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## **The Supreme Leader will use Iranian vaccine – Iran Health Minister**

Iran health minister has said in a statement that even one of the officials of the Islamic Republic has not been vaccinated yet and the Supreme Leader has emphasized that he will use Iranian made vaccination.

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## **Monthly production of 2.5m doses of Soberana vaccine**

From June, 2.5 million doses of Subrana vaccine, a joint production of Iran and Cuba, will be produced and distributed monthly. According to Pasteur Institute officials, if phase 3 of clinical studies is approved, the general distribution of the vaccine in the country will begin.

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## **Iran among top three producing Covid kits countries**

At the beginning of last Iranian year, the country did not have enough kits, masks and medicine. During last year, Iran was able to launch a mass production line of Covid-19 detection kits and became one of the top three countries in the world. Iranian kits have been competitive with Korean and German models and with export demand. Due to sanctions, Iran was unable to import kits, but its domestically made kits were exported to Germany.

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## **There are signs showing the United States is reviewing its position and moving toward lifting sanctions – Araghchi**

Iran Political Deputy Foreign Minister:

- Until the United States lifts all its sanctions and returns to JCPOA, none of Iran's nuclear activities, especially in the field of enrichment, will be halted or even reduced.
- Our 20% enrichment is now going even faster than the Islamic Consultative Assembly had predicted, and the 20% enriched materials are being produced.
- We are negotiating here with the current members of JCPOA, namely the three European countries, Russia and China, and the European Union. These countries, on the other hand, communicate with and pass on the results to the Americans in a way they know it works.
- I think we have a long way to go; However, we are moving forward, and the environment of negotiations is constructive.

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## **Iran begins mechanical test of new advanced centrifuge**

Iran has announced that it will unveil a new, advanced kind of centrifuge in the latest move to ratchet up nuclear activities as diplomats from Iran and 5+1 nations gather in Vienna to discuss ways to revive a 2015 nuclear deal.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), said, "This year, on the anniversary of Iran achieving peaceful nuclear energy on April 10, 133 achievements and breakthroughs in the nuclear industry will be unveiled in the Saadabad complex."

One of the advances in the field of nuclear enrichment is the beginning of the mechanical test of IR-9 centrifuge, which has the capacity of 50 SWUs (separative work units), he continued.

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### **Nuclear chief: Centrifuge is one of tools needed to make COVID-19 vaccine**

“A large part of 133 achievements that the president talked about today is about nuclear fuel. More than 50% of nuclear achievements relates to agriculture, among other fields,” Iranian nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi said.

He clarified with an example about nuclear radiation in agriculture, saying, “It can be referred to the rice that has recently been provided to farmers. This rice has high yield and acceptable resistance to drought. Or we can name the radiation systems as other types of nuclear achievements related to agriculture. Radiation systems that can be used to sterilize and extend the life of agricultural products. Radiation can prevent dates from rotting for several months.”

Salehi described centrifuges as one of the requirements for making the COVID-19 vaccine, and the Atomic Energy Organization, through one of its companies, was able to provide the desired centrifuge for the Barekat Pharmaceutical Company.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/1400012211168>

### **Unveiling 9 high-tech products at UCF**

9 practical products of the nuclear industry were localized in the nuclear region of Isfahan with the expertise of Iranian scientists. Many of these products were monopolized by several European countries, with the production of which Iran joined the manufacturers in the world.

One of these products used in the medical industry is medical grade titanium, which is used as a raw material for the production of implants and prostheses.

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### **Only option on Iran table; practical lifting of all sanctions, verification: Envoy**

A member of the Iranian negotiating team in the Vienna talks stated that the only option on the Iranian table is the practical lifting of all sanctions and verification, saying: "The issue of a step for a step has not been raised at all in the talks."

Kazem Gharibabadi, Ambassador and Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the International Atomic Energy Agency and a member of the negotiating delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, says that the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the return of the United States to the JCPOA is that it was not the Islamic Republic of Iran that violated its obligations under the JCPOA; not only did Iran adhere to all its obligations under the JCPOA.

He also states that the meaning of the verification is that, for example, in the field of oil sales, the Islamic Republic should be able to conclude its oil contracts, export its oil and transfer its revenue sources through banking channels or consider other uses for it. Or in the banking sector, it can perform its financial transactions through various financial channels.

