Iran leads the way in high-tech industries in region

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FIFA must end its double standard

FIFA Special General Fatma Samoura in a letter sent to Iran football federation warned the Member Association that FIFA might consider using any open legal threats against a country or group of persons. It’s clear that the international governing body of football cannot accept any potential government interference in the federation’s affairs. It’s while the former and current official of the federation have been accused of wrongdoings in the case of Marc Wilmots. The former federation must pay the Belgians more than six million euros in compensation after it failed to meet its financial commitment.

Now, the country’s judiciary system has stepped forward to make clear what happens and it’s absolutely normal since in so many cases the policies and the investigation entered to avoid scandal. According to FIFA statute, the Member Associations are obliged to manage their affairs independently and without undue influence from third parties.

FIFA says any breach of those obligations might lead to potential sanctions as provided for in the FIFA statutes, including the suspension of the Member Association. Now, the question remains unanswered “who should actually take responsibility in solving such problems?”

Swiss police arrested seven football officials on suspicion of corruption, including high-ranking members of world governing bodies FIFA – in Zurich in 2015.

In the same year, German police launched raids on the headquarters of the German football association amid a growing scandal surrounding the country’s bid to host the 2006 World Cup. FIFA at main organization responsible for football issues should have some criteria for all members, however, this case FIFA treated Iran more harshly than others. It’s a doubt that such behavior has occurred according to FIFA statute in some cases over the past years but in this case the country has the right to find out who is to blame. FIFA must allow the industrial forces to examine what really happened and this is an effective way to avoid scandal.

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Tax exemption on handicrafts remains in force

TEHRAN — The tax exemption on producers of hand-made and hand-woven carpets which had been planned to be removed is still in place. Culture, Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts Minister Ali-Agha Moosavinejad announced on Monday, CHTN reported.

Eliminating the tax exemption for craftsmen was on agenda, but with great efforts of the tourism ministry and consultation with members of the parliament, the law remained in force, he added.

Last week, deputy tourism minister Fowzye Mahmodian said that the handicraft industry and related businesses across the country have suffered a loss of 12 trillion rials (some $382 million at the official rate of 42.200 rials/US dollar) in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Mahmudian, Iran’s globally ranks first in terms of having the topmost number of world records [and ingres]Handicrafts. Some 295 fields of handicrafts are currently practiced across Iran with more than two million people engaging, majority of whom are women… Handicrafts also play an important role in the economy in rural regions.”

The Iranian parliament (Majlis) in January approved a bill to exempt craftpeople and handicraft producers from paying value-added tax (VAT). However, the law was needed to be endorsed by the Guardian Council to take effect.

Dozens of Iranian handicrafts have gained the UNESCO Award of Excellence during the past couple of years. Some 75 percent of Iranian handicrafts are produced by females. Masoozeh Eideh, vice president for women and family affairs, said in April 2018.

The Islamic Republic exported 825 million worth of handicrafts during the past calendar year (ended March 19), of the figure, some 275 million worth of handicrafts were exported all officially through customs, and about 450 million was earned viakte trade through various provinces, according to data compiled by the ministry of tourism.

JCPOA parties hold talks amid diplomatic tensions over snapback mechanism

TEHRAN — Signatories to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal cleared a path in Vienna on Tuesday to discuss tensions around the deal and its weight in the US pressures on Iran.

The meeting was held within the framework of the Joint Commission on the nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The participants to the deal gathered to discuss the latest developments surrounding the nuclear agreement in light of highly contested moves by the US to restore all UN sanctions on Iran.

An expert on international relations tells the Tehran Times that Iran attended the meeting to test the US pressure campaign.

The meeting, attended by representatives from the EU, UK, France, Germany, Russia, China, India, and Iran, comes against a backdrop of heightened tensions between Washington and the JCPOA parties over a US-led bid to trigger a contested mechanism that allows the signatories to the nuclear deal to restore the international sanctions on Iran in case it didn’t uphold its obligations under the deal.

On Monday, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Abbas Araghchi arrived in Vienna for bilateral and multilateral talks with several officials including Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Scholz, European Union’s Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi. On Tuesday, he jointly chaired the Joint Commission with Secretary General of the European External Action Service Helga Maria Schmid.

Women’s hockey team tuning up for Challenge Cup

TEHRAN – Iran’s women’s hockey team started the camp for the IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia.

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**TEHRAN** – Iraqi Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Hossein Zohdi said on Tuesday that Iraq will not allow any foreign pilgrims to visit the country for Arbaeen due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"Talking in a press briefing, Zohdi said in his contact with the Iranian Ambassador to Baghdad Iraq Majidori on Monday, the ambassador explained that "the Iraqi officials have said due to the coronavirus their country will not accept foreign pilgrims this year." The Arbaeen pilgrimage, which is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world this year will take place on August 20, nearly 14 centuries ago. The Imam's heartbreaking sacrifice was made on the day of Ashura, known among Muslims and the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Each year, a huge crowd of people flock to Karbala, where the holy shrine of Imam Hussein (AS) is located, to perform mourning rituals on the day of Ashura. Ayatollah Khamenei also highlighted the importance to human values in international cooperation and offered this path in his performance at the Security Council. Ismael also called for expansion of relations with Iran.

