

Iranian Space Agency (ISA) Says Capabilities of Khayyam Satellite Are In Agricultural Field, Natural Disasters, Rural Changes, Mine Discoveries, and Water Resources Monitoring

IRAN NEWS

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Diplomacy Said That There Are Good Opportunities for Exports From Iran to Eastern Countries of Europe such as Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia

VOL. XXVIII, No. 7562 TEHRAN Price 50,000 Rials

www.irannewsdaily.com

SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2022 - MORDAD 22, 1401

2

DOMESTIC

Tehran Ready To Help Establish Peace In Caucasus



> SEE PAGE 2

3

DOMESTIC

Executive Operations of 4 Steel Mega Projects of Goharzamin Co. Get Off the Ground in Bardsir



> SEE PAGE 3

4

INTERNATIONAL

Seoul, Beijing Clash Over U.S. Missile Shield, Complicating



> SEE PAGE 4

8

SPORTS

Kyrgios Beats No. 1 Medvedev at Montreal



> SEE PAGE 8

No Progress Possible In Vienna Unless Iran-IAEA Issues Resolved

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK

TEHRAN - An advisor to Tehran's negotiating team in Vienna says no progress will be achieved in the talks on a potential revival of the 2015 nuclear deal unless the so-called Safeguard issues between Tehran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are resolved.

In an interview with RT, Seyyed Mohammad Marandi said Iran had so far managed to get many concessions from the Western parties to the Vienna talks, but the issue with the IAEA surrounding the "fake claims" against Iran must first be resolved so that the talks could move forward.

It should be noted that the IAEA's Board of Governors is not a technical body but a political one, and that it has adopted a hostile approach vis-à-vis the Islamic Republic under Western pressure, said Marandi, adding that the Board now needs to take a political decision to enable the closure of the dossier.

The Board of Governors has, in the past, accused Iran of withholding cooperation with the IAEA, an allegation roundly dismissed by Tehran.

See Page 7

Turkey's Border Wall Blamed for Environmental Problems for Iran

TEHRAN (PressTV) - A senior Iranian official has criticized Turkey for creating "serious" environmental problems by constructing a wall along the two countries' border.

In an interview with Iran's Arabic-language al-Alam TV network, Iranian Deputy Interior Minister Majid Mir Ahmadi said the wall being built along the Iranian border was part a strategy devised by Turkey based on its own assessment of the threats it was facing in border areas.

"We have had and will have no problems in this regard as long as our [country's] geographical and territorial limits are observed but [the border wall] has caused serious environmental problems for us and affected our rivers and environment," he added.

The official noted that Iran had informed Turkish officials of the environmental problems and was waiting for the necessary reforms.

The construction of the 295-kilometers wall along the border with Iran is currently underway and is scheduled to be finished by 2023.

Ankara says the construction work is aimed at improving security by halting the infiltration of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militants and "illegal smugglers".

The Interior Ministry official further said that some five million Afghan refugees are currently living in Iran, which is among the world's top refugee hosts.

Mir Ahmadi noted that Iran had plans to organize the Afghan refugees and was currently working to implement them.

Iran has been facing a new wave of refugees from Afghanistan since the country came under the control of the Taliban group in August.

Iran has criticized the lack of global financial supports for refugees in Iran, saying that funds provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have failed to match the size of the country's refugee programs.

Authorities have warned that if enough support is not provided for dealing with the refugees, the influx could reach countries in Europe.

Elsewhere in his interview, Mir Ahmadi said Taliban forces were not familiar with border guarding tasks and sometimes engage in clashes with Iranian forces, stressing the importance of adopting measures to gradually solve the problem.

Iran believes that the Taliban forces do not seek to get involved a dispute with Iranian border guards and has expressed its readiness to train the Afghan forces for the relevant tasks, he added.

Leader Hails Palestinian Islamic Jihad For Defeating Enemies



IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK

TEHRAN – Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei hailed the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement for its spirited steadfastness and resilience during the recent three-day-long Israeli military onslaught on the besieged Gaza Strip, stating that the group proved that any segment of the resistance front can rub the Tel Aviv regime's nose to the ground.

Ayatollah Khamenei, in a Thursday letter addressed to Secretary General of the Gaza-based Islamic Jihad movement Ziad al-Nakhala, said the heroic and courageous perseverance of the group elevated its status among other Palestinian resistance factions, thwarted the plots of the usurping Tel Aviv regime and took the Zionists down a peg.

The Leader also underlined the need for maintaining unity among all Palestinian groups.

"The usurping enemy is getting weaker, at the same time that the Palestinian resistance front is getting stronger," Ayatollah Khamenei pointed out.

Earlier this week, Nakhalah had written to Ayatollah Khamenei about the presence of Palestinian fighters throughout the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank in a united front against the Israeli aggression.

In his letter, the Islamic Jihad chief had stated that Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip vigorously withstood the latest Israeli aggression on the besieged enclave.

"We dubbed the recent bout of violence 'Wahda al-Sahat' (Unity of the Fields) to emphasize the unity of our nation against the enemy, which is trying to wreck it through all available means and conspiracies," Nakhalah wrote.

"I received your solemn and auspicious letter. May God give you noble reward and bring the final victory of the proud and oppressed Palestinian nation near," Ayatollah Khamenei responded.

"The recent incident doubled the honors of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement and elevated the position of the Islamic Jihad in the glorious resistance movement of the Palestinian nation.

"With your brave resistance, you neutralized the deceitful policy of the usurping regime. You proved that each part of the resistance bloc alone can rub the enemy's nose to the ground," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei also praised Islamic Jihad for uniting anti-Israeli resistance in the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip.

"By linking the struggle in Gaza with the West Bank and other resistance forces with their support for the jihad movement, you were able to display the integrity of the Palestinian nation's jihad against the evil and deceitful enemy.

Ayatollah Khamenei said all the efforts of the Palestinian groups throughout Palestine should go towards maintaining this unity.

"The usurper enemy is getting weaker and the Palestinian resistance is getting stronger, and there is no power but from God," the Leader said, reiterating that "by God's will, we are still with you" and Iran's vows in support of the resistance is intact.

Martyr Soleimani's School Should Always Be Paid Attention

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - Referring to the capacities of Kerman province in fields such as agriculture, horticulture, mines, numerous scientific centers, efficient and young manpower, President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi said, "Despite the various capacities, the existence of poverty and deprivation in the province is unacceptable".

In Kerman, Raisi expressed satisfaction with the news that the first round of provincial trips of the Popular Administration to Kerman Province was successfully concluded, and stated, "Kerman is the cradle of sophisticated men and women, poets, writers, artists and prominent scientific figures".

Honoring the memory and name of martyr Hajj Qasem Soleimani, the President noted, "Martyr Soleimani is a symbol of resistance and a source of pride for our country and the Islamic world. The supreme leader of the revolution mentioned him as a school that should always be paid attention to by everyone".

Raisi pointed out that Kerman province has devoted more than 6,500 martyrs and more than 19,000 veterans to the Islamic system, and referred to this province as the capital of resistance.

Referring to the capacities of Kerman province in fields such as agriculture, horticulture, mines, numerous scientific centers, efficient and young manpower, the President said, "Despite the various capacities, the existence of poverty and deprivation in the province is unacceptable".

Raisi emphasized, "Despite the diverse capacities, unemployment in Kerman is not acceptable and the poverty and deprivation that we are witnessing today in the province, especially in the south of Kerman, is not what Kerman deserves".

See Page 7

U.S. Urged to Accept Islamic Republic's Legitimate Demands

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has called on the United States to provide the ground for the final text of an agreement in Vienna talks by accepting the "legitimate demands" of the Islamic Republic.

"We have conveyed our message to America through the Europeans. We hope that the American side, with a realistic and pragmatic view and acceptance of the legitimate demands of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will provide the ground for an agreement on the final text," he told his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavosoglu on phone.

The negotiations between Iran and the Europeans plus Russia and China to revive the 2015 nuclear deal through removing US sanctions on Tehran have dragged on since April 2021. While the Biden administration has claimed to be ready to return to compliance with the deal which its predecessor abandoned in 2018, it has taken no practical measures to undo Washington's past wrongs.

Foreign Minister Cavosoglu "expressed hope that the current negotiations will soon come to a conclusion in order to secure the rights of the Iranian nation and the common interests of all parties," Tasnim news agency reported on Wednesday.

See Page 7

Iranians Welcome Buying Properties in Turkey

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - A comparison of data from the Central Bank of Iran and the Turkish Statistical Center shows that Iranian citizens spend their money to buy a house in this neighboring country in proportion to the transaction of all seven houses in Tehran.

Iranians bought a total of nearly 11,000 homes in Turkey from April to March last year, while the total housing transactions in Tehran in 1400 were more than 77,000 units, according to the Open Database of Iran.

Although there are no precise statistics on the value of Iranian-owned housing in Turkey, the report estimates the currency spent on buying Iranian citizens' property in the country as "\$1 billion", taking into account the average price of "\$100,000" per property.

After 2020, Iranian citizens have topped the table of foreign buyers of property in Turkey, according to the Turkish Statistical Center.

See Page 7

Iran Urges Trial of Perpetrators of 1998 Mazar-i-Sharif Terror Attack

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The foreign minister of Iran called on Afghanistan to shed light on different aspects of a terrorist attack on Iranian diplomats in Mazar-i-Sharif back in 1998, stressing that the orchestrators and perpetrators of the heinous crime must be introduced and brought to justice.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian released a post on his Instagram account on Thursday, marking the 24th martyrdom anniversary of eight Iranian diplomats and a journalist who lost their lives in the attack in Mazar-i-Sharif.

What follows is the text of his message:

"August 7 marked the anniversary of the martyrdom of 8 Iranian diplomats and an Iranian journalist during a cowardly attack on Iran's diplomatic mission in the Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif. It's also the Day of Journalists on the calendar. I believe that this coincidence is important because were it not for reporters and their efforts round the clock to uncover truth, the activities of the diplomats and officials of the Islamic establishment would be sort of fruitless. It's the reporters that at all international and domestic arenas help foil the ploys and psychological attacks of the enemy and it's the reporters that are the flag-bearers of uncovering truth. While sympathizing with the families of the Mazar-i-Sharif martyrs, I would like to congratulate dear journalists on this occasion.

See Page 7

Science Ministry to Support Talented Students

TEHRAN (IP) - Science Ministry announced plans to support talented students in universities to establish the scientific authority of the country.

The meeting of the “Council for Guidance of Talents “ was held at the Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology with the presence of the Vice President for Science and Technology, Sorena Sattari, and

the Minister of Science Mohammad-Ali Zulf-Gol.

Mohammad Ali Zulf-Gol said: “With the cooperation of Iran’s ‘National Elites Foundation’, the plans are made for the scientific Olympiad’s medal winners to continue their studies with more facilities in the universities.”