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### **S Korean PM in Tehran to mend strained ties**

This is the first time in over four decades that a South Korean prime minister visits Iran.

Chung Sye-Kyun arrived in Tehran on Sunday for a three-day visit. During his trip, Chung held talks with high ranking Iranian officials, including Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Ali Larijani, who is an advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Chung's visit is viewed as an icebreaker to forge stronger ties between Tehran and Seoul, after years of strained relations. Now, to start with, Tehran says Seoul should unlock billions of dollars of Iranian assets frozen in its banks.

The figure is roughly 8.5 billion dollars of Iranian revenues made from oil sales to Seoul. The funds are now blocked in two South Korean banks, for fears of running afoul of US sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

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### **Ghalibaf reacts to JCPOA talks in Vienna**

Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly:

The law of Strategic Action Plan to unlock the nuclear industry provides the basis for lifting all sanctions. Commitment to lifting sanctions incompletely will prevent the law from working.

The existing golden opportunity must lead to lifting all sanctions and the achievement of tangible economic benefits for the people by uniting and insisting on the protection of national interests.

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### **How much Iranian travelled during New Year's holidays?**

President of the Association of Air Travel and Tourism Services:

Iranians traveling abroad during the Nowruz holiday fell by about 85% compared to the same period the year before. Domestic trips also show a reduction of about 70%.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/1400012009887>

### **Iran exports \$3b worth of gasoline last year**

Statistics from Iran Customs show that Iran exported more than \$2.9 billion worth of gasoline last year despite sanctions. The amount of gasoline exports last year compared to the year before increased 4.6 times in value and 7.2 times in volume.

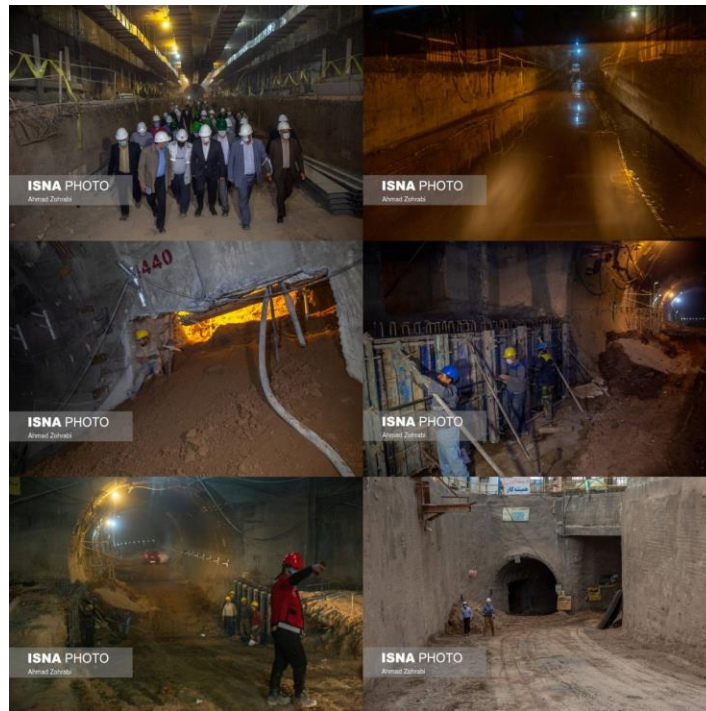
Exports of petrochemicals, however, decreased by 23% compared to the previous year due to the barriers from Covid-19 and the decline in demand for petrochemical products in the world.

<http://farsnews.ir/news/14000121000344>

### **Preparation of Qom metro line**

The construction of a 14-kilometer-long metro line in Qom began in 1390 Iranian year, and after several times of increase in construction costs, during today's visit of the governor and reporters of Qom province, the promise of testing and operating of the first 6 kilometers of this line until the end of June this year was given.

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### **Amazing Hafiz recitation of Iranian girl**

Sarina Heidari, an 8-year-old Iranian girl, was able to memorize Hafez's poem collections with the help of her mother. She started memorizing poems at the age of 4 and believes that Hafez's poems have good advice for life.

