areas of optimization, rehabilitation of low-efficiency wells and value chain development. We have already closed contracts with such firms and allocated facilities and support to them under the Note 18 of the Budget Law, he added.

Finalizing the oil technology ecosystem is another priority of the Ministry of Petroleum he said, adding the Ministry seeks to activate innovation centers near universities, set up knowledge-based companies and start-ups in the oil technology park and develop such parks, he said.

Owji also stressed the need to focus on the investment and development in the oil industry and said, "the manufacturing sectors, knowledge-based companies and manufacturers will not be dynamic and the business environment in the oil industry will not improve unless investment is made. Therefore, the investment is mainly aimed to activate various contractors, manufacturers and service providers." Lack of resources required to develop the oil industry in recent years has not only jeopardized the sustainability of oil and gas production but also posed a threat to the country's energy security, he said, adding, "Accordingly, investment and providing the ground for development in oil industry is a top priority."

If investment is not made in time in the oil industry, we will undoubtedly face a deficit in the production and consumption of energy in the country, so we have developed various programs to seek investment in different sectors of this major industry.

Owji said Oil Ministry has managed to sign 50 agreements and memoranda of understanding, worth over 16.7 billion dollars, in the first nine months of the 13th government through deploying the potential of large oil and petrochemical holdings and banks, as well as negotiating with reputable international companies, he said.

These projects mainly focus on the development of the joint oil and gas fields, flare gas collection, development of the refinery value chain, as well as utilizing the potential of knowledge-based companies and domestic manufacturers.

On sanctions, he said confronting sanctions and strong energy diplomacy are among the top priorities of the ministry, adding in the current circumstances, Iran's oil industry is on the economic front line and confrontation with enemies.

Noting that the exhibition is a manifestation of the capability and authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the current situation, he added, "Despite the sanctions, domestic capacities in all fields including equipment manufacturing, design and engineering, contracting and execution of projects are growing. And, they are hopefully planning for the future which is a sign of the failure of sanctions policy.

Sanctions have failed to stop the development of our oil industry and exports, he continued, "we have been able to diversify our market, increase oil exports and facilitate our financial venues which raised our revenues remarkably."

In the end, he thanked all those involved in holding this exhibition and the participating companies as well as the help of all institutions, Iran's Parliament in particular, and emphasized, "If Iran's oil industry improves, all industries, factories and the national economy will improve and create employment opportunities for young people and provide the ground for professionals to grow."



## Jokic Wins Second Consecutive MVP Award

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) - Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic has won the NBA's Most Valuable Player award for the second straight year, the league announced.

The Serbian big man receive 65 first place votes from a panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters, comfortably beating out Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid, who finished second, and Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, who was third. Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker and Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic rounded out the top five.

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## Osaka Starts Own Sports Agency

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Four-times major winner Naomi Osaka is breaking away from IMG to launch her own sports agency with longtime agent Stuart Duguid.

Duguid and Osaka began discussing the venture at the Tokyo Olympics last year, Duguid told Reuters via email, adding that the firm, called Evolve, will operate as a "small boutique and bespoke agency."

"We were discussing the business models of some of her mentors like Kobe (Bryant) and LeBron (James). We thought – why has no transcendent female athlete done that yet," he said.

# Nadal, Swiatek Ease Into Rome Last 16

ROME (Dispatches) - Rafael Nadal eased into the last 16 of the Italian Open with a straightforward 6-3, 6-1 win over John Isner, while Iga Swiatek is on course for a fifth straight WTA triumph after seeing off Elena-Gabriela Ruse 6-3, 6-0.

Third seed Nadal made short work of Isner as he bids for an 11th title in Rome, the King of Clay seeing off his American opponent in one hour and 17 minutes under blazing sunshine at the Foro Italico.

A quarter-final loser to fellow countryman Carlos Alcaraz in Madrid, Nadal could profit from the in-form teenager's absence in the Italian capital to win the last big clay event before the French Open later this month.

The 35-year-old had been out for six weeks with a rib injury before returning in the Spanish capital last week but Isner put up little resistance against the 21-time Grand Slam winner.

