



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** **THE DIRECTORS**  
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**FROM :** **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

**SUBJECT :** **MFA DIGEST FROM THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

**DATE :** **MAY 24 2021**

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This is to refer the letter dated 31 March 2021 from the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, sharing the Issue #34 of the MFA Digest, a publication about the recent developments in their country from the Center for Public and Media Diplomacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For your information.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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**Let's Go Green!!!**



Office of the Secretary &lt;osec@denr.gov.ph&gt;

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**Fwd: Bulletin about the Recent Developments in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 12:55 PM

Dear Sir/Madame:

We respectfully transmit Issue 34 (1 - 15 March 2021) MFA Digest (kindly see the attached file), a publication from the Center for Public and Media Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. 

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
8840-1879 / 8888-4757 to 59(local 112)

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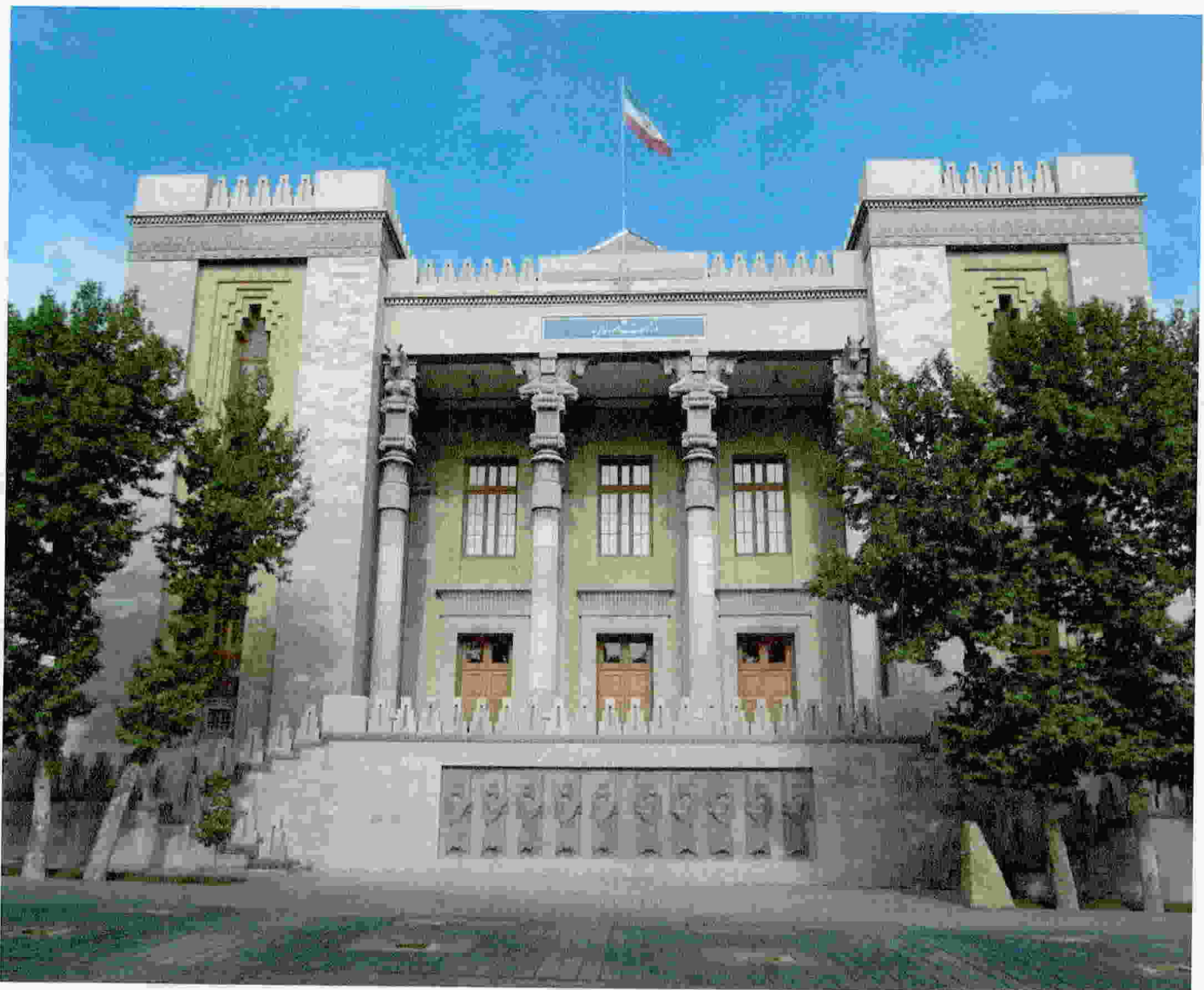
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# MFA DIGEST

