

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tanker begins offloading Iran's oil near Texas

AP - An American-owned oil tanker long suspected of carrying Iranian crude oil began offloading its cargo near Texas late Saturday despite warnings from Tehran.

Ship-tracking data showed the Marshall Islands-flagged 'Suez Rajan' was undergoing a ship-to-ship transfer of its oil to another tanker, 'the Mr. Euphrates', near Galveston, Texas, some 70 kilometers (45 miles) southeast of Houston.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has warned that those involved in offloading the cargo "should expect to be struck back".

## Swedish, Danish envoys summoned over Qur'an desecration



IRNA - Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned the ambassadors of Sweden and Denmark on Sunday to protest the recurrence of the desecration of the Muslims' holy book in their countries.

The Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the continuation of such heinous moves in the two European countries, saying that Sweden and Denmark are responsible for its consequences.

## President to attend BRICS summit in South Africa



PRESS TV - Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi is scheduled to leave Tehran for Johannesburg on Wednesday to participate in the annual meeting of the BRICS group of emerging economies in South Africa.

In addition to giving a speech at the summit, the Iranian president will also meet with a number of leaders in attendance.

The upcoming summit of the BRICS will be held in Johannesburg from August 22 to 24. The leaders of 70 countries have been invited to the event.

US choppers forced to land back on carrier after IRGC warning: **Cmdr**

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Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Navy said the IRGC Navy forced US helicopters to land back on their carrier in the Persian Gulf shortly after taking-off by sending warnings.

Rear Admiral Ali Reza Tangsiri made the remarks at the 24th assembly of the IRGC commanders during which a surveillance footage was released from a recent confrontation between the IRGC and the US carrier in the Strait of Hormuz.

Tangsiri said the IRGC forces, controlling the Strait of Hormuz, deployed Zolfaqar flotilla vessels to the scene and issued a warning, forcing US helicopters to land.

The footage shows the USS Bataan assault ship passing through the strait accompanied by choppers. The boat, which arrived in the Middle East last week, was also accompanied by the USS Carter Hall land docking ship, with 4,000



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troops onboard between them.

The commander of the IRGC Navy underlined that IRGC naval forces are monitoring the US military movements in the Strait of

Hormuz.

Tangsiri said that there is no need for the presence of foreign forces in the Persian Gulf, adding that Iran and its Persian Gulf neighbors can

guarantee the security of the region without their presence.

He also said the incident marked the first time in about 22 months that US naval forces entered the

Persian Gulf.

Iran has consistently emphasized its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.

## Ancient silver coins discovered in Nahavand



## Arts &amp; Culture Desk

In Iran's western city of Nahavand, 10 silver coins dating back to the Parthian, Sassanid, and Islamic periods have been found.

According to the director of the country's Cultural Heritage Preservation Unit, the discovery was made following the report of Iranian cultural heritage lovers regarding the purchase and sale of a large number of antiques in the Shaterabad district of Nahavand city, IRNA reported.

Brigadier General Hassan Mehri said, "After verifying the report, the matter was immediately put on the agenda of the Hamadan Province's Cultural Heritage Preservation Unit."

He added that an elite team of the unit inspected the location, discovered and seized 10 silver coins from smugglers, and arrested two suspects. Mehri noted that cultural heritage experts have verified that the discovered coins are of great historical value.

## Iran's global ranking in science production rises to 15th

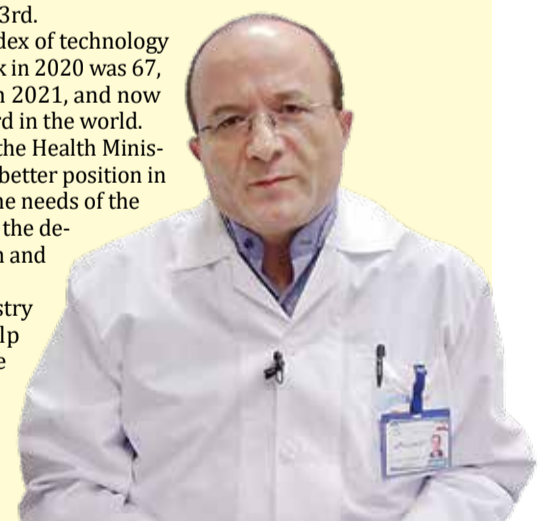
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An Iranian Health Ministry official said Iran has ranked 15th in science production in the world, rising from the 26th position over the past 10 years.

Younus Panahi said that in the field of technological research, Iran has also risen from 120th place to 53rd.

He said that in the index of technology production, Iran's rank in 2020 was 67, while it reached 60 in 2021, and now the country ranks 53rd in the world. Panahi also said that the Health Ministry plans to achieve a better position in the world and meet the needs of the health sector through the development of research and technology.

He said that the ministry is also trying to help the growth of science production in the country in order to improve the society's health status.



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Cartoonist



## Raeisi: Iran eyes ...

The Western hegemonic powers are the main sponsors and supporters of drug production and trade, Raeisi warned.

In his meeting with the new Cambodian envoy, the president said Iran is willing to broaden ties with ASEAN and strengthen regional interaction with its members, including Cambodia.

In another meeting, Raeisi hailed the friendly relations between Iran and Angola, stressing the need for plans to enhance the economic and trade cooperation between the two nations.

The ambassador of Ecuador noted, "The two countries have very good capacities for interaction with each other, and Ecuador is interested in cooperating in the fields of medicine, industry, technology, and science with Iran."



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (R) and the new ambassador of Peru to Tehran (L)  
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The non-resident ambassador of the Republic of Peru also conveyed the warm greetings of the president of his country to Raeisi, saying, "In addition to the missions assigned by my country, due to the deep historical and civilizational roots of Iran and Peru, I am interested and have strong personal motivations to strengthen the relationship between the two countries."