

Energy minister vows full grid stability amid US threats

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Iran's Minister of Energy Abbas Ali-Abadi said Monday the country's power supply to all sensitive facilities is fully operational, with surplus electricity available to meet domestic demand, following renewed US threats to target Iranian infrastructure. "All sensitive centers across the country are receiving power, and we currently have excess electricity that can cover the needs of our people," Ali-Abadi said, while urging citizens to avoid wasteful consumption. "We have excess power," he stated, reaffirming the government's ability to serve citizens without disruption. He urged the public to avoid wasteful consumption and use energy resources responsibly. "We must use these valuable resources wisely," he said, stressing that electricity is a product of immense effort and sacrifice. The minister's comments came as US President Donald Trump, in a series of social media posts and interviews on Sunday, threatened to bomb Iranian infrastructure and "destroy" the country if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed after 48 hours. Iran has prohibited ships of hostile states from passing



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through the Strait of Hormuz since a US-Israeli attack began on February 28. Trump's threat to target infrastructure drew widespread condemnation internationally and within Iran. The American-Zionist aggression, among the primary sites struck, has targeted civilian and infrastructure positions.

Sector ready for crisis conditions

Meanwhile, Mostafa Rajabi Mashhadi, Deputy Minister of Energy, visited operational teams in Tehran, underscoring the sector's readiness for crisis conditions. During a visit to the Tehran Regional Electricity Company, he

highlighted the deployment of advanced smart-grid technologies and domestic technical capabilities aimed at enhancing network stability, particularly in the capital. "The system is prepared," Rajabi Mashhadi said, noting that real-time monitoring and rapid response units have been instrumental in maintaining service despite enemy strikes. According to Akbar Hasan Baklo, CEO of Tehran Province's Electricity Distribution Company, most missile strikes since the conflict began have targeted power facilities in Tehran. "Approximately 124 kilometers of Tehran's power grid has been repaired and restored

in the shortest possible time," Jassan Baklo said, noting that 472 points across the network have been damaged by enemy airstrikes.

Iran has fully restored power and water services across the country despite sustaining thousands serious incidents in its electricity grid and damage to hundreds points in its water distribution network during recent US-Israeli strikes, officials have said.

Hasan Baklo also said that the government's policy in developing solar power plants helps address energy imbalances and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The policy, he added, is also of great importance from a passive defense perspective.

The official emphasized that the development of solar power plants, due to their decentralized and distributed nature, enhances the resilience of the power grid against military threats as well as unforeseen incidents.

He said the installed capacity of solar power plants in Tehran Province is 85 megawatts, adding that permits have been issued for the construction of 11,000 megawatts of solar power capacity in the province, with 1,200 megawatts already in the operational and implementation phase.

Tehran announces support package to attract capital from citizens in UAE



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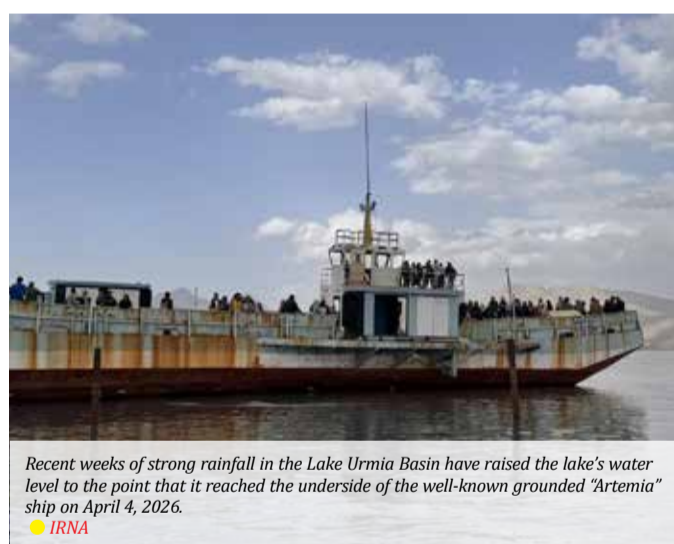
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Iran's Minister of Economy Ali Madanizadeh announced the approval of a comprehensive support package and special incentives for Iranians residing in the United Arab Emirates, aimed at encouraging them to transfer their capital back to Iran. In statements reported by the Iranian Students News Agency (ISNA), Madanizadeh said the package was issued in recent days and includes numerous exemptions and incentives designed to facilitate the return of capital from Iranian citizens living in the UAE. "This package provides an opportunity to strengthen the national economy by leveraging the capital of our compatriots in the UAE," the minister stated. The official also outlined a se-

ries of coordinated measures to streamline customs clearance procedures across the country, highlighting significant improvements including round-the-clock customs operations and enhanced coordination in border management.