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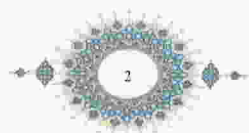
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*Nowruz or the 'New Day' is the first day of the solar calendar, commonly known as the Persian calendar. It falls on the vernal equinox (March 21st) and it was originally associated with the agrarian life for its relation with the time of cultivation and the collection of yields. Nowruz created moments of cultural convergence in the past. It still has the ability to bring us together today.*

***We wish you all a very Happy Nowruz and a beautiful spring!***

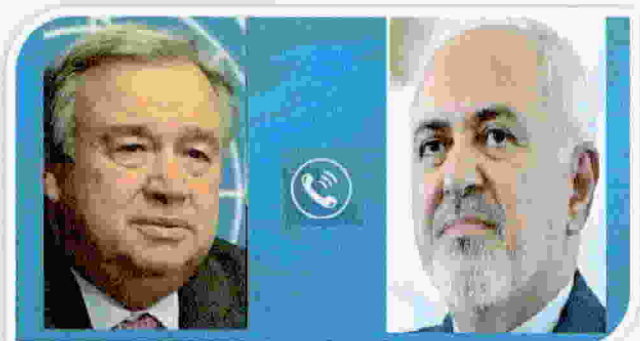
*MFA Digest's Editorial Board*





## MFA NEWSLETTER

### MINISTER ZARIF, UN SECRETARY GENERAL DISCUSS YEMEN PEACE



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres had a telephone conversation with Minister Zarif on Tuesday evening, March 2, 2021.

During the phone call, Guterres elaborated on the UN's latest measures to end the Yemen war, establish fair peace, and initiate political talks in the Arab country.

He also called on the Islamic Republic of Iran to continue its strenuous efforts to help establish peace in Yemen.

Minister Zarif, in turn, expressed Tehran's support for the UN's efforts to establish fair peace in Yemen, and underlined the necessity of ending the war, lifting the blockade, and delivering humanitarian aid to the Yemeni people.

Dr. Zarif also expressed hope that peace and stability will be restored in the Arab country through intra-Yemeni talks and formation of an inclusive government.

### MINISTER ZARIF, UN SECRETARY GENERAL DISCUSS YEMEN PEACE

Foreign Minister Zarif and a number of top exporters of goods and technical-engineering services discussed foreign trade and export of such services in a meeting in Tehran.

In the three-hour meeting held on Tuesday (March 9, 2021), Minister Zarif was briefed on the viewpoints of the country's business leaders.

"The export of goods and technical-engineering services is key to the development of Iran, and a leap in production is not possible without exports," Dr. Zarif said.



Dr. Zarif said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must strive and help Iranian producers to promote their exports, and praised the unmatched role played by the private sector in expansion of Iranian exports.

"The government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are duty-bound to support private sector exporters, and the government cannot replace the private sector in this field," the Minister added.

Dr. Zarif said one of the duties of the Foreign Ministry is to inform Iranian companies about the capacities of other countries including the projects and auctions where Iranians can export their goods and services.



## IRANIAN, IRISH FOREIGN MINISTERS HOLD TALKS IN TEHRAN



In the Sunday meeting held in Tehran (March 7, 2021), Minister Zarif and his Irish counterpart Mr. Simon Coveney discussed issues of mutual interest in bilateral, regional and international affairs as well as the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

The two sides also emphasized the necessity of continuing political consultations as well as economic exchanges.

Minister Coveney underlined that as arranged, Ireland's embassy will gradually reopen in Tehran.

The Iranian foreign minister reiterated Tehran's principled policy on the need for the removal of illegal US sanctions fully and effectively as a step that would, in turn, see Iran reverse the measures it has adopted to scale down its obligations under the JCPOA.

Minister Coveney, for his part, said Ireland stands ready to facilitate the process as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council and a facilitator of the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2231 and as a member of the European Union.

