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**TEHRAN** – The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Filippo Grandi, thanked Health Minister Babar Elnamleh for including Afghan refugees in Iran's COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

Grandi arrived in Tehran on December 17 on a 3-day mission to meet with government counterparts to advocate for access to safety for newly arriving asylum-seekers from Afghanistan, as well as to discuss additional support needed to help Iran maintain its generous refugee-inclusive services.

"Iran is a major refugee-hosting country: its policies and services are inclusive. UNHCR will continue to help mobilize vaccines and other resources against the pandemic, he stated. Facing new arrivals from Afghanistan, Iran needs more support for all the Afghan it hosts, as ports are in the hands of the paper (more than 5,400 pages in total) and the timeframe dates between September 2014 to January 2019. The documents expose how the Pentagon has been in public and what the Pentagon discloses from the public and the difference between the two is vast.

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The spokesman of the IRGC Ground Forces chief, Ramezan Sharif, confirmed that there are no direct talks between Iran and the U.S. in Vienna.

He added that the Iranian delegation always thinks about the outcome of the talks and the determination and optimism.

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In a recent interview with Tasnim News Agency, the commander vowed to take decisive action against any Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

He emphasized that the Iranian military is ready to respond to any Israeli aggression with a decisive and swift response.

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For the first time, the exercise will counter the legal status of nuclear sites, some deep underground, and nuclear energy program.

It is very difficult – I would say even impossible – to launch a campaign that would take care of all these sites,” Shafr said.

One current Israeli security official said the Tel Aviv regime did not make it clear.

Arab province, which was occupied by U.S. terrorist forces, holds the key to Global War on Terrorism, and the Iranian military, under the command of General Soleimani, will not tolerate any Israeli aggression on its sovereignty.

However, the number of troops that have withdrawn from the base and the remaining forces are still unclear, and the Iranian authorities refuse to make any comments.

The development comes as Robert McKiernan, the CENTCOM chief, said that no U.S. force was going to leave the U.S. base in Iraq.

Iraqi resistance groups have also stated that the American forces are not leaving the country.

The report highlighted that a wider attempt to destroy nuclear sites in distant parts of Iran would be the current Israeli military.

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The latest round of talks in Vienna to lift the sanctions imposed on Iran ended on December 17 with the meeting of the Joint Commission of the JCPOA. The sides agreed to return to their capitals to consult with higher officials.

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TEHRAN – Pakistan has just played host to the biggest non-governmental gathering in Afghanistan in which Iran actively participated and submitted a number of proposals to address the dire situation in neighboring Afghanistan.

On Sunday, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held its extraordinary session on Afghanistan at the request of Saudi Arabia. The meeting of the OIC council of foreign ministers was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, with the participation of the foreign minister Hesam Abdi Abdollahian.

The session was the latest effort by the OIC to bring about a just and inclusive solution to the Afghan crisis, and it had been requested by the neighboring country.

Since the rise of the Taliban in a few months, Afghanistan has faced a complex humanitarian crisis, and the Taliban have denied legitimate and internationally recognized government.

In August, the Taliban overthrew the US-backed government in Kabul, and the group has been in absolute control of the country.

Amir Khan Muttaqi, was in attendance at the OIC meeting but he was excluded from the family photo of the 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.

Abdollahian said that the mechanisms of the OIC member states have already been established, and he noted that the OIC member states have already established and put forward mechanisms.

Prime Minister Iran also highlighted the dire situation in the region. He acknowledged that immediately Afghanistan is heading for chaos; he said, adding that the country is a bore and that it cannot bring its salaries for public servants, hospitals, doctors, nurses, any government is going to collapse but chaos sustains one so it does not necessarily mean a government.

Pakistan and some other countries have sent many planeloads of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. But some countries are consume about and unwilling to directly provide aid to the country. This was addressed during the OIC meeting which is about to play a humanitarian trust fund for Afghanistan.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi also joined the session on this issue. He said many want to make donations, but they do not want to donate directly, they want a mechanism that will help.

Commenting on the ongoing proposal, Qureshi wants the establishment of an inclusive government.

The term ‘inclusive government’ was used by the German delegation to the meeting, stressing that an inclusive government should be formed in Afghanistan.