According to Madanizadeh, these measures were implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, the Ministry of Interior, and the Standards Organization of Iran, creating favorable conditions for accelerating goods clearance.

The minister emphasized that restrictions on customs clearance have been reduced to the minimum possible level, adding that citizens and economic actors can still report any remaining issues through the Ministry of Economy's dedicated platforms.



Recent weeks of strong rainfall in the Lake Urmia Basin have raised the lake's water level to the point that it reached the underside of the well-known grounded "Artemia" ship on April 4, 2026.

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Rare rainfall record in Urmia Basin

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The head of the Lake Urmia Basin Organization has reported an exceptional rainfall and water resource situation not seen in the past 60 years.

Farhad Iman-Sho'ar described the situation in the basin as very promising, saying precipitation in the region has been recorded as 50 percent above the long-term average.

He reported that the lake's water level reached 1,270.45 meters on April 3, 2026, noting that the current water volume has reached 2.12 billion cubic meters, which

has once again turned the previously drying lake into a single, unified body of water after years. Iman-Sho'ar estimated the lake's current inflow at more than 350 cubic meters per second, adding that this increases its volume by nearly 30 million cubic meters per day.

Emphasizing that the resource and consumption plan has been developed dynamically and based on various drought and wet-year scenarios, he assured that drinking water reserves for the entire basin are fully guaranteed for the next 18 months, even under the assumption of potential low rain-

fall next year.

The official said that despite a 50 percent increase in precipitation compared with the long-term average, the impacts of prolonged droughts and the requirements of civil defense call for continued cautious, multi-scenario management, and strong protection of infrastructure.

He noted that Iran lies in a region with predominantly arid and semi-arid climates where drought cycles typically last between 11 and 17 years.

Iman-Sho'ar stated that after a period of severe low rainfall, most parts of the country experienced

a significant surge in precipitation during the 2025-2026 water year. He noted that this trend, strengthened by heavy winter and early spring rainfall, has pushed average precipitation in most areas not only back to long-term normal levels but even beyond them.

Iman-Sho'ar concluded that the full restoration of Lake Urmia is a complex and long-term process and that heavy rainfall over a few seasons should not create the impression that the problems caused by decades of pressure on water resources and aquifers have been resolved.

Reza Sadeqi's new track dedicated to Minab schoolchildren

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A music video, titled "Khaki Hair," composed and performed by Reza Sadeqi, has been released to mark the 40th day since the martyrdom of students from the Shajareh Tayyebeh school in Minab. Upon the release of the music video, Sadeqi wrote: "Usually, the homeland is known by its map... we came to know it by names, the names of the innocent children of Minab who disappeared one by one."

The Shajareh Tayyebeh School was targeted on the first day of the US-Israel conflict against Iran, resulting in the martyrdom of 168 schoolgirls and the injury of several others.

All independent investigations so far, including the ones by the New York Times and BBC, have reported that evidence — including satellite images, social media posts, and verified videos — confirms the United States targeted a girls' elementary school in Minab, though

no party has yet claimed responsibility.

In an emergency session held in Geneva on March 27, United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) condemned the US-Israeli attack on the Shajareh Tayyebeh school.

UN Special Rapporteur on Education Farida Shahid referred to the use of Tomahawk missiles to attack the school, stating that the assault is a potential example of a "war crime" and a serious violation of international humanitarian law.

24 units in pharmaceutical industry sustain damage

Social Desk

A total of 24 industrial units in Iran's pharmaceutical and medical equipment sectors, along with parts of the distribution chain in the cities of Tehran, Isfahan, Hamedan, Qom, Qazvin, Ahvaz, and Bandar Abbas, have sustained damage during the brutal US-Israeli war on Iran, the spokesperson for the Food and Drug Organization of Iran reported. Mohammad Hashemi said that fortunately, despite the damage, there has

been no disruption in patients' access to essential and specialized medicines or vital medical equipment, according to IRNA. "The country's health products industry has emerged from this test with resilience, and real-time monitoring of the supply chain across the country continues without interruption," he added. The results of these inspections show that the production of regular, metabolic, and dietary infant formulas is continuing at optimal capacity, and no



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shortages have been observed in the market. During the recent attacks, he noted, 14 dedicated

colleagues from the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industry were unfortunately martyred.