

SHANGHAI (Argus) — Chinese polyethylene (PE) imports from Iran surged to 257,000 tonnes in September, up by 160 percent from August, after falling for five consecutive months since April. Imports of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) from Iran increased the most among all PE grades to 158,000 tonnes in September, up by 180 percent from August and a 6 percent rise from the same period in 2019.

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Yemen's Indomitable Defenders Retaliate Saudi Crimes

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Air Strikes Kill Dozens Turkey-Backed Militants in Syria's Idlib: Observatory



The Made-for-Each-Other Pair

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"In the Prophet of Allah there is certainly for you an Excellent Exemplar, for those who look forward to Allah and the Last Day, and remember Allah greatly."

The Best of creation was raised by God with the universal mission of Islam for the salvation of mankind and perfection of all humanitarian values, including a healthy family life that revolves around a loyal wife and morally sound offspring.

God Almighty thus blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) with the most excellent lady of his times, Hazrat Khadija (SA), as his soul companion in the prime of his manhood to share 25 years of marital bliss, during which the husband never took another spouse.

The sweet, eternally surviving fruit of this auspicious union that was solemnized in Mecca on the 10th of Rabi al-Awwal in the Year 25 Aam al-Feel (595 AD) was the Immaculate Daughter Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA) – the Noblest-ever Lady of all times – whose marriage to the Infallible Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) gave the Prophet such Impeccable Grandchildren as Sons, Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS), and Daughters Hazrat Zainab and Hazrat Omm Kolthoum. Although out of social necessity and in order to break the taboos of Jahiliyya the middle-aged widower Prophet had to marry in the last ten years of his life 9 other wives who were never equal to the First Lady of Islam, the eternity of his progeny was ensured through Hazrat Khadija (SA) – or more precisely through their Radiant Daughter, Hazrat Fatema (SA)

Addressed with the honourific title of "Saadaat" (plural of "Seyyed"), they are respected till this day throughout the world, while the most peerless amongst them, such as the Infallible Imams of the Ahl al-Bayt, have ensured the glory of Islam in every age through their self-sacrificing efforts – the climax being the immortal epic of Karbala.

Moreover, the Redeemer of mankind, the Awaited Imam Mahdi (AS), who will reappear in the end times to cleanse the Earth from corruption and oppressed by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice, is the direct descendant of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and the Matchless Khadija (SA).

These undeniable facts make celebration of the auspicious anniversary of the Prophet's marriage all the more important since it was his only formal wedding and was conducted with unrivalled splendour, as his uncle and guardian, Hazrat Abu Taleb (AS), arranged a three-day feast for the guests, while the wealthy bride fed the whole populace of Mecca for over a month in order to make the event unforgettable forever.

Our sincere salutations to Khadijat-al-Kubra (SA), the daughter of Khwaled ibn Asad and Fatema bint Za'idah (a third cousin of the Prophet) – a family which like the Bani Hashem had safeguarded the monotheist traditions of Prophet Abraham the Iconoclast, in those dark days of ignorance of the pagan Arabs.

The 25-year old "Maleekat al-Arab" (Richest Lady of Arabia), who had never married any person before and had spurned all suitors as unworthy, was indeed Divinely-inspired when she chose the future Prophet as her husband, on being impressed by his honesty and moral integrity as manager of her trade caravans, even though he was poor (having long lost his parents Abdullah ibn Abdul-Muttaleb and Amana bint Wahb).

Acclaimed as the "Tahera" or the Chaste for remaining single so far, the "Nikah" or nuptials were solemnized by none other than that primordial Muslim, Abu Taleb (AS), who along with his wife Fatema bint Asad (SA), had brought up his orphaned nephew as his own son.

No wonder, God Almighty says in Ayah 8 of Surah Zuha: "Did He not find you needy, and enrich you?"

These Divine Words are not a reminder of some forgotten favour to His Messenger, but is a clear reference to the change of fortune in the life of the 25-year old scion of the noble Hashemite clan.

In other words, it was a marriage made in heaven. Anyone in doubt about belief in the Oneness of Allah, the God of Abraham, by Khadija (SA), by her family, by her cousin Waraqah ibn Nawfal, and by Abu Taleb, are advised to ponder on the sermon delivered by the uncle while solemnizing the nuptials of his nephew, as recorded by the famous Sunni scholar, Ibn Hisham in "Sirat-an-Nabawiyya":

"All praise is due to Allah Who has made us the progeny of Abraham, the seed of Ishmael, the descendants of Ma'ad, the substance of Mudar, and Who made us the custodians of His House and the servants of its sacred precincts... He also gave us authority over the people. This nephew of mine Muhammad cannot be compared with any other man...he has sought Khadija daughter of Khuwaylid for marriage..."

Then Waraqah stood up and said: "All praise is due to Allah Who has made us just as you have mentioned and preferred us over those whom you have indicated, for we, indeed, are the masters of Arabs and their leaders, and you all are worthy of this (bond of marriage). The tribe (Quraysh) does not deny any of your merits, nor does anyone else dispute your lofty status and prestige. And we, furthermore, wish to be joined to your rope; so, bear witness to my words, O people of Quraysh! I have given Khadija daughter of Khwaylid in marriage to Mohammad ibn Abdullah."

These passages are indeed proof of the fact that Khadija (SA) and her family were staunch monotheists. That is the reason, the moment her husband told her of God's command to him to publicly proclaim his mission as the Last and Greatest Prophet with the universal message of Islam, she immediately believed in him. Thereafter, she spent all her wealth to feed, clothe, and shelter the persecuted neo Muslim community, to the extent that when she passed away, there was hardly anything left for her only surviving child, that is, daughter Fatemat az-Zahra (SA).

