Iran FM: Our neighbors have right to know what’s going on in Vienna

TEHRAN — Speaking upon his arrival at Tehran late on Tuesday, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian said Iran informs its neighbors about what is going on in the Vienna talks.

Amir Abdollahian went on to raise issues related to the Vienna talks in the capitals of Oman and Qatar, saying that Iran informs its friends in the region about the Vienna talks. “They, as our neighbors, have the right to know what is going on between Iran and P4+1 Vienna,” he added.

The Iranian top diplomat noted that according to Iran, the achievements of Iran in peaceful uses of nuclear technology can be made available to all countries in the region and Muslim countries.

“Some of our partners from the Vienna talks are trying to cause concern to some of the neighbors by misreporting the news, but one of our goals in these talks and trips is to remove any concern in our narrative of the Vienna talks and our friends in the region also give us advice that helps in the negotiation process,” he added.

Regarding the achievement of his regional trip, Amir, Amir Abdollahian said that talks on various issues of Iran-Qatar relations were one of the topics of discussion. According to the foreign minister, a group of Iranian ministers are scheduled to travel to Doha in the coming days at the invitation of the Qatari government.

“Trade, economic cooperation issues in the field of technology and various areas of interest to both countries, including health and containment of coronavirus in Qatar, will be the most important topics of the trip, considering the existing relations of Iran and Qatar,” he noted.

Iranian transport minister visits Syria to pursue expansion of trade ties

TEHRAN - Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Roxanst Qasemi has traveled to Syria to discuss expansion of economic cooperation and trade ties between the two countries, the portal of the Transport and Urban Development Ministry reported.

Upon arrival to the Syrian capital on Wednesday, Qasemi stressed the two countries’ determination for achieving true economic and trade partnerships.

The Iranian minister, who is visiting Syria for eight times, said: “We in Syria want extensive cooperation with Iran.”

Speaking to the press at the airport, Qasemi said “The end of the war in Syria is the beginning of a new era of economic relations between the two countries, especially since Iran and Syria have been together during the years of the war against international terrorism.”

Samer al-Khalil.

However, addressing Parliament for the first time on Wednesday afternoon in a wide session the PM had to attend, Johnson has admitted he attended the party and issued an apology: despite saying he believed it was “a work event.”

Water transfer plan from Sea of Oman takes effect

TEHRAN - The Iranian parliament (Majlis) has approved a bill, mandating the government to implement a plan for transferring water from the Sea of Oman to the southern Bushehr province, which has long been grappling with water scarcity.

A budget of $400 million was allocated by the government in March 2018 to the project which also looked to transfer water to the eastern provinces of South Khorasan and Khorasan Razavi.

The project aims to boost production, expand industries and agriculture, and provide potable water to residents in arid areas.

Once an efficient permanent solution, water supply schemes are now being considered as the main cause of environmental depletion haunting many parts of the country leading to dried up lakes and rivers, and poor water resources management resulting in excessive water withdrawal is also a major threat to the country’s future.

Interim agreement in Vienna under consideration: senior MP

IRAN - Assistant foreign minister Mehman Parhizkar said on Wednesday afternoon that Iran is considering an interim agreement in Vienna that can pave the way for final talks with the P5+1 plus Germany.

The German foreign minister said on Monday that his country hoped to get an agreement by early next week with the US, Iran, and European states on a preliminary deal.

British PM Johnson has “become a threat”

IRAN - Iran assistant foreign minister, Mohammadreza Dehdari, branded British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday “a threat” to regional stability.

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We should not resolve the region’s problems through force, militarism and hegemony,” Amir Abdollahian asserts.

“Who armed and supported this predatory regime? We should be careful not to confuse the war on terror with terrorism against war will never be forgotten.”

A member of the European Parliament has recently announced that "the US and Iran's heroic struggles against terror will never be forgotten." In a tweet on January 3, Garey Daly said: "I am, therefore, pleased to announce a new project to bring together the voices of those who have been fighting for peace in Iran and around the world.”

General Suleimani's words are prophetic, as we face the challenges of today and tomorrow. The United States and Iran are at a critical juncture in their relationship, and it is up to us to decide whether we will continue on a path of war and conflict or chart a new course of cooperation and understanding. As General Suleimani said, "We are not for war and we are for peace."