The German delegation joined the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers meeting held in Islamabad, Pakistan. An inclusive government should have the participation of all Afghan ethnic groups.

In this meeting, Amir Abdollahian added that the Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to cooperate with all the countries in the region to help the people of Afghanistan.

Abdollahian also spoke of bilateral issues between Iran and Pakistan, especially the issue of border cooperation. The two countries are neighbors and have a common border.

Prime Minister Pakistan also announced that the two countries will activate a joint committee on border security.

The meeting was attended by the OIC emergency meeting on Afghanistan in which Iran also took part.

The OIC emergency meeting on Afghanistan was requested by Saudi Arabia and hosted by the Gulf country. Iran was also an invitee of the meeting.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister also addressed the situation of Afghan immigrants in Kuwait.

He also spoke over regional developments and bilateral relations at the meeting and invited Amir Abdollahian to visit Kuwait. Amir Abdollahian also met with the foreign ministers of Turkey, Azerbaijan, Jordan, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia.

Amir Abdollahian underlined his country's readiness to export wheat to Afghanistan.

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IRAN-ECO trade growth over 44% 

TEHRAN - Iran’s trade with the members of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) exceeded $10.447 billion in the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-November 20), registering a 44 percent increase year on year, the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) said.

As reported, during the mentioned period Iran traded over 27,178,387 tons of commodities with its ECO members, marking a 44 percent increase compared to the previous year’s same months.

According to Rouhollah Latifi, the volume of trade with the mentioned countries also rose by 44 percent year on year, compared to the previous year’s same months.

As stated, during the mentioned period Iran traded over 27,178,387 tons of commodities with its ECO members including Turkey, Afghanistan, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan.

According to Latifi, 18,631 million tons of commodities worth over $8,823,246 billion to the said nations in the mentioned period.

He said major export destinations of the Iranian goods in the said period were Turkey, Afghanistan, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Iran, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Iran’s tire manufacturers produced over 127,000 tons of tire during the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (ended on March 20), registering a 44 percent increase year on year.

According to him, the development of port facilities, development of port facilities, and trade with the other three markets is one of the risk management strategies used by the country for the future.

The value of Iran’s non-oil trade during the eight-month period of this year, indicating a two-percent drop compared to the same period of the last year, stood at about $335.843 million.

According to Asadi, the necessary licenses have also been obtained for the allocation of $335.843 million in the current year, for which effective measures have been taken. In this regard, several refineries have been established in the current year, for which effective measures have been taken.

Referring to the importance of the current events that present for the image of the March 20-2020 ceremony, he stated: “Holding of the pavilion and the exhibition of capable working groups that can turn the country’s culture into a product and present it well”.

TEHRAN - Managing Director of Iran’s Pars Special Economic Energy Zone (PSEZ) has said that about $10.447 billion of external funding is going to be provided for developing the infrastructure in this zone by the end of the current year (March 20-2022).

According to Mohsen Khojasteh-Mehr, this amount is the result of ensuring the effective use of one of the functional agreements of the PSEZ in relation to the PSEZ, which is one of the major non-oil commodities that are gas condensates, with Turkey, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

The National Oil Industry Development Agency (NIOC) Managing Director Mohsen Khojasteh-Mehr said that in addition to the production of some major industrial products that was notably increased in the previous year, one of the sectors, which achieved outstanding growth, was the tire production industry.

Addressing the same ceremony, the SEO Managing Director Emad Eshgh said: “Pricing is one of the problems that has always existed in this market and we still have this problem in some products’.

Futures contracts (more colloquially futures) are financial contracts stipulating the right of the buyer to purchase an asset or the seller to sell an asset at a predetermined future date and price.

A bill for more risk management in the country’s capital market, Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE) officially launched futures market contract during a ceremony held in December 2019 that was attended by the then managing director of Pard Pars Energy Complex (PSEZ), which is the sole registered custodian and clearing house for the Iranian stock market.

Addressing that ceremony, TSE head at the time, Ali Sahraei, said, “Futures contract of the future is the most significant financial instruments that the country has to consider, as the market is a tool that can provide the opportunities for market participants.”

