

Official Confirms Plan to Extend Gas Exports Contract With Turkey



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rector of the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC), said that Iran's gas export contract with Turkey will definitely be extended, adding that pursuing long-term energy agreements remains one of the

company's top priorities.

According to ILNA, Tavakoli stated that Turkey continues to demand Iranian gas, and negotiations are underway to determine the volume, method, and mechanism of the contract renewal.

He noted that the current export contract will be extended for several years beyond 2026, ensuring continued cooperation between the two neighbors.

Tavakoli also highlighted recent challenges in the regional gas market, describing it as increasingly volatile, short-term, and time-sensitive. He explained that the rise in U.S. LNG production, export restrictions in some countries, and pre-determined regional gas allocations have made the market more complex and competitive.

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Iran's Ministry of Agriculture has announced the establishment of a joint Iran-China Rice Research Center aimed at developing drought-resistant hybrid rice varieties with yields exceeding six tons per hectare, as part of broader agricultural cooperation under the two countries' 25-year partnership agreement.

Deputy Agriculture Minister and head of the Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization (AREEO) Gholamreza Golmuhammadi said that despite claims that food-related sectors are exempt from sanctions, most international research bodies except the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have withdrawn from Iran since 2018, restricting scientific collaboration and genetic resource exchange. He added that scien-

tific partnerships, particularly with China, have continued to advance.

Following reciprocal visits by Iranian and Chinese officials, including trips by the Iranian president and agriculture minister, six young Iranian researchers have been sent to China to receive advanced training in seed breeding for horticulture, oilseeds, wheat, rice, potatoes, rapeseed, and ornamental plants — all funded by the Chinese government.

Tehran-Vienna Direct Flights Resumed

TEHRAN – Imam Khomeini Airport City Company (IKAC Co.), direct flights between Vienna and Tehran and vice versa will be re-established by Austrian Airlines from Monday after several months of suspension.

“On Monday morning, November 12, we will witness the first flight of Austrian Airlines

to the country, and thus, during a ceremony, direct flights between Vienna and Tehran and vice versa will be re-launched after months,” Ahura Mohammadi, IKAC Co. public relations director said to local Iranian media Friday.

“Also, as a result of the negotiations and the joint meet-

ing between the CEO of IKAC and Stefan Wersemann, the manager of Lufthansa's station in Iran, we will have direct flights from Lufthansa within the next two months, and the direct route Tehran-Frankfurt and vice versa will also be established,” Mohammadi said.

214 Tonnes of Saffron Exported

TEHRAN - The head of Khorassan Razavi Saffron Exporters Union of Iran underlined that nearly 214 tonnes of saffron were exported from the country in the past Persian calendar year (ended on March 20).

“Nearly 90% of the saffron produced in Iran is exported and only 10% of it is consumed in the domestic market,” Gholamreza Miri said.

Noting that the exports of saffron have been upward in the first six months of the current year, he said, “It is expected that this trend will continue until the end of the year and the amount of exports will increase compared to last year.”

“At present, the Iranian saffron is exported to 71 countries in the world, including the European countries, the U.S., the Persian Gulf littoral states, Australia and South America, including Venezuela. This export covers almost five continents of the world,” Miri said.

Iran is the main supplier of saffron worldwide with 90-95% of saffron world production.

Iranian saffron is often regarded as the finest saffron available anywhere in the world. Furthermore, it is a nutrient-dense, health-promoting food. As a result, the medicinal benefits of saffron include lowering blood pressure, avoiding heart disease, lowering cholesterol, and boosting mood



and energy levels, among other things. It also has a high concentration of antioxidants, which may aid in the prevention and treatment of cancer. It also aids in the healing of the stomach, the belly, and intestines.

Despite the fact that saffron has a wide range of medicinal qualities, excessive intake may result in toxicity. Excessive intake of saffron may cause death in the human body, which is why it is advised that you should not consume more than five grams in a single meal.

In May, the director of the extract production center at the Academic Center for Education, Culture and Research said that Iran's exports of saffron extract with high crocin to Canada and South Korea has increased.

“Samples of our produced ex-

tracts have been sent to Canada and South Korea and we have received good feedback from customers. For instance, saffron extract with crocin above 55% has been sent to Canada and with more than 40% to South Korea,” Mahboub Habibzadeh said.

“A variety of herbal extracts are produced in this center and are used for various applications, including human medicine, food industry, livestock and poultry, and cosmetics,” he added.

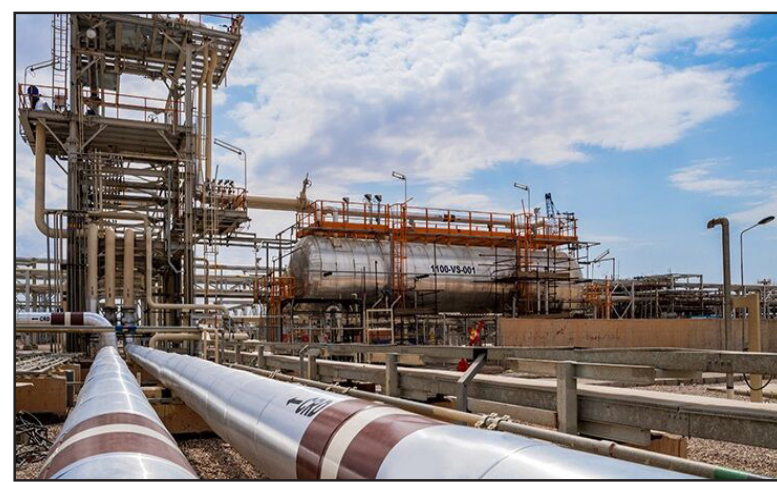
“Among the most widely used extracts in this center are thyme, eucalyptus, lemon balm, yarrow, and fennel. These extracts are specifically recommended for livestock and poultry and have antibiotic properties and immune system boosting properties,” Habibzadeh said.