Among other topics discussed was ways of helping ease regional tensions where the two sides discussed developments in the Persian Gulf, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, occupied Palestine, Afghanistan and the Caucasus.

## MINISTER ZARIF PLANTS 'TREE OF FRIENDSHIP' ON ARBOR DAY



The Friendship Tree Planting Ceremony was held in Behesht Madaran Park on Wednesday afternoon (March 10, 2021) with participation of Minister Zarif, Mayor of Tehran Pirouz Hanachi, and the spouses of foreign diplomats residing in Tehran.



The ceremonies came as part of the annual tradition of tree planting, which is marked across Iran to usher in the Persian New Year on March 21. The Iranian foreign minister said tree planting is a time for human beings to reconcile, not only with nature, but with each other.





# TWIPLOMACY

## Supreme Leader Observes National Arbor Day



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@khamenei\_ir

Planting two saplings on National Tree Planting Day and National Week of Natural Resources  
[#TreeForLife](#)



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## Minister Zarif Shares Painful Message About A Little Girl Victimized by US Cruel Sanctions



Javad Zarif  
@JZarif  
Iran government official

This is a little girl who's paid the price for cruel & inhumane choices of politicians far away.

Her situation isn't unique in Iran. Even amid COVID-19, US continues to exert Trump's failed "maximum pressure" on Iranians.

Isn't it time to try something that may actually work?



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## MFA's Spokesperson Khatibzadeh Reacts Latest Saudi Aggression Against Besieged Yemen



Saeed Khatibzadeh  
@SKhatibzadeh

Defying principles of morality, KSA once again bombards the besieged and famine-stricken people of [#Yemen](#).

KSA must stop this carnage and end its war on fellow Muslims and Arabs.

Daydreams of conquering Yemen in "3 weeks" haven't materialized in 6 years.

Time to wake up.

Yemen is becoming the worst place on earth and it is 100% man-made. It means: No food, no fuel, no end in sight. This is hell.

400,000 children are at risk of dying right now. That's not just a number—these are real people. We need support ASAP to stop this. [#YemenCanWait](#)



**A CNN investigation finds the U.S.-backed Saudi blockade is leading to deadly fuel & food shortages in Yemen, where hospitals are full of starving children**



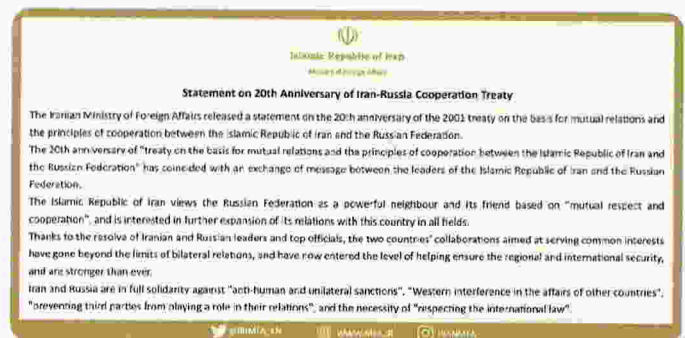
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## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Releases Statement on the Anniversary of Iranian-Russian Cooperation

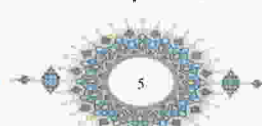


Iran Foreign Ministry  
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The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a statement on the 20th anniversary of the 2001 treaty on the basis for mutual relations and the principles of cooperation between the Islamic Republic of [#Iran](#) and the [#Russian](#) Federation.



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## FEATURE STORY

### NOWRUZ FOR FRIENDSHIP

A ceremony called “Nowruz 1400; Nowruz for Friendship” has been held in Tehran on March 15, 2021, bringing together a host of officials and envoys from Iran and other countries.

The event was attended by the Iranian minister of foreign affairs, minister of science, research and technology, minister of cultural heritage, tourism and handicrafts, as well as representatives of more than eighty countries and international organizations residing in Tehran.

Addressing the participants, Minister Zarif congratulated them on the arrival of Nowruz (the ancient feast marking the beginning of the Persian New Year).

Dr. Zarif described Nowruz as an international occasion, saying the Persian Year 1399 will come to an end on March 21, 2021, ending the 14th century on the solar calendar, a century littered with numerous wars and sanctions and many instances of discrimination against humanity.

