

President says Tehran welcomes int'l frameworks on energy consumption reform



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (2nd R) chairs a meeting of the strategic committee of the Iranian Gas Engineering Association in Tehran on September 29, 2026.
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of the strategic committee of the Iranian Gas Engineering Association, Pezeshkian said the broad outlines presented at the meeting needed to be turned into a clear, actionable roadmap. He called for details to be worked out on issues including efficiency, building codes and the use of new technologies. Members of the committee presented a roadmap for securing Iran's energy and water supplies through the Iranian year 1430, which begins in March 2051. The discussions covered diversifying the energy supply mix, using green hydrogen technology, improving fuel management and consumption patterns, gasoline production

and consumption, the budget needed for energy supply, and building standards and regulations. Pezeshkian stressed that coordination between scientific and academic institutions was essential to carrying out the plans. It was agreed that academics and university professors would attend future meetings alongside industry officials, with each topic pursued as a doctoral research project. The president said that given the current state of energy governance, Iran must rely on its domestic capacities, while welcoming international frameworks on consumption reform and gas in the areas of tooling, regulation and pricing. He also emphasized that all government bodies are responsible for energy governance and for reforming and reducing consumption, describing energy issues as cross-sectoral and saying all stakeholders and agencies must take part.

"Given the country's current conditions, coordination between different sectors in the area of energy governance is more of a priority than ever," he said. Iran's gas industry was already short about 300 million cubic meters per day before the 40-day US-Israeli war that began in late February, according to the National Iranian Gas Company. Strikes on four refineries knocked out roughly 230 million cubic meters of processing capacity, and Iran has since recovered nearly 100 million cubic meters of that by using spare capacity at other plants, NIGC said. Pezeshkian also called for future meetings to be organized around specific themes and to produce practical, executable plans, with processes divided by subject — including increased production, efficiency, pricing and innovation — and a clear executor named for each plan.

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Tuesday

that Tehran welcomes international programs and frameworks on reforming energy consumption patterns, includ-

ing in the gas sector, particularly in the areas of tooling, regulation and pricing. Speaking at the 109th meeting

Iraqi airlines win US waiver to resume Iran-Najaf flights

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The US has granted Iraqi airlines a sanctions waiver allowing them to carry Iranian pilgrims to and from the Iraqi city of Najaf, holy to Shia Muslims, an Iraqi government official and an airport source told AFP.

"Iraqi airlines have obtained a conditional exemption to operate flights between Najaf and Iran," the official said on Tuesday.

"The airport was informed yesterday that Iraqi airlines can fly to Iran but there is no schedule yet," the airport source added.

The Iraqi government said last week that it was in talks with the US to seek an exemption after sanctions on Iran's aviation sector took effect on Wednesday.

Iranian airlines mainly carry Iraqi Shia pilgrims to Iran's holy cities and Iranians visiting sacred sites in Iraq. The flights also serve Iraqi students studying in Iran and patients seeking medical treatment there.

Iraq joined several countries, including the UAE, in enforcing the US ban after Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Iranian airlines would be "shut down".

Iraq's state news agency reported on Tuesday that flights between Najaf al-Ashraf Airport and Iranian airports had resumed following several days of disruption and protests over the flight cancellations. Iraqi Airways restored the services, according to the state news agency.

The report said the flights resumed after



more than 100 people demonstrated outside Najaf airport, with protesters waving Iraqi flags and calling for flights to Iran to be restored. Demonstrations were also reported in southern Iraq, where protesters called for an end to the "siege".

Reuters separately quoted a person with direct knowledge of the matter as saying that US President Donald Trump's administration was set to grant a limited waiver to its Iran sanctions program to allow flights carrying religious pilgrims between Iran and Iraq. The source, who is involved in the deliberations, said the US Treasury Department waiver would allow Iraqi Airways to operate flights between Iran and Najaf for one month, with a more permanent waiver potentially following.

The source said the move aimed to ease pressure on the government of Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi, who has sought to deepen ties with Washington while also balancing a strong relationship with Iraq's influential neighbor, Iran.

Trump's effort to impose a crippling economic blockade on Iran is forcing regional governments to scale back ties with Iran, creating potential backlash against those states, particularly those that balance their ties with both Washington and Tehran.

Bessent said on Saturday that he had sent envoys around the world to pressure countries to economically isolate Iran, hailing the new restrictions targeting the country's airlines and banks. The head of Iran's Civil Aviation Organization said on Monday that it had filed a formal complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) over the US restrictions and was pursuing diplomatic efforts to restore suspended flight routes.

Abouzar Shiroudi said that Iran had also sent letters to countries where flights had been suspended, seeking explanations for the cancellations. Preventing flights amounted to a violation of bilateral agreements under which countries allow each other's airlines to use their airports, he said.

South Pars Phase 11 reaches final capacity after 12th well comes on stream

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The SPD11B platform in Iran's South Pars gas field has reached a nominal production capacity of 1 billion cubic feet per day following the completion of its 12th well, the CEO of Pars Oil and Gas Company said on Tuesday. Touraj Dehqani said the achievement marked the completion of the first part of the Phase 11 development plan at its final capacity and represented a step forward in developing the latest border phase of the shared South Pars field.

"Drilling, completion and perforation operations on the 12th well at the SPD11B platform have been successfully completed, and with the well coming on stream, the platform's

nominal production capacity has increased to 1 billion cubic feet per day," Dehqani told reporters.

He said the increase in production from Phase 11, given its location along the border of the shared field, was part of Pars Oil and Gas Company's strategy to safeguard Iran's share of the joint reservoir and maximize its production potential.

He described Phase 11 as one of the most strategic and final development phases of the South Pars field, the world's largest gas field, which Iran shares with Qatar, and said its development had become a continuous operational process after years of ups and downs.

Dehqani said completing this part of Phase 11 and opening new drill-

ing fronts could help strengthen the country's stable gas supply capacity and safeguard Iran's interests in the shared reservoir.

According to ISNA, Phase 11 is located in the border area of the shared South Pars field and therefore has a special position in Iran's plans to develop the oil industry and increase production from the joint reservoir.

The project is being implemented with an investment of nearly \$4 billion and is targeting stable production of 2 billion cubic feet per day of raw gas from this part of the shared field. Under the Phase 11 development plan, offshore facilities are to be built and installed at two border locations, while 27 wells are planned to be drilled.

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Yours Respectfully, M.Shateri,
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