Biden’s “Build Back Worse Act”

TEHRAN – Contrary to Joe Biden’s promise that his climate change and social policy package (the Build Back Better Act) would pay for itself, a nonpartisan agency has cast serious doubt on the U.S. President’s legislative proposal. The Congressional Budget Office says the plan will actually increase the federal deficit by $367 billion dollars over the next ten years. The new report is expected to influence how lawmakers will vote for the bill on Capitol Hill. The current deficit budget stands at an estimated $2.77 trillion for the year 2021.

The Congressional Budget Office was founded by Congress and is in charge of investigating Financial legislation introduced in the House or Representatives. The report has put the bill which supposedly deal with social services, work to mitigate the climate crisis, increase access to health care and deliver aid to families and children under scrutiny.

In the report the Congressional Budget Office said “CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would result in a net increase in the deficit totaling $367 billion over the 2022-2031 period, not counting any additions or reductions to revenue that will be generated by additional funding for tax enforcement.”

The White House claims the plan, which will cost $1.9 trillion, will be fully paid by Congress and is in charge of investigating revenue that will be generated by additional funding for tax enforcement.

Biden administration officials and the treasury department claim these measures will include better implementation by the Internal Revenue Service that will generate $400 billion in new tax revenue.

Coronavirus: an opportunity or a threat to the environment?

By Faramarz Bakhhtiar

TEHRAN – Coronavirus is a double-edged sword for the environment so that at the beginning of the epidemic, it gave new life to the environment, but over time, the situation reversed and got worse than before, as 8.6 million tons of plastic waste have been produced in the world.

It was in December 2019 that the virus emerged and took many lives so that according to the latest statistics of the Ministry of Health, the total number of deaths in Iran reached over $28,000 and more than 5 million in the world.

After many studies, the researchers came to the conclusion that the only way to prevent the spread of the virus is to keep people away from each other. 

Commemoration ceremony held for Bosnian warrior Hassan Chehajic

TEHRAN – On the occasion of the departure of Hassan Chehajic, a fighter and deputy defense minister from Bosnia-Hercegovina, a commemoration ceremony was held on Tuesday at the presence of Enalil Qamar, Commander of the IRGC, Qods Force, and a number of prominent Iranian political and military figures.

South African warmışs to visit Iran

TEHRAN – As Joe Biden is closing in on a full war on the U.S. president, experts say the downfall of Biden is near. Tehran Times explores why.

Joe Biden was elected as the U.S. president on November 3, writing a historic number of popular votes, 81.2 million. But now, his approval rating has hit an all-time low.

According to credible institutions such as Quinnipiac University National Poll conducted on November 18, only 36 percent of the people who took the survey gave a stamp of approval to Biden’s performance.

According to the conducted poll, Americans say 46 – 38 percent they would want to see the Republican Party win control of the House of Representatives, while 16 percent did not offer an opinion. 

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To Yaz Combined Cycle Power Plant on a 40-hectare land is aimed to develop clean energy, induce the knowledge for the construction of such thermal power plants, reduce environmental pollution, and increase the efficiency of Yaz Combined Cycle Power Plant, the official said.

Iran has nearly 500 MW of capacity for traditional photovoltaic solar power. The thermal solar, however, uses a new technology that allows storage of the sun’s heat to generate electricity for hours, including at night. Renewables, including hydropower, account for about seven percent of Iran’s total power generation, versus national gas 90 percent share.

Based on Iran’s Sixth Five-Year National Development Plan (2016-2021), the country was expected to reach 90 percent share.

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Commemoration ceremony held for Bosnian war hero Hasan Cengic

Tehran – Iran’s foreign minister on Wednesday described Iran’s “legitimate” and “true” sanctions to lead to closer interactions between Iran and the 21-member Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

Amir Abdollahian said Iran drew a parallel between the prospects for cooperation in the IORA and the Indian Ocean’s “huge blessings” for the coastal states, saying Iran in a scene of such enormous potential and is determined to expand and deepen ties with the association.

Referring to the outcome of the latest UN General Assembly session that ended this week, Foreign Minister Abdollahian said the 21-member IORA members, he said, “The noble nation of Iran today, and judge for ourselves, after the end of the Persian Gulf War, and the conclusion of the war in the political period, in the religious arenas, which were committed to the Islamic ideals, the Socialism of Iran and Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Islamic world.”

Mesages of condolences from Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader’s Office; Electrical and Energy Minister; Ali Akbar Velayati, Advisor to the Leader on International Affairs; who was Iran’s Foreign Minister in the late 1980s; Prime Minister office; Habibollah Sarhosis, Chairman of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought, were read on the occasion of Cengic’s death and video clips of the prominent figure’s life were screened.

The vice presidency – a great presidential sphere. It elevates somebody into the ranks of a great leader. It is guaranteed that somebody is going to be the nominee, it doesn’t mean that you’re going to have a clear field,” he said.