He expressed hope the Persian New Year 1400 (beginning March 21, 2021) will mark the beginning of a century in which natural disasters, diseases, wars and sanctions will end.

Zarif also congratulated all peace-loving nations on the occasion of Nowruz.

The ceremony also featured performances by different artists from various provinces of the country, including traditional rituals associated with Nowruz.







Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Saeed Khatibzadeh described Nowruz as the cultural event of many nations in the region.

“What we know as the culture of Nowruz is regarded as the culture and customs of many nations, held from Sind valley to West Asia and the Caucasus,” Mr. Khatibzadeh stated in the ceremony on Nowruz in Tehran.

The Spokesperson went on to say that this diversity and plurality has reached us today.



“Nowruz is the epitome of the newness of the minor and great worlds,” Mr. Khatibzadeh said, adding that everything becomes new during Nowruz.

“Although this newness is permanent in the views of philosophers,” Mr. Khatibzadeh stated, adding that nothing like this occasion recognizes this newness.

“Nowruz is interwoven with to transformation and newness,” the Spokesperson said, noting that we ask God to change our thoughts toward coexistence and friendship.

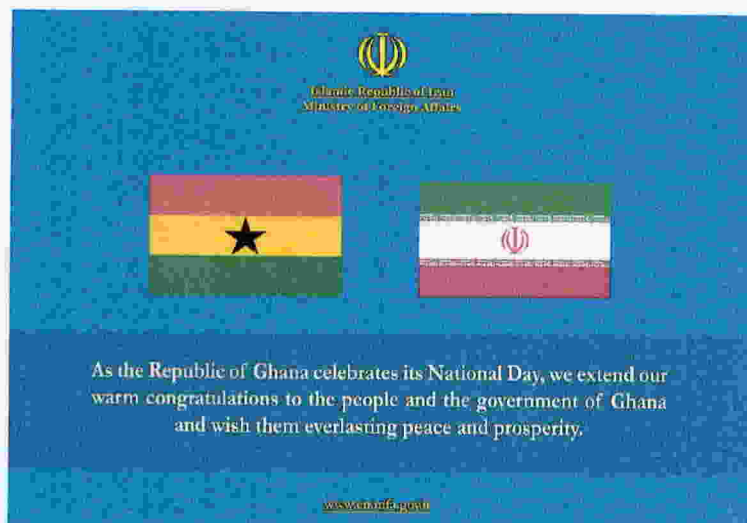
“I wish Iranians, the region and all the nations health, happiness and friendship,” Mr. Khatibzadeh further noted.





Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the  
Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
(March 1)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the  
National Day of Bulgaria  
(March 3)



Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the  
National Day of Ghana  
(March 6)



## Culture & Society

### MORE REFUGEES IN IRAN UNDER INSURANCE COVERAGE



**T**he number of refugees covered by social insurance services has increased by 20 percent in Iran, as 120,000 foreign nationals will be under the insurance coverage.

In order to support the refugees living in the country, the seventh phase of the health insurance plan will cover 120,000 vulnerable refugees through a memorandum of understanding signed between the Health Insurance Organization and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

This measure aims to provide medical services in the form of a comprehensive basic package (outpatient, inpatient, and temporary hospitalization) for one year to the foreign nationals.

A total of 1.4 trillion rials (nearly \$35 million at the official rate of 42,000 rials) have been allocated in this regard, which increased by 20 percent compared to the previous phase.

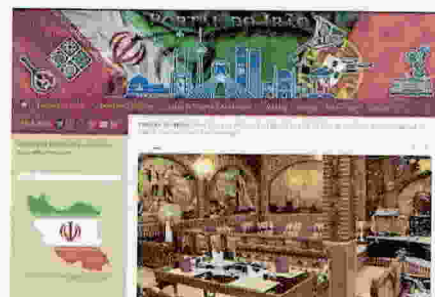
Other refugees can also use the benefits of the mentioned services like Iranians by paying the approved insurance premium.

### PORTUGUESE WEB PORTAL TO INTRODUCE IRAN LAUNCHES

**T**he Portuguese language web portal "A Portal to Iran" has been launched and is now accessed via: <https://iranianos.pt/>

At the inauguration of the launch, Iran's Ambassador to Portugal Dr. Morteza Pakdaman Jami highlighted the significance of the portal website in introducing Iranian culture and art and the developments and manifestations of contemporary Iranian social life to the Portuguese-speaking world and stressed the need to update and provide accurate and reliable information from Iranian society and culture to the users and to make this site a credible reference in providing information about Iran for the Portuguese speakers.

