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Iran's trade center launched in Afghanistan



TASNIM – An official at Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) announced the inauguration of the country's trade center in Afghanistan on Saturday. Mohammad Sadeq Qanadzadeh said that the 11-story trade tower has all the necessary facilities for trade and economic activities. Presently, more than 30 trade firms have carried out their registration operations for deploying in this center, he stated, adding that the representatives of the center can carry out marketing and research activities for the traders as well.

Transit at southern Iranian port up 65%



TASNIM – Over 4,000 tons of goods were transited via Iran's southern Shahid Bahonar Port from January 22 to February 22, showing a 65% rise compared to the corresponding period last year. A total of 123,120 tons of oil and non-oil goods were loaded at Shahid Bahonar Port in the one-month period, 4,675 tons of which have been transited to Turkmenistan, Armenia, and Iraq.

Iran's mining exports top \$11b in 11 months

Notably, the highest growth in export value was seen in coal and coke, which posted a whopping 874% increase. However, on the import side, 4.1 million tons of mineral products worth \$4.5 billion were imported, with steel products accounting for the largest amount at \$1.4 billion. Iran's mining industry has demonstrated resilience in the face of economic challenges, with exports showing continued growth and diversification, despite a decline in export value.

President: Knowledge-based firms to help curb gas wastage

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Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi stated that the government is seeking to curb gas wastage in the country's refineries and solve the issue of pollutants by enabling more than 500 knowledge-based companies. Attending a press conference at the end of the two-day trip to the Bushehr Province on Friday evening, President Raeisi said that Iran's wealth should not be allowed to be wasted in Asaluyeh, according to president.ir. He noted that following the trip, "both short-term and long-term projects that require more funds and credits were put on the agenda" to accelerate the development of the southern region of Iran. "More than 40% of the short-term and medium-term plans of my first trip to Bushehr have already been completed." He also stated that the province's roads and main roads were particularly under scrutiny during his trip, expressing satisfaction with the measures just taken by the govern-



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi speaks at a press conference in Bushehr, Iran, on March 2, 2023. president.ir

ment, especially for the Bushehr-Shiraz freeway. Taking note that seeing the complete construction of the rail route between Bushehr and Shiraz was one of the wishes of the people, the president described the progress of the project as less than expected. Raeisi continued by saying that employment is the government's con-

cern, and educated Iranians have the right to have a good job in the country. He maintained that the unemployment rate in the country and the Bushehr Province has decreased significantly in recent months, and many closed and semi-closed factories have returned to the production cycle. However, he emphasized that this does not mean

that the employment problem is solved, promising that "educated local workers are the priority of employment creation programs". Referring to the proposed bill in the field of export and import, the president said that the incumbent government's efforts in organizing trade in the region do not intend to create problems for sailors.

"After meeting with the representatives of the sailors, the vice-president for executive affairs was tasked with following up on the issues raised by them," he noted. Raeisi also stressed that companies that exploit the treasures of the province must also pay attention to the people of the province and hire from them.

Iran to develop innovation houses: Deputy minister

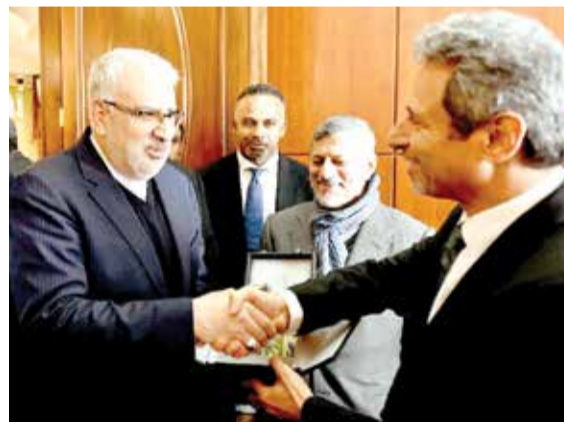


Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Diplomacy Mehdi Safari. IRNA