Amid all these considerations, reports say that Foreign Minister Zeev Rotenberg is to be reelected if he ever decides to make another bid for the presidency, according to an official who worked on the 2020 campaign.

The trust has broken down

The main question is this: Why should Iran trust the establishment of a country that is heavily divided?

Iran has been focusing on sanctions-resolution negotiations and will enter the November 6 deadline for negotiations with seriousness, and with an eye to making the deal joint agreement between Iran and 11 world states, the six members of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and the United States.

In a recent test of Washington’s will to make the nuclear deal, the United States, 10 of the 15 Security Council members, have voted in favor of the resolution: 10 for, but 5 against. That means that the US’s sanctions resolution has 9 votes in the Security Council.

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On November 19, the MNA, a Democratic website and reported about its policies and positions for the upcoming election in 2022 – just a tip – saying that the GOP should not be elected to the Congress.

Former US President Donald Trump had lured Biden to consider running for 2024 elections after the 2020 elections. But the perspective of Trump 2024 is clearer than ever. Therefore, the US must provide tangible and practical solutions, “if they want the Vienna talks to succeed.”

In a statement on Friday, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki said the move of the resolution affirms the right and sovereignty of the Palestinian people on their natural resources including, lands, water and energy resources.

The UN member stressed that the move of Security Council’s previous request, unless taken a stance in support of Zionist and Occupied Palestinian Territories.

The draft also called on the UN Secretary-General to present at the next meeting a report on the implementation of the resolution and the Zenoit regime’s misuse of Palestinian, natural resources in the occupied territories.

Also, Palestinian protesters set fire to a section of Al-Quds road in protest of the maiming of Sami al-Amour in the presence of the Palestinian Prisoner’s Movement also said in a statement that thebehavior toward al-Amour showed that his martyrdom was a clear assassination and executions, and that it was a continuation of the policy of medical negligence for prisoners.

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Iran rejects U.S. sanctions, joint statement with E3 and Arab states

TEHRAN – Iran has reacted to the U.S. move in imposing sanctions on its foreign minister, saying it carries no weight as a number of European and Arab countries on Iran.

On the sanctions, which were imposed on six Iranian individuals and an Iranian institution under the false claim of interfering in the country’s internal affairs, the foreign ministry said, “The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the new U.S. sanctions efforts as a continuation of the failed and dangerous ‘maximum pressure’ campaign of former U.S. President Donald Trump.

The ministry also noted that new U.S. sanctions against six Iranian individuals and an Iranian institution, as described by the U.S., is a “false claim” to implement a negotiated settlement to the JCPOA.

The ministry stressed that it is “impossible to modify the behavior of the U.S. in a way that may bring Iran to a negotiating table.”

The ministry pointed to the JCPOA with help from countries that opposed the JCPOA right from the beginning and that provided the necessary channels and ambiguities for Iran to engage with the West to achieve the logic and reason.

It added that Iran has become a key player in the region and has also played in Goiás, São Paulo and Mirassol.

It said the U.S. and European allies have made serious efforts to withdraw from the JCPOA and impose sanctions on Iran.

The ministry also noted that recent rumors about the JCPOA were not new and that it is not the first time the U.S. and its allies have tried to disrupt the JCPOA and divert public opinion.

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TEHRAN – Ambassador to Indonesia Prasetyo Yuliantoro said Iran and Indonesia have great potential for economic cooperation.

"We are trying to establish a close relationship between the Iranian and Indonesian businesswomen in order for them to get to know each other better and to pave the way for the development of trade relations between the two countries," the ambassador said.

The official pointed to the holding of exhibitions, especially in the field of the automotive industry, as a good opportunity for the traders of different countries to know more about each other's capabilities and capacities.

He expressed hope that Iranian traders and producers will be able to attend the Indonesian food industry exhibitions in the coming years.

The officials have decided to launch joint projects in various issues, including facilitation of economic exchanges, ways to promote economic opportunities for entrepreneurs, exports, removal of obstacles in the way of Iranian investors, transit routes, and regional energy networks.

Tumawa and Ghassani also discussed ways to address other topics such as holding economic and trade exhibitions at the provincial level, establishing road networks, following up on committee meetings held regarding the Persian Gulf and Black Sea coasts, promoting tourism, holding economic webinars, encouraging joint tourism, and enhancing balance of payments.

"We need to move away from imperialistic policies so that the market can be gradually getting back on track and experts believe that the market is regaining people's trust," he said.

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Iranian-Italian archaeologists begin work on Burnt City

In this season of excavation, residential areas in the central and eastern parts [of Shahr-e Sukhteh] are to be explored," Ali-reza Ailizadeh said.

"The excavation season is estimated to take 60 days, of which 45 days are for field activities and 15 days for summarizing field information, preparing reports and sending to the Research Institute for Cultural Heritage and Tourist," he added.

