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General Qasem Soleimani was ready to coordinate a continuous fight with enemies around the globe. He also warned that a failure to cope with the virus in a correct and scientific manner could increase the spread of the disease and threaten the health of nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran’s successful experience in containing the virus could provide solutions for other Islamic nations and friendly and neighboring states, the top commander added. In remarks on April 14, commander of the Iranian Army General Bagheri said his units are ready to provide other countries with the experience in the fight against coronavirus at the discretion of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

130 British MPs call for sanctions on Israel over West Bank annexation

This came after Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu set July 4 for the start of cabinet discussions on extending Israeli appropriation to the West Bank and annexing the Jordan Valley. The letter by the British parliamentarians described annexing West Bank as a “mortally flawed” peace effort and the so-called two-state solution, Israel, they also said, is taking advantage of the spread of the coronavirus to “implement this egregious plan”. Israel occupied the West Bank and East Jerusalem-al-Quds in the Six-Day War in 1967. It later annexed East Jerusalem-al-Quds in a move not recognized by the international community. Palestinians want the West Bank as part of their future independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem-al-Quds as its capital.

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Great days to go...
Chomsky: Iran's American sanctions are 'shameful sadism'

In a letter to The Guardian on March 24, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for rolling back international sanctions regimes around the world.

Guterres said sanctions are heightening the health risks for billions of people and prevent countries from cooperating to deal with the spread of the new coronavirus, Foreign Policy reported.

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Zarif discusses U.S. sanctions with Cuban FM

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has discussed the "illegal" and "dangerous" situation in Iran with Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Eduardo Rodrguez Parrilla.

In a phone conversation, the two foreign ministers highlighted the need for international co-operation in fighting the coronavirus.

"The Leader of the Islamic Revolution provided strong and most scientific support in the current campaign to counter the outbreak of the coronavirus, also called Covid-19. Iran's civil society has also supported this effort," Zarif said.

"The Leader said in March that it is essential that countries pursue guidelines to help boost the entire region's battle against the coronavirus outbreak. These guidelines must be adopted by all, God has made us duty bound to feel responsible for the health of ourselves and others," Ayatollah Khamenei said after he planted two trees in honor of the National Arbor Day.

"The Leader also said that all the sectors of the country must fully cooperate with the Ministry of Health, which is at the forefront of the fight against Coronavirus," the Health Ministry added.

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The Iranians have since released a video on April 10 that showed the IRGCN warning of a oilills of U.S. warships in the region. They say that they tried to approach the Iranian territorial waters. Following the Iranian warning, the U.S. ships apparently moved away. Some Iranians are now doubting the U.S. claim that it is resorting to hostilities to turn attention away from its incompetence in tackling the COVID-19 crisis in the United States.

In reality, what unnerves Washington are the blow-ups of the Iranian people's resistance, the Iran's progress.

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It also filed a related action alleging that “approximately $12 million is subject to forfeiture as funds involved in these crimes and are traceable to the property in question,” according to the complaint. Danial and Lajmiri in 2011 opened an account in the name of their “real customer” and “principal beneficiary”. Instead of the IRGCN's proposed satellite to orbit 425 km above earth's surface to monitor the country's access to lifesaving medical supplies.

It is clear that in the statement by President Trump and the U.S. representatives, there is a concentration of inhuman sanctions against Iran. Like the Trump administration, the Obama administration also imposed sanctions on Iran.

The sanctions were imposed in the last couple of months, has shifted its focus from Afghanistan to the spreading of the coronavirus among American health workers and shortages of medicines and medical devices, including respirators.

The US, the European Union, Russia and China have called on the U.S. to ease sanctions. Even within the U.S., Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden announced measures of Congress in order to lift sanctions on Iran. But all that falls on a stony heart. The Secretary of State Mike Pompeo kept adding that the American policy of Iran will work. Iran will continue to be its goal to help the Islamic Republic.

The UN Security Council members and the JCPOA parties also for regional security and stability, he warned. "We think we have sent this clear message to the world, that the U.S. is not playing a positive role in regional security and stability," the spokesman stated.

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TEHRAN — A stock market in a country is considered the thermometer of that country.

In Iran this thermometer has registered some record highs over the recent years when the Iranian stock market has been developing more and more.

The growth trend in this market was outstanding in the past Iranian calendar year 1398 (ended on March 20).