"A Portal to Iran", a web portal in Portuguese, designed and implemented by a group of interested and talented Iranian residents in Portugal, contains valuable material to the Portuguese-speaking individuals concerning introducing various historical, civilizational, cultural, artistic, political and economic dimensions of Iran and presents cultural, tourism, handicrafts, ecotourism attractions as well as practical and useful information for the travelers.





## UN APPRECIATES IRAN'S 'LEADING ROLE' IN FIGHT AGAINST AIDS



**T**he Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has praised Iran's leading role in the fight against the virus.

UNAIDS executive director Winnie Byanyima, in a letter to Esmail Baghaei-Hamaneh, permanent representative to the UN in Geneva, appreciated Iran for its efforts in eradication of HIV and welcomed a visit to the country.

Highlighting that Iran's model for fighting HIV is "harm reduction", she lauded the country for pioneering the unique model of AIDS management and expressed appreciation for Iran's support, as a member of the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (PCB), in the global fight against AIDS.

She further thanked the active and constructive role of the Islamic Republic in preparing the strategic documents of the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS.

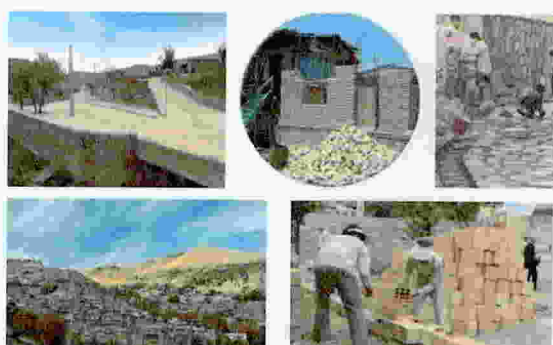
Earlier, Morten Ussing, Director of Governance and Multilateral Affairs said that "in terms of harm reduction, Iran is one of the best countries in West Asia, but also in the world; Iran's intervention in the prisons proved to be the best, therefore, it should be presented as a strategic plan worldwide.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CREATE 262,000 JOBS IN 3 YEARS

**D**evelopment projects implemented over the past three years have created more than 262,000 job opportunities in rural areas, Cooperatives, Labor, and Social Welfare Minister Mohammad Shariatmadari has said.

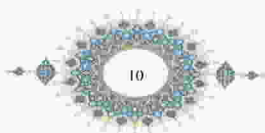
Since February 2018, some 130 trillion rials (about \$3 billion at the official exchange rate of 42,000 rials) have been invested in 142,000 job creation plans in villages across the country, he explained.

The administration is making efforts to pay more attention to economic development in villages in order to pave the way for increasing rural population and help reverse the current trend of migration from villages to cities, he added.



Many efforts have been made over the past couple of years by the government to support villagers and slow down the trend of migration from rural areas to cities.

Rural tourism, agritourism, religious tourism, and ecotourism are alternatives or complementary economic activities that could further stimulate rural development while decreasing rural community dependency on one main economic sector (agriculture, forestry, energy, or mining).

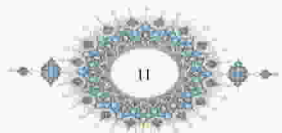




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**SPRING IN LORESTAN PROVINCE, WEST IRAN**





## TRADE AND ECONOMY

### IRAN-MADE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FIND MARKET IN EAST AFRICA



**A** number of Iranian medical equipment manufacturers are presenting and registering their products in the East African country of Kenya.

The products presented in the Innovation and Technology Exports Center of Iran could attract attention of the Kenyan market and businesspersons, and for the first time, the products exported by the Iranian health sector were registered in Kenya and a Kenyan identity card was issued for them.

The process of legal registration of products of 4 knowledge-based and creative Iranian companies in the field of medical equipment has ended and 5 other companies in this field are waiting for the end of legal procedures for registration in the specialized systems of the Kenyan health ministry by the end of the current (Iranian) year (March 20).

Iran is one of the countries with good medical capabilities in the field of medicine and medical equipment and can export these products to other countries.

