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Iran minister of Health:

- We will make one of the most effective Covid-19 vaccines in the world in Pasteur Institute of Iran.
- We hope to bring this vaccine to market by early May this year at the latest.
- To reassure people, I told my closest family members to get the first vaccine.
- Another 300,000 doses of the Russian vaccine, as well as the Chinese vaccine, are on their way.
- In 3 months, we will become one of the biggest vaccine producers in the world and we will export to all countries.

<http://www.isna.ir/news/99112720075>

Iran's success in controlling Covid-19 death toll

Iran deputy health minister, Dr. Iraj Haririchi:

- Fortunately, as people have been following health protocols, now death toll has decreased by more than 80 to 90% compared to the peak period of November.
- The simplest way to deal with Covid-19 is that 95% of people wear a mask when leaving home and keep it on until they return home.
- The number of health workers' death toll is in a three-digit number. We have set up a committee to manage this as well.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/99112417825>

Global Hawk drone appears in Iran national day ceremony

IRGC Air Force demonstrated the "Third of Khordad" defence system during the Iran national day ceremony march in Tehran. On June 20, 2019, this system succeeded in shooting down an American Global Hawk drone over the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://tn.ai/2450378>

First cold liquefied natural gas vessel loaded at site 2 of South Pars Gas Field

With the start of operation of the liquefied gas loading wharf of site 2 of South Pars Gas Field (Tombak export wharf), the export of cold liquefied gas from the refineries of this site has begun and its first shipment has been sent to the destination.

Among the advantages of this plan are increasing the speed and volume of loading, diversifying the target markets, creating a more competitive environment among buyers, and increasing operational flexibility.

<http://shana.ir/news/313453>

First advanced CT angiography device in east of Iran unveiled

The first advanced CT angiography device in Razavi Hospital located in the city of Mashhad was put into operation on Tuesday during a ceremony.

The chairman of the board of directors of the hospital said that this device, which was prepared at a cost of 500 billion rials, has very advanced technology and is unique in its type in the region.

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Iran launches commercial 5G service

Iran has launched a first commercial 5G internet service in the country in a location in the capital Tehran. The operator said on its website on Tuesday that the service had come online earlier in the day in a ceremony attended by Iran's telecoms minister Mohammad Javad Azari.

It said the site located in a park in northern Tehran would be a first in the country where people can have commercial access to the fifth-generation internet.

<https://www.yjc.ir/00WAW0>

First Iranian lithographic book donated to Astan Quds Razavi's Library

The first lithographic book in the country, which was published 193 years ago in Tabriz, was donated to the Library of Astan Quds Razavi by a citizen.

Javad Pourali, a retired professor at the University of Tabriz, donated the book dating back to 1249 AH during a trip to the holy city of Mashhad. It is a volume of the Quran and a family heritage of this compatriot man.

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Railway will be completed by spring 2020 and Caspian Sea will be connected to the Persian Gulf

Dr. Mohammad Baqer Nobakht, Vice President and Head of the plan and Budget Organization, along with Mr. Seyed Mehdi Naghavi, Head of Anzali Free Zone Organization, Arsalan Zare , Gilan Governor and executive's manager of province visited Rasht to Caspian Port Complex Railway.

Dr. Nobakht, pointed to importance of implementing this national project, saying that “currently, this project is being completed in two sections of 6 and 7. Section 6 of this project has almost reached to final stage and some part of it has been railed.”

In section 7, which leads to Caspian port of the Anzali Free Zone 260meter bridge has been designed and its construction has begun, this bridge should pass Rasht-Anzali highway and due to importance of this project, technical and executive groups are rapidly completing and implementing this bridge.

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Bandar Abbas—Latakia shipping line to start work March 10

Chairman of Iran-Syria joint chamber of commerce Keyvan Kashefi said that Bandar Abbas-Latakia shipping line will start work on March 10. Kashefi said that based on the agreement, the shipping line will regularly transport shipments from Iran to Syria every month.

The first shipment will be transported on March 10, he said adding that the shipping line is also supposed to take journey every 15 days. He noted that there are no limitations with regard to exports items and exporters can select Syria as their destination.

<https://b2n.ir/y70720>

Basir smart bullet can destroy \$10m US tank

Basir is a smart bullet with semi-active laser guidance with a range of about 20 km, which is capable of firing with a grip and cannon with a caliber of 155 mm.