While the prosperity was witnessed in the four major stock exchanges of the country, i.e., Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE), Iran's over-the-counter Exchange (IMM), and Iran Metals Exchange (IME), and Iran Energy Exchange (INEX), in the past year, TSE, which is the major one among the mentioned four exchanges, experienced a huge boom.

The TSE Index (TSE) that had closed at 121,350 points at the end of the year 1397, climbed to 122,100 points at the end of last year, and after surpassing half a million points, registered a new record in the exchange's history.

Different factors contributed to the past year's prominent success in the stock market.

One important factor was the proper ground laid in the stock market and providing more appropriate conditions for trades, for example through setting better regulations and applying some new financial instruments, which led to the increased knowledge about the stock market was another contributing factor in this trend.

And the other factor was the status of the country as a country, such as those of foreign currency, gold coin, and housing in the past year made investment in the stock market a better and more profitable choice for the investors.

While the past Iranian year was full of surprises for the stock market, the market is always serving its successful performance in the current year, and the noticeable point is this phenomenon.

ECONOMY

TEHRAN — In the most recent press report, the Ministry of Industry, Mining and Trade referred to Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs for the coordination and supervision of the privatization of industrial companies. According to Akbarpour, two million tons of petrochemicals and 120,000 tons of aluminum, 18 tons of precious metal concentrates, 120,000 tons of copper, 20,150 tons of zinc, 4,000 tons of coke, 5,000 tons of steel, 10,000 tons of steel pipes, 5,000 tons of stainless steel, 3,000 tons of iron, and 20,000 tons of sugar were traded in the TSE.

The report declares that on domestic and export and privatization and national projects of the mentioned companies with the total value of $810 million were traded.

On this trading floor, 147,022 tons of bitumen, 200,150 tons of diesel fuel, 5,000 tons of electric power, 12,000 tons of meat, 130,000 tons of bread, 30,000 tons of MBF feed, 72,800 tons of polymer products, and 42,500 tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) were traded.

Rouhani calls on oil, petrochemical companies to be more active in stock market

ECONOMY

TEHRAN — Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has instructed Oil Ministry to take the necessary measures for increase in the volume of oil and petrochemical companies in the stock market.

Rouhani, in a telephonic conversation with Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh, referred to the listing of state-owned companies on the stock market and stressed the need for a stronger and more active presence of oil and petrochemical companies in the exchange's history.

In the telephonic conversation, Zanganeh reported on the progress of the country's oil and petrochemical companies in the stock market and its future developments.

In Iran, the stock market has been a thermometer for several years now.

By Mahnaz Abdi

Imports, clearance of basic goods in Imam Khomeini Port uninterrupted

TEHRAN — Head of Khuzestan Province’s Imam Khomeini Port Authority, Majid Javadi said every day at least one vessel containing basic goods enters Imam Khomeini Port without any restriction or delay.

The port was opened in 1976 with two berths, today it offers 4 berths for ships.

Germany’s economic response to the coronavirus crisis is an example for the world, union chief says

Germany’s approach to employment in the coronavirus crisis is an example for the world, the unions say.

For example, it said that the government will still ensure that workers who are not able to maintain their employment in the 2019/2020 global financial crisis will continue to receive a salary payment.

The workers who stay at home will be paid at the same rate as workers who work on location.

Germany has now started to re-open certain businesses after the country closed down the supply chain to contain the spread of the coronavirus like most countries around the world.

There have been 46,409 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Germany and 2,625 deaths from the virus, according to latest figures from Johns Hopkins University.

Earlier this week, the ILO warned that 1.6 billion workers, nearly half of the global workforce, could be pushed into poverty as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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The report declares that the overall impact of working homes and work-stoppage on the global job market will be significant.

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According to Alkhorash, two million tons of commodities valued at $555 million were traded in the TSE.

It also said that the global decline in working hours in the fourth quarter of 2019 was 3.3% compared to those of its preceding years.

Since the import of many products of this group has been banned, the government support could be an opportunity for domestic manufacturers to promote their products, something which will lead not only to self-reliance but also to the production of products with higher quality which will create export markets.
Russian oil output jumped to 11.35mbd in April, ahead of cuts

Goldman ‘patiently bullish’ on oil as fundamentals improve

ExxonMobil to curb 10 percent of oil, gas output in Q2; Permian to take bigger hit

Oil tanker rates trash as OPEC+ cuts near

The next perovskite solar breakthrough could give us endless energy by 2025
Coronavirus crisis able to shape a new unsympathetic generation in the U.S. similar to the post-WWII people!

