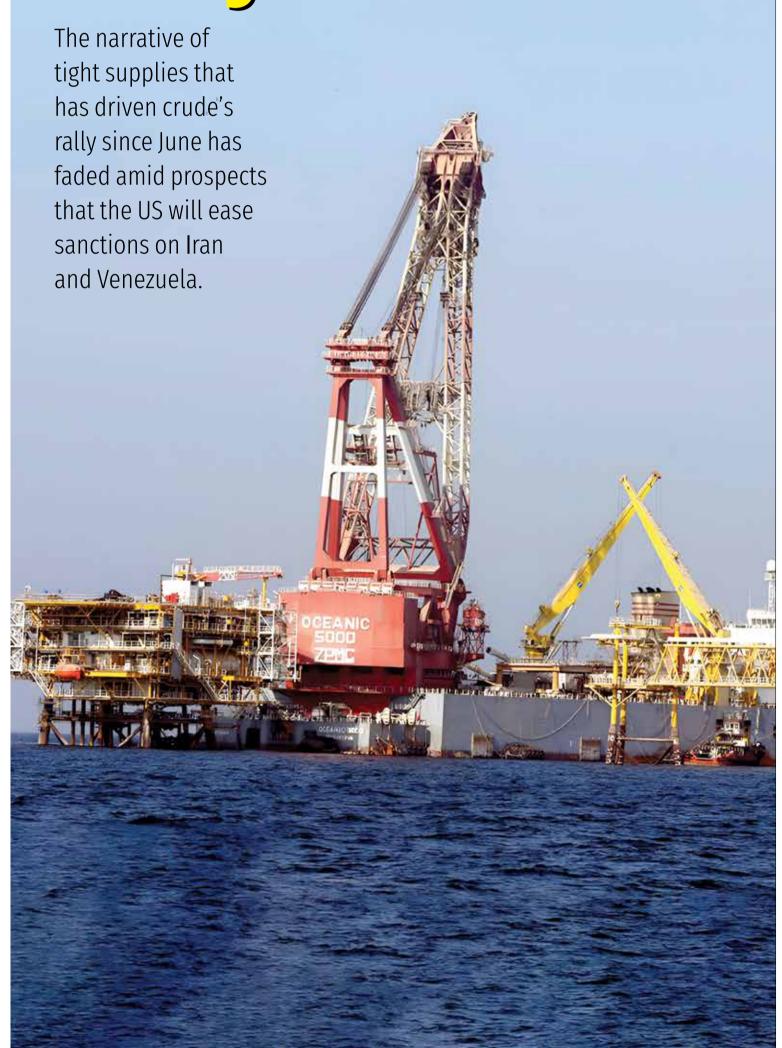


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Prospects of Iranian Crude Pushing Prices Down



Raeisi calls for 'efficient, agile' administrative system

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Removing obstacles and challenges facing the country's adminis-

es facing the country's administrative system requires motivated, thoughtful, and speedy hard work, Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said.

"In a situation where the enemy wants an inefficient administrative system with the aim of creating dissatisfaction among people, officials should work hard with a double spirit," he said on Saturday morning during the celebration of Government Week and the 18th Shahid Rajaie Festival. The Iranian President appreciated the sincere efforts of all the government officials in the ministries, organizations and administrative bodies across the country to create hope in society and emphasized the undeniable necessity of transformation of the country's administrative system in the second step of the Islamic Revolution.

"An efficient, agile, and promising administrative system plays a very important role in realizing the goals of the glorious Islamic Revolu-

tion and the continuation of this revolutionary system,"

UN welcomes Iran's regional initiative



Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani has said that the United Nations will host an important meeting of the foreign ministers of the eight littoral

states of the Persian Gulf, which is scheduled to be held next month on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

In fact, the meeting is to be held in the framework of an Iran initiative for the formation of a regional forum for dialogue and cooperation between the northern and southern states of the Persian Gulf.

After being welcomed by the countries

of the region, the plan has now been welcomed by the United Nations.

Iran-Russia military ties will withstand pressure: *Ryabkov*

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Moscow's military cooperation with Tehran will not succumb to geopolitical pressure amid expansion of military relations between the two countries.

"There are no changes, and cooperation with Iran will continue," Ryabkov said, according to a report on Saturday from Russian state news agency RIA. "We are independent states and do not succumb to the dictates of the United States and its satellites."

The senior diplomat's comments came days after the commander of the Iranian Army's Ground Force said during a visit to Russia that military cooperation between the two countries was expanding every day.



Iran's steel production capacity increases by 200K tons





Museum of Contemporary Art hosts impressive collection





Russia's TASS delegation visits Iran Cultural & Press Institute

