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Avicenna, the great physician





Iran among five producers of heavy water



Iran's Dramatic Arts **Center joins WMO** for first time



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Turkey's goal of restoring Turkic bloc a threat to Iran?



Turkish-Iranian relations have always been complex. De-

Managing Director

EXCLUSIVE

spite formal cooperation, the interests of the two pow-

ers are often in

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competition. Iran has been enhancing relationships with Eurasian countries and trying to reduce tensions in order to improve regional cooperation and trade. Ankara's focus, however, seems to be on restoring the Turkic bloc and countering Tehran's influence. Page 2 >

Several areas in the region have

become a battleground of conflicting interests, namely Syria, Iraq, and the South Caucasus.

Egypt, Iran poised to restore ties

A high-ranking Egyptian official said Cairo and Tehran are still in contact about plans to restore their bilateral ties, but their negotiations do not necessarily have

Mohamed Orabi sis.gov.eg to be publicized. Chairman of the

Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs Mohamed Orabi further stressed in an interview with the Arab World Press (AWP) news agency that the Northeast African country does not need mediation to fully restore diplomatic relations with Iran, Press TV reported.

Iran's non-oil exports hit \$18.7b: IRICA

Economy Desk

Iran exported \$18.7 billion worth of non-oil commodi-

ties during March 21-August 16, announced Mohammad Rezvanifar, the head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) on Tuesday. Speaking in a meeting with members of the Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture, the official added that goods valued at about \$23.4 billion were imported during the said period, indicating an 8.7-percent growth compared to the figure for preceding year, IRNA reported. The IRICA head said that a sum of 5.5 million tons of

commodities were transited through the country, up 2.7 percent than the corresponding figure for the past year. There are a total of 156 customs offices in Iran, Rezvanifar said noting that about 60 percent of the country's foreign trade is done through seven main customs offices.