The observers, who are closely monitoring the 2020 presidential election in the United States, have come to the conclusion that the US will have to face a more unsympathetic generation for Joe Biden to step down before the November election and allow the economy to recover.

Lisa Peak, a former partner of major bracket Wall Street firm Morningstar, said that Biden did not seem ready to step forward should Joe Biden fail.

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CRAFTSpeople produce 300,000 face masks for locals, foreign tourists

*HERITAGE TEHRAN – Some 300,000 protective face masks, produced by craftspeople of the south-western city of Shiraz, have been distributed among local residents and foreign tourists.*

Local authorities said on Saturday that 20 handicrafts workshops in the province have been repurposed to manufacture face masks, deputy provincial tourism chief Mohamad-Reza Rezaee and on Saturday, CHITN reported.

Most of the masks, which were produced in the cities of Zehelan, Zabel, Nimriz, Hamin and Chabahar following health protocols, have been distributed in deprived areas of the province, he added.

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Better fasting in Ramadan

Fasting during the holy month of Ramadan requires rigorous determination and as long as one manages to observe the long hot days, it would greatly help to create balance in the body.

It is very important to stay in line with the window of abstaining from eating and drinking both mentally and physically. For example:

When you fast, you get a better understanding of God’s gifts and greater compassion for the parents to set the scene for their children to experience better fasting conditions to be able to get closer to the Creator.

Taking advice from Iranian traditional medicine would certainly help. As having the habit of abstaining from fasting and drinking both mentally and physically.

On the other hand, from the Iranian traditional medicine’s view of it can also help the body to maintain health by getting rid of unwanted materials built up in the body over the past eleven months.

The meals of Suhur (eaten early in the morning before the day breaks) should be light to prevent taking in too much food.

Try to cut back on some vegetables such as leek, tarragon and onion especially for Suhur meal as consuming them might work somewhat subsiding us to the best timing for eating during the day. The vegetable which should have an early breakfast and dine early at night right after the sunset.

Fasting is anti-aging, lowers cholesterol levels, and some studies have found that fasting would reduce cholesterol levels and would slow down the aging process.

Kash, fatty, spicy foods, fizzy drinks

The core principle of eating during Ramadan is to eat lightly; meals eaten after breaking fast, as the digestive system is not prepared for huge amounts of food.

It is also better to avoid consuming or cut down on fatty, spicy, and fried food stuff and fizzy drinks both at Suhur and Iftar.

Not to eat much Ash-e Reshteh, beef

A type of thick soup featuring red lentils (thin noodles), vegetables, beans, chick peas, and lentils can also be considered as heavy meals.

Spray face with water, rose water

During the day, spray your face with some water and rose water to avoid the feeling of thirst.

Never break the fast with cold water

Drinking cold water at the Iftar is the worst possible habit.

As the stomach is prefert to due to long hours of fasting drinking cold water will cause damage to both the stomach and the liver (which is in close proximity of the stomach as well). It is better to drink hot water as an outpatient which could break or damage it.

Additional to hot water can cause constipation, poor digestion, unpleasant thirst and anxiety.

WORDS IN THE NEWS

Norwegians to search for Amundsen

(August 27, 2003)

The Norwegian government is considering sending a submersible to search for the wreckage of a seaplane in which the explorer Roald Amundsen - the first man to reach the South Pole - is believed to have died in 1928.

This report from Reuters Whitehall:

A slab of driftwood:

As possible.

A report from the BBC:

In June 1928, the British explorer Captain Robert Scott in a race to the South Pole with his party. He was last seen alive aboard his ship, the Discovery, in September 1928. This report from Bruce Whitfield:

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Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and rival Abdulah Abdullah are close to reaching a deal to end their years-long power struggle which has kept the country in a political vacuum. A deal to end the conflict was reached last weekend in Moscow, where Abdullah accepted a postponement of presidential elections and an overlap of the two leaders' terms. The agreement is seen as a positive step towards stability in Afghanistan, which has been plagued by conflict and violence. However, implementation of the deal is dependent on the parties' adherence to their commitments, which have been difficult to enforce in the past. The Afghan government has called on international partners to provide support and assistance in implementing the agreement, as the country faces numerous challenges, including a spike in violence and the ongoing pandemic.
**To hold or not to hold IPL, is that the question?**

**The League Organisations’ official wait for a mandate to return**

With the Bundesliga battling to convince the government that it can play out the campaign on a home-and-away basis, the German government on Thursday delayed any decision concerning the Bundesliga.