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### **Different narrations about the reasons for naming Si-O-Se Pol in Isfahan**

There are several narrations about the reasons for naming Si-O-Se Pol in Isfahan. Some believe that the reason for this is the divisions of this bridge by Sheikh Baha'i into thirty-three shares. Others believe that the name is due to the fact that the Georgian alphabet has thirty-three letters, considering that the architect of this bridge was Allahverdi Khan from Georgian. The number of rosary beads, which is thirty-three, and the number of eggs in Haftsin in Zoroastrianism, which is thirty-three, are other narrations of this naming. One of the most important narrations is related to the age of Jesus Christ at the time of ascension, which was thirty-three.



## **Strait of Ghasemi**

One of the most beautiful straits in Iran is Strait of Ghasemi in Izeh region of Khuzestan, where there is a spectacular waterfall along the way. It is possible to get through this strait only by boat.

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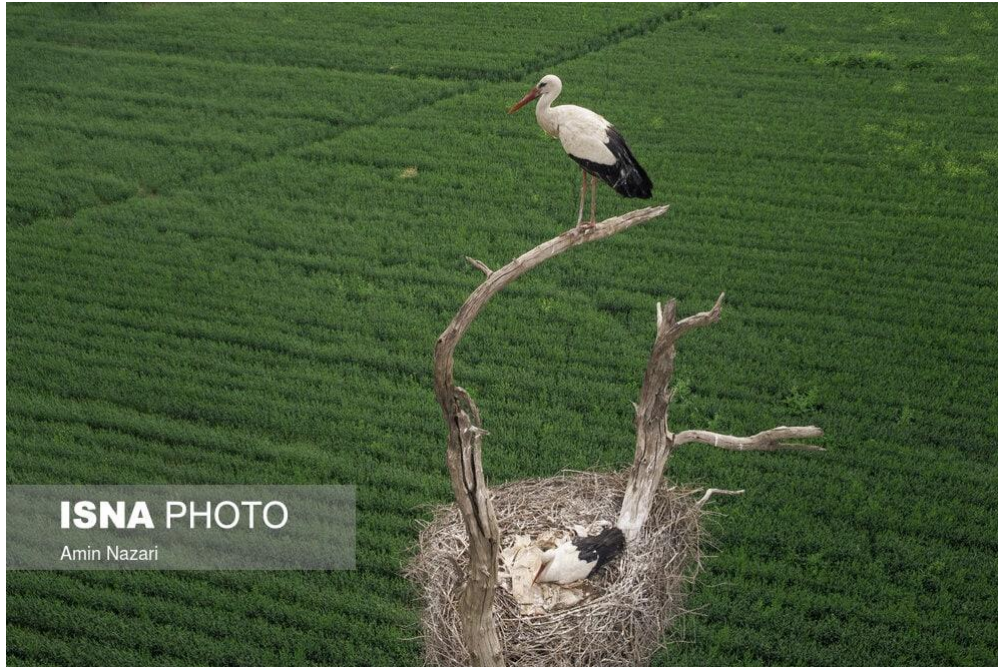


## **Garden of storks in Dezful**

The garden of storks' is a popular tourist destination in Dezful City, Khuzestan Province. Storks have been building nests in this garden for nearly 50 years for producing eggs and sheltering their young. Storks are migratory birds, which move to warm areas such as Khuzestan ahead of the spring season. This garden with an area of five hectares is one of the famous tourist attractions of Dezful city and Khuzestan province and the habitat of white storks called Haji storks.