"I need to build again the things after a tough stop and that's what I'm trying, just to stay with the right attitude and let's see if I'm able to make that happen," Nadal said courtside.

The match swung in Nadal's favour in game eight, when Nadal broke veteran world number 27 Isner before serving out to take the first set.

From there Nadal cruised to victory, dropping just 14 points on his way to setting up a third-round clash with Denis Shapovalov.

"I need to play better than I did today but after a while out it's another victory and tomorrow another chance to play against one of the best players in the world," Nadal added.

Nadal later told reporters that Swiatek was doing "amazing things" and it was difficult to argue after she set up a third-round match with Victoria Azarenka after wiping the floor with Ruse.

The 20-year-old Swiatek is in red-hot form after winning her last four tournaments and will be eyeing a second title at Roland Garros after winning there as a teenager in 2020.

Swiatek dropped just nine points in a second-set demolition of Ruse which highlighted the gulf between the two players.

Former champion Karolina Pliskova was dumped out of the women's tournament after being beaten by Switzerland's Jil Teichmann 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Pliskova had made the previous three finals in Rome, winning the title in 2019, but the sixth seed lost to 24-year-old



Teichmann in a battle which lasted two hours and 40 minutes.

Third seed Aryna Sabalenka strolled into the next round with a routine 6-2, 6-0 win over Zhang Shuai, while Coco Gauff is also in the last 16 after seeing off fellow American Madison Brengle 6-2, 6-4.

Stan Wawrinka, who won for the first time in 15 months in the first round, edged out Laslo Djere 7-6 (10/8), 3-6, 6-3 to set up a last-16 clash with world number one Novak Djokovic.

The injury-hit 37-year-old beat Djokovic in finals to win two of his three Grand Slam titles, but has lost 19 of their 25 career meetings.

Stefanos Tsitsipas was forced to work hard to beat Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) in a tough match in which he had to save two match points before eventually prevailing in a third-set tie-break.

Bulgarian Dimitrov, beaten by world number five Tsitsipas in both Barcelona and Madrid in recent weeks, fought back from 5-3 down in the second set to level the match and looked to have the better of his Greek opponent in set three.

However he failed to capitalise on his match points, which both came against serve, and Tsitsipas rattled off five straight points in the tie-break to ensure victory.

The 23-year-old could meet second seed Alexander Zverev in the semi-finals, as he did in Madrid, after the German saw off Sebastian Baez 7-6 (8/6), 6-3.

Italian youngster Jannik Sinner beat fellow home hope Fabio Fognini 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 and will face Filip Krajinovic for a quarter-final place.

## Ukraine Return to Action With Friendly Win Against Gladbach

KYIV (Dispatches) - Oleksandr Pikhaliyok scored the winner as Ukraine beat Bundesliga side Borussia Moenchengladbach 2-1 in a friendly on Wednesday in the national team's first game since the country was invaded by Russia.

The match at Borussia-Park was attended by over 20,000 spectators, with all proceeds going towards relief efforts in Ukraine. Players from both teams held up a "Stop War" banner before kick-off.

It also doubled up as a warm-up match for Ukraine before their World Cup playoff semi-final against Scotland on June 1, with the winner set to face Wales for a place in the finals in Qatar later this year.

Mykhaylo Mudryk opened the scoring in the ninth minute but Conor Noss levelled the match five minutes later before Pikhaliyok drilled home a low finish late on to seal the win for Ukraine.

It was Ukraine's first match since a 2-0 victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina in November.

The visitors fielded players only from their domestic clubs after the Ukrainian Premier League season was terminated last month due to Moscow's invasion.

"The first match," said Ukraine coach Oleksandr Petrakov, "the team did not play for six months, I did not work for six months."

"I have no questions for the guys, at this stage they are good, they did well. There are a lot of mistakes, we will correct them."

Ukraine next play friendlies against Italian side Empoli and Croatian club Rijeka before taking on Scotland.

## Inter Win Coppa Italia

ROME (Dispatches) - Inter Milan won the Coppa Italia after an extra-time double from Croatian forward Ivan Perisic earned his side a 4-2 victory over Juventus in Wednesday's final, ensuring Massimiliano Allegri's team will finish the season trophyless.

