

Pezeshkian hails multibillion-dollar investment plan by private sector in SW region

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Business leaders and entrepreneurs have promised to invest eight quadrillion rials (\$6.7 billion) in the southwestern province of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Thursday during a visit to the region. Speaking at the session in the provincial capital Yasuj, Pezeshkian called the commitment “a very significant achievement” and “a sweet opportunity” for the region’s development, saying the figure exceeded the entire government budget of six quadrillion rials (\$5 billion) designated for development across Iran. “This development, driven by private actors in coordination with banks and firms, is a major achievement in my view,” Pezeshkian said, according to his website president.ir, reaffirming the government’s commitment to supporting deprived areas.

“The government’s duty is to serve the people, especially in underdeveloped areas.” He noted that all state actions, particularly in sensitive sectors like water, agriculture, soil, and the environment, would strictly follow expert evaluations. “The government will not intervene without expert consensus,” he stated. “Whatever universities determine to be scientifically, technically, and environmentally sound, that’s what we will implement.” Drawing a cautionary example from Tehran which faces water scarcity, Pezeshkian warned against development detached from ecological realities. “We have emptied the land beneath our feet [from water] — we diverted river water, and now Tehran and surrounding cities face severe water stress, land subsidence, and a dangerous environmental future,” he warned. “We must manage resources wisely and make

President Masoud Pezeshkian speaks at a meeting with investors and business leaders in Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Province in southwestern Iran, on December 4, 2025. ● president.ir

no decisions without scientific backing.”

Infrastructure projects opened

Prior to the president’s remarks, several key infrastructure projects in the province’s health, energy and agricultural sectors were inaugurated. Officials opened the new Zagros specialty and subspecialty hospital in Yasuj, a health-sector project that the government said will create 120 direct jobs. Energy authorities also commissioned substations, transmission lines and related transmission and sub-transmission works intended to strengthen the province’s power grid and improve network stability.



In the city of Gachsaran, the Delnaz slaughterhouse and cold-storage facility was opened with a capacity

of 32,000 tons. The factory is expected to create 250 jobs and add 1,400 tons to the province’s

cold-storage capacity, boosting the region’s food-processing infrastructure.

Minister: \$3b ‘emergency plan’ to add 250,000 bpd crude output on track for early 2027

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Iran’s Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad said on Friday that the government’s “emergency plan” to boost crude oil production by 250,000 barrels per day (bpd) — supported by \$3 billion in funding — was moving forward on schedule, with full implementation expected by the end of the next Iranian calendar year (March 2027). Speaking to IRNA, Paknejad said the scheme clearly identified the oil fields responsible for delivering the additional output. “The emergency plan specifies which fields will supply the increased production, and the timeline set for it runs roughly until the end of next year, so we can reach this level of output,” he said. The minister noted that the \$3 billion in financing was expected to come from Iran’s National Development Fund (NDF), though



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only a small portion had so far been released to the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC). The initiative — officially named the “emergency plan” for a crude oil production leap — is the NDF’s first direct involvement in major energy projects. It comes amid ongoing Western sanctions that have sharply limited access to foreign investment, making domestic resources and the NDF’s financial capacity critical for advancing key infrastructure efforts. Iran does not publish detailed crude export figures due to US sanctions, which officials

say require confidentiality. The figures came despite Washington’s “maximum pressure” campaign under US President Donald Trump, which sought to cut Iran’s oil exports to zero. US Energy Department data shows Iran has nonetheless continued to increase production. Paknejad on Friday also discussed the emergency plan’s impact on Iran’s national budget for the next fiscal year, which begins March 21, 2026. “Once the production increase and domestic refinery needs are accounted for, the surplus crude will serve as a key indicator in estimating oil and condensate export revenues for next year’s fiscal planning,” he said. The government has not disclosed its oil export assumptions for the upcoming budget. According to IRNA, since the project directly increases crude production, it is expected to have a significant effect on Iran’s foreign earnings. Revenues from the additional output will both repay the NDF’s investment — protecting the country’s financial assets — and provide the government with quicker access to hard currency at a time of economic pressure.