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Iran says UNSC’s indecisiveness undermines world peace

TEHRAN — Majid Takht-Ravanchi, Iran’s foreign minister, told an online conference hosted by the United Nations that the Security Council’s “indecisiveness, indecision and ineffectiveness” have “created the possibility of reintroducing UN sanctions on Iran.”

Takht-Ravanchi cited the United States’ efforts to trigger the snapback mechanism in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which it abandoned in May 2018. He said the United States had failed to uphold international peace and security.

“The U.S. complaint came after the Security Council rejected a U.S.-drafted resolution pushing for the extension of a UN arms embargo on Iran,” Takht-Ravanchi told the IRIB news agency in Vienna. “The U.S. efforts to trigger the so-called snapback mechanism.

The top Iranian diplomat also pointed out that the JCPOA parties have limited the possibility of reintroducing UN sanctions on Iran. “This is because the JCPOA challenges the relevance and accountability of the Council and its members,” Takht-Ravanchi said.

“Last year, parallel to the Israeli regime’s unlawful annexation of the Arab lands, the Palestinians, the Council’s historic inaction and utter silence towards this crisis has also continued,” he said. “The U.S. efforts to trigger the so-called snapback mechanism will be the U.S. policy regarding Resolution 2231 and the JCPOA challenges the relevance and accountability of the Council and its members,” Takht-Ravanchi added.

Therefore, he continued, in fulfilling its obligation under Resolution 2231 and Resolution 2094, the U.S. must assign due attention to the principle of accountability of the Council and its members.

The JCPOA parties have made it clear that the measure that the Republican Party is autan. But the new U.S. administration is not a pen-sir market, a new stance was taken against Iran, the United Nations arms embargo in the July 26, a move that was hailed as a “win-win” deal by the IAEA. However, the U.S. has not launched an international sanctions on the country, Takht-Ravanchi said. The United Nations, the Security Council and its members.

In what appeared to be a bid to address some of the JCPOA parties’ concerns over “serious differences” between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Takht-Ravanchi has recently reached an agreement with the U.S. to “inoculate” inspectors access to two sites allegedly hosted nuclear activities in the past two decades. In Vienna, Iran also met with key Iranian officials, the JCPOA parties.

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He said that there is no problem in terms of TV sets manufacturing in the current year, adding that supply of the required parts has been revived by the Industry, Mining, and Trade Ministry. As previously announced by Mosaheb, Iran is going to produce 1.5 million of various affordable home appliances in the current year, adding that supply of the required parts has been revived by the Industry, Mining, and Trade Ministry.

In recent years, the Iranian government has been following a new strategy for optimizing domestic production to reduce the impacts of the U.S. sanctions while relieving the reliance on the regional and international market. The home appliances sector has not been an exception and like many other areas, the production of home appliances has witnessed a significant rise in the past two years so that in the present calendar year (March 20-August 21), the companies are expected to produce 1.5 million of various affordable home appliances.

Iranian Transport and Urban Development Ministry Mohammad Eslami unveiled the ATC tower in a ceremony on July 27.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by senior officials including the transport minister, the head of Iran Airports and Air Navigation Company Soroush Amarniast, as well as Defense Minister Amir Hatami.

As reported, the 22-story tower has been designed and constructed by Iran Electronics Industries (known as EAEI), which has a status of the Ministry of Defense. It is a diversified organization with operations in electronics, optics, electro-optics, communications, computers, and semiconductors.

Speaking in the ceremony, Eslami underlined the significance of this achievement and said: “This is the starting point for our career in terms of all aspects of transportation including roads, rail, sea, and air, and move towards an integrated and intelligent transportation system in the country.”

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EAEU agreement, a test for trade with world: TPO head

The TPO head mentioned a working group established for monitoring the implementation of the preferential trade agreement between Iran and EAEU, and said: “We held the first meeting of the joint working group in the form of a video conference with the Eurasian Economic Union last month. Emphasizing the positive outcomes of the mentioned meeting, the official said that all agreements reached in the working group meeting were signed by both parties in the form of a protocol and were turned into a document to be exchanged between the two sides.

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The trade agreement between Iran and this union has laid the ground for the expansion of trade relations between the two sides. The agreement with the bloc has increased Iran’s exports to the EAEU member states significantly, which is a test for the Islamic Republic’s policies for boosting non-oil exports during the U.S. sanctions.

The official stressed.

The ISPO head further said: “Despite all the instability on one side and the expected increase in production in some units active in the field of home appliances, also, according to our calculations, this increase in the way of the production and industrial units, we will realize the motto of ‘Surge in Production’ by the end of this year.”
the French president, Emmanuel Macron, that he was planning to engage the UAE and move forward with peace talks between the UAE and the Palestinian territories.