Zulf-Gol said that this plan aims to create the country’s top scientists in the future.

Tehran Ready To Help Establish Peace in Caucasus

TEHRAN (PressTV) - President Ebrahim Raisi has told Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian that Iran is ready to use all its capacities to establish peace and stability in the Caucasus region and help its growth and development.

In a phone conversation, Raisi described relations between the two countries as historical and deep, emphasizing the necessity of planning to increase the level of sustainable economic cooperation between Tehran and Yerevan.

The Iranian president touched on the recent border skirmishes between Armenian and Azerbaijani troops, saying the “adherence of the signatories of the tripartite ceasefire statement to its provisions and solving the remaining issues through dialogue and diplomatic solutions is the best way to create peace and security in the Caucasus region”, the Tasnim news agency reported.

The tripartite statement was signed by President Pashinian and his Azerbaijani and Russian counterparts Ilham Aliyev and Vladimir Putin in November 2020 for a “complete ceasefire and termination of all hostilities in the area of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict” following a 44-day war.

President Raisi touched on the “strategic statements” of Leader of the



Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei during his meetings with the presidents of Russia and Turkey last month regarding the sensitivity of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards its borders in the Caucasus region and confronting any attempt to change them.

“Iran does not accept any changes in the political geography of the region and is ready to use all its capacities to establish peace and stability in the Caucasus region and its growth and development,” the Iranian president said.

The Armenian prime minister gave a detailed report on the recent conflicts between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the telephone conversation.

Pashinian also expressed his satisfaction with the development of Tehran-Yerevan relations and emphasized his country’s readiness to facilitate the transit of goods between the two countries and to increase cooperation in the fields of infrastructure, including road and energy.

Iran Rejects Baseless Fiction of Planning to Kill Bolton

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran has brushed aside the “baseless fiction” by the U.S. government, accusing an Iranian national of plotting to assassinate former President Donald Trump’s notorious national security advisor John Bolton.

The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday charged a man identified as Shahram Poursafi with trying to arrange the killing of Bolton in retaliation for the January 2020 U.S. airstrike that martyred Iran’s legendary anti-terror commander Lieutenant Gen. Qasem Soleimani.

“The spinning of these threadbare and baseless fictions is becoming a recurring custom in the American judicial and propaganda system,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan’ani said late Wednesday.

“This time for scenario building, politically bankrupt and worthless elements like Bolton has been used to advance this process,” he added.

Bolton is a staunch supporter of anti-Iran terrorist cult, Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), which is infamous for fabricating scenarios in Europe and the US to incriminate Iranian officials.

In the latest scenario, Poursafi has been cited as a member of Iran’s Islamic Revolution Guards Corps who attempted to pay individuals in the United States in

October 2021 a reward of \$300,000 to carry out the plot in either Washington, D.C., or Maryland.

“Continuing their endless accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran and their failed Iranophobic policy, the American judicial authorities, in a new yarn spinning, have raised accusations without providing valid evidence and necessary documentation.

“Such baseless claims are made with political motives and aims and in fact amount to forward escape, creating propaganda ruse and especially escaping the responsibility of responding to numerous terrorist crimes that the American government has either directly participated in, such as the cowardly assassination of General Martyr Soleimani, or like the terrorist crimes committed by the Zionist regime and terrorist groups like Daesh, they have been committed with the support of America.

Kan’ani said, “The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly warns against any action against Iranian citizens under the pretext of these ridiculous accusations and emphasizes that it reserves the right to take any action within the framework of international law to defend the rights of the government and citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran.”

Khayyam 2, 3, 4 Satellites on Agenda to Be Constructed

TEHRAN (IP) - The government spokesman emphasized that the construction of three more versions of the Khayyam satellite with the contribution of Iranian scientists is on the agenda of the government.

Khayyam 2, 3 and 4 satellites are also supposed to be built in Iran with the cooperation of Russia.

In a joint cooperation with Russia, the Iranian satellite “Khayyam” was launched from Baikonur Space Station in Kazakhstan by a Soyuz satellite Carrier and placed in the earth’s orbit on Tuesday.

Ali Bahadori-Jahormi, the spokesperson of the Iranian government, wrote on his Twitter account: “The stabilization of the Khayyam satellite was done successfully.”

Bahadri-Jahormi further wrote that Iranian knowledge-based companies will use Khayyam’s images and data in various fields.

Khayyam satellite is an important step for providing satellite data and developing the applications of the space industry in Iran.

Furthermore, this satellite, which is owned by the Iran Space Agency (ISA), will be a suitable infrastructure for the smartening of different parts of the country, with accurate sensors in different spectrums.

The data, received from the Khayyam satellite, will be used in improving productivity in the field of agriculture, careful monitoring of Iran’s water resources, managing natural hazards, monitoring changes in land use, unauthorized constructions and dealing with deforestation, monitoring environmental hazards, monitoring mines and discoveries as well as mining, monitoring Iran’s borders.

Navy Aims to Boost Interaction With Independent, Advancing States



TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani says the country’s naval forces seek to establish and boost interactions with the navies of the independent countries that are treading the path of progress despite being subjected to oppression.

“Countries that are moving on the path of progress and prosperity have a common enemy. They can be effective in each other’s development in various fields by standing alongside each other, especially in the security sector,” Irani said in a meeting with Bangladeshi Ambassador to Tehran Gousal Azam Sarker on Thursday.

The commander highlighted the guidelines of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in that regard, saying one of the goals being pursued by the Iranian Navy is “engaging in more interactions with the navies of the countries that have been subjected to oppression but are very well moving on the path to progress.”

He added that military cooperation between Iran and Bangladesh can prepare the ground for the expansion of relations in different fields.

“Interactions and exchanges of common experience, particularly in the field of education, will lead to the development of the two countries’ naval forces,” the commander said.

The Bangladeshi diplomat, for his part, pointed to his country’s historical and deep relations with Iran and said Dhaka plans to strengthen cooperation with Tehran in various fields, particularly in the maritime economy.

MP Optimistic About Nuclear Deal Revival

TEHRAN (IFP) - An Iranian parliamentarian says he is upbeat the outstanding issues between Iran and the West over restoration of a nuclear deal will be resolved.

Yaghoob Rezaadeh, a member of the Iranian Parliament’s Foreign Policy and National Security Committee, told Entekhab news website, “We’ve had progress in up to 70 to 80 percent of the points we’ve proposed to the European parties during the negotiations. There are a few remaining issues that are being resolved.”

The remarks came days after negotiating teams of the latest round of talks held in the Austrian capital Vienna to restore the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) headed back home for consultations on a text presented by the European Union’s coordinator Enrique Mora after four days of intensive talks.

The talks have been held to lift sanctions against Iran and bring the United States back to the fold after its unilateral pullout from the deal in 2018 under former

US president Donald Trump.

Iran presented its views regarding the sticking points to revive the agreement during the talks, but says the final decision on the text will be made after a thorough

review of the text.

Rezaadeh said, “The other parties have asked for some time to decide on the proposals we have presented and announce the results.”

Mobile Phone Imports Down 19.1% in 4 Months

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Imports of mobile phones into Iran dropped significantly year on year in April-July amid reported restrictions on imports of luxury phones into the country. Figures announced on Thursday by Iran’s association of mobile phone importers (CPMA) showed that the country had spent \$970 million on imports of mobile phones in the four calendar months to July 22, down 19.1% against the same period last year.

The figures showed that around four million mobile phones had been imported into Iran in April-July, down from around six million devices brought in over the same period last year.

Mobile phones priced above \$600 had accounted for more than 6% of the shipments imported into Iran over the period, showed the figures. The figures come months after reports suggested that Iran had imposed restrictions on the imports of luxury mobile

phones, including those produced by US based company Apple Inc.

Authorities have not openly confirmed such restrictions have been enacted but mobile importers say they have had difficulties getting government-subsidized foreign exchange to fund their shipments.

CPMA secretary said that the drop in imports of mobile phones into Iran this year was also due to a glut in the market that was caused by excessive imports in the year to late March.

Amir Es’haqi said that around 2.3 million mobile phones were still unsold in the Iranian market. Es’haqi said, however, that Iranian mobile phone importers had made around \$8 billion worth of orders in April-July this year of which some \$2 billion had been approved by authorities for receiving government-subsidized foreign exchange.

Azerbaijan Determined to Link With Nakhichevan Through Iran

TEHRAN (MNA) – The Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan emphasized his country’s determination for linking with Nakhchivan via Iran through the Araz River.

Azerbaijan will establish communication links with Nakhchivan, whether Armenia wants it or not, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov, who took part in the 13th conference of ambassadors, told reporters in Ankara, Trend reported.

He noted that Azerbaijan started construction of the first bridge across the Araz River following the agreement with Iran.

Thus, Azerbaijan has an alternative for linking with Nakhchivan via Iran through the Araz River, bypassing Armenia, said.

“This will be implemented, whether Armenia wants it or not. This is a chance for Armenia not to remain aloof from regional development projects. The country itself will make its own decision. If Yerevan doesn’t make the right decision, it will cause the greatest damage to itself,” Bayramov added.

Iran, China Urge Need for Enhanced Friendship Between Two Nations

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Head of Iran-China Friendship Association Alaeddin Boroujerdi and Chinese Ambassador to Iran Chang Hua, in a meeting in Tehran, underlined the significance for further friendship between the Iranian and Chinese people.

Speaking during the meeting, the Chinese ambassador hailed Iran’s support for China in the face of the US intervention in China’s territorial integrity in the form of a visit to Taiwan Island by Speaker of the US House of Representative Nancy Pelosi.

The Iranian side, for his part, said that if the US interventionist measures are not responded strongly, they will take even higher steps.

Iran-China Friendship Association issued a statement earlier in August which condemned a visit to the Taiwan Island by Nancy Pelosi as a clear violation of China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The statement said that Pelosi’s visit is a norm-breaking, crisis-creating action with the aim of putting pressure on China and consolidating American hegemony in the East Asia and Pacific region. It added that Washington uses the Taiwanese issue as a tool for crisis creation in the region.

In line with the principled policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iran-China Friendship Association supports the one-China policy and Beijing’s stands in the face of the Taiwanese issue, the statement said.

Newest COVID Wave May Have Reached Peak

TEHRAN (IFP) - An Iranian health official says the latest wave of the coronavirus pandemic in Iran may be at its peak and daily caseloads could hopefully start to plunge soon.

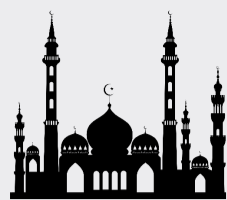
Abbas Shir-Ojan, a spokesman for the National Taskforce to Combat the Coronavirus, said on Thursday that while red and orange alert levels had been issued for most areas in Iran Corona-wise, the latest wave could hopefully be on a downward trajectory.

Another Iranian health official contradicted those remarks by saying that the contagion would deepen over the next two weeks in the country.