The message of General Suleimani is clear: war is not the answer, but peace is possible. Let us listen to the voices of those who have been fighting for peace, and let us work together towards a brighter future for all humanity.
Further progress in Vienna hinges on Western goodwill

TEHRAN – Intense talks are underway between Iran and the P5+1 group of countries, but more progress is needed before the talks can be considered a success. Seth J. Frantzman reports that even if the talks reach a critical juncture this week, the final outcome remains uncertain. 

The latest assessment coming from the Iranian side is that while recent meetings in Vienna show signs of progress, a Western willingness to break with past positions in cautiously building trust is still lacking. In this context, Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian went so far as to say only a partial agreement has been secured. “The discussions are ongoing,” the top French diplomat said. “But there is a gap that jeopardizes the chance of finding a solution that respects the interests of all sides.”

The Tehran government is still hoping that the carrot and sticks approach will be effective. Amir Abdollahian, Iran's deputy foreign minister, said the discussions are moving forward. “The talks are at a critical juncture,” he said in Doha on Tuesday, a high-profile stop for the Vienna talks. “It is the right direction.”

In general, the talks are moving forward. Last week, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian said the talks are moving in the right direction and in order for them to avoid collapse, all parties need to show good faith. 

“Talks in Vienna are proceeding in the right direction,” he said in an interview with the Russian newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda. “We brought the talks back on a track in a constructive atmosphere. The Western countries, including the US, showed their willingness to go forward in a positive atmosphere to the good of the people of Palestine.”

The talks are ongoing. Today, the leaders’ meeting is expected to go beyond the exchange of opinions and move forward on a meeting of the Joint Commission, which will be attended by the foreign ministers of Iran and the other parties involved.

The meeting was part of Amir Abdollahian’s high-level meetings in Qatar. In that meeting, he also referred to the existing capacities of Iran in its economic affairs, given the existing capacities of Iran in its economic spheres, according to press reports.

The talks in Vienna are proceeding in the right direction, Iran’s deputy foreign minister, Amir Abdollahian, has recently said the talks in Vienna are moving in the right direction.

If the talks continue in this direction, it is expected that the final agreement will be reached, which will be a major step forward for the Palestinian people. The talks are expected to take place in a constructive atmosphere, and it is hoped that a permanent agreement will be reached.

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The Palestinian Authority has already expressed its support for the talks in Vienna, saying that the talks are a step forward in the process of achieving a just and lasting peace. The Palestinian Authority has also expressed its support for the United Nations’ efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace, and it has called on all parties to work towards achieving a just and lasting peace.

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From page 1: "We hope that the meetings between Mr. Oupam and Syrian officials will lead to agreements to reach economic and political partnerships between the two sides," he added.

During his three-day visit to Damascus, Qasemi, who chairs the two countries’ Joint Economic Committee, is scheduled to meet with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, the country’s prime minister, and the ministers of foreign affairs, economy, transport, labor, and energy, as well as the head of the central bank of Syria.

According to the transport and urban development minister, during the visit, "Managers should not be held between the two sides in various fields, including industry, construction, and infrastructure facilities.

Over the past few years and since the end of the war in Syria, Tehran and Damascus have been taking major steps for expansion of mutual trade ties and considering Syria’s efforts for reactivating the country’s war-torn infrastructures, the construction sector has been one of the major areas that Iran has been focusing on for the expansion of ties with the Arab country.

TEHRAN - Iran’s first geothermal power plant with the primary electricity generation capacity of five megawatts was set to go operational before the next Iranian summer, according to the provincial washing peak consumption period (summer starts on June 22), an official of the Tehran Power Holding Company announced.

According to Homayoon Azimi, the project is mainly completed and the works related to the washing of the power plant’s equipment were underway, which the relevant contract has been concluded and the works regarding the process of equipping the thermal power plant’s equipment have been started, Azimi explained.

Located in Mesqin Shah Abdollah, Ardebil province, the country’s first geothermal power plant is being constructed by TPPIH.

In Back to October 2020, Deputy for New Industries, Mehdi Safavi, the managing director of the production units, said that the mentioned units returning to the production cycle created jobs for 310 people.

As reported, the 11th International Exhibition of Mother, Baby and Child (MBC), a permanent international fairgrounds, IRNA reported.

TEHRAN - Three international exhibitions are being concurrently held at the Tehran Permanent International Fairgrounds, IRNA reported.

As reported, the 17th International Exhibition of Mother, Baby and Child (MBC) (2022), the Eighth International Exhibition of Footwear, Bag, Leather, and Related Industries (UPMEX 2022), and the 16th International Exhibition of Architecture, Building, Design, and Modern House (MODEX 2022) are the exhibitions that kicked off on Tuesday and will continue until Friday.

