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Iran will share know-how with neighboring states in phase 3 of COVIran Barakat vaccine trial

Iran will share know-how with the neighboring states in phase 3 of the clinical trial for the first Iranian coronavirus vaccine, COVIran Barakat, an official says. Official in charge of manufacturing COVIran Barakat vaccine Mohammad Reza Salehi told IRNA on Sunday that the third phase of clinical trial will be held in some other countries as well.

Such a joint product has precedent, he said, noting that the Iranian Pasteur Institute is working with Cuba's Finlay Vaccine Institute, and that the two institutes are going to conduct phase three of vaccines both in Cuba and Iran.

Salehi predicted that the third phase of clinical trial of the COVIran Barakat vaccine will be kicked off today in Iran, adding that this phase will be conducted in six cities with the population of 20,000 people aged 18-70.

<https://tn.ai/2491037>

<https://mshrgh.ir/1208247>

Iran announces production of local COVID-19 vaccine

Iran has announced the start of production of a local coronavirus vaccine as it entered Phase 3 of human trials, Fars news agency reported.

According to a statement by Mohammad Mokhber, the head of Iran's scientific committee to combat COVID-19, one million doses of the local COV-Iran Barekat vaccine will be delivered to the Iranian Health Ministry within one month.

He said a further 3 to 3.5 million doses of the local vaccine will be produced by June, with production to reach 50 million doses by the end of September.

www.irna.ir/news/84304425/

Iran top-five manufacturer of steam turbine rotor

Iran is the top-five manufacturer of steam turbine rotor, IRNA reported on Tuesday quoting industrial sources. Importing a steam turbine rotor would cost nearly €3 million for the country while Iran manufactures the rotor at one-third of the world market price. Iranian made rotor can withstand steam temperatures above 500c. A team of Iranian engineers working for Iran's Power Plant Repairs Company built the rotor by reverse engineering of a rotor made by General Electric.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/1400013118439>

Iran's \$36.5 billion foreign trade with its neighbors in 2020

The spokesman of the customs of Iran said in a statement that the amount of the country's foreign trade with neighboring countries last year was 82 million 535 thousand 389 tons of goods equal to 36 billion 502 million 315 thousand 869 dollars, which is 56% by weight and about 50% of the country's total trade with the world.

<https://www.ilna.news/fa/tiny/news-1066512>

Regular flights between Iran and Russia

The Russian Aviation Authority yesterday appointed Nordwind Airlines to operate regular flights from Moscow and St. Petersburg to Tehran. Nordwind Airlines is licensed to fly seven times a week on the St. Petersburg-Tehran-St. Petersburg route and 4 to 11 times a week on the Moscow-Tehran-Moscow route.

<https://t.me/EurasiaPost>

Iran Welcomes Transit Corridor Linking Persian Gulf, Black Sea

Iran has agreed to activate a corridor stretching from the Persian Gulf to the Black Sea through Azerbaijan and Georgia. President Hassan Rouhani and First Vice President Es'haq Jahangiri met Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili in

Tehran on Saturday to discuss the transport corridor. "Iran can serve as a linkage for Georgia and other regional countries to the Persian Gulf, Sea of Oman and Indian Ocean, while Georgia is able to facilitate Iran's access to the Black Sea,"

Rouhani was quoted as saying by the Persian daily Iran. "Today, regional transit has special importance," the president said, referring to a rail connection between Iran and Azerbaijan as well as rail and road infrastructures in Georgia. This could "bring about a sea change" in the economy of the region, if Tehran and Tbilisi boost cooperation, he added.

<https://t.me/iranarmeniachamber>

Commander of Centcom acknowledges Iran's military power and drone capability

Commander of the Centcom:

The widespread use of small and medium-sized drones by Iran for "espionage and attacks" means that "for the first time since the Korean War, we are operating without complete air superiority.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/1400020100123>

Iran's IRGC releases drone footage of US aircraft carrier

Iran's IRGC has released intricate and strikingly close footage that shows a surveillance drone flying over an American aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf and capturing images of warplanes, helicopters and other military equipment on its deck.

