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Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences has announced that a clinical trial began by Tehran’s Masih Daneshvari Hospital on Monday aimed at determining favipiravir’s effectiveness in treating patients infected with COVID-19. Favipiravir, also known as Arigenv, was developed by Fujifilm Toyama Chemical in 2014 and approved by the Japanese drug regulatory authority for the treatment of influenza in February 2017 with the indication that “We’ve given Avigan to 70 to 80 people, but confirmed improvements in about 90 percent of the patients who were given the drug, NHK reported. Infection control measures have been put into place to prevent the drug from spreading or causing deformities in fetuses.

It has a high degree of safety and is effective in treatment,” Zhang highlighted.

According to the Mainichi, Japan’s National Institute of Infectious Diseases said favipiravir-based treatment for novel coronavirus disease patients with mild to moderate symptoms began in March in the country, in the hope that the medication will be effective in preventing the virus from multiplying in patients’ body.

Nevertheless, an individual related to Japan’s Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has said that “We’ve given Avigan to 70 to 80 people, but it hasn’t worked to this well when the virus has already multiplied.”

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These Indians are from Indian provinces in various provinces of Iran. These Indians landed in Qom, one of the holiest cities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, from the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir; about 1000 fishermen, including from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat; nearly 300 students of Maharashtra; about 1000 students of Gujarat, and some international students, they had to be tested for COVID-19 before they could be permitted to return back to their home countries.
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Tehran: Certain countries recognize coronavirus circumstances over 30 countries have helped Iran fight the coronavirus, says Foreign Ministry spokesperson

“we are in the midst of brutal U.S. sanc-
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The Health Ministry spokesman told on Monday that more than 300,000 Iranians have recovered from the disease so far and been discharged from the hospital.

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For this purpose, the theological and religious leadership of Iran and its efforts assisting other countries counter the outbreak and for the first time in its history has been expressed in different languages,” the statement said.

As of Sunday, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have topped 7.2 million cases across the world. The death toll from the virus has reported only 30 new infections on Saturday as infections in the United States have fallen to zero for the first time in months.

We are concerned about people’s health, especially when coronavirus grew into a global pandemic, and under treatment,” the statement said.

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Flare jacket of South Pars phase 11 to be installed soon

The flare catchment area of phase 11, which is one of the four phases that make up the South Pars gas field, is expected to be finalized by September. This is the result of cooperation between the South Pars Gas Field Project Management and Environmental Protection Organization (PMO) and South Pars Southwestern Gas Field Development Company.

The project is expected to provide multiple benefits, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, and reducing the need for new construction projects.

Annual wheat production estimated to reach 14m tons

The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that the annual wheat production of Iran is estimated to reach 14 million tons, which is a significant increase compared to previous years.

The ministry has attributed the increase in production to factors such as favorable weather conditions, improved irrigation systems, and increased use of modern farming techniques.

Industry minister outlines plans for ‘Surch in Production’

Iran’s Industry, Mine and Trade Minister Ali Ismaili said the government is planning to introduce a scheme known as ‘Surch in Production’ to encourage industries to increase their output.

Under the scheme, industries will be exempted from paying some taxes if they increase their production. This will be done through a mechanism known as ‘base Baku’, which is a special tax on output.

The minister said the scheme would help industries to reduce their production costs and increase their output, which would in turn benefit the economy.

Eurozone struggles to forge deal on rescue package

Euro area ministers are struggling to forge a compromise on a comprehensive rescue package as southern member states push for the inclusion of joint debt to help pay for the post-coronavirus recovery.

Finance ministers are due to hold a call on Tuesday at which they will try to begin work on an emergency package to cushion sovereigns, businesses and individuals from the pandemic’s impact.

The three-pronged plan, focused on the European Stabilization Mechanism, the European Investment Bank and a new European Commission unemployment reinsurance scheme, totals about half a trillion euros.

But the fate of the package is unclear as Italy, Spain and France and their allies have added additional measures involving the common issuance of additional public debt to post-pandemic spending. Their move has wreaked havoc on a longstanding north-south divide in Europe over mutualizing public debt, with a bloc of northern states opposed.

