

## **IRAN Report (21)**

### **Second phase of Iran Razi vaccine test begins in May**

Clinical trial researcher of Razi Koo Pars vaccine:

The corona vaccine of the Razi Vaccine and Serum Research Institute has not had any major side effect.

The second phase of human testing of this vaccine will begin in May.

In August or September of this year, the possibility of producing vaccine will complete.

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### **Approval of phase 3 of the Iranian-Cuban vaccine issued**

Spokesman of Iran Food and Drug Administration:

The code of ethics in the clinical trial research of phase 3 of the co-production vaccine has been issued, and if the outcome is successful and approved, mass production and consumption license will be granted. The vaccine was uniquely safe and effective in its phases 1 and 2 in Cuba, and phase 3 began a month ago.

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### **The latest developments of importing vaccines and producing Iranian vaccines**

Spokesman for Iran National Headquarters of Administrating coronavirus:

We hope that in July, 2 domestically produced vaccines will be among the countries vaccine capacity.

So far, 420,000 doses of vaccine have been imported from Russia, 650,000 doses from China, 700,000 doses from South Korea and 125,000 doses from India.

Production manager of "Iran Barakat vaccine":

As we promised, during this spring we will increase the semi-industrial production capacity of the vaccine to 3 million doses per month.

In addition to producing 3 million doses of vaccine in the semi-industrial production line, the industrial line with a capacity of 12 to 15 million doses per month will be operational from the summer this year and the production of this line will be added to this capacity.

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### **Iranian Red Crescent thanks the Chinese Red Cross for donating vaccines**

Karim Hemmati, President of the Iranian Red Crescent Society, has sent his gratitude to Chenzhou, Vice President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and President of the Chinese Red Cross, for delivering the shipment of Covid 19 vaccine from China to Iran.

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### **Iran Health Minister: We are not behind the schedule in vaccination**

Minister of Health:

So far, Taiwan has received 27,000 doses, Vietnam 58,000 doses, South Korea 61,000 doses, Japan 642,000 doses, Oman 193,000 doses, Egypt 165,000 doses and Iraq 153,000 doses.

Iran has injected about 500,000 doses and will reach about 1.3 million by next week, but some say we are behind schedule. The United States and Britain have not delivered vaccines to Canada, which has bought five times as much as it needs.

I knew from the first days that the vaccine was not a health product but a strategic commodity that would be available to governments for political bargaining.

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### **Iran to have metal-air battery technology**

Metal-air batteries generate electric current from the reaction of metal with oxygen in air and have a wide range of applications in various industries such as electric vehicles, military, backup power, and water tourism.

The market for these batteries in 2020 was over \$ 1,000 million. Fanavar Navasi Company, an Iranian company, has been able to localize the new generation of these batteries in a project called Saniva.

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### **Iran says it has enriched uranium with 60% purity**

Iran started enriching uranium up to 60% purity on Friday after an attack targeted its Natanz nuclear plant, Tehran's parliament speaker said.

Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf tweeted: "I am proud to announce that at 00:40 last night, and on the night of the pilgrimage of Sayyid al-Shuhada, young and pious Iranian scientists were able to obtain a product of 60% enriched uranium."

He added: "Congratulations to the brave people of Islamic Iran on this success."

The former head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran and the current head of the Energy Commission of the Islamic Consultative Assembly said that the country had the capability to produce 60% enriched uranium for ocean propulsion and submarines ten years ago.

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### **Iran Atomic Energy Organization: Progress in "Natanz" will continue as fast as possible / The determination of Iranian scientists is firm**

Atomic Energy Organization:

The sanctions, the assassination of nuclear scientists, the attack on the Natanz centrifuge assembly hall and the recent terrorist attack on the facility show only the failure of the enemies of Islamic Iran. The will of nuclear industry scientists has turned all these desperate measures into despair. Progress in Natanz nuclear facility will continue as fast as possible to the designated targets, and if necessary, Iranian scientists will work to make the world once again witness the scientific strength of Iranians in nuclear technology.

