

24 more vessels traverse Hormuz under IRGC supervision

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Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy said on Tuesday that 24 commercial vessels had transited the Strait of Hormuz over the past 24 hours after obtaining permission and receiving security coordination from the force.

The announcement, carried by Iran's Tasnim news agency, comes as Tehran continues to assert control over the strategic waterway amid heightened military tensions with the United States and Israel.

"Smart control of the Strait of Hormuz is being carried out with authority, and malevolent foreigners will have no place in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz," the IRGC Navy said in a statement. The Islamic Republic has tightened

oversight of shipping through the strait – a vital chokepoint for global oil flows – since the outbreak of armed conflict on February 28. Iran's southern ports also remain under a US naval blockade, which President Donald Trump imposed in mid-April, aiming to pressure Tehran into a peace agreement after the 40-day conflict.

Iranian authorities require commercial vessels to obtain permits and coordinate with the IRGC before transiting, often routing them through a northern corridor inside Iranian territorial waters.

Iran has defined a supervisory management zone over the Strait of Hormuz, requiring coordination and permits for passage. The zone was described as "the line connecting Mount Mubarak in Iran and southern Fujairah in the

United Arab Emirates, on the eastern side of the strait, extending to the line connecting the end of Qeshm Island in Iran and Umm Al Quwain in the United Arab Emirates, on the western side of the strait."

The 24 ships were among dozens of vessels that transited the strait under Iranian permission since last month, though total crossings in April 2026 reached just 191 vessels — roughly 5% of the pre-war monthly average of around 3,600 transits.

Shipping traffic has collapsed compared with pre-conflict levels. According to maritime intelligence firm Windward, the strait historically handled approximately 120 transits per day in both directions before the war. As of late May, that figure has fallen to roughly seven transits per day – a decline of about



94%. A drone view shows vessels anchored at the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from Musandam, Oman, on May 30, 2026.

Solar project for 12,000 schools kicks off amid renewables push

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The operational work to equip 12,000 schools across the country with solar power systems began on Tuesday, state news agency Tasnim reported.

The launch coincided with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Iran's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Organization (SATBA) and the Organization for Development, Renovation and Equipping Schools.

Under the first phase of the plan, 12,000 public schools will each be fitted with a 5-kilowatt grid-connected solar system.

The initiative is designed both to boost distributed power generation and to create an educational opportunity for students to learn about the design, construction, and operation of solar plants – a factor that could help shape their vocational skills and future careers, according to the report.

Revenue from electricity generated by the school-based solar plants could also help strengthen educational infrastructure.

SATBA will provide main solar system components – including panels, inverters, and mounting structures – to the



The Mikael solar power plant is inaugurated on June 2, 2026, on the roof of Chamran Technical School in Tehran, in memory of the students from Shajareh Tayyebeh School in Minab who lost their lives in the US attacks on February 28.

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school renovation and development organization.

Mohsen Tarzatabab, head of SATBA, said on Tuesday that all necessary equipment for the 60-megawatt solar project across these schools has been secured, and shipments to provinces will begin next week.

The launch ceremony for the installation of solar power plants at 12,000 schools was held at Shahid Chamran Technical School in Tehran, with deputy ministers of energy and education in attendance, according to the Mehr news agency.

The deputy energy minister added that of the 100,000 public schools nationwide, 60 to 70 percent have the potential to host solar panels. "This movement has begun, and we are fully prepared – if infrastructure is provid-

ed – to continue this path toward maximum equipping of schools," he said. Tarzatabab has recently said the ministry was pursuing the consolidation of clean energy projects to raise Iran's renewable energy capacity to around 7,000 megawatts by late June, with the aim of reducing fossil fuel consumption, particularly natural gas and diesel.

The expansion comes as President Masoud Pezeshkian's government aims to install 30,000 MW of renewable energy capacity over the next two years amid an expected power shortfall this year.

According to the ministry, electricity demand is expected to rise "by more than 5% this year," after Iran's peak electricity consumption hovered around 79,000 megawatts last summer.

Postal services to nine countries resumed as air restrictions ease



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Iran's National Post Company has resumed accepting and sending parcels to nine countries following the lifting of flight restrictions imposed during recent months of conflict, a senior postal official said.

Mehdi Maqsoodi, director of the Office of Communications and International

Affairs at Iran's National Post Company, told IRNA that with the resumption of flight limitations caused by "the special circumstances of recent months" due to the American-Israeli war that began in late February, the acceptance of outgoing international parcels has resumed for Afghanistan, Oman, Turkey, China, Pakistan, Russia, India, Iraq,

and Thailand. The service is now active and available for all postal units and branches through the country's integrated postal acceptance software.

"Despite all the restrictions and pressures imposed on the postal network, extensive efforts were made to reopen these routes so that the disruption in the flow of international parcels could be resolved," Maqsoodi said.

He added that efforts continue to reopen other routes and send parcels to all countries with which postal exchanges had previously been established, stressing that "the maximum quality required by customers in sending international parcels will be ensured."

Iran-Kazakhstan agricultural trade jumps 56% as ties deepen

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Agricultural trade between Kazakhstan and Iran surged by 55.8% year-on-year to \$342 million, now accounting for 79% of total two-way commerce, officials said following a meeting in early June.

Kazakh Agriculture Minister Aidarbek Saparov and Iran's Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade Mohammad Atabak met on June 1 to discuss expanding agricultural cooperation, boosting trade flows, and strengthening investment ties, according to a readout from Kazakhstan's Agriculture Ministry cited by local media.

Kazakh agricultural exports to Iran nearly doubled, jumping 97% to \$238.5 million. Grain exports more than doubled to 1.1 million metric tons, valued at \$225.3 million, according to The Astana Times.

During the talks, the ministers focused on further



increasing grain shipments as well as exports of beef and lamb that meet international veterinary and halal standards. They also highlighted opportunities to expand supplies of vegetable oils and other food products to the Iranian market.

Atabak reaffirmed Tehran's interest in deepening economic ties with Astana. "Kazakhstan is an important partner for Iran in the region," he said. "We are interested in increasing bilateral trade, expanding agricultural supplies, develop-

ing logistics routes, and implementing joint projects in processing and agro-industrial cooperation." Saparov invited Iranian investors to take part in projects focused on agricultural production and value-added processing, particularly in the grain and oilseed sectors.



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