Mohsen Farhadi, technical deputy at the Health Ministry’s Center for Environmental and Workplace Health, said the BA-5 subvariant of Omicron, itself a variant of the coronavirus, was spreading quickly in Iran and would in two weeks become the dominant variant in the country.

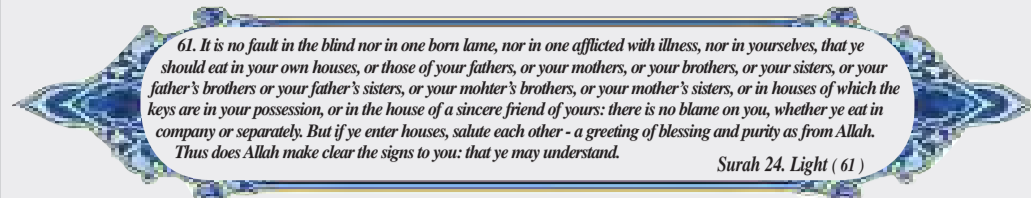
He said those Iranians planning to travel to Iraq for the Islamic rituals of Arba’een in the city of Karbala, must have received four doses of COVID vaccinations to be allowed abroad.

He said medical experts would examine pilgrims along the way during the ritual.



PRAYER TIME

■ Noon (Zohr)	13:09
■ Evening (Maghreb)	20:15
■ Tomorrow's Dawn (Fajr)	04:50
■ Tomorrow's Sunrise	06:22



Iran to Review Airbus Contract If Sanctions Are Lifted

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iran's civil aviation chief says the country will need to revise a major aircraft supply contract with Airbus in case the two parties return to the deal after a potential removal of US sanctions on Tehran.

Mohammad Mohammadi Bakhsh said that Airbus had violated its obligations under a 2016 deal with the IranAir which required the European aircraft manufacturer to supply spare parts for planes it had delivered to Iran before the U.S. sanctions were imposed on the country in 2018.

IranAir and Airbus signed a contract in December 2016 for supply of 100 jets to the Iranian flag carrier.

However, Airbus delivered only three of the planes to Iran before May 2018 when the US government cancelled the company's permit for engaging in transactions with Tehran.

That came after Washington decided to pull out of an international deal on Iran's nuclear program and imposed sanctions on the country.

Iranian authorities have criticized Airbus for its sheer compliance with American



sanctions while insisting that the company should have committed to a huge commercial contract which could have been worth around \$20 billion.

Mohammadi Bakhsh said Airbus had failed to honor its obligations under the deal with Iran, including those related to the supply of spare parts.

"Definitely, there should be some changes to the terms of the contract and with these changes we will uphold the contract and will continue to commit to it," Mohammadi Bakhsh was quoted as saying by the ILNA news agency.

The deal with Airbus was part of a larger plan by Iran to renovate its aging air fleet after the country was relieved from a previous round of sanctions in 2015.

The country had signed a similar deal with Boeing for supply of 80 jets and another contract for 20 planes from turboprop manufacturer ATR.

Human Force, the Irreplaceable Assets of Chadormalu Co.

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The CEO of Chadormalu Mining and Industrial Company in meeting with managers and officials of this industrial complex pointed to the role of human asset especially workers in production and national economy and said that human force is the irreplaceable asset of the company and it will do its best to keep the position and dignity of workers.

Amir Ali Taherzadeh said that Chadormalu Company has played its effective role in the national economy and added that in the Year of Production, Job Creation and Knowledge-Based", the company will pursue materialization of the slogan of the year based on the Supreme Leader's recommendation, improving production and implementation of developmental projects.

He went on to say that this year will be a tough year for national steel chain and the trend of production will continue with expertise approach and staying away from sideline issues.

Taherzadeh then hailed previous managers of the company and said that the performance of Chadormalu should pursue a systematic process in order that it can reduce the final cost through improving productivity and materializing production growth.



Acceleration in Construction and Completion of PGSO Hospital

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN – In a joint meeting of the CEO of Persian Gulf Star Oil Company (PGSOC) with governor general of Hormozgan Province, the program for completion of different phases of Persian Gulf Star Oil Hospital was elaborated.

According to reports, the CEO of Persian Gulf Star Oil Company Mr. Alireza Jafarpour in the meeting said that in line with fulfilling the role of social responsibilities and serving the honorable people of Hormozgan Province, the company has implemented the project of constructing the modern 264-bed Persian Gulf Star Oil Hospital in the medical, research and educational complex of Prophet (PBUH). He added that the construction has been built on a 2800 square meters of land and in seven storeys.

He went on to say that the required approvals for continuing the construction trend of the hospital which was

progressing sluggishly were approved and the required tenders are on the eve of being held in order to accelerate this big medical complex.

Then Governor General of Hormozgan Province Mr. Mehdi Doosti, for his part, deplored the severe shortage of medical facilities in the province and emphasized exploitation of the first phase of this province by the yearend.

He reiterate that acceleration in construction and completion of this hospital, major part of problems in the field of medical in the province will be resolved.



In Presence of Minister of Economy and Health, Some Provincial Officials

Executive Operations of 4 Steel Mega Projects of Goharzamin Co. Get Off the Ground in Bardsir

This ceremony was held in the city of Bardsir on Thursday evening, August 11, with the presence of Seyed Ehsan Khandozi, Minister of Economy and Finance, Shahbaz Hasanpour, Deputy Chairman of the Economic Commission of Majlis and the representative of the people of Sirjan and Bardsir in Majlis, Dr. Shirazi, the CEO of Omid Investment Company, and a group of provincial officials. , the city and steel managers.

2.5 billion euros will be invested for the implementation of Bradsir steel projects

In this ceremony, the Minister of Economy and Finance stated that 2.5 billion Euros worth fourteen thousand billion Tomans will be spent for the construction of these large economic projects and said: With the completion and construction of these projects, Bardsir will be one of the big industrial cities. Steel will be placed.He added: With the implementation of these projects, employment will be provided for 5 thousand people directly and 13 thousand people indirectly.The Minister of Economy said: With the good efforts of the major actors of the domestic economy and the good follow-up done by the regional and local authorities, it resulted in one of the biggest projects that have been started and observed in the provincial trips in terms of number,

figure and value. Start working in Bradsir.

Khandozi continued: God willing, by obtaining the necessary permits and starting executive activities, we will see the results in the coming days, and the results will lead to increased welfare and improvement of economic development and removal of deprivation in Bardsir city and Kerman province.He clarified: One of the definite principles that is emphasized by the president is that we should be able to reduce the cost of production and economic activity for all producers and exporters of the country and make economic activity completely predictable, but unfortunately for economic activity, in practice Still, parts of the executive bodies or provincial and city institutions do not have the necessary cooperation in this direction and are throwing stones.He said: We tried to follow up the issue of facilitating the issuance of permits in the Ministry of Economy and Finance through the single window and dialogue council between the government and the private sector, and as much as possible the time of obtaining the necessary permits, the cost of obtaining permits, and the possibility of applying the discretion of managers and institutions in order to reduce and move towards optimal conditions, and no doubt, from now on, special assistance will be provided in this direction so that the time of obtaining permits is such that CEOs and producers hear good news.In the end,

Khandozi noted: Kerman province is one of the successful provinces in economic, industrial and mineral development, which has an exemplary role for other provinces of the country.

The economic concerns of Goharzamin were raised in the executive operations of 4 Bardsir steel super projects

Mohammad Fallah, the CEO of Goharzamin Company, expressed the economic concerns of this company in this ceremony. Referring to the state of export of production pellets, he said: If we wanted to export pellets last year, we



would have brought \$250 per ton, but we did not export like other producers. Falah said: due to the economic policies of some countries such as China regarding the use of scrap iron in the construction industry, the price of pellets decreased in a strange way, so that at times the price of pellets was 250 dollars per ton, which we like Other Iranian producers did not export after the start of the war between Russia and Ukraine and the relative price drop to 150-160 dollars, again due to the lack of plan and lack of knowledge about the economic policies of the country of origin, the producers did not export at this price either. Currently, the price of this product has decreased to 110 dollars per ton. This reduction in the price of the product caused huge losses to Iranian producers and exporters.

He added: We request you to suggest to the government that in the countries where we have many economic relations, the ambassadors of Iran in those countries have expertise in the field of economy and their main focus and concern should be these issues so that Iranian companies can make policies and formulate strategies for exports and imports before the opportunities are lost. Falah further stated: Another of our concerns is the multiplicity of

decision-making centers and the excessive increase of government forces, and this is a problem. It is not related to this government and that government, so that for a small work that all government officials, judicial officials and the headquarters of removing economic obstacles have agreed to, unfortunately, this work has been opposed in other decision-making centers.In the continuation of his speech, the CEO of Goharzamin company, referring to the fact that unemployment is one of the basic problems of our society today, so that many of our problems today are rooted in this problem, added: Goharzamin company aims to create employment in line with upstream development programs It has created employment for several thousand people. He added: One of the problems of this company at the Sirjan site is the environmental issues and the opposition of this organization to the transfer of land, so that currently this company has the necessary land for emptying and accumulating waste. He does not have it. Falah further stated: Goharzamin Company has spent a lot of energy and power in the field of localization of industry and reverse engineering in recent years, so that currently many required devices and production lines have been localized. With the implementation of large projects, the problem of unemployment in Sirjan and Bardsir will be Eradicated

The representative of the people of Sirjan and Bardsir in the Islamic Council said: the implementation of large projects worth 14 thousand billion tomans in Bardsir and 4 thousand billion tomans in Sirjan will be a turning point in the economic development of this region, and we can hope that poverty and unemployment in Bardsir and Sirjan be eradicated. In this ceremony, Shahbaz Hasanpour stated that the Ministry of Economy and Finance is the beating heart of the government and stated that the issue of exports has increased significantly in the province compared to recent years. It is moving towards the eradication of poverty, he added: Lalezar section in this city has more than 3 thousand hectares of roses and it is a paradise for entrepreneurship. Emphasizing that the slogan should be turned into action, Hassanpour said: Article 44 of the Constitution has not been implemented in the country. And private companies have taken the place of private companies, and the justice-centered slogan must be implemented. The Deputy Chairman of the Parliament's Economic Commission, emphasizing the prevention of crude sales, said: The implementation of the 18 thousand billion Tomans project in Sirjan and Bardsir began today.

Hassanpour announced that more than two years of complete studies have been done regarding this super project and now the workshop has been equipped, all the

infrastructures have been provided and the consultant, supervisor and contractor have been selected, he said: This is a gift from the private sector in The threshold of the visit of the head of state in order to create employment and production and solve the permanent problem of unemployment is presented to the noble people of Bardsir city as well as the people of other cities of Kerman province.