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### **Inauguration of the super project "The largest ethane mining project in the country" by Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order**

Iranian President, Dr Hassan Rouhani, unveiled the final phase of "Parsian Ethane Extraction Complex" with an investment of more than one billion dollars of The Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO) and a daily import capacity of 75 million cubic meters of gas, equivalent to gas production in three phases of South Pars with annual production of 3.3 million. In this complex, 500,000 cubic meters of carbon dioxide gas will be taken from natural gas and high quality gas will be provided to the people.

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### **Transit of goods from Iran last year was 7 million tons**

Last year, the amount of transit goods through Iran was 7 million tons. This number has been achieved despite severe Covid-19 restrictions as well as sanctions. Customs of Shahid Rajaei alone had 3.3 million tons of transit. Iran's final target is defined for the passage of 50 million tons of transit goods. Increased incomes, employment and economic growth are the outcomes of a good transit condition.

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### **Iran Minister of Energy: It is possible to exchange energy with all neighbouring countries**

Minister of Energy: With the help of existing investments and connections, the possibility of energy exchange with neighbouring countries has expanded and, the bases and the possibility of this exchange have been created.

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### **Iran opens National Center for Quantum Technology**

Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, was present at a ceremony opening the National Center for Quantum Technology. He talked about progresses made by the Iranian scientists in this field.

Calling quantum technology “a very important field”, he said, “Today we experience quantum in the fields of computers, biology, sensitive sensor construction, and simulation.”

Salehi, a nuclear physicist, also said, “Today, advanced countries are investing billions in this field, and Iran is the only leading country in this field in West Asia.”

### **Iran's Zarif calls Natanz incident 'nuclear terrorism'**

In a letter to Antonio Guterres on Monday, Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said the blackout at the facility was "dangerous, reckless sabotage" and held archfoe Israel responsible for it.

"The deliberate targeting of a highly sensitive safeguarded nuclear facility -- with the high risk of a potential release of radioactive material -- constitutes reckless criminal nuclear terrorism," Zarif wrote in the letter, which he shared on his Twitter page.

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### **The centrifuges were out of orbit in Natanz IR1**

**Iran Foreign Ministry Spokesman:**

If the goal in this case was to limit Iran's nuclear capability, I must say the opposite. All decommissioned centrifuges are IR1 and will be replaced with an advanced type of centrifuge.

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### **Person in charge of disruption in the electrical system of Natanz site identified**

The identity of the person who caused the power outage to one of the halls of Shahid Ahmadi-Roshan Natanz Enrichment Complex by disrupting the electrical system has been identified.

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### **JCPOA Joint Commission starts in Venna**

The 4th round of meetings of the Joint Commission of JCPOA has been held with the aim of reviewing the process and results of technical talks of experts in the field of lifting sanctions and nuclear issues. The participants in this meeting reviewed the process of talks in the past few days and received the reports of expert groups with regards to the sanctions and nuclear issues.

Russia's Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov announced that the negotiations on the JCPOA restoration entered the drafting stage. Stating that there are dozens of differences in Vienna talks, he added that these differences needed to be agreed upon by JCPOA member states.

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### **Trump's deputy thanks the Iranian-born surgeon**

Former US Vice President Mike Pence has thanked Iranian-born surgeon Dr. Behnam Tehrani after he was discharged from the hospital. Behnam Tehrani is a cardiologist at George Washington University.

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### **Iran Greco-Roman wrestling team crowned Asian champions**

Iran Greco-Roman wrestling team claimed the title of the 2021 Asian Wrestling Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan on Wednesday.

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### **An Iranian mountaineer on the way to Everest**

Amin Dehghan is to step on a two-month journey to conquer the world's highest peak and fly the Iranian flag on the roof of the world.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/00061647409>

### **Cultural centers in Iran and Russia sign agreement**

Mohammad Javad Zarif and Sergei Lavrov have signed an agreement on the establishment of cultural centers between the Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation on Tuesday.

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### **Four repatriate flights to return Iranians from Georgia**

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority of Iran announced that four repatriate flights to Tbilisi to return Iranian passengers from Georgia have been organized, saying: "If there is still a need to repeat this flight to help our citizens, we will do so by obtaining the necessary permits."