### 9,000 NEW INDUSTRIAL UNITS ESTABLISHED IN IRAN SINCE LATE MAR. 2020

**S**ome 9,000 new contracts have been signed for establishing industrial units across Iran since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2020), the head of Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization (ISIPO) announced on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Speaking to the press on the sidelines of a visit to an industrial park near Tehran, Ali Rasoulia noted that the number of established industrial units in the current Iranian calendar year has increased 100 percent compared to the previous year.

“If we are looking for creating employment, the necessary space and infrastructure must be provided for the development of industrial units; currently more than 9,000 contracts have been signed for the establishment of industrial units in the country,” Rasoulia said.

Rasoulia further pointed to knowledge-based companies as one of the priorities of the Industry Ministry and said: “We are trying to solve the problems of knowledge-based companies by providing them with necessary space in industrial parks.”





## MAJOR OIL INDUSTRY PROJECTS WORTH OVER €5.6B INAUGURATED

**I**ranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh inaugurated three major oil industry projects worth €5.569 billion in Ilam and Boushehr provinces during a virtual ceremony on Monday, March 1, 2021.



The minister officially inaugurated Azar Oil field development project in the western Ilam province and Kangan Petro-refinery's ethane recovery unit in southwestern Boushehr province, while commencing the project for the construction of a petrochemical complex in Assaluyeh.

According to Zanganeh, over €2.6 billion has been invested in the Azar oil field development project and the ethane recovery unit of Kangan Petro-refinery.

The other project, namely Kian Petrochemical Complex in Assaluyeh, in Bushehr Province, is also worth about €3 billion.

"The production capacity of crude oil in the joint fields of west Karun region has increased from 70,000 barrels per day to 400,000 barrels," the official added.

## IRAN'S STEEL PRODUCTION GROWTH ABOVE WORLD AVERAGE

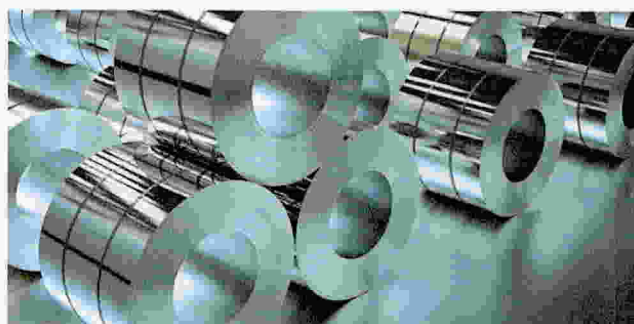
**H**ead of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration of Iran Alireza Shahidi on Wednesday, March 4, 2021, said that the country is among the top 10 countries producing steel in the world.

World Steel Association put the average steel production growth of its member countries in 2020 at 0.9%, while Iran's steel production growth this year has been reported to be 13.4%, he said.

Shahidi pointed out that Iran has gained achievements despite the imposed sanctions.

Nowadays 31 million tons of steel is being produced in the country in spite of the pandemic, he noted.

The latest data released by Iran's Steel Producers Association showed that the Iranian steelmakers have produced considerable amount of steel products over the past ten months.



"Iran's steel ingot output reached 18.75 million tons during the past 10 months ending on February 19," the report said.

The semi-finished steel production registered a 7-percent growth as compared to last year's corresponding period.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### PASTEUR INSTITUTE OF IRAN TO MASS-PRODUCE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE IN SPRING



**H**ead of Pasteur Institute of Iran Alireza Biglari announced on Wednesday that the coronavirus vaccine produced by the Institute has passed the first and second human trial phases and will be mass-produced by the end of spring after a successful third phase.

“Since the vaccine has passed phases 1 and 2 and its effectiveness has been proved, as soon as we enter the third phase and its results are verifiably positive, we will enter the production phase,” Biglari said.

He noted that everything has been prepared for production of the vaccine, and said, “We hope to be able to mass-produce the vaccine in May or June.”

Biglari said that the capacity in the early months of production will be around 1 to 2 million, but it will increase over time.

Also, in January, Biglari said that the country’s home-made vaccines will be ready for the nation’s vaccination late in spring if they pass all

tests successfully.

“The Health Ministry is trying to provide the necessary vaccines from foreign sources for priority groups; also, really good efforts are being made to produce domestically-produced vaccines and co-produce them with other countries,” Biglari said.