Even though the First Lady of Islam passed away in Mecca before his historic migration to Medina, her memory was alive in the mind of the middle-aged Prophet, who never considered the spouses he had taken in the last years of his

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Calls Mount for Boycott of French Goods

Macron Exposes Fascism in West



Protesters in Pakistan rally to condemn French President Emmanuel Macron's support for blasphemous cartoons against Islam.

PARIS (Dispatches) -- France has appealed for foreign governments to stamp out calls for a boycott of French products after Emmanuel Macron's public backing of insulting caricatures against Islam.

The appeal came as anger escalated across the Islamic world over the French president's remarks at a national tribute to the murdered high-school teacher Samuel Paty last week, with Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan calling on Monday for a complete boycott of French products in Turkey.

Paty, 47, was killed after he showed his class sacrilegious

drawings of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) during a debate on free speech.

After Macron promised France would not "renounce the caricatures", a furious riposte that emerged on Friday on social media under Arabic hashtags gained momentum over the weekend.

In a strongly worded statement, France's foreign ministry demanded that calls for a boycott of its products and protests against the country must end.

On Sunday, after protests in which the French president's picture was burned and Erdogan, suggested

his French counterpart needed "his mental health tested", Macron also responded.

"Our history is one of a battle against tyranny and fanaticisms. We will continue," Macron tweeted in three languages, French, English and Arabic in further provocation.

Turkey, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait and Pakistan are among Islamic countries to condemn the publication of the caricatures, which originally appeared in France in Charlie Hebdo, sparking an attack on the satirical newspaper in 2015 that killed 12 people.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah

Mehmood Qureshi said the French ambassador in Islamabad had been summoned to be given a diplomatic protest against Macron's "irresponsible remarks".

Insulting Muslims is an "opportunistic" abuse of free speech, Iran's foreign minister said.

"Muslims are the primary victims of the 'cult of hatred'," the minister, Muhammad Javad Zarif, tweeted, without directly addressing Macron.

"Insulting 1.9B Muslims—and their sanctities—for the abhorrent crimes of such extremists is an opportunistic abuse of freedom of speech. It only fuels extremism," he added.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said Macron's "irrational behavior" displayed his "crudeness in politics".

"Otherwise he would not have dared to embrace Islam in his quest for leadership in #Europe," tweeted Shamkhani.

"I suggest that he read more history and not rejoice in the support of a declining America & #Zionism."

Iran's parliament issued a statement, saying by supporting acts of sacrilege against Islam, the French government "once again proved its evil nature."

They said "enmity on the part of non-believers towards Islam's illuminating messages goes back long in history," adding those seeking to attack divine prophets would usually resort to the "threadbare method of mockery."

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Yemeni Drones Hit Saudi Airport for Second Day

SANAA (Dispatches) -- Yemeni armed forces on Monday launched an attack against a strategic facility in Saudi Arabia's southwestern region of Asir, in retaliation for the Riyadh regime's military campaign and tight blockade against the crisis-hit country.

The spokesman for Yemeni armed forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree said in a brief statement posted on his official Twitter page that a Qasef-2K (Striker-2K) combat drone struck with great precision a designated military target inside Abha International Airport on Monday.

He added that attacks against Abha airport and King Khalid Air Base near Saudi Arabia's southwestern city of Khamis Mushait over past few days come within Yemen's legitimate right to respond to the Saudi-led coalition's devastating military campaign and all-out blockade.

The development came only

a day after Yemeni army forces and allied fighters from Popular Committees targeted the same Saudi airport multiple times.

Separately, a civilian lost his life on Monday when Saudi border guards opened indiscriminate fire at Al-Raqou area in the Monabbih district of Yemen's northwestern province of Sa'ada.

Saudi units also launched barrages of mortar shells and artillery rounds at the border Razih district in the same Yemeni province, but there were no immediate reports about possible casualties or the extent of damage caused.

Saudi Arabia and a number of its regional allies launched the war on Yemen in March 2015, with the goal of bringing the government of former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi back to power and crush the popular Houthi Ansarullah movement.

The U.S.-based Armed Conflict

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Iran: UN Rights Report Based on 'False Information'

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Iran on Monday strongly rejected a recent report on the situation of human rights in the country, which was drawn up by Sweden, mentioning fundamental and structural weaknesses and shortcomings in the report prepared by the UN special rapporteur.

The review of the human rights situation in Iran was put on the agenda at the 43rd session of the Human Rights Council dated June 22, 2020, during which Sweden proposed a resolution extending the mandate of the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran with support of other Western countries.

Iran's rights authorities, in a report released on Monday, strongly refuted the measure and the Sweden-drafted resolution mentioning a number of fundamental shortcomings in the report.

Iran said the special rapporteur

is specifically "submitting a report on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran," but underlined that from a logical perspective, this report should have covered, both positive and negative aspects of the human rights situation.

"Unfortunately, the report focuses entirely on the negative cases and ignores the efforts, measures and actions which resulted in the promotion of the human rights situation in Iran."

Iran has also argued that the report is based on false information received from some terrorist sects and groups that have a dark history of killing thousands of innocent Iranians, and presently try every possible course of animosity against the Iranian people and alliance with the enemies, leaves no room for the special rapporteur to claim neutrality."

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