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### **Iran is beautiful; " Miyaneh Road" Dezful**

"Miyaneh Road" which is located in the north of Dezful city and on the road between Sardasht and Shahyoun is one of the beautiful areas of Dezful destinations for nature tourism. Along this road, there are attractions such as Miyaneh Lake behind the Palangan dam in this city.



The passage of seasonal streams through this road, beautiful hills and special views, from this road has made a suitable nature tourism complex in the north of Dezful city. The best time to visit this area and enjoy its scenery is from late autumn to late April.

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### **Historical clock starts ticking once again in downtown Tehran**

a tower-mounted clock, which Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom presented to Naser al-Din Shah in the 19th century, started working once again in downtown Tehran. “The repairmen of the clock and its bell say that it took 18 months to overhaul them,” ISNA reported.

In the 19th century, the clock was mounted on top of Shams-ol-Emareh (“Edifice of the Sun”) to inform all the people of the then small Tehran passing of the time. The loud sound of the clock, however, caused the settlers in the palace to complain. The shah, Finally, ordered to lessen its sound.

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## **Construction of 43 km long line of metro station in Tehran**

Pirooz Hanachi, the mayor of Tehran, said in a statement that with the preparations in the first part of the projects of the 10 metro line, the construction of the first station of this line in the Persian Gulf Martyrs Lake will begin soon. Line 10 with 35 stations and a length of 43 km, passing through 6 areas in the northern part of the capital, extends from Tehranpars area in the east and Wardavard in the west.

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## **Iran, Russia FMs start diplomatic talks in Tehran**

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, are holding a new round of diplomatic talks in Tehran.

Heading a high-ranking delegation, Lavrov arrived in Tehran on Monday evening upon the official invitation of Zarif and as part of political consultations between the foreign ministers of Iran.

According to Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh, the new round of talks between the top Iranian and Russian diplomats includes various aspects of bilateral relations, regional issues, especially the latest developments in the Caucasus, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan, cooperation between the two countries at regional and international levels, as well as important issues such as JCPOA, countering US unilateral moves and illegal sanctions.

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## **South Korean PM: We must return Iran's blocked assets immediately**

The South Korean Prime Minister told reporters that the country must return 7 billion of Iran's blocked assets to Tehran immediately.

The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, in a meeting with the Prime Minister of South Korea, during his visit to Iran, said: "Nations know their friends in difficult times. The expectations of the Iranian people from South Korea have not been met ... The mentality of the people towards South Korea is negative.

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### **The Koreans seek to maintain their market and relations with Iran**

International Affairs Expert:

Given Iran's position in the region and the lifting of sanctions, Korea seeks to maintain its market and increase the development of economic and trade relations with Iran in order to have a secure investment.

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### **Rouhani in conversation with the Emir of Qatar: Militarism in the region cannot solve the problems**

Iranian President in talks with the Emir of Qatar:

We believe that the only successful way to ensure security, peace and stability in the region is to resolve issues peacefully, responsibly and with the common interest in mind, and we believe that militarism cannot solve the region's problems.

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### **Iran's actions in combating the global drug problem during 2020**

Secretary General of the Anti-Narcotics Headquarters of Iran:

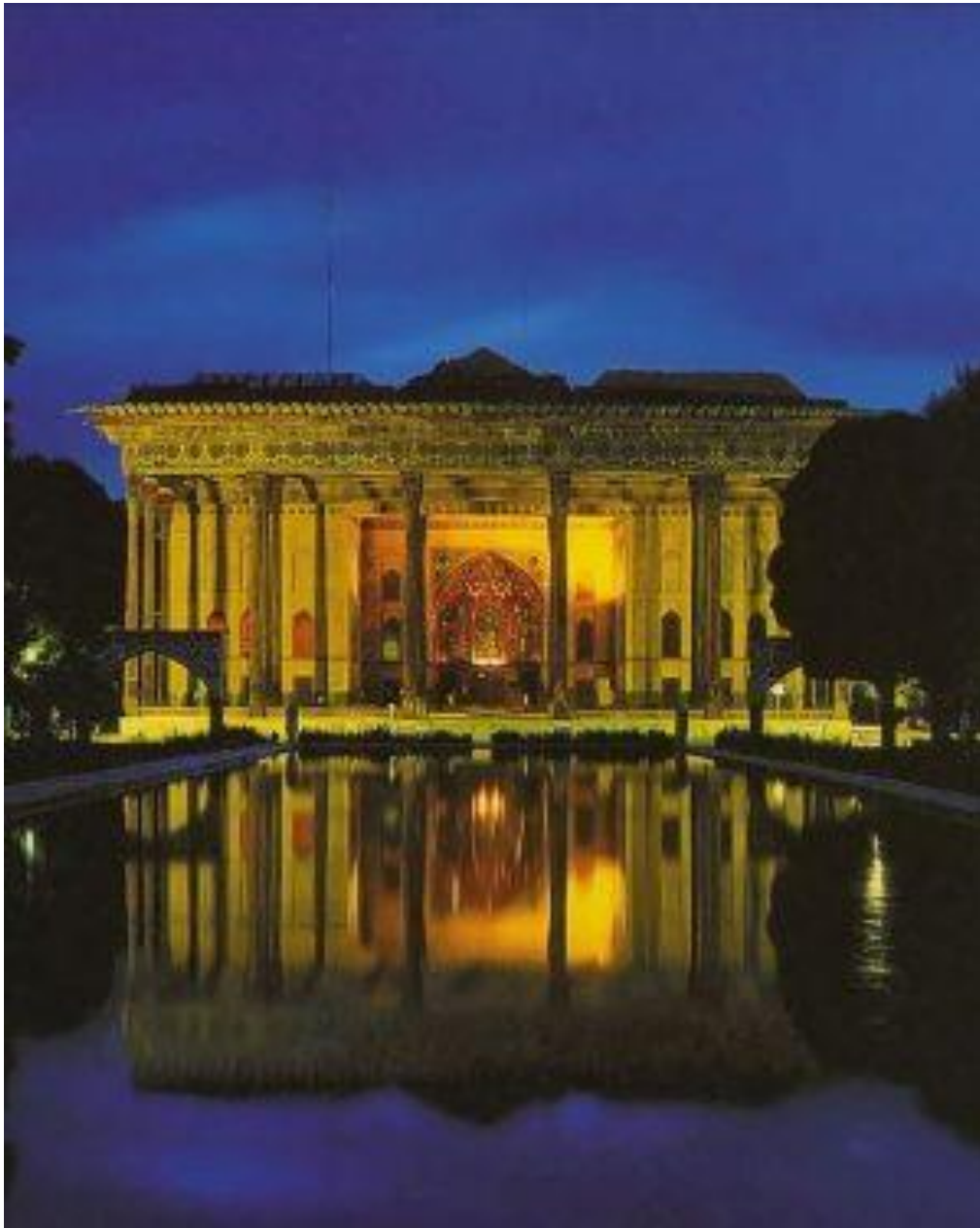
“Last year, the counter-narcotics agencies of the Iranian Anti-Narcotics Headquarters succeeded in detecting about 1,150 types of narcotics by continuously strengthening the mechanisms for monitoring, controlling and improving the exchange of operational information between the responsible organizations. If Iran had not been sacrificing, the Europeans had to look for drugs in their streets.

These achievements have been gained with the martyrdom of 10 of the best members of army of the country in the global fight against drug transit, despite

the difficult conditions and restrictions caused by the pandemic and the oppressive US sanctions.”

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## **Iran’s Historical Places: Chehel Sotoun**



**Shazdeh** Considered to be one of the urban indicators of Isfahan, Chehel Sotoun Palace is located next to Naqsh-e Jahan Square and in the neighborhood of Chahar Bagh. This garden along with its central glorious mansion are among the memories of Safavid rule in Isfahan which was designed by Sheikh Bahahei after selecting Isfahan as the state capital. Being considered as a Persian garden, it includes a mansion or garden in the center which was established in time of Shah Abbas I in form of a pavilion and it was developed in the time of Shah Abbas II and then called Chehel Sotoun. It was internationally inscribed by UNESCO as one of the characterized Persian gardens.