The opening ceremony of the mentioned exhibitions were attended by senior officials including Deputy Industry, Mining and Trade Minister Mehdi Baradaran, and Managing Director of Iran International Exhibitions Company (IIEC) Hooman Razaar.

Some 171 Iranian companies active in various areas including interior design, decoration equipment, Flooring, wall coverings, curtains, decorative accessories, outdoor furniture, lighting equipment, smart house equipment, new building technologies, as well as specialized and academic fields are showcasing their latest products, goods, and services related to the field of mothers, children, and infants.

The MBC exhibition is participated by 65 companies from Iran, as well as 61 companies from domestic and foreign manufacturers active in the field of mothers, children, and infants.

As announced by the head of Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization (SIMP), in the last Iranian calendar year, 1,557 stagnant and semi-active units returned to the production cycle, with a total of 35.37 trillion rials (over $1.12 billion), employing production for 27,000 people.

With the aim of reactivating stagnant units or units that are operating below capacity, 990 consultants from the private sector and the second market's offer market will be used for improving and develop the market.

Based on the next year’s budget bill, total production of productions, will be allocated to special entities to import certain goods. Experts and analysts believe that this decision is going to have a positive impact on the stock market since it will prevent rent and unreasonable pricing.

The draft of the national budget bill also indicates that the government will be less reliant on the stock market to compensate deficits and fund various development projects, which is another positive aspect of the mentioned bill since the stock market will be less affected by the politics and will follow a more rational and objective way to be created by supply and demand.

The government’s second priority, which is also vital for the profitability production activities and industries, and a promising market outlook, was approving a 10-article amendment to the law for setting up the Central Market Development and Stabilization Fund.

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NIOC head outlines company's operational strategies

TEHRAN - NIOC head, Ehsan Khadouss, outlined his company’s new operational and development strategies at a meeting with NIOC’s senior managers on Wednesday, Shana News Agency reported.

Speaking in this gathering, Khadouss Mehr emphasized the need for full cooperation with the government and stratification requirements at all levels and said: "We should try to implement the theory of optimal corporate governance system at the National Iranian Oil Company." He stressed that the managers in the company should mainly focus on overcoming the shortcomings by following new governance models.

"It is necessary that the approach adopted to lead their companies must be a knowledge-based one and all operations should be conducted according to program-based models," the official stated.

Finally, to be able to control the outcomes, it is necessary to adopt a system so that the results of the implemented programs can be measured, observed and measured he added.

Khajesteh-Mehr further pointed to the need to manage companies based on up-to-date models and added: "Technological approaches should be considered not only at the level of plants and projects but also at management levels."
U.S. not seeking to undermine Israel's military superiority in arms deals with Arabs: expert

From page 1  • Attempts to resolve the Yemeni crisis diplomatically and the withdrawal of the Patriot defense systems from Saudi Arabia, can be understood as a move to distance itself from its ally.

It prompted some countries that are interested in stabilizing the region and seeking a strategic partnership with the West to increase their political and economic presence outside the American orbit, in parallel with a French-Chinese focus on the region.

France is trying to fill the void of the Gulf states withdrawal from Afghanistan and its comparative disinterest in the construction of its submarine deal with Australia.

The situation is not without challenges for China, as it seeks to secure its increasing energy supplies through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, as well as the construction of a Pakistani-Pakistani submarine base.

The situation is complex and it requires a combination of political, economic, and military strategies. It is necessary to strengthen relations with Pakistan, while maintaining close ties with Riyadh and Doha. It is also important to maintain good relations with Washington and London, as well as with the Gulf Arab states.

However, the political influence of the Gulf states in the region is decreasing, while China's influence is increasing. The Gulf states are facing internal challenges, including political instability and economic difficulties, while China is a stable and consistent partner.

The Gulf states are also facing increasing pressures from Iran, which is seeking to expand its influence in the region. It is necessary to work with the Gulf states to find ways to address these challenges and maintain stability in the region.

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Iran sets new rules for inbound tourists from neighboring countries

Following the resumption of the tourist visas, visitors from Russia and France have travelled to Iran and we are currently experiencing a smaller number of tourists in Iran due to the current situation in the world,” he explained.

In November 2020, the World Tourism Organization announced that international tourist arrivals to Iran plunged 72% during the year 2020 when compared to 2019, highlighting the impact of the COVID-19 as the main factor.

