

Campaigning in full swing as election day nears



With Iran's presidential election being only five days away, the six candidates running for the high office have already faced off in three rounds of nationally televised debates

to exchange their views on economic and cultural issues, defend their plans and critique those of their rivals. The candidates are doing their utmost to galvanize

public opinion and attract the electorate by campaigning in various cities across the country in the run-up to the June 28 vote. Masoud Pezeshkian, a former health minister and

seasoned lawmaker, had a hectic day with a tight schedule on Saturday as he visited Iran's western city of Sanandaj, Kordestan's provincial capital, the city of Shiraz, the capital of Fars Province and the southwestern city of Ahvaz, Khuzestan's provincial capital. Pezeshkian held meetings with various groups and representatives of a number of unions, universities and institutions during his one-day trip. He also had in-person talks with the public and heard their viewpoints and demands. Saeed Jalili, a former lead nuclear negotiator and head of the country's top security body, traveled to the central province of Isfahan on Saturday and was welcomed by crowds of people before paying an evening visit to Ahvaz. Pre-election campaigning took Mohammad Baqer

Qalibaf, a veteran political figure and parliament speaker, to Karaj in Alborz Province and the nearby city of Qazvin, where he addressed people from various social strata and outlined his blueprints. Alireza Zakani, the mayor of Tehran and former lawmaker, met with groups of sportspeople, athletes and medalists in the capital Tehran on Sunday. Amir-Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi, a former lawmaker and a second-time presidential hopeful, attended a gathering of students at Tehran University and Mostafa Pourmohammadi, a former minister who also held senior posts in the Judiciary, partook in a press conference to field questions on his plans for presidency. In remarks on June 22, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei called on the

presidential candidates to avoid making statements during their televised campaigns that would gratify the enemy. "The assumption is that all candidates love Iran and the Islamic Republic, that's because they aspire to become president within this system and in order to serve the people," the Leader said. The election campaign period began on June 9 and will run until June 26, while the nationwide presidential election will be held on Friday, June 28. The new administration, the 14th one after the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, will assume power in late June or early July and hold office for four years after the snap election on Friday, which was held following the passing of late president Ebrahim Raisi in a tragic helicopter crash on May 19.

Iran to list Canadian army as terrorist entity

Iranian lawmakers denounced the Canadian government's decision to blacklist the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), demanding a countermeasure against the North American country's armed forces. On Sunday, a group of 250 Iranian legislators introduced a motion that requires the administration to designate the Canadian Army and federal police forces as terrorist organizations, Press TV reported. They expressed their strong support for the IRGC and hailed its defense of Iran's national security and territorial integrity in the years following the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Canada's Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc Ottawa on Wednesday listed the IRGC as a "terrorist entity" under the Criminal Code and called on Canadians in Iran to leave.

Tehran hosts important ...

The presence of a large number of Asian delegations in Tehran, especially officials from countries with fledgling economies, has created ample opportunity for different sectors in Iran, especially the economic sectors, over the past years. Bilateral talks with foreign delegations as well as consultations on important issues of the ancient continent would be a remarkable achievement for the Iranian government. An economic development is taking place in the continent. So, there are good opportunities for the ACD member states during the Tehran forum to expand their relations in the fields of trade, industry, agriculture as well as technical and engineering exchanges. Especially for Iran, which has achieved self-suf-

ficiency or relative self-sufficiency in some areas, can share its capabilities, specifically in the field of engineering and technology, with other countries. Iran, as one of the main members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, has the potential to play the role of a bridge between the ACD member states. Asia, the world's largest continent of the world, is also grappling with problems such as terrorism and drug trafficking, which can also be discussed by the delegations present in Tehran. Tehran can grasp the great opportunity of hosting the ACD conference to hold bilateral and multilateral meetings with the visiting delegations to discuss capacities for cooperation. Owing to the efforts of the late chief executive's government, the regional and international po-



sition of Iran has been strengthened - an issue that has persuaded Asian countries to further cooperate with Tehran. Asia has been witnessing significant progress in various fields over the past two decades. The countries of the continent, especially the members of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue, can consolidate the status of the great continent and the role of the Asian countries in global developments by adopting interactive approaches. Tehran and the countries present at this forum should make the most of the forum to resolve the problems of the continent and improve their relations.