Pay more attention to Bradsir

Hojjat-ul-Islam Ali Akbar Kermani, Friday Prayer Leader of Bardsir, also offered condolences on the occasion of the martyrdom of Aba Abdullah and the days of Muharram. There is something in this city that is more deprived than the south of the province and needs more attention. Friday Prayer Leader of Bardsir further added: Cities like Lalezar, Negar and especially Golzar have limitations in the fields of culture, livelihood and sports. We are thankful and we hope that with the opening of these plans and their fruition, we will witness good and blessings in the city. He expressed his hope that we will not witness such deprivations in the city by **acting on the social responsibility of Steel Group and Goharzamin Company.**

Supporting the private sector investor and creating employment is the main priority of the governor Hamzeh Vafaei, acting governor of Bardsir, stated in this ceremony: Simultaneously with the visit of the president to the province, the construction of the large Goharzamin steel project in Bardsir will officially begin. He added: With the construction of this project, the city's employment concerns will be reduced to a minimum. Vafaei further added: The close interaction and empathy of all governing bodies in the city with each other and with the private sector can be the basis for taking great measures. It is worth noting that these super projects include Construction of 2 sponge iron mega module units with a capacity of 3.4 million tons per year, which will directly employ 520 people and 1,560 people indirectly during operation, construction of a smelting and casting plant with a capacity of 3 million tons in year with direct employment for 850 people and indirect employment for 2295 people, the construction of a hot rolling factory (alloy steel) with a capacity of 3 million tons per year with direct employment for 600 people and indirect employment for 1560 people and the construction of 2 combined cycle power plants with a capacity of 500 megawatts each which is for 500 people directly and for 1200 people will be indirectly employed.

Public relations and international affairs of Goharzamin Iron and Steel Company

Sweden Agrees to Extradite man to Turkey

STOCKHOLM (Dispatches) - Sweden’s government has decided to extradite a man to Turkey wanted for fraud, it said on Thursday, the first case since Turkey demanded a number of people extradited in return for allowing Stockholm to formally apply for NATO membership.

NATO ally Turkey lifted its veto over Finland and Sweden’s bid to join the Western alliance in June after weeks of tense negotiations where Ankara accused the two Nordic countries of harboring what Turkey says are militants of the banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). As part of the deal, Turkey submitted a list of people it wanted Sweden to extradite, but has since expressed frustration over the lack of progress.



Dozens Killed in Sierra Leone Protests

FREETOWN (Dispatches) - Dozens died in anti-government protests in Sierra Leone, police and other sources said, sharply raising the death toll from the previous day’s clashes as shocked citizens stayed mostly behind closed doors in the capital Freetown.

Six police officers and at least 21 civilians were killed, the sources said, as hundreds took to the streets in frustration at economic hardship and a perceived failure by the government to cushion the impact of rising prices. The unrest is highly unusual for Sierra Leone, especially in the West African country’s capital Freetown. A few people have been killed in isolated protests in other cities in recent years.



Seoul, Beijing Clash Over U.S. Missile Shield, Complicating Conciliation



SEOUL (Dispatches) - China and South Korea clashed over a U. missile defense shield, threatening to undermine efforts by the new government in Seoul to overcome longstanding security differences. The disagreement over the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system installed in South Korea emerged after an apparently smooth first visit to China by South Korea’s foreign minister this week. China, contending that the THAAD’s powerful radar could peer into its airspace, curbed trade and cultural imports after Seoul announced its deployment in 2016, dealing a major blow to relations. A senior official in South Korea’s presidential office told reporters on Thursday that THAAD is a means of self-defense and can never be subject to negotiations, after China demanded that South Korea not deploy any more batteries and limit the use of existing ones. President Yoon Suk-yeol, seeing the system as key to countering North Korean missiles, has vowed to abandon the previous government’s promises not to increase THAAD deployments, and not to participate in a U.S.-led global missile shield or create a trilateral military alliance involving Japan. On the campaign trail, the conservative Yoon pledged to buy another THAAD battery, but since taking office in May, his government has focussed on what officials call “normalizing” the operation of the existing, US-owned and operated system.

South Korea’s Foreign Minister Park Jin and his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, meeting on Tuesday, explored ways to reopen denuclearisation negotiations with North Korea and resume cultural exports, such as K-pop music and movies, to China. A Wang spokesman said the two had “agreed to take each other’s legitimate concerns seriously and continue to prudently handle and properly manage this issue to make sure it does not become a stumbling block to the sound and steady growth of bilateral relations”. The Chinese spokesman told a briefing the THAAD deployment in South Korea “undermines China’s strategic security interest”. Park, however, told Wang that Seoul would not abide by the 2017 agreement, called the “Three Nos”, as it is not a formal pledge or agreement, South Korea’s foreign ministry said in a statement. China also insists that South Korea abide by “one restriction” - limiting the use of existing THAAD batteries. South Korea has never acknowledged that element, but on Wednesday, Wang’s spokesman emphasized that China attaches importance to the position of “three Nos and one restriction”. Defense Minister Lee Jong-sup said the policy on the THAAD would not change because of China’s opposition, and the system’s radar could not be used against China. “The current battery is not structured to play any role in U.S. defenses but placed in a location where it can only defend the Korean peninsula,” he told reporters. During Park’s visit to the eastern port city of Qingdao, the Chinese Communist Party-owned Global Times praised Yoon for showing “independent diplomacy and rationality toward China” by not meeting face to face with U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi when she visited last week.

Satellite Pictures Show Devastation At Russian Air Base in Crimea

KYIV (Dispatches) - Satellite pictures released showed devastation at a Russian air base in Crimea, hit in an attack that suggested Kyiv may have obtained new long-range strike capability with potential to change the course of the war. Pictures released by independent satellite firm Planet Labs showed three near-identical craters where buildings at Russia’s Saki air base had been struck with apparent precision. The base, on the southwest coast of Crimea, had suffered extensive fire damage with the burnt-out husks of at least eight destroyed warplanes clearly visible. Russia has denied aircraft were damaged and said explosions seen at the base on Tuesday were accidental. Ukraine has not publicly claimed responsibility for the attack or said exactly how it was carried out. “Officially, we are not confirming or denying anything; there are numerous scenarios for what might have happened... bearing in mind that there were several epicentres of explosions at exactly the same time,” Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak told Reuters in a message.



Sri Lanka’s Ousted President in Thailand for Temporary Stay

BANGKOK (Dispatches) - Former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand, according to three Reuters witnesses, as he seek temporary shelter in a second Southeast Asian country after fleeing his island nation last month amid mass protests. Rajapaksa arrived at Bangkok’s Don Muang airport on a chartered flight from Singapore after the city-state’s immigration authority said in a statement on Thursday he had left Singapore. Rajapaksa is expected to stay temporarily in Thailand after fleeing Sri Lanka for Singapore on July 14. He resigned from office shortly afterwards following unprecedented unrest over his government’s handling of the worst economic crisis in seven decades, and days after thousands of protesters stormed the president’s official residence and office. Thai authorities said the former military officer, who is the first Sri Lankan head of state to quit mid-term, had no intention of seeking political asylum and would only stay temporarily. “This is a humanitarian issue and there is an agreement that it’s a temporary stay,” Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha told reporters on Wednesday. Rajapaksa could not participate in any political activities while in Thailand, Prayuth said. Thailand’s Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai said the Sri Lankan government supported Rajapaksa’s trip to Thailand, adding that the former president’s diplomatic passport would allow him to stay for 90 days. Rajapaksa has made no public appearances or comment since leaving Sri Lanka. Reuters was not able to immediately contact him. Sri Lanka’s economic crisis is a result of several factors including COVID-19, which battered its tourism-reliant economy and slashed remittances from workers overseas, rising oil prices, populist tax cuts and a seven-month ban on the import of chemical fertilizers last year that devastated agriculture.

Western military experts said the scale of the damage and the apparent precision of the strike suggested a powerful new capability with potentially important implications. Russia, which seized and annexed Crimea in 2014, uses the peninsula as the base for its Black Sea fleet and as the main supply route for its invasion forces occupying southern Ukraine, where Kyiv is planning a counter-offensive in coming weeks. “I’m not an intel analyst, but it doesn’t look good,” Mark Hertling, a former commander of U.S. ground forces in Europe, wrote on Twitter, linking to an image of the devastation at the Russian base. “I am. It’s very good,” tweeted back his fellow retired four-star American general, Michael Hayden, former head of the CIA and National Security Agency. The Institute for the Study of War think tank said Ukrainian officials were framing the Crimea strike as “the start of Ukraine’s counteroffensive in the south, suggesting that the Ukrainian military expects intense fighting in August and September that could decide the outcome of the next phase of the war”.

Dead Heat for Kenya Presidency as Election Results Trickle in

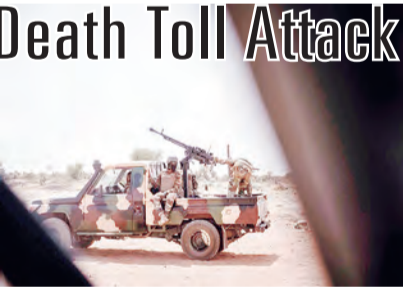
NAIROBI (Dispatches) - Days after Kenya’s general election, officials had yet to announce who is leading the presidential race in East Africa’s regional powerhouse, as confused citizens struggled to make sense of divergent tallies from the media in a nail-bitingly close race. Media houses are compiling results from images of forms that the election commission uploaded on to its website from more than 46,229 polling stations, a mammoth task that means their tallies lag far behind the amount of raw data available. Some citizens worried the media’s differing tallies could inflame claims of rigging, which have sparked violence in past elections. Many urged fellow citizens to wait for the official results. “There is so much impatience due to media reports, because they are varying. Given the experience that we have in Kenya, we have to be patient and just wait,” said Ongao Okello, as he scrutinized newspapers being sold on a street corner in the western town of Eldoret. Results are being watched carefully: Kenya is the region’s richest economy, a stable nation in a volatile region and a close Western ally that hosts regional headquarters for Alphabet, Visa and other international groups. Veteran opposition leader and former political prisoner Raila Odinga, 77, is making his fifth stab at the presidency. He is neck and neck with Deputy President William Ruto, 55.

Outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta has reached his two-term limit. He has endorsed Odinga for president after falling out with Ruto after the last election. Kenyan election authorities have preceded with tallying cautiously, wary of the mistakes that caused the Supreme Court to nullify the results last time and order a re-run. Media houses have filled the information gap by recruiting hundreds of people to manually input results from the images of results forms into spreadsheets. Their tallies differ because results from polling stations were uploaded as they came in, and so each media group is counting at a different pace and not necessarily in the same order. By 1200 GMT on Thursday, the privately-owned Nation group had tallied results from four-fifths of polling stations and put Odinga ahead with 50.40% of the vote and Ruto at 48.92%. At the same time, privately-owned Citizen gave Ruto 49.48% of the vote and Odinga 49.12%. The winning candidate must get 50% of the vote plus one to win, and at least a quarter of votes in 24 out of Kenya’s 47 counties. If there is no outright winner, there will be a second round of voting without the two presidential candidates currently receiving fractions of a point.