In October 2019, “futures” was launched with a prototypical deal at Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME).

IME is one of the four major stock markets of the world and has also a notable role in the world of energy. On the other hand, IME’s output is not clear in the present market and can be considered to be not much meaningful.

The value of trades at Iran Mercantile Exchange in the previous Iranian calendar year amounted to about $47.5 billion and a mere $9 million by the preceding year.

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Christianity and Islam seek to convert secular world to a religious view: Richard Swinburne

Indigenous groups seek justice for California Gold Rush massacre

During the 19th century Gold Rush era, state-sanctioned groups of settlers massacred thousands of indigenous people in California. Although both Native American groups and Islamic groups have a history of conflict and aggression, the California Gold Rush created a situation where thousands of civilians were killed, with the investigation and accountability of the state and federal governments.

"There were battles not fought, they were massacres," said Mark H. Davis, a descendant of an indigenous group that was hunted during the Gold Rush. The state and federal government were not held accountable for the massacre.

In 2016, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to formally apologize to Native Americans for historical violence and harm. The order also pledged to pay reparations to those affected by the state's actions.

The California Gold Rush was a time of great social and economic change. The demand for gold led to the establishment of mines and towns across the state. However, it also led to the displacement of indigenous people and the loss of their land and cultural heritage.

The Gold Rush era lasted from 1848 to 1873, during which time California was still a territory of the United States. It was during this period that the state and federal government failed to hold itself accountable for the massacre.

The massacre of indigenous people during the Gold Rush was a tragic event. It is a reminder of the need for justice and accountability in our society.

The right group added that it should be noted that the U.S. military was only forced to add fuel to this fire because of the current internal and external pressures they face. Taxes and wars at home, along with the threat of international terrorism, have all combined to make it difficult for the military to carry out its missions.

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Tourism projects underway in Golestan

TEHRAN – A restoration project has been commenced at the Jameh Mosque of Qazabanar in the Caspian port city of Qazivan. The project, led by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs in the area. It is aimed at conserving the mosque’s historical and cultural heritage. The project will also improve the mosque’s tourism infrastructure, making it a more accessible and attractive destination for visitors.

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Historical cistern in northern Iran reopens

TEHRAN – A historical Ab-Anbar (cistern) in the village of Laft, situated on Qeshm Island, has been reopened to visitors and history buffs. The cistern, which dates back to the Ilkhanid dynasty, is known for its unique architectural features and its role in ancient Iran’s water management system.

Nakdan Cave

Nakdan Salt Cave is the longest salt cave in the world, measuring over 64 kilometers long. The cave is one of several salt caves found in the Caspian region, which is shaped like a mountain. Its entrance is located in the foothills of the Caspian Mountains, which are known for their unique geological formations.

A view of this mountain from a different perspective is heartwarming due to the white streaks of salt on the mountain’s slopes. Saltwater exists in the entrance to the cave, a natural white pool under the mountain’s slopes. When you look at the saltwater in the cave, you see how the water changes its shape due to the way it interacts with the mountains.

The Historical cistern has been registered on the national heritage list in 2012. A Ilkhan dynasty, also spelled Il-Khanid, was a Mongol dynasty that ruled in Iran from about 1235 to 1335. Il-Khan is Persian for “subordinate khan.”

The village of Masuleh, located in the Masuleh region, is known for its unique architecture and its role in ancient Iran’s water management system. The village’s houses are built on stilts to protect them from floods, and there is a network of underground waterways that connect the houses to the surrounding mountains.

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Population “Juvenilization” in Iran

The Ministry of Health is to provide quality national childhood in state-run hospitals, in addition to providing free infertility treatment to the couples.

Municipal public transportation services and cultural, sports, and recreational tariffs are to be halved.

Turnouts for children in private schools and educational centers will include a 20 percent discount.

And all production, distribution, and service units must include phrases highlighting childbearing support on products and goods.

In a plan to boost healthy birth, The Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Statistics Center of Iran, is to continuously monitor the birth rate and total fertility rate in the country every year, and submit the necessary proposals to the National Population Headquarters regarding plans to improve the fertility situation in provincial areas and cities.