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Iran will increase and expand innovation houses to foster export markets for Iranian knowledge-based enterprises, said the deputy foreign minister for economic diplomacy. Mehdi Safari added that the innovation houses in the target countries act as centers for dispatching Iranian products to the neighboring states, according to IRNA. "We endeavor to cooperate with the knowledge-based enterprises and support them beyond the borders," the official stressed. Safari went on to say that the Iranian Foreign Ministry has launched a dedicated chapter for knowledge-based enterprises in the continuation of its public diplomacy efforts. "Iranian Foreign Ministry, with the help of the Vice-Presidency for Science, Technology, and Knowledge-based Economy is seeking to establish and develop innovation houses in order to lay the groundwork for the domestic innovative products to have an active presence in the export markets," the official announced. Moreover, Safari underlined the importance of familiarizing Iranian knowledge-based companies more with international markets. All economic Iranian envoys in foreign countries are tasked with cooperating with these companies and supporting them in the target countries, he noted. Iranian innovation houses have already been launched in China, Syria, Russia, Türkiye, and Kenya, facilitating the export of products made by knowledge-based enterprises. Referring to the recently-held meeting with the participation of D-8 countries at Pardis Technology Park in north-eastern Tehran, Safari stated that such meetings will help with the exchange of technology between countries. The Developing Eight (D-8) members include Iran, Türkiye, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Egypt, and Nigeria.

Iran, Oman sign MoU on oil production



Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji (L) shakes hands with his Omani counterpart (R) after signing an agreement in Tehran on March 4, 2023. SHANA

Iran and Oman signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in upstream and downstream oil production. After meeting with Oman's Minister of Energy and Minerals Salim bin Nasser Al Auqi, Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji announced on Saturday that an agreement

was signed between the national oil companies of the two countries, Mehr News Agency reported. The agreement, he said, is the result of previous negotiations on the development of oil and gas fields, investment in the field of petrochemicals, and the export of petroleum and pet-

rochemical products. "With the finalization of the negotiations between the two countries, we will see an increase in the export of petrochemical and oil products to that country, considering the existing capacity in the country," he pointed out. The Iranian minister said that as the talks become more serious in the coming months, more details of oil and gas cooperation with Oman will be publicized. The Iranian oil minister

added that the incumbent Iranian government gives a special focus to the all-around development of Iran's relations with its neighbors, especially Oman. "Efforts are being made to increase cooperation, especially in the field of oil and gas." During his trip to Muscat last spring, Owji held intensive meetings with the Omani ministers of foreign affairs and energy. In Muscat, the two nations reached an agreement regarding the export of technical-engineering services in the field of oil, gas, and petrochemical industries as well as the formation of a joint technical working group for the development of Hengam gas field and the trade and export of petrochemicals and petroleum products.

Analysis%	
Min	65.00 Fe
Max	1.20 FeO
Max	0.05 P
Max	0.01 S
Max	3.5 SiO2
Max	0.7 Al2O3
Max	0.9 CaO
Max	2.5 MgO
Ave 250	CCS(kg/p)
Min 90	8-16 mm%
Ave5	-6 mm%
Max 4.0	A.1%
Min 94	T.1%
19-24	Prosity%
Min 90	Reducibility%

Notice of tender for export sale No. 26/1401/Z

Hereby Golgohar Mining & Industrial Co. announces selling and export 60,000 metric tons of Iron Ore pellet (%Fe:65.00) on basis of F.O.B at Shahid Rajaei Jetty Bandar-Abbas - Iran. Interested bidders should find tender documents at Golgohar website: www.geg.ir. All bids on conformity to tender instructions must be submitted no later than 14:00 P.M. on 13th Mar. 2023 to the Golgohar complex in Sirjan. (50 km in Shiraz road)

Bidders are invited to the transactions commission department of the seller with an introduction letter of interested buyer and personal identification of the representative. Tender results shall be announced at 10:00 A.M. on 14th Mar. 2023 at the office of the Seller.

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