Mali Soldier Death Toll Attack Rises to 42

KONNA (Dispatches) - A “complex and coordinated” weekend attack in Mali’s restive central region killed 42 soldiers, the country’s military government has said, sharply raising the earlier death toll of 17 soldiers. The assault in the town of Tessit in the Gao region on Sunday was one of the deadliest in recent years for Mali’s security forces fighting armed groups in the region. Authorities on Monday had said at least four civilians were also killed in the attack, which stood out for its sophistication. In its latest update on Wednesday, the government said 22 soldiers were also wounded, while 37 fighters had been killed. “The Malian army units of Tessit ... reacted vigorously to a complex and coordinated attack by armed terrorist groups, presumably from Islamic State in the Greater Sahara [ISGS], characterised by the use of drones, explosives, car bombs, and artillery,” it said in a statement read on by national broadcaster, ORTM. The statement said reports of “clandestine, overflight operations, indicates unequivocally that the terrorists have received major support, including outside expertise”. On Wednesday, authorities declared three days of national mourning. Violence has persisted in Mali for a decade, with the crisis triggered in 2012 when ethnic Tuareg separatists took control of the country’s north. That rebellion was hijacked by armed groups which in recent years have taken advantage of a security vacuum in the country’s sprawling central region bordering Burkina Faso and Niger, with ISIL (ISIS) and al-Qaeda offshoots stoking communal tensions over dwindling resources as they jockey for power. The fighting has killed thousands of people and forced more than two million civilians to flee their homes. Mali’s military-led government, which effectively took power in a coup in 2020, is believed to control just 15 percent of the overall territory in the country. The latest attacks come as France’s military, which has been active in Mali since 2013, is in its last phase of withdrawing from the country, a move that has further thrust the region’s security future into question. Mali’s military, meanwhile, has denied reports it has turned to Russian mercenaries from the Wagner Group to fill the void.



Cold and hungry: Food Inflation Bites Canada's North

IQALUIT (Dispatches) - In Canada's remote north, residents have long paid dearly for food, and rising prices have worsened an already dire situation, exposing the vulnerability of one of the world's biggest exporters of grains and meat.

Communities in Nunavut -- the largest of the three territories that make up Canada's northernmost region -- have no roads to connect them with each other, forcing them to rely on fresh food airlifts twice each week. Permafrost and freezing temperatures nearly year-round make growing crops impractical.

Supply chain disruptions driven by the coronavirus pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have worsened food insecurity in poor countries globally. Nunavut's experience shows it has taken a toll on poor regions of even rich nations like Canada, which is the No.3 exporter of wheat and pork.

In stores in Nunavut's capital Iqaluit recently, a bag of cherries sold for C\$21 (\$16.34), and a six-pack of bottled water cost C\$19 - both about double the cost in southern Canada. A 12-pack of soft drink cans sold for C\$27, triple the price in the south.

Iqaluit resident Nathaniel Chouinard, 35, says he used to spend C\$500 every two weeks to feed his family of six. Since January, he has been spending C\$150 more every two weeks.

"I compensate by working more hours," said Chouinard, who works two jobs in security and information technology. "I'm spending less time with my family."

The Qajuturvik Community Food Centre in Iqaluit, a soup kitchen that offers free meals to those in need, says by June this year it had served 20,000 meals - the number served up in all of 2021.

"Food insecurity in the north was already called the longest-lasting public health emergency in Canadian history," said Rachel Blais, Qajuturvik's executive director.

"The sharp increase in demand we've seen in the last seven months is alarming."

Nunavut's Family Services Minister Margaret Nakashuk said hunger was hampering the ability of children to learn in school and fueling crime, especially break-ins.

It is difficult to quantify how much food prices have risen in the north this year. Statistics Canada's measurement of inflation in the northern territories is limited, only assessing price increases in the three main cities and not breaking out individual components like food and fuel.

Iqaluit's consumer price index has doubled since the start of this year, hitting 4.3% in June and well above the Bank of Canada's 2% target. That is well below Canada's national inflation rate of 8.1%, mostly because Nunavut's government made bulk purchases of fuel before prices spiked.

The region has long struggled with food sufficiency. According to a 2020 Statistics Canada study, 57% of households in Nunavut dealt with food insecurity in 2017-2018, the highest level among provinces and territories in the country. Food insecurity is defined as a household lacking money to buy the variety or quantity of food it needs.

Residents benefit from the Nutrition North federal food subsidy, which lowers the price of certain foods in some northern communities. But that is failing to reduce inequality, says Qajuturvik's Blais.

The region is also unable to directly reap the benefits of having waters swimming with fish. More than 95% of the turbot and shrimp caught offshore are exported because the territory lacks both a deepwater port to offload its catch as well as research to identify economic fishing locations closer to shore, said Brian Burke, executive director of the Nunavut Fisheries Association.

The Canadian government has promised C\$40 million to build Nunavut's first deepwater port, but that is a few years away.



Mine-Riddled French Island Becomes Unlikely Walkers' Paradise

PARIS (Dispatches) - Every year, thousands of day-trippers make the short boat journey from France's northern coast to the island of Cezembre, marveling at the spectacular maritime views and flourishing wildlife.

But they better tread carefully and stick to the path, as almost all the island remains perilous due to unexploded munitions from World War II.

Cezembre opened to visits only in 2018, over seven decades after the end of World War II, after extensive demining efforts allowed the opening of a marked path for visitors.

However, the area safe for visitors makes up just three percent of the island, which experts say was the most bombed area of all of World War II in terms of the number of hits per square metre.

"It's magnificent!" enthused Maryse Wilmart, a 60-year-old visitor from the southwestern town of La Rochelle, contemplating the sandy beach with turquoise waters and looking out to the ramparts of the port city of Saint-Malo beyond. "But when you see all that behind us... Can you even imagine what happened here?" she asked, pointing to the barbed wire and signs warning "Danger! Ground not cleared beyond the fences!"

A visitor needs to go back 80 years to understand what happened on this usually uninhabited rocky outcrop.

In 1942, the occupying Nazi German army seized the strategically important island and installed bunkers and artillery pieces.

On August 17, 1944, Saint-Malo was liberated by the Americans but the Nazi commander of Cezembre, leading some 400 men, refused to surrender.

There then followed a devastating bombardment from the air by the Allies.

"It is said that per square metre it sustained the greatest number of bombardments of all the theatres of operation of World War II," said Philippe Delacotte, author of the book "The Secrets of the Island of Cezembre".

"There were between 4,000 and 5,000 bombs dropped", some of which contained napalm, he said.

On September 2, 1944, the white flag was finally raised and some 350 exhausted men surrendered.

"Some survivors claimed it was like Stalingrad," Delacotte said. The island was completely devastated, to the extent that its altitude even dropped because of the bombs.

After the war, the island became the property of the French ministry of defence and access was totally closed, with the first demining efforts starting in the 1950s.

It was handed over to a public coastal conservation body, the Conservatoire du Littoral, in 2017.

The path of about 800 metres (875 yards) lets visitors wander between rusty cannons and bunkers, with breathtaking views towards Cap Frehel and the Pointe de la Varde.

Since the opening of the path, "there has been no accident" even if "there are always people who want to go beyond the authorised section," said Jean-Christophe Renais, a coast guard.

Over time, colonies of seabirds have reappeared, including seagulls, cormorants, razorbills and guillemots.

"Biodiversity is doing wonderfully, everything has been recolonised and revegetated, birds have taken back possession of the site," said Gwenal Hervouet, who manages the site for Conservatoire du Littoral.

"It's just a joy."

Because of the focus on restoring wildlife, the trail was partially closed in April "to maximise the chances of success and the flight of peregrine falcon chicks," said local conservation activist Manon Simonneau.

Some walkers say they hope the trail will be lengthened to allow a complete tour of the island, but according to the Conservatoire there is little chance of this -- the cost of further demining would be astronomical, so it is now birds and nature that are the masters of Cezembre.



Don't Waste Your Time

Visit our website to choose your desired rental Properties

www.DeltaHOME.ir

The Most Specialized Website for Foreigners

HOME
Real Estate

Member of **DELTA** Real Estate Group
(021) 88888865



Ukraine Has Creditor Approval for Growth-Related Warrant Changes

LONDON (Dispatches) - Ukraine has gained the necessary approval from holders of its GDP warrants to its request for proposed changes to the securities, preliminary results of a vote released in a filing on Tuesday showed.

The Ukrainian government launched a proposal in July to change conditions on its \$2.6 billion of outstanding GDP (gross domestic product) warrants, a derivative security that triggers payments linked to economic growth. "Approximately 93% of Holders of the Notional Amount of Securities outstanding were represented for quorum purposes and approximately 91% of such Holders had voted in favour of the Extraordinary Resolution," Tuesday's statement said.



China's July New Yuan Loans Expected To More Than Halve From June

BEIJING (Dispatches) - China's new yuan loans are expected to fall back in July after record lending in the first half, a Reuters poll showed, but they are still likely to exceed the year earlier amount as the central bank seeks to underpin the economic recovery.

Chinese banks are estimated to have issued 1.10 trillion yuan (\$162.81 billion) in net new yuan loans last month, less than half the 2.81 trillion yuan in June, according to the median estimate in the survey of 23 economists.

It would still be higher than the 1.08 trillion yuan issued in the same month a year earlier.

Chinese banks doled out 13.68 trillion yuan in new loans in the first six months of 2022, the highest first-half number on record, central bank data showed.

"While loan supply remained ample, in contrast to policymakers' strong push to accelerate loan growth in June (quarter-end month), commercial banks might feel relatively less urgency in extending loans in July as it is the first month of a quarter," analysts at Goldman Sachs said in a note.

"Government bond issuance also slowed materially as the majority of full-year local government special bond issuance quota were fulfilled by June this year."

The world's second-largest economy barely grew in the second quarter as widespread COVID-19 lockdowns hammered demand and business activity.

China will try hard to achieve the best possible results for the economy this year, a high-level meeting of the ruling Communist Party said last month, tempering previous calls that it will strive to meet its 2022 growth target.

Analysts expect the central bank to keep policy accommodative to support the economy's recovery as several factors, including slowing global growth and cost pressures, drag on overall output.

Goldman Sachs expects the central bank to cut banks' reserve requirement ratio (RRR) - the amount of cash that banks must hold as reserves - later this year.

Outstanding yuan loans were expected to grow by 11.2% in July from a year earlier, the same as in June, the poll showed. Broad M2 money supply growth in July was seen at 11.4%, also at the same pace as in June.

Local governments issued a net 3.41 trillion yuan in special bonds in the first six months, the finance ministry data show, as authorities accelerated special bond issuance for infrastructure to prop up the economy.

China has set the 2022 quota for local government special bond issuance at 3.65 trillion yuan, unchanged from last year.