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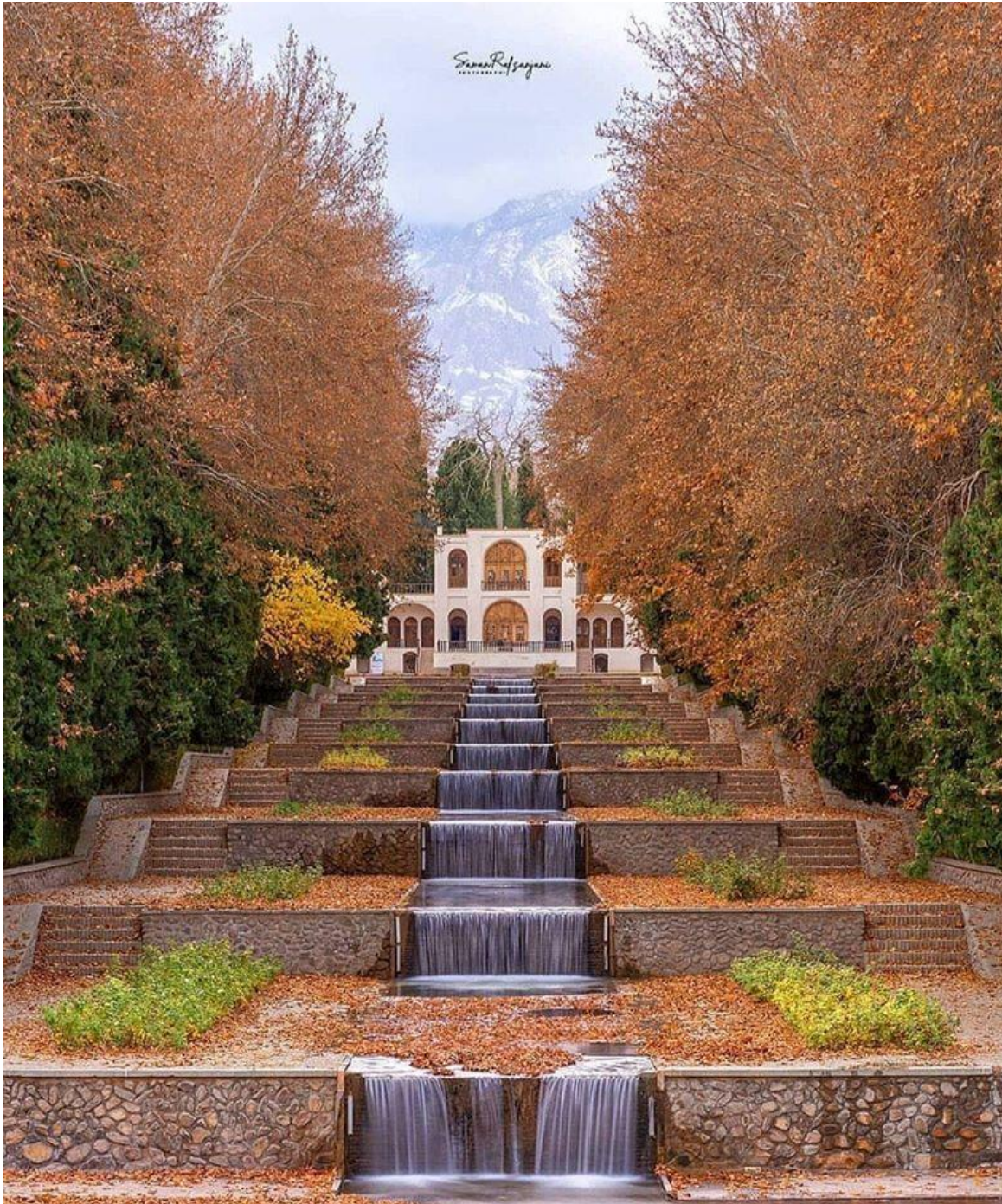
### **My Iran; The land of hidden stories**

“Iran; The land of hidden Stories” is an attempt to re-tell the tangible and intangible heritage of the country in the form of its untold stories. This effort started in Isfahan and now, after a year, the richest collection of content "Isfahan Unheard Narratives and Stories" is available. Without exaggeration, the content of the produced website can be considered as the most privileged and distinctive content. Perhaps this is the beginning of making Iranian narratives look what they deserve.

<https://instagram.com/esfahanuntold?igshid=1qh14fl21r5vl>



## Iran's Tourism Attractions: Shazdeh Garden



Shazdeh Garden is a green oasis lying in the heart of the desert. Located near Mahan in the province of Kerman, Bagh-e-Shazdeh or Shazdeh Garden (Prince Garden) is one of the historical Persian gardens with a rectangular plan constructed during Qajar dynasty in late 1900s. Similar to other great Persian gardens such as Eram Garden or Dowlatabad Garden, it is also inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List.