Inter, who are still in the running to retain their Serie A title this term, started on the front foot, racing into the lead after six minutes in the Stadio Olimpico as Nicolo Barella arrowed a stunning strike into the top corner.



# Chiellini to Leave Juventus at the End of the Season

ROME (Dispatches) - Veteran defender Giorgio Chiellini confirmed he will leave Juventus at the end of the season.

The 37-year-old, who is third on Juventus' all-time appearances list behind Alessandro Del Piero and Gianluigi Buffon, made the announcement after his side lost 4-2 to Inter Milan in Wednesday's Coppa Italia final.

"We had these 10 magnificent years, it is up to the others to continue now," he told Sport Mediaset. "I did everything I could, I hope that I left something."

"On Monday I will say goodbye to my Juventus Stadium, then if I have still got

something in the tank might have a run-out in Florence (in Juve's final league game next weekend).

"It is my choice 100 per cent, I am happy to leave at such a high level, because for many years I have said I didn't want to finish struggling and not being able to play at my level. I gave it my all, soon I will be the biggest Juventus fan from the outside. After so many years within this club, you cannot shake it off."

Chiellini joined Juve in 2004 from Livorno, going on to win nine league titles and five Italian Cups during his time in Turin.

He announced his retirement from international football last month, but does not appear to be hanging up his boots just yet, with reports in the Italian media linking him with a move to the United States for one last hurrah.

## Bucks Rally to Push Celtics to Brink in NBA Playoffs

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) - Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 40 points and Bobby Portis came up big late as the NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks rallied for a 110-107 win in Boston to push the Celtics to the brink of playoff elimination.

Reserve forward Portis put back Antetokounmpo's missed free throw with 11.4 seconds remaining to give the Bucks a 108-107 lead.

Jrue Holiday plucked an attempted shot by Marcus Smart from the air with 8.1 seconds remaining before teammate Pat Connaughton added a pair of free throws to seal the comeback triumph for a Bucks team that trailed by 14 early in the fourth quarter.

Milwaukee took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series, and will have a chance to close it out when they host game six.

Two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Antetokounmpo led the way with 40 points and 11 rebounds. Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown combined for 60 points for the Celtics, who took control with a 28-19 second quarter that saw them take a 54-47 halftime lead.

They maintained the edge throughout the third, but the Bucks didn't back down.

Connaughton's three-pointer with 7:34 to play cut the deficit to 98-90. Jrue Holiday added a jump shot to cut the margin to 101-99.

Three-pointers from Antetokounmpo and Holiday knotted the score at 105-105 with 43.2 seconds left, setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

"It takes a little bit of everything to flip a 13- or 14-point game," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said.



## Man City Go Three Points Clear

LONDON (Dispatches) - Kevin De Bruyne produced a four-goal masterclass as Manchester City thrashed Wolves 5-1 to move three points clear at the top of the Premier League, while Chelsea consolidated their top four place and pushed Leeds deeper into relegation trouble.

City had seen second-placed Liverpool go level on points with them after a 2-1 win at Aston Villa on Tuesday.

But De Bruyne's brilliant display ensured Pep Guardiola's side responded emphatically as a thrilling title race enters the final furlong.

After De Bruyne put City ahead in the seventh minute from Bernardo Silva's pass, the leaders were briefly rocked by Leander Dendoncker's equaliser four minutes later.

But De Bruyne extinguished Wolves' hopes of a shock win as he completed his hat-trick with two more lethal finishes in the 16th and 24th minutes.

He bagged his fourth goal from close range in the 60th minute and Raheem Sterling put the seal on the demolition with an 85th-minute tap-in.

The Belgium midfielder's heroics mean City need four points from their last two games to be guaranteed a fourth Premier League title in the last five seasons.

If City can win at West Ham on Sunday, they will climb six points clear of Liverpool before Jurgen Klopp's quadruple-chasing team next play in the league at Southampton on Tuesday.

City's second goal spree in four days after the 5-0 rout of Newcastle on Sunday also gives them an important seven-goal advantage over Liverpool in the goal difference column.