Fourth-Stage Compressors Commissioned at Azar Oil Field

TEHRAN – The project manager for the Azar Oil Field development said the field has taken a major step toward sustainable and efficient utilization of associated gas with the commissioning of fourth-stage compressors. This follows the readiness of the Cheshmeh-Khosh Gas and NGL 3100 plant to receive high-pressure gas beginning in late October.

According to the Petroleum Engineering and Development Company (PEDEC), Keyvan Yarahmadi said associated gas from the Azar field has been successfully delivered since late March, while commissioning operations for the fourth-stage compressors began in mid-October.

He added that starting October 27, with the operation of the Unit 1700 (EXPORT) compressors, the associated gas produced at the field is



being injected into a 16-inch export pipeline at a pressure of 108 bar, in line with required quality specifications, and delivered to the NGL 3100 unit.

Yarahmadi said gas compression and dehydration at the Azar field are

now handled by seven compressors, enabling the steady transfer of processed gas to downstream facilities.

He noted that commissioning the compressors in the transmission chain allows for maximum utilization of the field's gas resources.

1st Exhibition of Advanced Nano Technologies Opens

TEHRAN – The Sixteenth International Nano Technology Exhibition and the First Exhibition of Advanced Technologies of Iran have been inaugurated at the Tehran International Fairground.

Vice President for Science, Technology, and Knowledge-Based Economy Hussein Afshin along with Secretary of Iran's headquarters for the Development of Nanotechnology and Microtechnology Emad Ahmadvand participated in the inauguration ceremony on Sunday.

Running from November 2 to 5, the Nano Exhibition features over 150 innovative companies showcasing advancements in nanotechnology. Meanwhile, the Exhibition of Advanced Technologies hosts 80 knowledge-based and technological products, attracting visitors, particularly students, researchers, and investors.

As the largest annual event in Iran's nanotechnology sector, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to explore the scientific and industrial evolution of the country over the past two decades. Cur-



rently, around 400 companies are actively engaged in nanotechnology in Iran, significantly contributing to the development of modern technologies.

These companies focus on research, production, and commercialization of nanotechnology-based products, achieving notable advancements in fields such as medicine, advanced materials, energy, and environmental science.

The exhibition also highlights innovations across various sectors, including industry, agriculture,

energy, and transportation. In addition to the exhibitions, specialized sessions will facilitate knowledge transfer, market needs identification, and international networking among technologists, researchers, and investors.

Over its fifteen previous editions, the Nano Exhibition has successfully fostered collaboration within Iran's science and technology ecosystem, with more than a thousand companies participating and hundreds of nanotechnology products introduced and commercialized.

Kermanshah Exports Exceed \$1.7bn in Seven Months

TEHRAN – The Director General of Kermanshah Customs Reza Nikravesh on Sunday reported that more than \$1.78 billion of goods exported in the first seven months of the current Iranian year.

Nikravesh told IRNA that a total of 4.17 million tonnes of goods valued at \$1,788,699,000 were exported from Kermanshah during the mentioned period, marking a 2-percent rise in value and a 1-percent increase in volume compared with the same period last year.

Nikravesh said that Khosravi Cus-

tom's took the lion share of the province's exports, with goods worth \$567,364,000 and weighing 1.25 million tonnes.

Parvizkhan Customs ranked second with \$495,711,000 worth of exports weighing 1.16 million tonnes. Soomar Customs came third, with exports valued at \$407,448,000 and weighing 997,476 tonnes, he added.

The official further noted that Sheikh Seleh Customs exported \$270,019,000 worth of goods weighing 387,000 tonnes, while Shoushmi Customs had \$24,457,000 in exports

weighing 326,000 tonnes.

Nikravesh listed the province's main export items as cast iron, iron and steel, plastic materials and products, fruits, vegetables and their products, plants, dairy products, items made of iron or steel, and goods made from stone, gypsum, and cement.

Kermanshah, a western Iranian province bordering Iraq, is one of the country's key trade gateways, handling a significant share of Iran's non-oil exports through its land border crossings.

Pakistan Vows to Ease Trade Procedures With Iran

TEHRAN - Pakistan's Minister for Communications, in a meeting with Iran's ambassador, said his country will facilitate export and import processes between the two nations to accelerate the implementation of trade agreements.

During a meeting with Iranian Ambassador to Islamabad Reza Amiri Moqaddam, Abdul Aleem Khan said that a joint session between Pakistan's Ministry of Communications and the Iranian Embassy will be held soon to follow up on the understandings reached and to speed up progress on related matters.

Emphasizing the importance of taking concrete steps to strengthen trade and connectivity between the two neighboring countries, he said, “We have witnessed strengthened cooperation between the two countries over the past six months.”

The Pakistani minister voiced hope that the volume of trade between the two countries would reach \$10 billion, adding that all necessary measures will be taken to resolve issues related to the entry and exit of Iranian commercial trucks at the border crossings.

For his part, the Iranian ambassador said the level of relations between Iran and Pakistan is currently at its highest point in four decades, noting that a series of high-level meetings have been scheduled for the coming weeks.

Following a recent meeting between Pakistan's minister of commerce and Iran's minister of industry, mine, and trade, the two countries agreed to raise bilateral trade to \$10 billion through the development of transportation infrastructure — a move reflecting their shared determination to expand economic cooperation.