Any acceleration in government bond issuance could help boost total social financing (TSF), a broad measure of credit and liquidity. Outstanding TSF rose 10.8% in June, up from 10.5% in May.

In July, TSF is expected to fall sharply to 1.30 trillion yuan from 5.17 trillion yuan in June.

Greece's Economic Recovery Held Back by Labor Shortages

ATHENS (Dispatches) - From tourism and hospitality to farmers and construction workers, the Greek government says more than 200,000 positions remain vacant.

It's thought many people left their jobs during the pandemic and didn't return. Many areas suffering the most are where the heart of the country's economy beats.

The neighborhood of Perama, to the south of Athens, is the heart of Greece's shipyard industry. It's here where Stefanos Stathopoulos runs his yacht repair and maintenance business, sending ships across the country.

Although he's faced many problems in recent years, including Greece's decade-long financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, finding help now is proving even more difficult.

"We need an extra pair of hands and we are currently in the process of finding someone," Stathopoulos tells CGTN. "This whole area is in need. Anywhere you ask there's a job opening."

"But people tend to choose their jobs, especially after the pandemic. That's a luxury. Look, if you really need money you'll find a job. It seems that people have the luxury of a choice, and if it's not what they like, they don't work."

Visiting any island or beach resort, you'll notice that most popular tourist destinations are almost at capacity for visitors. What you won't notice is that 50,000 positions remain vacant, creating a shortage. But other industries are suffering even more. Coming out of the pandemic, Greece joined the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility. Its aim is to bring investments with EU funds and to create minimum wage jobs. And sure enough, jobs have been created - but no one is applying.

Of all the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, this might be the one that affects the economy the most. Thousands of Greeks are staying away from the minimum wage jobs - in retail stores, restaurants and construction. Around 200,000 low-paid positions remain empty.

"I don't mind working, as long the workplace respects me," says unemployed Neoptolemos Kremmidas. "I'll work anywhere, but I want to do it to have a life and not only survive"

"Listen, you can't ask me to work for three or four euros an hour and expect me to do it" says Spyros Mavropoulos. "I'm not skilled and say I agree to do the job, I won't get the stamps, my sick days won't be paid, and no holidays - why would I go, just to say I have a job?"

But it's not only older people that are not applying, youngsters seem dissatisfied with the conditions.



Mexico's July Inflation at Highest Level Since 2000

MEXICO CITY (Dispatches) - Mexican annual inflation reached its highest level in nearly 22 years in July, official data showed on Tuesday, rising faster than expected and fueling expectations that the central bank will raise the country's benchmark interest later this week.

Inflation rose to 8.15% in the year through July from 7.99% in June, national statistics agency INEGI said. A Reuters poll of analysts had forecast 8.13% inflation.

Consumer price inflation now stands at its highest since December 2000 when it was 8.96%, far above the central bank's target of 3%, plus or minus a percentage point.

Compared to the previous month, prices rose 0.74% in July.

July's inflation numbers reinforce expectations that the Bank of Mexico will raise its key interest rate at its monetary meeting on Thursday.

Jason Tuvey, senior emerging markets economist at Capital Economics, said the latest figures mean that Banxico, as the central bank is known, is almost certain to hike interest rates by 75 basis points to 8.5% at its next meeting.

"Inflation is set to remain above the target range for some time and, as a result, we expect rates to be taken up to 10% by year-end," he said in a note to clients.

A Reuters poll also showed analysts foreseeing the benchmark rate reaching 8.5% at Banxico's next meeting.

The central bank has increased the key interest rate by a total of 375 basis points over the course of its last nine monetary policy meetings.

Pakistan PM Welcomes UAE's \$1b Investment

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) - Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif welcomed UAE's recent announcement to invest \$1b in the cash-strapped country as he talked over the phone with the Gulf nation's President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

During the telephonic conversation, the two leaders exchanged views on matters of common interest. Reaffirming the close fraternal ties between the two countries, they agreed to work

closely to further enhance bilateral cooperation in different fields, according to a statement issued by the prime minister's office here.

"Highlighting the generous support extended by the UAE to Pakistan over the years, the Prime Minister welcomed the recent announcement by the UAE to invest \$1b in various economic and investment sectors in Pakistan," it said.

The UAE is keen to continue cooperation with Pakistan "in various fields, which include gas, energy infrastructure, renewable energy, health care," the Pakistan media reported of Friday, citing UAE's WAM news agency.

The move will likely help revive investor sentiment in the country, which has been beset by dwindling foreign exchange reserves as well as a depreciating rupee, the report said.

Recalling the decisions taken during the visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz to the UAE in April 2022, the two leaders reviewed the progress and resolved to further strengthen trade and economic ties, with particular focus on accelerating cooperation and building partnerships in areas comprising investments, energy, and infrastructure, the statement said.

Shehbaz also offered condolences on the damage caused by the recent floods in the Emirates, resulting in the loss of precious lives including of Pakistani nationals. The UAE President in return extended heartfelt commiserations on the loss of precious lives in floods in Pakistan, as well as on the demise of army personnel in the recent helicopter crash, it said.

The UAE is Pakistan's largest trading partner in the Middle East and a major source of investments. More than 1.6 million Pakistanis live in the UAE. Cash-starved Pakistan could face a serious economic problem as its foreign exchange reserves are depleting fast amid rising external debt servicing.

The country has been facing a serious threat from its external front as the State Bank of Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves fell to single digits despite a \$2.3b inflow from China late last month, the Dawn newspaper reported last month.

OPEC+ Agrees Small Oil Output Rise Despite Biden Plea

VIENNA (Dispatches) - The OPEC+ oil cartel agreed to a tiny increase in production, an amount analysts say will disappoint US President Joe Biden after he personally lobbied Saudi leaders for help to tame soaring energy prices.

The cartel led by Saudi Arabia and Russia decided to raise production by 100,000 barrels per day for September, much lower than previous increases, according to a statement issued after a ministerial videoconference.

Oil prices seesawed following the announcement, rising before falling more than two per cent in afternoon trading, with the main international contract, Brent, slipping under US\$100 (RM445.80) per barrel. Traders were also reacting to data showing US crude inventories had unexpectedly risen last week.

"The smallest increase in OPEC+ history will do little to help the ongoing global energy crisis," Edward Moya, analyst at OANDA trading platform, told AFP.

"The Biden administration will not be happy and this will be a setback in improving US-Saudi relations," said Moya, who expects oil prices to remain stuck around US\$100.

With energy prices soaring following Russia's war in Ukraine, Biden made a controversial trip to Saudi Arabia in July in part to convince the kingdom to loosen the production taps to stabilize the market and curb rampant inflation.

The U.S. president met Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman despite his promise to make the kingdom a "pariah" in the wake of the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Biden said after his meetings with Saudi officials that he was "doing all I can" to increase the oil supply.

"A 100,000 barrel per day output hike is a pittance," said Han Tan, chief market analyst at Exinity.

"It's likely that the Biden administration will feel let down, considering its overtures to Saudi Arabia have yielded scant results, at least this time around," Tan said.

Saudi Arabia faced a balancing act between its old ally, Washington, and its OPEC+ partner Moscow, which has been hit by Western sanctions over the Ukraine invasion.

"The increase was a token gesture to appease US President Joe Biden," said Stephen Brennock, analyst at PVM Energy.

The OPEC+ statement emphasized the "value and importance of maintaining consensus as essential to the cohesion" of the group, which includes the 13-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and 10 allies including Russia.

Russia's deputy prime minister in charge of energy, Alexander Novak, said OPEC+ made a "cautious" decision due to "uncertainties in the market".

He noted that Covid cases are rising.

"We see uncertainties associated with the disruption of transport and logistics chains due to restrictions being introduced, including for Russian oil and oil products," Novak said.

Indian Economy Expected To Grow by 7.1% in FY23



NEW DELHI (Dispatches) - Indian rating agency CareEdge Ratings recently said the domestic economy is expected to grow by 7.1 per cent in this fiscal due to steady performance by services, manufacturing and the farm sectors. Government investment will play a key role in the growth rate boost and improving industrial capacity utilization levels will help boost private investment cycle, it said in a report.

"The main challenge to India's GDP [gross domestic product] growth projection would be any further deterioration of the global environment, which will impact India through exports and investment routes," the CareEdge report said.

Several high-frequency economic indicators like goods and services tax collections, E-way bill registrations and credit growth have performed well in the first four months, reflecting an improvement in economic activity.

CareEdge expects the industrial sector GDP to grow at a pace of 5.4 per cent in fiscal 2022-23 (FY23). India's manufacturing sector has been reeling under pressure due to high input costs due to which the sector witnessed a contraction in the fourth quarter of FY22.

"The recent easing of metals and fuel prices if sustained along with improved economic activities could aid the sector's growth in the coming months. However, the revival of consumption demand would remain a crucial factor," the report added.

Iranian Minister in Kabul for Hirmand Water Right Talks

TEHRAN (IFP) - Iran’s energy minister has called for the implementation of the 1972 Hirmand River treaty with Afghanistan over the water rights of the two countries.

Ali Akbra Mehrabian was speaking during a visit to the Afghan capital Kabul. He met with his Afghan counterpart Abdol Latif Mansur and also the country’s Foreign Minister Amir Khan Mottaqi.

Mehrabian held talks with Afghan officials over the woes faced by Afghan refugees and businesspeople as well as order and transit issues.

The Afghan foreign minister said the two sides in the meetings underlined the need to strengthen bilateral ties and resolve diplomatic and order disputes.



Rating Agencies Expect U.S. Spending Bill to Cut Inflation, Deficit Over Time

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - A sweeping bill passed by the U.S. Senate on Sunday and intended to fight climate change, lower drug prices and raise some corporate taxes, will bring down inflation over the medium to long term and cut the deficit, rating agencies Moody’s Investors service and Fitch Ratings told Reuters.

The legislation, known as the Inflation Reduction Act, however, will not bring down inflation “this coming year or next year,” said Madhavi Bokil, senior vice president at Moody’s Investors Service.

Charles Seville, senior director of sovereign group economics at Fitch, said that the legislation was disinflationary “but for all the rebranding of the legislation, the impacts on inflation are relatively small and will only really start to compound over the medium and long term as these provisions take effect.”

“We do think that this act will have an impact (of cutting inflation) as it increases productivity,” Bokil said, adding her horizon was two to three years.

The Senate on Sunday passed the \$430 billion bill, a major victory for President Joe Biden, sending the measure to the House of Representatives for a vote, likely Friday. They are expected to pass it and send it to the White House for Biden’s signature.

Republicans, arguing that the bill will not address inflation, have denounced it as a job-killing, left-wing spending wish list that could undermine growth when the economy is in danger of falling into recession.

Bokil said in the immediate short-term future, inflation was going to be tackled by the Federal Reserve as it raises rates.

Inflation expectations are a key dynamic being closely watched by Fed policymakers as they aggressively raise interest rates to contain price pressures running at four-decade highs.