However, the announcement has sparked a bitter row in Arab countries as well as among certain countries in the European Union, particularly France. Emmanuel Macron, who has been a proponent of the Palestinian cause, has expressed concerns about the move.

The UAE, which has previously supported Israel, has distanced itself from the Palestinian cause. The move by the UAE to normalize relations with Israel has been met with criticism by the Palestinian Authority and other Arab countries.

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Wildfire extinguished in northern forests

Wildfire, erupted in northern forests of Gilan province over the past 2 days, has been extinguished. The command of the protection unit of natural resources and watershed management organization of Gilan has stated. According to the latest statistics, approximately 130 hectares of forests in the province have been burned in recent days. IRNA quoted Mohammad Qasemi as saying on Saturday.

He went on to say that 99 percent of fires in 13 cities of Gilan province have been extinguished. In spite of the complete containment of fire, the protection unit is on full alert, he further noted.

Appropriately, the fire-fighters who made efforts to control the wildfire, he concluded that fire broke out in various cities, including Rezvanshahr, Talesh, Roudbar, Sahalk and some others.

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Along with its 41 member nations, the private sector, and civil society groups are also participating in the conference.

Home to more than half a billion of the world’s undernourished people, Asia and the Pacific region due to COVID-19 pandemic is facing food insecurity, food loss, and increased vulnerability. The impact of Covid-19 lockdowns is experiencing an economic slowdown, widespread job losses, closing of enterprises, and falling remittances that further threatened the food security and increased the acute hunger in the region.

These circumstances require collective efforts of FAO and its national counterparts on all stakeholders and interested groups to link the arms to tackle these converging challenges in Asia and the Pacific.

Semen University to host intl. symposium on COVID-19

Semen University in Turkey is scheduled to hold an online international symposium on biological science approaches toward COVID-19 in light of the global crisis. The symposium, which will be held within the framework of the 21st National Congress and the 9th International Congress on Pathology, is scheduled for Oct. 12-13.

In this symposium, national and international scientists and researchers will share their knowledge on biological science, medicine, and basic sciences to the pandemic. COVID-19 pandemic in the world and in Iran, genetics of SARS-cov-2 virus, virus growth in medium and vaccine production will be discussed.

Also, some scientific achievements of the World Health Organization, Iran’s Red Crescent and Fars Medical University will be discussed.

Tehran - Iran is playing the leading role in the region in biotechnology, ICT, stove, aeroponic, and artificial intelligence.

Sourena Sattari, the vice-president for science and technology, told the Tehran Times on an exclusive interview on Saturday.

He went on to say that in terms of biotechnology, Iran is at the forefront by producing 24 biomedines.

In the field of ICT, Iran has become an exported knowledge-based companies with 16,000 volunteer scientists and experts. Its headquarters are in Tehran and are also active in other cities. The IUCN’s mission is being implemented in various countries, including Iran’s 16 provinces, who had previously been selected by the IUCN’s West Azarbaijan province, whom we also provide financial support, in universities and research centers, for the provision of ecosystem services, and their support to human livelihoods. This information is fed into the IUCN’s Red List of Threatened Species.

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IUCN researcher selected member of IUCN species Survival Commission

Tehran – An Iranian researcher was selected as a key member of the Species Survival Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The researcher, Bahram Abdolrahimi, is an employee of the Department of Environment at the University of Tabriz, who had previously been selected as a key member in the development of the eastern great bustard’s conservation project.

The IUCN is an international organization working in the field of nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. It is involved in setting standards and format for the trade in endangered species, and promoting the conservation of species and ecosystems, and their support to human livelihoods. This information is fed into the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of more than 9,000 volunteer experts working together to achieve the vision of, “A just world that values and conserves nature through active action to reduce the loss of biodiversity.”

Working in close association with IUCN’s Global Specie Program, SSC’s major role is to provide information to IUCN on biodiversity conservation, the inherent value of species as well as the impact of anthropogenic activities, the provision of ecosystem services, and their support to human livelihoods. This information is fed into The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The IUCN is a world-leading science-based advice to conservation organizations, government agencies, and other IUCN members, and also contributing to the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements.
**Iranian shorts to compete in Tehran to raise funds for poor**

**By Manjish Rezapooney**

TEHRAN — Three Iranian short films, “The Cycling Wind”, “Don’t Worry” and “I Am Not Alone but Here is Wonder”, will be competing in the 7th Iranian International Children’s Film Festival in Azerbaijan.

The three films tell the story of a young wind that comes into the world without violence.

The short film “The Cycling Wind” by Nazanin Sobhan-Sarbandi has been translated into Persian for the first time.

Speaking at the webinar, Faridzadeh pointed to the cultural interactions between Iran and India, and elaborated on the specific character of Gandhi as one of the most influential figures in the world.

He added that Gandhi can open windows to the world of dialogue and help promote a world without racism.

Faizabadi also said that joint film productions can help promote the cultural values of the two countries and praised Gandhi for his humane treatment of people.

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