**Sources have told ESPN that the venues for the matches would be made available to the German league by mid-May, but the decision would depend on the federal government’s measures to fight the spread of the virus, which has claimed more than 23,400 lives and infected around 370,000 people so far.**

**Experts’ views**

In Iran, there are various opinions about the start or cancellation of the Iranian league, most of them have just focused on the IPF, the national level to fund the competitions – and ignored the lower leagues.

During recent discussions in Tehran, some Iranian football experts hope how the soccer season should be concluded with most of them saying the season should be focused on the IPL – the highest level of the Iranian football with Gabriel Calderon. The German government on Thursday delayed any decision concerning the Bundesliga.

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**Cycling: European championships postponed by a year - UEC**

**“The competition was originally scheduled to be held from July 10 to 22, 2020 in the southern-city of Shiraz, Fars Province but has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.”**

Now, Asian Handball Federation (AHF) has announced that the competition will be held in 2021.

The Iranian handball federation will be hosting an Asian tournament after six years.

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**Cycling: European championships postponed by a year - UEC**

**“The competition was originally scheduled to be held from July 10 to 22, 2020 in the southern-city of Shiraz, Fars Province but has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.”**

Now, Asian Handball Federation (AHF) has announced that the competition will be held in 2021.

The Iranian handball federation will be hosting an Asian tournament after six years.
Huge sculpture in Sanandaj represents Iranian Kurds’ resistance during war

A man poses for a photo by the huge sculpture in Abdur Perey, the eastern Iranian city of Sanandaj in an undated photo. (ISNA/Farshid Ardalan)

He also said that he believes such huge sculptures draw the attention of tourists in addition to their concepts and values for the local people.

“Ms. Online” goes online on weekend

TEHRAN — Director Arya Renal plans to release “Ms. Online”, based on Iranian dramatist Mohammad Chamehrazad’s “Dead Dear Day” online for Iranian theater aficionados on Thursday and Friday.

Nasim Adabi will play in the monologue, which is about the lovers’ struggle while the cypress tree is a symbol of long life.

The cypress motif in the monologues bears an inscription reading: “This is designed to commemorate the heroic endeavors of all healthcare workers worldwide who are risking their own lives to save the lives of others.”

The monologues are set against a background of hundreds of vertical lines depicting healthcare workers worldwide who are risking their lives to treat the coronavirus pandemic.

Iran’s UNESCO to organize music festival to salute health workers

TEHRAN — The Iranian National Commission for UNESCO plans to organize an online music festival to salute doctors and health workers fighting COVID-19.

The festival, which was announced on Saturday, the organization has asked Iranian musicians in singles or group performances to participate in the festival entitled “The Clad in White, Caretakers of Lives”.

NBCUniversal weighs layoffs at media, entertainment units: WSJ

All divisions are being evaluated a significant reduction of staff across its portfolio of media and entertainment properties as part of a cost-cutting effort, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Although all divisions are being looked at, some areas likely to be under a microscope at NBCUniversal are the theme-parks division and Universal Pictures, the WSJ reported.

Nigerian Afrobeat pioneer Tony Allen dies aged 79

LAGOS (Reuters) — Nigerian drummer and composer Tony Allen, who worked closely with musician Fela Kuti as a pioneer of the Afrobeat genre, died in Paris aged 79, his manager said.

The Afrobeat sound, which rose to prominence in Nigeria in the 1970s, combined organ riffles with West African drum patterns and brass instruments. Allen’s drumming was a key part of the rhythmic structure that underpinned the fusion of jazz, funk and West African melodies.

Allen died on Wednesday evening in Paris of a heart attack, National Public Radio (NPR) cited his manager Eric Trouet as saying on Thursday.

“Farewell Tony! You couldn’t leave us. You are the coolest person on Earth! As usual you say to them. ‘There is no cure’,” Trouet said in a tribute posted on Facebook.

“Your drumming touched my life, and the lives of millions of others, and for that I am extremely impressed by how you’ve lived your life,” the manager said.

In later years Allen worked with a broad range of artists including musician Brian Eno who referred to Allen “perhaps the greatest drummer who has ever lived.”