



Boosting transport fleet, prerequisite to exports promotion

TEHRAN, Dec. 12 (MNA) – Iran's First Vice President said that strengthening transport fleet and resolving problems at borders are required for promoting export. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/167079/Boosting-transport-fleet-prerequisite-to-exports-promotion>

Iran, India, Uzbekistan to Hold 1st Joint Meeting on Chabahar Port

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The first trilateral working group meeting between Iran, India, and Uzbekistan on the joint use of Chabahar port, Iran's only major ocean port located on the Sea of Oman, will be held virtually on Monday. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2020/12/12/2408672/iran-india-uzbekistan-to-hold-1st-joint-meeting-on-chabahar-port>

Loading, unloading of goods up 40% in Astara Port

TEHRAN- Loading and unloading of goods in Iran's northwestern Astara Port has risen 40 percent during the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-November 20), compared to the same period of time in the past year (March 20-November 20), according to a local official. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455653/Loading-unloading-of-goods-up-40-in-Astara-Port>

Exports from South Khorasan Province increases 66%

TEHRAN- The value of exports from South Khorasan Razavi, in east of Iran, has increased 66 percent during the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-November 20), compared to the same period of time in the past year, according to a provincial official. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455656/Exports-from-South-Khorasan-Province-increases-66>



Mobarakeh Steel Company Achieves 73% Increase in Monthly Exports

Mobarakeh Steel Company, the largest steel company in Iran and the wider Middle East and North Africa region, produced 201,429 tons and registered a 73% increase in exports during the eighth month of the current fiscal year (Oct. 22-Nov. 22). Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106537/mobarakeh-steel-company-achieves-73-increase-in-monthly-exports>

2.6m Tons of Rice Output Will Meet 85% of Demand

A total of 2.6 million tons of rice have been produced on more than 800,000 hectares of paddy fields across the country this year, showing a 10.34% decline compared with last year's output, according to the Agriculture Ministry's director general of Grains and Essential Goods Affairs Department. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106538/26m-tons-of-rice-output-will-meet-85-of-demand>

Residential, repair barge to be commissioned in South Pars

TEHRAN - The director of production and operations in Pars Oil and Gas Company (POGC), which is in charge of developing Iran's giant South Pars gas field, said for the first time, a large residential and repair barge will be commissioned in the field to support safe gas production from the field's platforms, Shana reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455668/Residential-repair-barge-to-be-commissioned-in-South-Pars>

Envoy stresses Iran-Tajikistan implementation of joint economic decisions

Tehran, Dec 12, IRNA - Iranian Ambassador to Dushanbe Mohammad Taqi Saberi on Saturday announced the implementation of the decisions made by the Joint Economic Commission of Iran-Tajikistan. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84144582/Envoy-stresses-Iran-Tajikistan-implementation-of-joint-economic>



GDP growth turns positive in H1

TEHRAN – The Governor of the Central Bank of Iran Abdolnaser Hemmati announced that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) growth (both with and without oil) has become positive, IRIB reported. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455717/GDP-growth-turns-positive-in-H1>

Aluminum ingot production rises over 52%

TEHRAN- Production of the aluminum ingot in Iran rose 52.2 percent during the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-November 20) compared to the same period of time in the past year. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455747/Aluminum-ingot-production-rises-over-52>

Developing ties with Afghanistan to expand regional security

TEHRAN, Dec. 14 (MNA) – Head of UNAMA Liaison Office in Tehran said that sustainable development and increase of level of economic cooperation between Tehran and Kabul will provide security in the region. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/167182/Developing-ties-with-Afghanistan-to-expand-regional-security>

Iran's Leader Permits Expediency Council to Proceed with Work on FATF Bills

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has approved the administration's proposal for the extension of a process that authorizes the Expediency Council to review the remaining bills prepared by the government to take Iran out of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklist. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://ifpnews.com/irans-leader-permits-expediency-council-to-proceed-with-work-on-fatf-bills>

Indigenizing petchem catalysts to pave way for realizing surge in production

TEHRAN – As the Iranian economy is moving away from reliance on external sources towards self-sufficiency, many of the country's economic sectors including oil, gas and petrochemicals are taking serious measures for meeting their technological needs from domestic sources, and the petrochemical sector has been a pioneer in this regard. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455754/Indigenizing-petchem-catalysts-to-pave-way-for-realizing-surge>

Bloomberg on Iran's H1 Growth

Iran's economy grew by 3% in the six months to mid-September compared with the same period of last year, despite an ongoing struggle with the Middle East's worst coronavirus outbreak and crippling US sanctions. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/economy/106584/bloomberg-on-iran-s-h1-growth>

Environment Protection Awareness Comes to Bushehr Petrochem Plant

In doing its fair share to help preserve the environment, Nouri Petrochemical Company in Bushehr Province has signed a contract with the engineering company Namvaran to recover flare gas, managing director of Nouri company said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/106582/environment-protection-awareness-comes-to-bushehr-petrochem-plant>

SP Phase 11 Starts Offshore Drilling

Long-delayed offshore drilling operations in the South Pars Gas Field Phase 11 off the Persian Gulf started Tuesday by Mapna Drilling Company, the National Iranian Oil Company's deputy managing director said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/energy/106583/sp-phase-11-starts-offshore-drilling>

Economics Professor: Budget Forecasts Too Optimistic

As per the fiscal 2021-22 budget bill, the government is expecting to sell 2.3 million barrels of oil per day, the same level the country used to sell in the year ending March 2018, before the reimposition of sanctions. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106586/economics-professor-budget-forecasts-too-optimistic>

Non-Oil Exports to Neighbors Reach \$13.3 Billion in March 20-Nov. 20

Iran exported \$13.37 billion worth of non-oil goods to its 15 neighboring countries during the first eight months of the current Iranian year (March 20-Nov. 20), more than \$8.57 billion of which went to Arab states, according to the director general for Arab and African affairs with the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/domestic-economy/106588/non-oil-exports-to-neighbors-reach-133-billion-in-march-20-nov->

Poland can be Iran's gateway to Europe: Economic Diplomacy

TEHRAN, Dec. 17 (MNA) – European countries have great capacities for economic cooperation with Iran and the Islamic Republic must benefit from such relations for attracting investment. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/167273/Poland-can-be-Iran-s-gateway-to-Europe-Economic-Diplomacy>

Loading, unloading of goods up over 40% at ports of Gilan Province

TEHRAN- Loading and unloading of commodities have risen more than 40 percent at the ports of Gilan Province, in north of Iran, since the beginning of the current Iranian year (March 20), compared to the same period of time in the past year, according to a provincial official. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455839/Loading-unloading-of-goods-up-over-40-at-ports-of-Gilan-Province>



Joint Fund Could Ease Forex Repatriation From Afghanistan

Iran and Afghanistan can resolve issues related to export income repatriation by creating a joint fund through which Afghan migrants in Iran can send money home and exporters repatriate their revenue, head of the Iran-Afghanistan Joint Chamber of Commerce said. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/business-and-markets/106579/joint-fund-could-ease-forex-repatriation-from-afghanistan>

Manufacturing of refrigerators, freezers increases 29%

TEHRAN- The manufacturing of refrigerators and freezers has increased 29.2 percent in Iran during the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-November 20), compared to the same period of time in the past year, according to the data released by Industry, Mining and Trade Ministry. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/455840/Manufacturing-of-refrigerators-freezers-increases-29>