Mário Centeno, president of the Eurogroup, warned ministers on Monday that the package’s success would depend on a detailed rescue package that was already on the table. But he also said he had no doubt that the package would be in place by mid-July, that he would accelerate the debate on future joint tools to pay for post-pandemic spending.

“We certainly need fresh money after this period to leverage a recovery phase,” Centeno said.

Last week, France added some flesh to the idea with a paper on April 4, urging ministers to be “creative”.

Some proposals for EU leaders to consider when they hold their next summit at the end of June will be an overhaul of the EU’s upcoming seven-year budget, which has been widely expected to be an economic recovery package.

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The official said the COVID-19 pandemic is already having a severe effect on the global economy and the country, which has already started in the post-coronavirus recovery.

According to the official, the wheat harvest season is approximately 4.5 months in length, starting in early April up to mid-August.

While oil prices skidded on Monday after Saudi-Russia price cuts to offset demand with falling demand, Brent crude fell as much as $4 after Saudi Arabia and Russia cut production.

In currency markets, sterling fell 0.4% early in Asia after Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson was admitted to hospital following persistent coronavirus symptoms a day after testing positive for the virus.

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Oil prices fell on Monday after Saudi Arabia and Russia delayed a meeting to discuss cutting oil output, sending the market overshooting the coronavirus pandemic panic sell-off.

Brent crude fell more than $3 when Asian markets opened on Monday, dropping as low as $29.03 a barrel before recovering slightly. Brent crude was down 0.8% to trade at $34.08.

The decline was driven by a decision to delay from Monday, instead of Thursday, to discuss cutting production.

Perhaps it is worth noting that the meeting was delayed for producers to comment on a minimum of $32 for Brent and $31 for WTI crude. The cuts will be discussed on Thursday, instead of Monday, to discuss cutting production.

Most of the speculation has centered around 10 to 15 million barrels per day, but it remains to be seen whether that would be enough. The market isn’t wholehearted when it comes to the political risk.

Aramco’s bondholders get dragged down by Saudi oil-price war

**Crude oil’s wild ride doesn’t answer the serious questions**

**By Capital Rouge**

Crude oil is a commodity that moves on Monday, with both Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures falling sharply to their lowest levels in about a year.

While news headlines are driving the short-term volatility in crude prices, it’s perhaps a worthwhile exercise to take a stand back look at what is actually happening, what is likely to happen and what we can learn from it.

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**The oil-price war isn’t doing any favors for Saudi Aramco’s bondholders**

The oil market is underestimating such a shake out and its potential impact on the global economy. The oil market has already been hit by the demand shock from the coronavirus pandemic, with Brent crude falling to its lowest level since 2016.

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**Trump ignored Fauci’s surprise outbreak warning in 2017**

According to an analytic report, Anthony Fauci, the US government’s top infectious disease expert in 2017, said that “a surprise outbreak” would occur, but President Donald Trump dismissed that risk. Nina Golgowski, in an analytic article published by Huff Post, said that Fauci had warned early in 2017 that “a surprise outbreak” would not happen, despite the evidence of a potential pandemic.

Dr. Fauci emphasized the importance of preparedness and communicated with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the need to act in a timely manner to contain the spread of infectious diseases.

**Toxicologist raises questions about origin of COVID-19**

At the same time, DARPA has also embarked on a secretive research to develop infectious disease agents engineered to kill crop chromosomes directly in fields. Oftentimes, the research programs aim to allow farmers to adapt to changing climate conditions. However, independent scientists have noted that DARPA’s programs could create uncontrollable and potentially dangerous genetic engineered organisms using insectics as the vehicle for a Horizontal Infecion (HIGA), or in other words, using insects as virus vectors for horizontal infection.

The engineering technologies facilitating horizontal transfer and unnatural recombinations have been used for隐患 barriers—perhaps the conditions favoring the emergence of recombinant viruses in natural diseases. Many scientists have warned that increased risk of engineered genetic engineering in both agriculture and medicine have unraveled the potential for creating viruses and bacteria more virulent than ever before.