The pandemic has taken a huge toll on aviation sector. For instance, airlines reportedly lost hundreds of millions of dollars during the busy New Year travel season.

Some experts say Iran has the potential to experience a tourism boom after coronavirus is contained, believing its impact would be temporary and short-term for a country that ranked the third-fastest-growing tourism destination in 2019.

Iran is potentially a booming destination for travelers seeking cultural attractions, experiencing the art of its historical sites. Under the 2021 Tourism Vision Plan, Iran aims to increase the number of international tourists by 2021 from 4.8 million in 2014 to 20 million in 2025.

Iranian handicrafts on show at Zanjan exhibit

TEHRAN — Collections of Iranian handicrafts and cultural heritage items went on display at an exhibition, which is currently underway in Zanjan, the provincial tourism chief has said.

Artisans and crafters from 12 provinces across the country have participated in the four-day sales exhibition, Mehr announced on Wednesday.

It is important to hold such exhibitions during the outbreak of coronavirus, said the head of the handicraft industry and introduce travel and trade methods during the pandemic, the official added.

Organized by the provincial Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Department, the event is running following strict health protocols and social distancing rules, he explained.

A variety of unique handmade products including rugs, Ghev (a kind of traditional footwear), copper dishes, and Finge decorations from Yazd province have been displayed in the event, which are protected for centuries in several Iranian cities of which the northeastern city of Zanjan is the host.

Rugs, knives, and daggers were produced and a lot of fine-making workshops were active in these cities. But due to their design, cat, diversity, and durability, Zanjan knives have been the most famous.

This traditional footwork of Ghev, which is produced in the Iranian platea plains for millennia, is very light weight. The Ghevs were more common in the past and was worn by farmers and villagers. This dotting has a very unique features. For example, it is highly suitable for fine, pleasant metal threads and selling them at their touch with each other with metal groundwork.

Zanjan makes a base for wider explorations with the architectural wonder of Siahbakh, the outstanding attractions of the Khat-e-Kare cases, mountainous nature of Mount Sabalan, and DOO Sar-e-Soleiman roads are nearby.

With 16 entries, Iran ranks first globally for the number of entries in the competitions of the World Crafts Council, as China with seven entries, Chile with four, and India with three ones come next.

The value of Iran’s handicrafts exports stood at 175 million dollars for the first quarter of the past Iranian calendar year 1399 (March 20, 2020 – February 18, 2021), Mehr reported. It added that Iran Hermes Council categorized during the mentioned months in comparison to the same period last a year earlier due to the coronavirus, damage the pandemic has influenced on global trade.

The Republic exported $427 million worth of handicrafts during the first eleven months of the calendar year 1398. Of the figure, $137 million was for the U.S., which is Iran’s largest export destination.

Iran’s handicrafts are classified into 3 categories. 1. Simple crocheting, in which the fabric is crocheted with colored silk yarns after a pattern is drawn. 2. Crocheting combined with the “Tabeh-dau” method. After the artist applies the color to the fabric, he cuts a specific pattern, replaces it with a piece of another silk fabric, and it is repeated. 3. Crocheting combined with the “Mehreng” method. Among all kinds, the fabric is crocheted with colored silk yarns after a pattern is drawn. 4. Crocheting with the colors of a metallic fabric, the artist paints the fabric with metallic colors together with the edges. This technique has been used to make products such as wallpaper, lampshades, drapes, bedding, curtains, bags, caps, and a few more.
Environmental houses, solar power plants launched to mark ‘Clean Air Day’

TEHRAN – Several environmental houses and a solar power plant have been opened in Tehran on the occasion of National Clean Air Week, Shima Ansari, chief of environment and sustainable investments at the Municipality of Tehran has announced.

Every year, January 19, the National Clean Air Day in Iran in order to remind and highlight the main factors in maintaining air quality, as well as promoting a sense of responsibility and citizen participation in protecting the urban environment and fulfilling social responsibility for the environment.

This year, Clean Air Week will be held from January 15 to February 1, with the theme of “Clean Air. Public Rights. National Will.”

Keeping the environment clean to maintain air quality, protects the health of people and animals, and improves the quality of human life as well as having better conditions for current and future generations are our main tasks, she emphasized.

Involving citizens in environmental protection is one of the main approaches of National Clean Air Week. This year, the event will be set up to inform citizens about clean air issues and make them aware of their civic and social responsibilities, she explained.