While the short-term impact of the legislation on inflation will be modest, the bill still has the potential to bring down inflation expectations, Wendy Edelberg, a senior fellow in economic studies at Washington think tank the Brookings Institution, told Reuters in an email on Monday.

Senate Democrats also said the act will cause a deficit reduction of \$300 billion over the next decade while the U.S. Congressional Budget Office said the bill would decrease the federal deficit by a net \$101.5 billion over that period. The CBO estimated in May that the 2022 federal budget deficit would be \$1.036 trillion.

Asked about how the legislation would impact the budget deficit, Bokil said:



“The savings from the Medicare side as well as the tax changes will more than offset the extra cost.”

Seville also said that the bill will reduce deficits and help contain rising healthcare costs.

The legislation aims to reduce prescription drug costs by allowing Medicare, the government-run healthcare plan for the elderly and disabled, to negotiate prices on a limited number of drugs.

Edelberg also said the bill will lead to “greater corporate tax revenue than we otherwise would see”, which will offset the cost and control the deficit.

Moody’s said that the spending bill was complementary to another bill recently passed by Congress, which aimed to subsidize the U.S. semiconductor industry and boost efforts to make the United States more competitive with China.

“They move in the same direction, so the Chips Act will also help with alleviating some of the supply chain issues,” Bokil added.

No Progress Possible...

FROM PAGE 1

Also commenting on the latest round of the negotiations held in Vienna, Marandi said relative progress was made in some issues during the talks, adding that the EU coordinator, Enrique Mora, has put forward new proposals, which need to be fully studied in Tehran.

Meanwhile according to reports Iran has been holding expert-level meetings to assess proposals by the European Union’s coordinator for talks to revive a 2015 nuclear deal with the West, immediately after the return of the Iranian negotiating team from the Austrian capital Vienna to the country on Monday.

Nour News, a news outlet affiliated with Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, quoted anonymous sources as saying that the process of examining the ideas proposed by the EU’s Enrique Mora to restore the Iran nuclear deal – the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) – has started and continues.

Several rounds of talks have been held to lift sanctions against Iran and bring the United States back to the fold after its unilateral pullout from the deal in 2018 under former US president Donald Trump.

Nour News said Iranian officials will hold high-level meetings to review the proposals, after conclusion of expert-level assessment and after the initial results are presented to higher decision-making authorities and bodies.

U.S. Urged to...

FROM PAGE 1

In a phone call on Monday, Amirabdollahian told EU foreign policy Chief Josep Borrell Iran “expected that all sides show determination and seriousness to reach the final text of the agreement.”

The Iranian foreign minister, in his talks with Cavosoglu, also “strongly condemned the brutal attack of the Zionist regime on Gaza, the assassination of resistance commanders and the martyrdom of a group of defenseless Palestinian people, especially the killing of innocent children”.

Cavosoglu also emphasized the unjustifiability and inhumanity of the killing of civilians, especially children by Israel.

The two top diplomats touched on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s visit to Tehran last month with a high-ranking delegation, assessing it as positive. They also exchanged views on how to follow up on the agreements and achievements of the 7th meeting of the Iran-Turkey Supreme Cooperation Council.

Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian cited President Ebrahimi Raisi’s order to diligently pursue the agreements reached during President Erdogan’s visit to Tehran, saying it is necessary to increase communication between the ministries and institutions of the two countries in order to realize the planned targets in line with the interests of the two nations.

Iranians Welcome...

FROM PAGE 1

Housing in Iran accounts for about eight percent of GDP, and the withdrawal of one-seventh of the housing sector’s capital from the country for real estate purchases in Turkey is significant.

A comparative report of Iran’s open database shows that capital outflows from Iran and its emissions toward the Turkish housing market are increasing more sharply than in previous years, and after the U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA, it has increased more and more.

Demand for real estate from Iranian citizens in Turkey has increased “14-fold” in six years between 2015 and 2021.

In the first quarter of 2022 alone, Turkey sold 2,256 housing units to Iranians, “15 percent” of all units sold to foreign citizens, data from the statistical report shows.

However, reports from Iran indicate an escalation of the housing crisis and a 10-fold increase in housing prices in Tehran over the past eight months.

In a report, Resalat newspaper described the jump in housing prices in the capital as “conspiracy” and related to the “national security sphere”, pointing to large transactions in zones 1, 2 and 3 of Tehran, which has fueled the stagnation and expensiveness of housing.

According to the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on June 29, 1401, the average purchase and sale price of a square meter of residential unit infrastructure traded through Tehran’s real estate firms was “39 million and 414,000 Tomans”, an increase of “8.4 percent” compared to the previous month and “32.8 percent” compared to the same month last year.

No Problem for Selling Petro Products

TEHRAN (IP) – Oil Minister says petro-products cannot be sanctioned, so Iran has no problem in selling its petrochemical products.

Javad Owji said that the current administration was determined to stop crude sale of oil and instead produce products with added value for selling.

Oji then referred to Setareh KhaliJ Fars Refinery and said the implementation of such projects was of high job-generating capacity, such that 4,000 people were working in the petro complexes.

He said \$11 billion were invested in Setareh KhaliJ Fars Refinery and \$7 billion in a refinery in Jask Port, thanks to the strong domestic holdings.

Oji reported that the ministry sought to bring a part of the petro refineries stock into the stock market to lead the liquidity to the productivity of in oil industry and meanwhile prevent the increase of liquidity in the world.

Gov’t Determined to Facilitate Arbaeen March for Pilgrims

TEHRAN (IP) - Minister of Road and Urban Development says administration seeking to prepare grounds for the Iranian pilgrims to have a facilitated trip to Iraq in Arbaeen March.

Rostam Ghasemi reporters that he ministry opened several border terminals, including Khosravi and Tabarchin terminals, to facilitate the pilgrims’ march.

Ghasemi also addressed the matters of safety in the facilitative measures taken for the Arbaeen pilgrims and said that more than 1,000 billion tomans were spent to remove the problems in the accident-prole parts of Khuzestan and Kermanshah provinces, where the border terminals were located.

“We predict that 60,000 pilgrims will join this spiritual journey (Arbaeen March) in peace by flight, 300,000 people by train, and the rest by bus will make,” he said.

Arbaeen’s occasion comes from 40 days after Imam Hussein was martyred along with dozens of his companions during a last-stand battle against the tyrant of the time, Yazid I, more than thirteen centuries ago.

The martyrdom of Imam Hussein has turned into a symbol of righteous revolt and social and political reform.

Imam Hussein is a highly-venerated figure not only among Shia Muslims but also among Sunnis and people of other faiths.

Arbaeen has become the world’s largest annual peaceful gathering in the world.

Iran, Azerbaijan, Russia to Mull Transit, Customs Issues

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iranian, Azerbaijani, and Russian officials will discuss the diversification of the routes on the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) in the near future, Iranian Ambassador to Azerbaijan Seyyed Abbas Mousavi said.

The remarks were made during the ambassador’s visit to Iran’s Astara city, where he got acquainted with the joint projects being implemented between Iran and Azerbaijan.

Mousavi added that Iran’s Astara is one of the main and important parts of the INSTC. With the completion of work within the projects being implemented in Astara, its regional and international importance will reveal itself even further.

“Regarding these projects and other transit issues between the two countries, Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Rostam Ghasemi and Minister of Digital Development and Transport of Azerbaijan Rashad NabiyeV will soon meet,” he noted.

At present, a railway terminal is being built between Iran and Azerbaijan in Iran’s Astara city. A part of this railway terminal has already been put into use.

To recap, on January 25, 2022, the foundation of a new bridge over the Astarachay River on the Azerbaijani-Iranian border was laid. The construction of the 89-meter-long and 30-meter-wide bridge is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The foundation of the International North-South Transport Corridor was laid on the basis of an intergovernmental agreement signed between Russia, Iran, and India on September 12, 2000.

In total, 13 countries have ratified the agreement, including Azerbaijan, India, Iran, Russia, Türkiye, etc.

The purpose of creating a corridor is to reduce the delivery time of cargo from India to Russia, as well as to North and West Europe. Delivery time on the current route is more than 6 weeks, it is expected to be reduced to 3 weeks via North-South Transport Corridor.

The 175 km long Qazvin-Rasht railway was officially put into operation on March 6, 2019, to connect Azerbaijani railways with the Iranian railway network within the corridor. In addition, the 167 km long Rasht-Astara railway line must be built in Iran.

Iran Urges Trial of...

FROM PAGE 1

“Meanwhile, my colleagues at the Foreign Ministry and I had the honor to hold a ceremony in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the martyrdom of the Iranian diplomats in the Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif and to host the valued families of those noble martyrs. We are grateful to these prudent families for their patience as they lost their loved ones 24 years ago outside of Iran and they called, in an exemplary noble manner, for the Afghan government to shed more light on the different aspects of the incident and to hold to account the orchestrators and culprits behind that tragic event.”

“I gave assurances to the honorable families of the martyrs that the Iranian Foreign Ministry has assumed the responsibility of pursuing the matter to clarify all the circumstances surrounding this bitter incident.”

The Foreign Ministry has constantly raised the issue with the officials of the Taliban government over the past year in a clear way and Iran is seriously demanding accountability and an explanation about the circumstances surrounding the killings, he noted.

He added: Afghanistan’s Acting Foreign Minister Molla Mottaqi told me in two meetings, “We condemn this crime and we have nothing to do with that.” I however insisted that Iran demands the orchestrators and perpetrators of this historic crime be introduced and brought to justice.”

Martyr Soleimani’s School...

FROM PAGE 1

He emphasized that poverty and deprivation cause bad effects in the society, and noted, “The government is determined to complete the half-finished projects of the province and to use all its efforts to eliminate poverty and deprivation in Kerman”.

The President said, “Wherever people’s participation was used, we saw success. People’s participation in investment in the province, especially in the south of Kerman, is very important, and the use of people’s capacities in the development of mines in the province is also one of the government’s plans”.

Raisi stated that before the visit of the government to the province, investigations were done about the problems and issues of the province in consultation with the honorable representative of the Supreme Leader in the province, the governor-general, managers and honorable members of parliament and honorable members of the Assembly of Experts, and said, “Resolutions to solve the problems of the province have been compiled, which will be reviewed and finalized in the administrative council meeting with provincial managers taking part, and after finalization, their implementation will be seriously followed by the provincial managers and our colleagues at the capital”.

Brentford Sign Damsgaard From Sampdoria

LONDON (Dispatches) - Brentford have signed Denmark Lmidfielder Mikkell Damsgaard on a five-year contract from Serie A side Sampdoria, both clubs said without disclosing the fee. The 22-year-old joined the Genoa-based club two years ago, making 49 appearances and registering two goals and four assists in all competitions. He missed a large part of last season through injury. "Mikkell is, in my opinion, another classic Brentford signing. He is a young player with big potential to develop further," manager Thomas Frank said.