<http://fna.ir/173pz>

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman: Progress has been made in Vienna

Khatibzadeh:

Some progress has been made in Vienna ... This does not mean that the talks have reached the final stage.

So far, these talks have moved in the right direction.

We are now at a stage where there is a need for dialogue on difficult issues.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/1400013017704>

IAEA confirms Iran has started enriching uranium to 60% purity

Iran has started the process of enriching uranium to 60% fissile purity at an above-ground nuclear plant at Natanz, the U.N. nuclear watchdog said on Saturday, confirming earlier statements by Iranian officials.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/1400012916553>

Mousavian: The Zionist regime made a strategic mistake with the destructive operation of Nazanz

Seyed Hossein Mousavian, a former senior Iranian diplomat and nuclear negotiator, wrote in a piece to Middle East I entitled "Israel-Iran Tensions: Return to JCPOA or the Flames of Fire in the Middle East": "The Zionist regime made a strategic mistake by destroying Nazanz because the attack made replace new, faster and more advanced centrifuges.

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/iran-israel-tensions-nuclear-talks-region-stability-stake>

Missile explodes near Israel's Dimona nuclear facility

Local sources reported on Thursday morning of several explosions near the Israeli regime's Dimona nuclear facility. The local sources reported military sirens went off warning of rocket attacks in Israeli settlements close to the Gaza Strip as several explosions had been heard. The Palestinian news agency Shehab reported that sirens went off in the occupied Negev in the south of Palestinian occupied

lands and a huge explosion was heard after the sirens sounded in the settlements near the Gaza Strip.

<https://bit.ly/3nbzeF9>

April 21, Saadi commemoration day

April 21 is the National Commemoration Day of the renowned Persian poet Saadi Shirazi, born in Shiraz around 1200 and died around 1292. On Saadi's day this year, Iran's Foreign Minister tweeted:

"On #SaadiDay, as relevant today as in 1258 CE:

All humans are members of one frame

Since all, at first, from the same essence came.

When time afflicts a limb with pain

The other limbs cannot at rest remain.

If thou feel not for other's misery

A human being is no name for thee."

<https://twitter.com/jzarif/status/1384870021659299841?s=28>

Iran becomes champion of Asian Freestyle Wrestling with 8 medals

Iran won 179 points and became the champion of Asian Freestyle Wrestling Championship 2021 held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, April (17-18), with three gold, three silver, and two bronze medals.

Hassan Yazdani (86 kg), Kamran Qassempour (92 kg), and Ali Shaababi (97 kg) won gold medals for Iran. Alireza Sarlak (57 kg), Mostafa Hosseinkhani (74 kg), and Ali Savadkuhi (79 kg) won silver medals. Also, Morteza Qiassi (65 kg) and Amin Taheri (125 kg) manage to win bronze medal for Iran. In the Asian event, India and Kazakhstan became second and third with 151 and 149 points.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/1400012917337>

U.N. Elects Iran to Commission on Women's Rights

The vote yesterday by the UN's Economic and Social Council, the Islamic Republic was elected a member of the "UN Women". The UN Women Commission is an intergovernmental body dedicated to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

<https://www.zeitoons.com/86598>

<https://t.me/farsna>

Returning 100 museum works from Britain to Iran

The Minister of Cultural Heritage announced that 100 museum works from the British Institute of Iranian Studies will be returned to the National Museum of Iran after half a century.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/1400020402477>

Darak, where desert meets sea, added to National Heritage list

The coastal village of Darak in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan has recently been inscribed on the National Heritage list, CHTN reported.

Located between the two important port cities of Chabahar and Bandar Abbas, Darak is one of the few places in the world where the sea and the desert meet. Darak or Darag in the local language means settling along the sea.

The beach and the amazing village, along with the Oman Sea, are tourist destinations where sand dunes, palm trees, and blue sea in a frame together create fantastic scenery.

Hiking, swimming, and photography are among the best activities tourists could enjoy while traveling to Darak Beach. It is known for its extraordinary beaches and has a pristine shoreline.