Despite ostensibly justifiable objectives and several concerns by bioethicists, untested projects do result in potentially disastrous consequences. This resulted in increased scrutiny of the DARPA’s programs and led to the realization that DARPA had accidentally created a virus that kills every one of its victims, by wiping out parts of their immune system.

Scientists lowered by the US government, however, did a similar thing intentionally in 2013, supposedly to study how to counter a killer virus. Dr. Mark Miller, a virologist at the US Military biolabs (DARPA) and working for the US Biodefense Program under the USAMRIID at Fort Detrick, has created, through genetic manipulation, an engineered virus of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)-related viruses that kills 100 percent of vaccinated mice, unlike the original SARS-related viruses.

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Coronavirus: Ban wildlife markets to prevent future pandemics, says UN biodiversity chief

An international ban on wildlife markets could help stop future pandemics like coronavirus, say conservationists, which is pinpointing four treatment options to assess their effectiveness against COVID-19. Involving all countries affected by the virus in one trial instead of multiple small trials will generate strong data on the effectiveness of potential treatments.

As of March 27, over 70 countries have already confirmed the virus is spreading to the rich, and randomized clinical trials normally take years to design and complete. But the pandemic has now forced the trial to move at warp speed.

“Interferon-alpha is used to treat multiple sclerosis. Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are closely related and are used to treat malaria and rheumatoid arthritis - two diseases that are common around the world,” said Dr. John Rapheal, president of the IREB.

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BoJo will stay ‘in charge’ of UK govt as he undergoes MORE Covid-19 tests after night in hospital

Boris Johnson will continue to lead the UK government despite speculation he could be isolated due to his coronavirus infection, Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick has said.

The PM will be under strict ‘isolation rules’ for at least a week, and could be kept away from the public for a further time frame, Jenrick told BBC’s Andrew Marr Show.

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Although Johnson is in the hospital, he is still leading the UK government, Jenrick confirmed.

"He’s been working extremely hard, leading the government and being available to give support, without alerting his abusers”, Jenrick told BBC TV. He stressed that Johnson would “continue to be kept informed as to what’s happening”.

Jenrick also added that the coronavirus from spreading threaten to exacerbate mental restrictions against violence against women.

The UK leader is not the only high-profile British figure to catch coronavirus. Health Secretary Matt Hancock was diagnosed with the illness but has made a full recovery.

Johnson tested positive for Covid-19 several days before Johnson, and emerged from self-isolation last week.

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Jenrick made the remarks in his first televised interview as he was asked about a parliamentary resolution calling on the government to push out foreign troops from the country. It is rather part of redeployment plans for US soldiers in Iraq, Karim al-Mukhardamadi told Arabic-language al-Thalath newspaper in an exclusive interview on Monday.

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US’ wrestler hopes for Iranians to stay safe at home

Iran’s Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach encouraged people to stay active, strong and healthy during the coronavirus crisis, before celebrating Tokyo 2020 as a festival of resilience and solidarity.

Bach made the case in a message published ahead of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which will take place on October 6. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the United Nations’ special event will focus on the health benefits of participating in sport, as well as its mental health and street safety aspects, especially in this time of uncertainty and social distancing.

Organizers have asked people to be active, stay healthy and demonstrate solidarity, adding that team spirit will help the world through the current challenges together.

Bach commended the sentiment in a video message where - riding an indoor bike - he said remaining active would help people through the crisis and afterwards.

"We are all in the same situation right now, we all cannot live our normal lives. We all have to find new ways to stand through this crisis. Sport, sport and physical activity can play an important role for staying strong and for staying healthy, but also to get ready for the day after this crisis,” he said.

“For the day we are all looking for, when we can return to our professional and social life, and for the day when we can hug each other again and can play sport together again. So, join all the Olympic Family and me, by staying active, staying strong and staying healthy to be ready for the day after this crisis,” Bach stated.

For the reduced Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were announced on March 18. The Games will open on July 23 next year, with the Closing Ceremony taking place on August 8. The Olympic and Paralympic Games in Japan’s capital city were postponed last month due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"One reason more to get active, to play sport and one reason more to look forward to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which, because of the situation of the world in in in, we will celebrate next year,” Bach said.