The Zarghan Museum’s official announced that Iran is developing a dossier for a site in historical caravanserais for a possible inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In this regard, cultural heritage experts are assessing such monuments that are scattered across the country to make a shortlist in terms of their architecture, historical and cultural values.

Caravansary (also Caravanserai or Caravanserai) is a building that served as the entrepôt of the Orient, providing accommodation for commercial, pilgrim, postal, and especially official travelers.

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Minister inaugurates handicrafts museum

TEHRAN – Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Minister Esaollah Zanghanl on Thursday inaugurated a museum dedicated to Iranian handicrafts in the northwestern Zanjan province.

Opening the Museum provides tourists with the opportunity to learn about Zanjan handicrafts and introduce them to local products, the minister said, ISA reported.

"Iran (a style of handmade shoes), filigree, knives, pot- teries, and copper dishes are among the popular handicrafts in Zanjan, which visitors can experience their practical knowledge how is passed down from generation to generation across the province.

Hand-made copper dishes are very popular in the central province of Isfahan and Qazvin. In addition to being useful for human health, these dishes can also be used as decorative pieces and are considered to be superb works of art.

Filigree consists of curling, twisting, or plating fine, luster metal threads and soldering them at their points of contact with each other with metal glues.

In January 2020, Zanjan was designated as a “world city of filigree” by the World Crafts Council after the WCC assessors visited various craft workshops, stores, exhibitions, and bazaars of the city in a two-day itinerary in December 2019.

Tourism official has announced. 

Iran’s mobile museum of peace & culture arrives in Sierra Leone

TEHRAN – A mobile museum dedicated to Iranian culture and peace has arrived in Sierra Leone in West Africa.

"Designed in Mashhad, the capital of Khorasan Razavi province, this immobile museum, which has been put on show in several domestic and international destinations so far," the provincial tourism chief has announced.

The recent trip aims to teach handicrafts to artists, in- stitutors at Sierra Leone University of the Arts, and individ- uals for 10 days, Mohammad Mehraami Pahlavan said on Friday.

There have been efforts in the re- gion to revive traditional fields such as jewelry, leatherwork, and Ser- mel-dagh, and more than 10 bil- lion I- rals ($238,000 at the official exchange rate of 42,000 rials per dollar) of fa- milies have been distributed to this pur- pose, the official added.

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Abandoned crafts revived in Khorasan Razavi

TEHRAN – Two handicrafts fields, which were forgotten in the north- eastern Khorasan Razavi province, have recently been revived, a local tourism official has announced.

Neglected handicraft fields of pot- tery painting and Minakari (enamel) have been brought back to life with a great deal of efforts made by local artisans, Mohamad Taherian Mo- qaddam said on Thursday.
Environment precedes development, Raisi says

DEHAFTEH – President Ebrahim Raisi has highlighted the importance of environment protection, emphasizing that the preservation of environment is prior to every development.

In a meeting with professors and environment experts, Raisi said: “The development of the country and the gain given chance to play their role, he added.”

The need to use new technologies in the field of nanotechnology for achieving goals related to legal procedures, attention to domestic and international diplomacy in the protection of the environment, attention to water transfer in the country from one region to another, attention to the dangers of traveling, attention to environmental water rights and also attention to land management were among the topics that were discussed in this special meeting.

On the occasion of National Tree Planting Day, March 5, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei used the opportunity to urge: “The ongoing process of environmental degradation, urging both people and officials to find natural resource destruction.

Environmental destruction will endanger human beings,” the Leader said.

He emphasized the need to prevent incidents such as forest fires, noting that those in charge who are not committed to their duties should be held accountable.

Environment activities are a “re-” and should not be regarded as luxurious or ornamental, the Leader stressed.
TEHRAN – An English translation of a book on Persian Calligraphy was published on Thursday by Brill, a major Dutch publisher in Leiden.

Written by the celebrated Iranian calligrapher Hamidreza Qelichkhan, "A Handbook of Persian Calligraphy and Related Arts" was rendered by Rebecca Stengel.

The book has been edited by Shahroukh Fattahi, a co-founder, the director, and the editor-in-chief of Orientalia. It is focused on classical and modern forms of Persian calligraphic art and is illustrated with over 250 color illustrations and photographs.

"A Handbook of Persian Calligraphy and Related Arts" is the first book to cover the history and methodology of Persian calligraphy, with a focus on the principles and techniques of the art. It covers the development of Persian calligraphy from its origins to the present day, and is written in clear, accessible language.

The book is illustrated with over 250 color illustrations and photographs, including images of famous works of Persian calligraphy and related arts, as well as the work of contemporary calligraphers. It also includes interviews with leading calligraphers and artists, providing insights into the world of Persian calligraphy and its practitioners.

The book is a valuable resource for students, scholars, and enthusiasts of Persian calligraphy, as well as a fascinating read for anyone interested in the art and culture of Persia.