“But regarding the domestically-produced vaccines, the most optimistic case is that we can have the domestically-produced vaccines for public vaccination in June if all plans succeed,” he added.

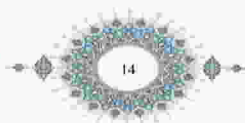
Biglari explained that Iran’s vaccine produced jointly with foreign states will go for extensive human trial phase in March, while public vaccination could start in June.

In addition to importing vaccine from other countries, different Iranian companies are producing coronavirus vaccines.

Meanwhile, senior member of Iran’s National Task Force for Fighting COVID-19 Minou Mohraz said that the indigenized coronavirus vaccine, COV-Iran, has been produced by the Iranian scientists at the HEIKO based on world standards.

“We have different types of vaccine but COV-Iran has been produced based on international standards and quality,” Mohraz, also a senior member of the team to assess the efficiency of the Iran-made vaccine, said.

She added that all the relevant protocols are being met in the production of COV-Iran, saying that there are few vaccines which meet all the protocols.







## IRAN OPENS INNOVATION HOUSE IN SYRIA TO BOOST HIGH-TECH EXPORTS

Iran House of Innovation and Technology Exports has been opened in the Syrian capital of Damascus in a ceremony attended by Iranian Vice-President for Science and Technology Sorena Sattari and Syrian Minister of Higher Education Bassam Ibrahim.



The high-tech products of 40 knowledge-based and innovative companies in the fields of electricity and electronics, medicine, advanced materials, ICT, biotechnology, agriculture and other fields of technology were put on display in the Iran House of Innovation and Technology Exports.

The House has been established in Damascus Free Zone in an area of 620 square meters with the aim of facilitating the export of Iranian high-tech products and innovative achievements to Syria. The center has been jointly funded by the private sector and the Iranian Vice-Presidency for Science and Technology.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Vice-President Sattari said the House will make it easier for Iranian knowledge-based companies to export their products to the Arab country.

## IRAN UNVEILS ADVANCED HOMEMADE VENTILATOR

As the Vice President for Science and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran visited Khorasan Razavi Province, 8 important knowledge-based projects were put into operation in Mashhad Science and Technology Park.

Unveiling of surface and environment disinfection device, the unveiling of the first medium-scale wind turbine with a capacity of 25 kW by experts from the Sun Air Research Institute of the Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, the opening of an advanced ventilator production line, and a CT scan machine and the opening of a laboratory for testing oil well, gas and petrochemical are among the important projects that were put into operation with the presence of Sorena Sattari.

Sattari said on the sidelines of the unveiling of an advanced ventilator made in Iran in Mashhad that Iranian-based companies are able to meet the needs of the health sector, especially in the fight against the coronavirus.



Referring to the role of knowledge-based companies in turning the threat of sanctions into a valuable opportunity, Sattari said that the knowledge-based company of "Ehya Darman Pishrafteh" in Mashhad has been able to meet the challenge of shortage of ventilators in Iran with local technology.



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## NOWRUZ ELEMENTS PAINTED BY IRANIAN ARTISTS IN TEHRAN

**A** group of Iranian artists painted some egg models as Nowruz elements so as to install them in different places of Tehran, March 10, 2021.

(Photo credit: MEHR News Agency)





## SPORTS

### NEMATI AWARDED 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY RECOGNITION



As the world collectively raises its voice towards gender equality, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is lifting up three notable leaders who have done just that to earn the 2021 International Women's Day Recognition awards.

Kate Caithness of World Curling Federation (Builder category), Iranian Para archer Zahra Nemati (Next Generation Leader category) and World Para Powerlifting (National Paralympic Committee/International Federation category) were named this year's winners, Paralympic.org reported.

The annual recognition, which coincides on 8 March's International Women's Day, celebrates primarily women in the Paralympic Movement who have inspired and emulated the Paralympic ideals and are positive role models.

Iran's first gold medalist at a Paralympic or Olympics has used her platform to be an activist for women and people with disabilities in her home country.

### IRANIAN REFEREES TO PRESIDE OVER RAMUS SOFIA OPEN 2021

Iranian referees are to preside over Ramus Sofia Open 2021 Taekwondo matches, in Bulgaria. Ali Poozesh Jadidi and Azadeh Yasaei are the two Iranian Taekwondo referees who will judge the event.