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INVITATION TO TWO STAGE PUBLIC BID – SECOND NOTICE

Phase one of Parsian Combined Cycle Power Plant
(500±10% MW) on EPCF Basis

Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO)
Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC)

INVITATION NO: 2003090246000001

Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) with representation of Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC), intends to international two stage public bid for Parsian Combined Cycle Power Plant Project. To do this first a short list of eligible experienced companies will be prepared and on next stage they will be invited to technical evaluation. This second notice of invitation for renewal of first stage of Bid is based on the sub-clause 10-B of "Clause C, Article 12, tenders formalities law" dated 16/07/1385 Iranian calendar date.

Herewith, we are inviting eligible candidates (Applicants) to refer Bid No 2003090246000001 on Iran Public eProcurement System (SETAD) available on www.setadiran.ir, should they to be i) a company duly organized, registered, existing and having grade one certificate of EPC for power generation sector from Iran Plan and Budget Organisation for local Applicants or similar certificate from pertinent authorities in their countries, which to be verified by the respective consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for overseas Applicants; or ii) to be a Consortium comprising of two or more companies (members), whose members are organized, registered, existing and collectively having grade one or two certificate of design/engineering for power generation sector and grade one certificate of construction for power generation sector with aforesaid procedure for such certificates as well as valid HSE certificate from Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour, and Social Welfare.

After preparation of the pertinent short list of qualified Applicant, we invite them for second stage of the Bid. As specified before, participating in the Bid as Consortium is allowed.

Bid in brief:

1) Company/Client: Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC) on behalf of Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) with the following address: Bids Department, Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC), No. 1713, 1st floor of National Iranian Steel Company building, Valli-e-Asr Avenue (Above Valliasr Sq.),

Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

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2) Invitation subject: Selecting the EPCF contractor for Parsian Combined Cycle Power Plant (500±10% MW) project on EPCF Basis (phase one)

3) Project's estimated price: Two hundred eighty-five million (285,000,000) Euros.

4) Bid Bond: The Bid Bond shall be in the form of a bank guarantee in the amount of 2,055,000 € (two million fifty-five thousand euros) issued by an Iranian bank acceptable to the Company According to related circular (governmental transactions guarantees regulation) dated 24/08/1394 as per Iranian calendar (15/11/2015) No. H50659 T/123402. The Bid Bond shall be extendable and shall be valid for six (6) months after the Bid Closing Date. The bank guarantee shall have SEPAM number without any conditional statement.

5) Source of Fund: IMIDRO's internal resources

6) Prequalification Documents obtaining: The Prequalification Questionnaire will be available on the portal of government's electronic procurement system (www.setadiran.ir) from 2024 June23, Sunday, 08:00 AM until 2024 June29, Saturday, 04:00 PM.

7) Prequalification Documents submission: The Prequalification Documents shall be uploaded on the portal of government's electronic procurement system, available on www.setadiran.ir website before 2024 July20, Saturday, 04:00 PM.

8) Bid Opening Date and Place: on the 2024 July21, Sunday at a/m address.

9) Bid Validity Period: Bids shall remain valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of Bid opening.

10) Invitation notice date: The invitation will be noticed on 2024 June23, Sunday through the portal of government's electronic procurement system (www.setadiran.ir).

All Bidding stages from beginning, i.e. noticing of this invitation, sending/ delivering of Bidding Documents up to opening of the Bids will be conducted via Iran Public eProcurement System (SETAD) available on www.setadiran.ir.

Therefore, Applicants shall be registered in the mentioned system and receive the electronic signature certificate in order to participate in the Bid if they have not been a member before.