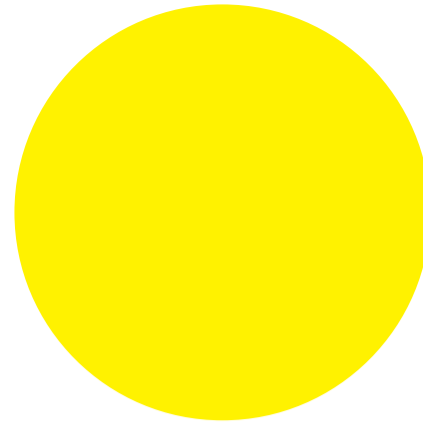




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Raeisi: Iran moving toward economic growth

National Desk



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said that statistical figures show that the country is moving towards economic growth in production thanks to the efforts by our industrialists.

President Raeisi made the remarks at the 27th Grand Conference on the National Day of Industry and Mining in Tehran on Saturday.

The Iranian president thanked the industrialists for their roles in the increase in production, saying that growth in investment, production of machineries and employment in the past 21 months indicate that Iran is moving towards economic growth.

Stressing that the aforementioned growth is technology-based and knowledge-based, the Iranian president added, "Today, industrialists have come to the conclusion that growth should be followed by growth in science and technology." Raeisi said, "We believe that when universities, industry and mining conjoin, it can add value to the work. This extensive nexus is necessary and will lead to an upturn in production and economic growth." Page 6 >

MKO cannot use Albania as 'trench to fight' against Iran: PM

International Desk

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said the terrorist

cult of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) could not use his country as a "trench to fight" against Iran.

In an interview with the German weekly news magazine, Der Spiegel, Rama said the Tirana-based terrorist group had repeatedly violated a bilateral agreement to stay in Albania.

He warned that the MKO must leave Albania should it continue to renege on the agreement.

"We have had the MKO in our country for several years... on the condition that they do not use Albania as a platform for their political operations," said the Albanian prime minister.

The Albanian police raided the group's camp in the capital Trina on June 20 to seize computer devices linked to terrorist activities.

An MKO member was reportedly killed during the raid and a number of police officers and MKO terrorists were injured during the clashes.

MKO members stayed in Iraq for years, where they were armed by former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Albania has hosted an estimate of 3,000 terrorists since 2016 after the group was shunned by former Iraqi prime minister Nouri al-Maliki.

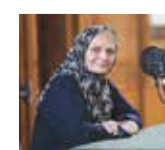
The MKO has carried out numerous terrorist attacks against Iranian civilians and government officials over the past four decades, killing nearly 17,000.



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