“By opening ‘environmental houses’, holding entertainment events and competitions related to the subject of the event, various training centers, holding conferences, workshops, and online awareness sessions with specialists, experts, professors and environment managers, the citizens will be encouraged to take part and help in maintaining air quality,” she added.

Air pollution is an important source of morbidity and mortality.

Air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year WHO data shows that almost all of the global population (99%) breathe air that exceeds WHO guidelines limits of high levels of pollutants, with low- and middle-income countries suffering from the highest exposures.

From hanging over cities to smoke inside the home, air pollution poses a major threat to health and climate. The combined effects of ambient (outdoor) and household air pollution cause millions of premature deaths every year, largely as a result of increased mortality from stroke, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, and acute respiratory infections.

Air pollution is a serious threat to health but why is it still so widespread? There are many different causes:

- Natural sources: The burning of fossil fuels in cars, factories, and power plants releases pollutants into the air.
- Human activities: The burning of wood for cooking and heating also releases pollutants into the air.
- Industrial processes: The production of chemicals and other manufacturing processes can release pollutants into the air.
- Transportation: Cars, trucks, and other vehicles emit pollutants into the air.
- Agriculture: The use of fertilizers and pesticides can also release pollutants into the air.

Air pollution is a global problem because pollutants can be carried long distances by the wind. This means that people living far from the source of pollution can still be affected. For example, people living in the United States who work for the Chinese government and who live in Beijing may be exposed to air pollution from factories in China.

Air pollution can also affect the health of animals. For example, it can cause respiratory problems in birds and other animals. In addition, air pollution can affect the health of plants. For example, it can cause leaves to turn yellow or wither.

Air pollution is also a threat to the environment. For example, it can cause acid rain, which can damage forests and other plants. It can also cause ocean acidification, which can harm marine animals.

Air pollution is a serious problem that affects people all over the world. It is caused by many different factors and can have many different effects. It is important to try to reduce air pollution to protect the health of people and the environment.
The text of the Divan

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Encompassing the greatest achievements in its genre, Hafez’ Divan (the collection of his poems) is a masterwork of Persian literature. It is considered one of the most significant contributions to the tradition of ghazal, a poetic form originating in the Persian cultural milieu. The Divan is not just a collection of poems, but a window into the mind and soul of the poet, Hafez.

Hafiz’s poetry reflects the Persian ethos of the 14th century, characterized by a blend of spirituality and sensuality, corporeality and transcendence. His poems, often written in the form of ghazals, are not just expressions of love and beauty, but also profound meditations on the nature of existence, the human condition, and the mysteries of the divine.

Hafez was able to capture the essence of Persian love in his poetry, crafting verses that are simultaneously simple and deeply complex. His language is rich in metaphor and imagery, and his themes range from the most intimate expressions of passion to the most abstract contemplations of the nature of reality.

In the 14th century, ghazals were a popular form of poetry in Persia, and Hafez is considered one of the greatest poets who mastered this form. His ghazals are characterized by their succinctness and their ability to convey complex ideas in a few lines.

Hafez’s poetry is also notable for its uniqueness, as he managed to blend traditional forms with a personal style, creating a new kind of poetry that was both technically sound and emotionally resonant.

The number of Hafez’s ghazals is controversial. It is generally agreed that he wrote around six hundred, but some recent estimates place the number as high as a thousand. The number of his ghazals published in any given edition can vary, as different editors have different criteria for what constitutes a “ghazal.”

The ghazal is a four-line stanza, where the first and fourth lines rhyme, and the second and third lines form a couplet. Hafez often employs this form to explore the themes of love, beauty, and mortality. His ghazals are not only pleasing to the ear, but also thought-provoking, offering insights into the human condition.

Hafez’s poetry is a testament to the enduring power of the human spirit, and his ghazals continue to inspire readers across generations. His words, with their beauty and depth, continue to resonate with the modern poet, as well as with the contemporary reader.

The Divan of Hafez, as we know it today, is a testament to the enduring power of poetry. It is a reminder that the human spirit, even in the face of adversity, can find its voice and express itself in the most profound and articulate of ways. Hafez’s poetry is a timeless treasure, a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who seek to understand the depths of the human heart and soul.

The Divan of Hafez is a magnificent achievement, a legacy that continues to shape and inspire. It is a testament to the power of poetry to capture the essence of the human experience, to express the inexpressible, and to endure through the ages.