



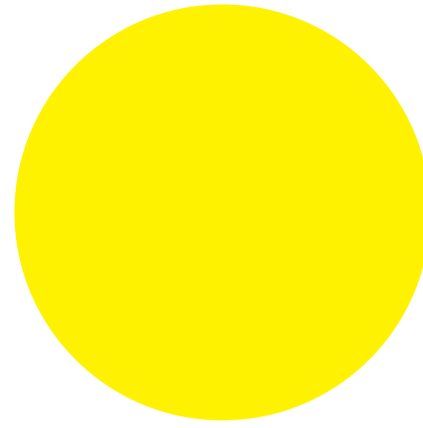
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Appointment of Saudi envoy to Palestine kills two birds with one stone

By Ebrahim Beheshti

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Saudi Arabia introduced an ambassador to Palestine for the first time on Sunday. Iran Daily has discussed this issue as well as its relation to the normalization of Saudi-Israeli ties with Seyyed Ali Nejat, an expert in West Asian affairs, and a researcher at the Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies Center in Tehran.

IRAN DAILY: The appointment of a Saudi ambassador to Palestine

caught many by surprise. How should we evaluate Riyadh's action?

Nejat: I've reviewed the viewpoints of numerous experts and analysts in the Arab world and noticed their astonishment as well. The question arises: Why hasn't Saudi Arabia had an ambassador to Palestine until now? Even Israelis were taken aback as Riyadh had not coordinated with them. Both sides are inclined toward normalizing relations. However, Israel seeks normalization without granting special privileges to Saudi Arabia. [Page 2 >](#)

China's oil imports from Iran set to hit decade-high in August

Chinese imports of Iranian oil are running at the highest level in at least a decade, according to data intelligence firm Kpler. The world's biggest oil importer will take about 1.5 million barrels a day of crude from Iran this month, according to an estimate from Kpler. That compares with an average of 917,000 barrels a day in the first seven months of the year and would be the highest in the Kpler figures that go back to 2013, Bloomberg reported. Iran has been ramping up oil exports this year with most of the shipments heading to China.

Meanwhile, Iran's oil exports have recently jumped to a five-year high of 1.4 million bpd, and the Islamic Republic is looking to boost its oil production to 3.5 million bpd by the end of September. The easing of a probe by Beijing into imports of bitumen mixture also appears to be speeding the passage of cargoes through customs, according to traders who are involved in the market. A jump of around a fifth in global benchmark Brent crude since late June is raising demand for the cut-price oil, much of which is bought by independent refiners clustered in Shandong Province.