"If you are staying active, if you are staying strong, if you are staying healthy, we can celebrate them all together as a great festival of our resilience, as a great festival of our solidarity, and as a great festival of the unity of humankind in all of our diversity.”

"Join this campaign. Stay active, stay strong and stay healthy.”

"Over 1 million coronavirus cases have been reported worldwide since the outbreak began, resulting in more than 66,000 deaths to date. Countries have introduced strict measures, such as lockdowns, aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. People have been encouraged to remain physically active despite the lockdowns.”

"In his message to former Iranian-American wrestler Mohammad Naziri, Burroughs sympathized with Iranians and his fans in Iran. He added, “As a former Iranian wrestler, I know how difficult COVID-19, adding that doctors and nurses are certainly working hard in Iran to pass the crisis. Burroughs hopes Iran will not end up being the worst hit country. His message was among the many messages of gratitude received by Iran’s sports community.”

"Dear Iran, we wish that you and your people are safe at home, to take care of each other and to show respect. The virus is so hard but “If we are united we will win”, he noted.

"Unlike the US, our decision is not retrospective. All with valid visas will be very gladly welcomed,” he later said. As a result of Iranian hospitality, Burroughs said, “The Iranian people love wrestling.”

He also wrote on his Instagram: “I’m very thankful for the warm reception we received today and even more grateful that this trip was made possible. We are very happy that we’re in Iran and ready to compete! world cup 2017.”

Hadadi in fourth place

The ranking is then based on their average score over a period of 12 months. Hadadi is in fourth place with 1322 points. Sweden’s Daniel Stahl leads the rankings with 1464 points. Jamaica’s Fedrick Dacres is second in the rankings with 1391 points and Austria’s Alexander Schwazer sits third with 1380 points. Hadadi is 37 points behind with 1352 points. World Athletics has undertaken to create a global ranking system where athletes score points based on a combination of result and place depending on the level of competition. The ranking is then based on their average score over a certain number of competitions in a defined period of time. (Source: World Athletics)
He who adopts expediency as motto in life will be disliked by people and he who lives contrary to himself before all, and he who is ruled by his tongue has no worth in his own eyes and those of others. — Jami, Al-Asi

Tehran center offers free access to UN documents on Iran-Iraq war

FRIDAY — Tehran – The Research Center and Archives of Sacred Defense based in Tehran announced on Monday that it has recently given free access to a collection of UN documents on the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

The PDF copies of the documents translated into Persian by Mohammad-Ali Khosravi can be downloaded from http://www.hoda-talahizdad.ir.

The center announced: “Iran-Iraq War in U.N. Documents” includes 1600 documents about how the war broke out and how it ended, as well as some documents about some minor war events.

Letters of the UN secretaries-general written to the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq, as well as the statements and resolutions issued by the UN Security Council are also included.

Front cover of the first copy of “Iran-Iraq war in U.N. Documents”.

Japanese celebrity redesigns signature song as hand washing melody

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japanese social media celebrity Pikotaro returned as a leading trout tamer in Japan with a coronavirus hand washing song that re purposes his Pen-Pineapple-Anan-Pineapple (PPAP) hit to the People-and-Pears.

The video was among the top five in a Twitter trend ranking in Japan on Sunday.

Pikotaro, whose real name is Kamonosuke Kobashi, wore the same gold animal print outfit he wore in PPAP video that went viral in 2017.

His hand washing video, shorter than the 2016 two minute clip that the Guinness World Record listed as the shortest song to make it into the Billboard Hot 100 chart, had also been viewed a matter of millions times on Youtube since it was uploaded on Saturday.

Singer Pink says she had coronavirus, pledges $1 million to relief efforts

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — U.S. singer Pink said on Friday she had tested positive for COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the new coronavirus, two weeks ago and has since recovered.

Two weeks ago my three-year-old son, Jameson, and I were showing symptoms of COVID-19. Fortunately, our primary care physician had access to testing and I tested positive, Pink said in a tweet.

“I was tested for COVID-19 at a local medical facility and came back positive,” she said in a tweet.

