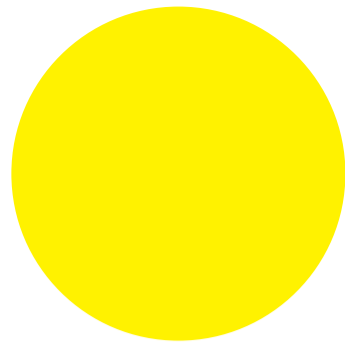


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Pezeshkian: Iran can now tap into 300m consumers of EAEU



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (c) visits a company supplying bolts and nuts required for petrochemical industry equipment in Parand Industrial Park of Tehran Province on February 27, 2025.

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A look at new Begin-Sadat center report, prospect of instability in South Caucasus:

Israel's growing footprint in Azerbaijan raises red alert

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The South Caucasus region has been undergoing rapid geopolitical transformations in recent years, altering the balance of power in this sensitive area. Among these changes, the Republic of Azerbaijan, as a key player, has attracted the attention of regional and extra-regional powers. The country's close and growing relationship with the Zionist regime of Israel has added new dimensions to the geopolitical complexities of the South Caucasus, raising concerns among neighboring countries, including our own. The recent publication of a special analytical report by the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA), one of the most important security think tanks in the occupied territories, titled "Azerbaijan: One of the Pillars of Israel's Regional Security System," sheds light on the depth and scope of Baku-Tel

Aviv relations. It specifically addresses why the Caucasus region, and Azerbaijan in particular, is important to Israel. Crucially, this report was prepared for presentation to the new Donald Trump administration, identifying Azerbaijan as a key pillar in the occupying regime's regional strategy. Therefore, it is essential for all politicians and experts involved in Iran's foreign policy and national security to examine this report and reflect on its key propositions. It should be noted that Azerbaijan, due to its geostrategic location as a bridge between Asia and Europe, its energy reserves, and its proximity to regional powers such as Iran, Russia, and Turkey, has always held special geopolitical significance. However, the events of recent years, especially the Second Karabakh War and its aftermath, have placed this country even more firmly at the center of regional and international attention. [Page 8 >](#)



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Story of Darvazeh Dowlat Gas Station

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Gas stations have a rich history, serving as crucial providers of fuel for vehicles. Initially, gasoline was sold in pharmacies, with Bertha Benz famously fueling her car at one in 1888. The world's first dedicated gas station opened in 1905 in St. Louis, Missouri. In Tehran, the Darvazeh Dowlat Gas Station Museum, established in 1940 and operational until 1995, highlights this history. Built by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, it distributed various petroleum products and features traditional architecture with arched vaults and colorful tiles. After years of abandonment, it was repurposed as a museum in 2019 and recognized as a national heritage site in 2014, reflecting the cultural significance of gas stations in the evolution of transportation. [See pages 4-5 >](#)