<https://b2n.ir/i79554>

Iranian and American researchers work together to revitalize Lake Urmia

In a joint project, Iranian and American water resources researchers and engineers are working together to revitalize one of the world's largest saltwater lakes. This joint research is being conducted by researchers at Utah State University and researchers at Tarbiat Modares University in Iran, and its findings are to be used in Iran's Lake Urmia Rehabilitation Project (estimated at \$ 1 billion).

<https://bit.ly/3vi91Yd>

Foreign Ministry Spokesman: Isfahan Municipality Deep View on Urban Diplomacy

Saeed Khatibzadeh, in an online session with the unveiling ceremony of the book "Pol" collection of international affairs of Isfahan Municipality on the occasion of Isfahan Cultural Week said that Isfahan Municipality has entered the field of cultural and international relations with a deep look and is trying to use the city's capacities.

https://t.me/isf_city_net

Ali Davoudi takes gold at Asian Weightlifting Championships

Ali Davoudi claimed Iran's third gold in the 2020 Asian Weightlifting Championships super heavyweight class on Sunday. Davoudi lifted 196kg in snatch and 239kg in clean and jerk for a total of 435kg to pocket the gold medal in the +109kg.

Syrian weightlifter Man Asaad claimed the silver medal with 433 and the bronze medal went to Eishiro Murakami from Japan who lifted 415kg.

<http://tn.ai/2491176>

NEZAJA unveils seven defensive achievements

Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran Army (NEZAJA) has unveiled seven new achievements in a ceremony in the presence of the Deputy Coordinator of the Army and the Commander of the Iranian Army.

<https://sptnki.com/d0MUrA>

Iran breaks the record in highway construction

The highway network of any country is one of the most important foundations of development. In recent years, thousands of kilometers of highways have been built in the country every year. By the end of this summer, the country's highways will be 20,000 kilometers long. The construction of 8,000 kilometers of highways in the last 8 years is an extraordinary record. The length of the country's key freeways will soon increase from 2,200 to 3,200 kilometers.

<https://t.me/farsna>

Pak foreign ministry releases statement on FM visit to Iran

Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs released a statement on Tuesday, announcing FM Shah Mahmood Qureshi's upcoming visit to Tehran.

"Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi will undertake an official visit to Iran on 20-22 April 2021 at the invitation of Foreign Minister Dr. Javad Zarif," the statement read.

"During the visit, the Foreign Minister will have delegation-level talks with Foreign Minister Zarif. He will also call on President Dr. Hassan Rouhani and Speaker of the Parliament Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf. The Foreign Minister will also visit the city of Mashhad."

"During the delegation-level talks, the two Foreign Ministers would review bilateral relations with a view to further deepening cooperation in diverse fields. The two sides will discuss the regional security situations including the latest developments in the Afghan Peace Process and the Jammu & Kashmir dispute.

They will also deliberate on strengthening regional cooperation under the umbrella of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).”

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<https://www.isna.ir/news/1400020100787/>

Iran Foreign Minister’s tweet on his visit to Indonesia

Iran Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, tweeted stating:

“Great to be back in Jakarta for talks with Pres @jokowi FM Marsudi, enhancing bilateral ties coordinating closely on regional & global issues. I thanked Indonesia for its valuable support in the UN Security Council when Trump regime sought to undermine int'l law.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/1400013018238>

Ministers of foreign affairs of Iran, Serbia sign cooperation MOU

Ministers of foreign affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Serbia, Mohammad-Javad Zarif and Nicola Selakovic after their Saturday meeting in Tehran signed a comprehensive memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the IRI Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Iran's Tourism Places: Menar Jonban



Menar Jonban or the Shaking Minarets is one of the most interesting monument in Isfahan, Iran. This wonderful structure attracts many visitors from all over the world to Isfahan. This structure was constructed to cover the tomb of Amu Abdollah Karladani (or Amu Abdollah Soqla), a hermit of 14th century. What makes this building a wonder is the fact that the minarets on top of this building would shake side to side for up to a 10 inches to each side, and it would also shake the second minaret at the same pace. But the fact that the viewer hardly notice is that the whole building vibrates not only the two minarets. The distribution of weight, height to width ration of the minarets, minarets dimensions to the iwan's ratio all were carefully calculated and are essential to the shaking of the minarets.