I feel better now but not truly healed. I am feeling better now but not truly healed. I am confident that I will be fully healed in time. My family is doing well and staying at home during the coronavirus pandemic in our country. According to the Health Ministry, the total number of people diagnosed with the coronavirus in Iran has reached 58,226, of whom 3,603 have died and 22,011 recovered.

Doris Day’s awards, animal artifacts haul in $3 million at auction

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — An auction of late actress Doris Day four Golden Globe awards and other items from her life generated nearly $3 million over the weekend, far surpassing original estimates, Juliens Auctions said on Sunday.

Top-selling items in the live online auction included a classic 1929 Ford convertible that was seen in the opening of Day’s 1952 talk show “Doris Day’s Best Friends.” The car sold for $90,010. A Golden Globe award she received in 1967 went for $24,560.

All proceeds from the sale of more than 1,400 items will benefit the Doris Day Animal Foundation that the singer and actress founded in 1978. Juliens Auctions had estimated the sale would bring in between $300,000 and $600,000.

Day, the actress, singer and dancer who was one of the biggest stars of the 1950s and 1960s, died in May 2019 at the age of 97 in the Carmel, California, home she had made her refuge from Hollywood. The auction featured Day’s piano, guitar, furniture and dozens of artifacts.

Flowers are pictured by the star of actor Doris Day in the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California, U.S., May 23, 2019 (Reuters/Mark Acanam/ File Photo)

The singer and actress’s fashion choices have become a phenomenon in recent years, with numerous ceramic dogs, birds, decorative pigs and pictures of gradefuls of other decorations that adored her rustic home.

A plaster decorated with brass elephants that was a gift from friend and actor Rock Hudson sold for $13,562, as did a 14-karat gold pierced charm bracelet.

Martyr Soleimani’s family honored young artist for portrait of commander

TEHRAN — Martyr Qassem Soleimani’s family has honored young Iranian artist Mehran Rahmani for drawing a portrait of Soleimani.

Although I am very young, I have my own goals and ideals,” he said and added that his next performance will be even better.

He has received a Soleimani’s agate ring from his family in appreciation for drawing a portrait of the commander on the IRIB TV talent show "Exodus," which is about a nowhere-land protest against the local authority that symbolicallydwells President Hassan Rouhani’s government, had its Iranian premiere during the 36th Fajr Film Festival in Tehran.

Produced at Owj, an institution that produces revolutionary works in art and cinema, the film tells the story of a group of cotton farmers who leave their farms to protect the local official’s unfilled promises to the president’s office in the capital.

The film failed to receive the acclaim of the critics who judged the film as falling below expectations.

Comments by the critics and journalists provoked the anger of Hashmati during a press conference organized after the premiere of the film.

“I am not concerned about the storms of criticism, some people may like or dislike my film, but I am annoyed by censures,” Hashmati lamented.

Owj accepts to stream “Exodus” online over coronavirus pandemic

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — The Oji Arts and Culture Center of Tehran, whose online art exhibit of the movie screens during the COVID-19 pandemic, accepted to stream the controversial movie online.

Due to the present situation, it seems that the situation of the state and social repercussionswill be continuing for some time,” “Exodus” media advisor Ahmad Zanj said on Sunday.

“We have decided to show a new movement by using the video on demand (VOD) system to satisfy people’s demands before the public screenings at movie theaters,” he added.

VODs is a video distribution system that allows users to access video entertainment without a traditional video entertainment device and without the constraints of a traditional showtime.

“We have plans to advertise the movie and we have entered into negotiations with Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting to air the controversial film for the time,” Zanj said.

“By online screenings and then the screenings at theaters and on TV, the movie will have more audiences, moreover, we will see a better return on our investment and this film will help improve people’s mood,” he added.

The Oji organization and director Ebrahim Hatamikia have also tried to make films for the people, “Zanj noted.

However, Ali Surti, the distributor of “Exodus,” said that the video was not able to steam the film online and it differs from the director’s plans.

Surti said that the producer and director of the film have taken risks and added, “I hope this will be just the beginning of a new path.”

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