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Iranian art oldu at the Al Burda Awards

**Part 18**

In the 17th century, the Qajar dynasty, who were the last of the Safavid kings, was replaced by the Qajar dynasty. This led to the decline of Persian prosperity and culture. However, the Persian language and literature continued to flourish. One of the most prominent figures of this period was Hafiz, a poet and philosopher whose works are still studied today.

**Part 19**

In the 18th century, the Qajar kings continued to rule Persia. They faced many challenges, including internal conflicts and external pressures from neighboring countries. Despite these challenges, Persian literature continued to thrive, with many notable poets and authors emerging during this period.

**Part 20**

The 19th century was a time of great change in Persia. The Qajar dynasty was replaced by the Constitutional Revolution, which led to the establishment of a constitutional monarchy. This period saw a rise in nationalism and a greater emphasis on Persian culture. Many important figures emerged during this time, including the poet Hafez and the philosopher Tahmasb Reshteh.

**Part 21**

The 20th century was a time of great turbulence in Persia. The country was hit by a series of political and social upheavals, including the establishment of the Islamic Republic and the Iran-Iraq War. Despite these challenges, Persian literature continued to be produced, with many notable authors emerging during this period.

**Part 22**

In the 21st century, Persian literature continues to thrive. The country is home to a diverse range of writers, and their works are celebrated both within Persia and internationally. The Persian language remains a vibrant and dynamic force, and its influence continues to be felt far beyond its borders.

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**Prayer Times**

*The moon's age: 12.03.

**Dawn:** 5:44 (Sunrise: Subuh: 7:21)**

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**Iran: Persian literature**

In the 8th century, the Persian language began to develop its own literary tradition. This period saw the emergence of important figures such as Abu Nuwas, who is remembered for his love poetry and his role in the promotion of Persian as a literary language.

One of the most important works of this period is the Book of Government or Rules for Kings by Prince Keykavus of Tabarestan, which has been studied by historians and literary scholars for its insight into the political and social context of the time. The work is a guide to good governance and includes advice on how a ruler should govern his kingdom.

**Ferdowsi's Book of Kings**

In the 10th century, the Persian language saw the emergence of the Book of Kings, also known as the Shahnameh, which is the national epic of Iran. It is a compilation of stories of the ancient Persian kings and heroes, and is considered a cornerstone of Persian literature.

**Nasir ad-Din Tusi**

In the 13th century, the Persian language saw the emergence of the philosopher and mathematician Nasir ad-Din Tusi, who is known for his contributions to mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy. Tusi's works have had a lasting impact on the Persian language and literature, and his influence can be seen in many important works of later periods.

**Sufi literature**

Sufism played a major role in the development of Persian literature, and many important Sufi writers emerged during this period. Sufi literature is characterized by its focus on the spiritual path and the search for a deeper understanding of the nature of the divine.

One of the most important figures in Sufi literature is Rumi, whose works continue to be studied and celebrated today. Rumi's poems are characterized by their use of metaphor and imagery, and they often explore themes of love, grief, and the search for spiritual understanding.

**Iranian Sufism and its literary production**

Iranian Sufism and its literary production has a long and rich history, with many important figures emerging during the various periods of Persian literature. The works of Sufi writers are characterized by their focus on the spiritual path and the search for a deeper understanding of the nature of the divine.

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**French crime novel**

The Mad and the Bad is a novel by Jean-Patrick Manchette, first published in 1978. It is a crime novel that explores themes of violence, crime, and social injustice. The novel is set in a city where crime is rampant, and the protagonist, a detective named Pelle, is tasked with solving a series of violent crimes.

The novel is known for its gritty, realistic portrayal of crime and its use of a fast-paced, tautly written style. It has been praised for its social commentary and its exploration of the effects of violence on individuals and society.

**The Mad and the Bad published in Persian**

The Mad and the Bad has been translated into Persian by Mohammad Ali Sadeqi, and is available in bookstores in Iran. The Persian translation is a faithful adaptation of the French original, and it has been well-received by Persian readers.

The novel's themes of violence, crime, and social injustice are still relevant today, and the novel's exploration of these themes continues to be studied and appreciated by readers around the world.