In addition to being used against ground targets such as, tanks and ordinary armoured military vehicles, Basir smart bullets can also be used in the sea and against enemy vessels. The advantages of using such ammunition are the reduction of time and cost for the destruction of enemy units, the possibility of engaging any artillery with a large number of targets and the need for a smaller number of artillery to effectively cover each area.

After the US occupation of Iraq and after the 33-day war in which the Americans deployed several armoured brigades near the Iran-Iraq borders. Iran then launched artillery and arranged smart ammunition nearby, an action that had an important and strategic message for the American side and caused the suffocation of their threat. They also know that for every \$10m Abrams US tank, there is one \$60,000 Basir bullet.

<https://b2n.ir/e24813>

The development of Iranian industry during the 4 decades after the Islamic Revolution

In 1977, of the \$21b in exports, only the small amount of \$150m was related to industrial exports. However, Iran's industrial exports in 2018 were between 15 to 18 billion dollars. This number is still increasing.

Iran produced 30 million tons of crude steel in the first seven months of this year, becoming the 10th largest producer of steel in the world. Iran had 19 dams before the Islamic Revolution, while this number has now reached to 185. Iran is also building dams in 16 other countries and is one of the top 5 countries in the world in this field.

<https://t.me/farsna>

US must guarantee Trump's moves won't happen again – Iran FM

Iran's foreign minister has urged the Biden administration to make up its mind about the policy it seeks to adopt vis-à-vis Iran and the 2015 nuclear deal, and stop making "meaningless and ambiguous" remarks.

"Biden has yet to make up his mind about what he wants to do. They ought to make a decision whether they are going to continue Trump's policy or adopt a new one," Zarif said in a televised interview on Sunday night. In his Sunday interview, the Iranian foreign minister said before returning to the JCPOA, the US needs to prove it would not happen again.

How should Iran make sure "someone like Trump will not take office and tear apart the deal again?" Zarif asked.

<https://www.javann.ir/004M1o>

Herat governor thanks Iran for sending engines, firefighters to bring fire disaster under control

Governor of Herat Province of Afghanistan Waheed Qatali expressed gratitude to Iran for sending engines and firefighters to bring fire under control at Islam Qala customs office near border with Iran. Qatali made the remarks in a meeting with governor general of Iran's Khorasan Razavi in Herat last night.

Huge blasts on Afghanistan-Iran border spotted from space on Saturday evening, at least 60 injured in explosions at Islam Qala customs office near Iranian border. Some 500 fuel trucks caught fire. According a senior official from Iran's Razavi Khorasan province, the fire in Afghanistan's Islam Qala border crossing had not spread to Iran's Dogharoon post, Press TV reported.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/99112619125/>

Iran still committed to Hormuz Peace Endeavour: President Rouhani

Rouhani made the remarks in a Monday meeting with visiting Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, stressing that every country in the region can make

progress once peace and stability is established in the region, welcoming Qatar's proposal for the beginning of negotiations between Iran and the [Persian] Gulf Cooperation Council member states in order to patch up differences.

Rouhani said Iran is still committed to Hormuz Peace Endeavor (HOPE) and believes that peace and stability could be achieved in the region only through cooperation, convergence and dialogue among regional countries.

<https://www.isna.ir/news/99112720364>

Valuable contribution of an Iranian physician in Bulgaria

The name of an Iranian doctor has caused a stir in the Bulgarian media. Dr. Abdullah Zargar is the director of a hospital in a small town in the poorest country of the European Union. Dr. Zargar was forced to resign due to a new law that does not allow foreigners to work in managerial positions. But people have prepared a petition and demanded his return. The government has granted him Bulgarian citizenship after 16 years for his contribution.

<https://www.bbc.com/persian/world-56065367>

Army's Ground Force tests smart missile with 300 km range

Referring to the capability of the Army's Ground Forces in the field of artillery, rocket launchers and rockets, Brigadier General Kioumars Heidari on Sunday said that Army's Ground Forces missile unit is testing a smart missile with a range of 300 km in one of the regions of the country. This missile is in the middle range of Army's Ground Forces, which is being tested today in terms of accuracy and power, he added. This missile enjoys pinpointing, intelligence and automation capabilities and is ready to defend the borders of Iran in different weather conditions, said the commander regarding the operational coordinates of this missile. "We try to make our weapons in this area, firstly, intelligent, secondly, automated, and thirdly, pinpoint," Heidari said.

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