The 8th "RAMUS SOFIA OPEN" 2021, "WT – G1 INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT" will be held in Sofia, on March 6th and 7th, 2021.

Iran will also take part in the event.



So far, 117 taekwondokas from 12 countries have registered for the event.

Armin Hadipour, Mirhashem Hosseini, Amir Mohammad Bakhshi, Mehran Barkhordari, Sajjad Mardani, and Soroush Ahmadi will represent Iran in the competition.

This will be the first international event in nearly a year that Iranian practitioners will participate in. Like other sports, Taekwondo competitions were stopped due to concern over the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020.



## IRANIAN FEMALE TAEKWONDO PLAYERS WIN ANOTHER 3 MEDALS

Iranian women's national taekwondo team could successfully win another 3 medals in the 8th Turkish Open Taekwondo Tournament.



The fights of the second day were followed in the weights of 53, 57, and 67 kg, and Ghazal Soltani, Nahid Kiani, Kowsar Asaseh, and Melika Mir Hosseini were the Iranian taekwondo players who competed on this day, and finally, Soltani won the silver medal, and Kiani and Mir Hosseini won a bronze medal to bring the total number of Taekwondo girls' medals at the event to six.

On the first day of the competition, Zahra Pouresmaeil defeated Spanish Tania Castineira Etcheverria in the final match of the +73 kg.

Furthermore; Yalda Valinejhad and Parisa Jaavdi also claimed two bronze medals at the 62kg category.

The 8th International Adult Taekwondo Tournament of Turkey in the adult age category with the participation of 535 taekwondo fighters started on Wednesday (March 10, 2021) in Istanbul and ended on 12 March.

## IRAN'S KHADEMALSHARIEH NAMED AS FIDE ATHLETES COMMISSION

Sarasadat Khademalsharieh from Iran has been named as FIDE Athletes Commission.

The International Chess Federation announced the composition of the newly created Athletes Commission.

By the deadline of Dec. 21, FIDE had received nine candidacies for the 10 elected positions. Therefore, as decided by the FIDE Council, voting was not required and these nine candidates made it directly into the Commission.

Along with these athletes who presented their candidacy, four other members were appointed by the FIDE Council: IM Alina Kashlinskaya, IM Ekaterina Atalik, IM Jomo Pitterson, and IM Odion Aikhoje.

The FIDE Council reserves itself the right to appoint two more members, in order to reach a total composition of 15 representatives of the players as stipulated in the regulations.

The term of election and appointment of all members will be four years, but exceptionally the first term is limited to two years, until the 2022 FIDE Congress.





## FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

### Slovenian Embassy Shares News about Academic Cooperation between Iran and Slovenia



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@sloiniran

Ambassador Radej and Dr Mohammadi, Head of Int. relations of the Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding at #Tehran University discussed cooperation between Slovenian universities and the University of Tehran in the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries.



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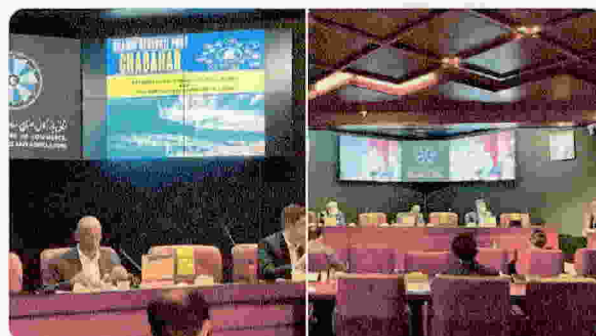
### Indian Embassy Hails Iranian-Indian Trade Partnership in Chabahar, South Iran



India in Iran  
@India\_in\_Iran

An event was held today @TCCIM1 on correlation between regional connectivity & trade corridors centered around Shahid Beheshti port, Chabahar. A PPT showcased efforts & benefits of using Chabahar as a regional commercial transit hub

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### Austrian Ambassador Takes part In National Arbor Day in Tehran



Stefan Scholz  
@stefanjscholz

accelerated greening of #Tehran by Mayor @pirouzhanchi in support of Natural Tree Planting Day



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### Swiss Embassy Shares Photos of "Museum of Time" in Tehran



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