LICENCE HOLDER: SOKHAN GOSTAR INSTITUTE

Switchboard:

(+98) (21) 44253448

Public Relations Tel:

(+98)(21) 44253450

Editorial Board: 44253449

Public Relations Fax:

(+98)(21) 44253395

Advertising Department:

Tel/Fax:(+98) (21) 44253335-9/44253234

Website:

http://www.irannewsdaily.com

E-Mail Address:

info@irannewsdaily.com

ISSN 1024-6053

P.O. Box: 15875-8551

Address: No 13, Pajouhesh St.,

Golestan II St, Golestan St.Marzadaran

Blvd., Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Printed by: Honar Sarzmin Sabz

Distributed by:

Cities of Iran Cultural and

Artistic Institute

Managing Director: Fereydoon Taherpour Asl

Elliott Signs New Long-Term Liverpool Deal

LIVERPOOL (Dispatches) - Liverpool tied down Harvey Elliott to a new "long-term" deal with the 19-year-old expected to feature more prominently in Jurgen Klopp's first-team plans this season. Elliott started three of Liverpool's first four Premier League matches of last season before sustaining a fracture-dislocation of his ankle at Leeds which sidelined him for five months. However, he has bounced back to full fitness and come off the bench in both of Liverpool's two games so far this season against Manchester City in the Community Shield and his old club Fulham on the opening weekend of the Premier League season.

8 IRAN NEWS

SPORTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2022

Kyrgios Beats No.1 Medvedev at Montreal

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) - Nick Kyrgios rallied to topple world number one Daniil Medvedev at the ATP Montreal Masters as the top three seeds tumbled in the second round. Australia's Wimbledon finalist beat Medvedev 6-7 (2/7), 6-4, 6-2 to produce his second career upset of a reigning number one after ambushing Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon in 2014. Unseeded American Tommy Paul also came from a set down to send second-seeded Carlos Alcaraz of Spain packing 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (9/7), 6-3 while unseeded Briton Jack Draper beat third-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece 7-5, 7-6 (7/4). Kyrgios started the landslide. The mercurial Aussie produced his usual on-court antics, complaining about a high bounce, hitting a ball into the stands to draw a warning and bickering with his player box in moments of tension. But after gathering his formidable resources, the 27-year-old ranked 37th finished off Medvedev in exactly two hours. "I don't go in looking at the rankings, just the guy in front of me," Kyrgios said. "I had a clean objective today — play a lot of serve and volley and execute better. "Hopefully I can keep this rolling and keep on winning." Both players were coming off weekend title wins, Kyrgios at the Washington 500 on Sunday and Medvedev at Los Cabos, Mexico, on Saturday. Kyrgios has won 14 of his last 15 matches to improve to 29-7 for 2022. Medvedev lost for the 11th time in 2022, but by reaching the final at Los Cabos — where he lifted his first trophy of the season — he is assured of taking the number one ranking into his US Open title defense later this month. He was barred from Wimbledon as the tournament excluded Russian and Belarussian players over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



Alcaraz, who like Medvedev enjoyed a first-round bye, fared no better in his opening match, with the teenager admitting pressure got to him. Alcaraz came into the event with two prestige Masters 1000 titles from Miami and Madrid and holding a 42-7 record this season. "It was the first time that I couldn't handle the pressure," Alcaraz said. "I felt the pressure (of being) the number two seed and number four in the world. "It was the first time that I felt this pressure." The youngster added: "I had chances, I was a break up in the second set, had chances to win the match. "He played really good in the tough moments. He played great, and I couldn't show my best." The 34th-ranked Paul claimed victory on a volley winner after holding off the Spaniard's charge from 5-2 down in the third set. "It was nice to finish this match at the net," said Paul, who fired 36 winners to Alcaraz's 33. "I did a lot of things well today. "I played a good level of tennis, comfortable tennis." Tsitsipas completed the hat-trick of losses for the tournament elite. Draper, 20, earned his first career win over a top-10 opponent as he reached the third round in just over two hours with five breaks of the Tsitsipas serve. Fourth seed Casper Ruud made it safely through, backing up his defeat earlier this season of Alex Molcan with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 victory over the Slovakian.

Nadal Confirms He Will Compete at Cincinnati

LOS ANGELES (Dispatches) - Rafa Nadal confirmed that he will compete at next week's Cincinnati Open after being forced to withdraw from the ongoing Canadian Open due to an abdominal injury. The world number three opted out of the US Open tune-up event in Montreal with the same strain that has limited his service motion and forced him to forfeit his Wimbledon semi-final last month. "(Flying) tomorrow to Cincinnati," the Spaniard posted alongside a photo of himself shirtless and smiling. "Very happy to play again in Cincy." Nadal, who has won a men's record 22 major titles, will be the only one of tennis' Big Three in the draw of the hardcourt tournament as rivals Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic will both be absent. Federer is still undergoing rehab after undergoing knee surgery while Wimbledon champion Djokovic is unable to compete in the North American tournaments due to his refusal to get vaccinated against Covid-19, which prevents him from entering the two countries.

Serena Loses to Bencic in First Match of Farewell Tour

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - , Aug 11 — The first stop on Serena Williams' farewell tour came to a quick end as she fell 6-2 6-4 to Belinda Bencic in second-round action at the Canadian Open on Wednesday a day after announcing her forthcoming retirement from tennis.

Williams arrived on the court to a standing ovation and had the full support of the capacity crowd throughout the 77-minute match but was unable to conjure up the old magic that helped her lift three titles in Canada.

"It's been a pretty interesting 24 hours ... I'm terrible at goodbyes. But, goodbye Toronto," an emotional Williams told the crowd.

"I always had amazing times here both on and off the court. I'll be coming back just as a visitor to the city but otherwise its been remarkable." After the match, Williams was presented with team jerseys of Toronto's NBA and NHL teams for her and her daughter, who was in attendance, as well as a bouquet of flowers that she carried off the court while wiping back tears.

Prior to the match, a tribute video was played featuring comments from tennis pioneer Billie Jean King, current players like Coco Gauff and Emma Raducanu as well as ice hockey great Wayne Gretzky and highlights of Williams' Canadian triumphs.

The highly-anticipated match was played a day after 23-time Grand Slam champion Williams revealed in a Vogue article that she was "evolving away from tennis" and planned to retire from the sport she has dominated for over two decades.

Olympic champion Bencic saved the lone break point she faced in the opening set and broke Williams twice to jump ahead 5-2 but the Swiss 12th seed then needed five set points to clinch the opening frame.

In the second set, Bencic got the one break she needed to go ahead 4-3 when Williams struck a double-fault and the Swiss never looked back as she sealed the match on her serve when Williams sent a return long.

Jordan "Last Dance" Jersey to Be Auctioned in September



Most of Jordan's NBA Finals jerseys remain in private hands, according to Sotheby's, although he has donated one to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Jordan, now 59, spent the bulk of his basketball career with the Bulls, with whom he won all six of his titles, but came out of retirement in 2001 to play two seasons with the Washington Wizards.

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - A jersey worn by basketball legend Michael Jordan during Game 1 of the 1998 NBA Finals, his last title victory, is set to be auctioned off in September for an estimated US\$3-5 million), Sotheby's announced.

The iconic red Chicago Bulls jersey, with Jordan's number 23 on the back, is only the second worn by the star during his six championships to be sold at auction.

The 1997-1998 season is perhaps one of the most popular among Jordan fans, as Michael was reaching the height of his abilities while simultaneously pursuing what he understood would be his last chance at an NBA Championship with the Chicago Bulls," said Brahm Wachter, head of streetwear and modern collectables at Sotheby's, in a press release.

The jersey will first be publicly displayed in Monterey, California before being shipped to New York, where fans will also have the chance to view it during the online auction which runs from September 6-14.

His final season with the Bulls was detailed in the ESPN/Netflix documentary The Last Dance released in 2020.

Though the estimate by Sotheby's is lower than the record set in May for the most expensive sports memorabilia ever sold — US\$9.3 million for soccer star Diego Maradona's "Hand of God" jersey — it would be the highest price ever for one of Jordan's artifacts.

Real Madrid Win UEFA Super Cup Win

HELSINKI (Dispatches) - Champions League winners Real Madrid outclassed Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 to clinch the UEFA Super Cup for a record-equaling fifth time.

A first half goal from David Alaba and another from Karim Benzema in the 65th that lifted him to second in Real's all-time scoring list with 324 goals, wrapped up the title for the Spaniards.

Europa League winners Eintracht had offered some resistance in the first half and had chances to score but were eventually overrun by the Spaniards.

The win also means Real's Carlo Ancelotti becomes the first coach to lift the trophy four times.

The Italian had named the same starting 11 that began their winning Champions League final in Paris in May.

Eintracht were without playmaker Filip Kostic who is close to a move to Juventus, but looked more disciplined than in their 6-1 loss to Bayern Munich last week in their Bundesliga season opener.

They also carved out the first chance of the game when Daichi Kamada broke clear but could not beat Real keeper Thibaut Courtois with his low drive in the 14th minute.

Real responded three minutes later but Vinicius Jr's effort was cleared on the line by Tuta. Eintracht keeper Kevin Trapp did well to palm another Vinicius Jr effort wide.

The keeper, however, misjudged a cross in the 37th and was well out of position when Casemiro headed on for Alaba and the Austrian tapped in from close range for the lead.

Real stayed in control after the break, forcing another good save from Trapp in the 55th, knocking away a deflected Vinicius Jr shot before Casemiro rattled the crossbar with a shot from the edge of the box two minutes later.



Germany Coach Delighted With Werner's Leipzig Return

BERLIN (Dispatches) - Timo Werner's return to his former club RB Leipzig is good news both for the league and for the player, who will continue competing at the highest level, Germany coach Hansi Flick said, with the year-ending World Cup just around the corner.

Werner, whose form over the past two years raised questions about whether he was the right striker for this year's World Cup in Qatar, signed a four-year contract on Tuesday to return to Leipzig from Chelsea.

The 26-year-old spent the largest part of his senior career at RB Leipzig between 2016-20 and is the club's all-time top scorer with 95 goals.

"I am very happy for the Bundesliga that Timo Werner is coming back," Flick said in a statement. "With his qualities he is an enrichment for every league."

"With Leipzig, where he matured into an international top striker, Timo will continue to test himself in the Champions League against the best players around," Flick said.

Werner parted ways with Chelsea after two years at the Premier League club, where he lifted the Champions League trophy as well as the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup in 2021 but failed to hold down a starting spot.

He made 89 appearances for Chelsea, scoring 23 goals.

Werner hopes his return to Leipzig, who have qualified for the Champions league group stage this season, will provide him with the platform to rediscover his old form and get sufficient playing time to be in peak form at the World Cup.

"For me it was clear that Leipzig was a very good step," Werner told a news conference. "The transfer was the logical step to gain self-confidence."