Envoy urges top tech firms to build lasting ‘Made in Iran’ presence in Russia

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Iran’s ambassador to Russia, Kazem Jalali, on Thursday called on leading Iranian technology companies to create a “lasting image” of the Made in Iran brand in the Russian market. Speaking at a consultative meeting with executives and representatives of top Iranian tech firms in Moscow, Jalali said their visit to Moscow represents more than a commercial trip but “a national mission” aligned with the country’s “Look to the East” policy and its push to diversify economic partnerships, IRNA reported. He described them as the “true ambassadors of technological diplomacy.” Jalali stressed that Iran-Russia relations serve the interests of both nations and have now become “a strategic necessity and a tangible economic opportunity.” Referring to the fifth meeting of the Iran-Russia Joint Working Group on ICT cooperation held in recent days, Jalali said engagement with Russia — which he called one of Eurasia’s key technology hubs — could evolve into a reliable and powerful partnership that enables Iranian companies to



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scale up. He said Iranian tech firms, backed by domestic talent, have strong capabilities in areas such as cybersecurity software, financial solutions, banking platforms and agile startups, and urged their representatives to view cooperation with Russia as extending beyond simple imports and exports. Jalali highlighted joint production and investment, two-way technology transfer and the creation of research consortia as pathways to building long-term and strategic ties with Russia. Also, the first joint meeting of leading Iranian and Russian technology companies was held earlier on Thursday in

Moscow with the participation of Meysam Abedi, Iran’s deputy minister for technology and innovation, along with representatives from public and private sector firms from both countries. According to Iran’s embassy in Moscow, participants from Iranian and Russian companies discussed available capacities and areas of cooperation and presented proposals aimed at expanding bilateral technological collaboration.


Imam Khomeini airport seeks new routes to southeast Asia

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Imam Khomeini International Airport is preparing to negotiate with airlines from Southeast Asia to establish new routes, the airport’s acting head, Ramin Kashef-Azar, said. Kashef-Azar said in an interview with ISNA that the airport has formed a flight network development committee within its airport city and has made outreach to various airlines a core institutional priority. “We have planned to communicate with different airlines and institutionalize this as the airport’s primary duty,” he said. He noted that Austrian Air-

lines is already operating flights to Tehran, currently running four times a week — a service that began several months ago. In addition, extensive follow-ups have been conducted to restore Lufthansa services, which are now confirmed to resume on January 16 with a Tehran-Frankfurt-Tehran route operating six days a week. “Lufthansa is one of Europe’s leading carriers, and its return indicates that many of the obstacles and restrictions that previously caused concern for the airline have now been resolved,” Kashef-Azar said. He added that Lufthansa officials have reviewed airport

procedures multiple times and, after their assessments, announced their intent to restart operations. The airport’s top operational priority remains expanding its flight network. Kashef-Azar said efforts are also underway to ensure Iranian carriers gain access to European destinations alongside the return of foreign airlines. “We are actively engaging with new and emerging airlines to expand their presence in the country, and encouraging signs of progress are already evident,” he added. Currently, approximately 26 foreign airlines operate flights to Imam Khomeini International Airport.



Notice of tender for export sale No. Z/1404/24

Golgohar Mining and Industrial Company

Hereby Golgohar Mining & Industrial Co. announces selling and export 70.000 metric tons of Iron Ore Concentrate (%Fe:66.50 ave) on basis of F.O.B at Rajaei Jetty Bandar Abbas - Iran. Interested bidders should find tender documents at Golgohar website: www.ggg.ir. All bids on conformity to tender instructions must be submitted no later than 09:00 A.M. on 16. Dec.2025 to Golgohar complex in sirjan (50 km in shiraz road). Bidders are invited to the transactions commission department of the seller with an introduction letter of interested buyer and personal identification of the representative. Tender results shall be announced at 09:00 A.M. on 16.Dec.2025 at the office of the Seller.

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Analysis %

%Fe Ave	66.50
%Fe O	Min 24 Max 28
%P Max	0.04
%S Max	1
%SiO2 Max	3.0
%Al2O3 Max	0.7
%CaO Max	0.8
%MgO Max	2.5
%Moisture Max	5.0
Size ave	80%<0.46 mm