Iran Ranks Ninth in Global Pipeline Gas Exports in 2025

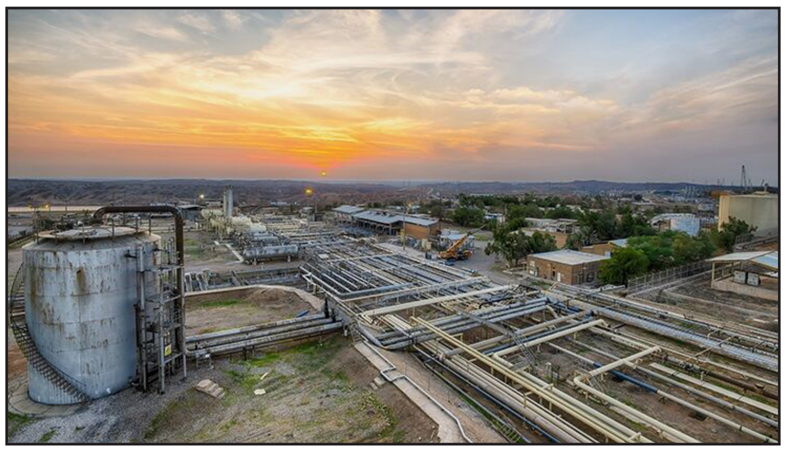
TEHRAN - **Iran exported 15.4 billion cubic meters (bcm) of natural gas via pipeline in 2025, making it the world's ninth-largest pipeline gas exporter, Statistical Review of World Energy reported.**

The report said that Turkey and Iraq were the most important customers of Iran's gas. Iran exported 7.4 billion cubic meters of gas to Turkey and 7.5 billion cubic meters of gas to Iraq this year. Iran also exported 0.5 billion cubic meters of gas to the Caucasus region. Iran's gas exports in 2025 grew by about 3 percent compared to the previous year, and in 2024 it exported over 15 billion cubic meters of gas through pipelines.

According to the report, Iran ranked ninth in the world in terms of gas exports through pipelines in 2025. Norway was the world's largest exporter of gas through pipelines, exporting 115 billion cubic meters of gas in 2026.

Russia with 101 billion cubic meters, the United States with 94 billion cubic meters, Canada with 87 billion cubic meters, Turkmenistan with 37 billion cubic meters, Algeria with 32 billion cubic meters, Azerbaijan with 23 billion cubic meters, and Qatar with 19 billion cubic meters were in the next ranks and ahead of Iran.

New Well Begins Production at Cheshmeh Khosh, Dalpari, Paydar-e Sharq Oil Fields



TEHRAN – **A new production well at the Cheshmeh Khosh, Dalpari and Paydar-e Sharq oil fields has come online, adding 5,500 barrels of crude oil per day, concurrent with the 30th Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting for the fields' development project.**

According to the Petroleum Engineering and Development Company (PEDEC), the 30th JMC meeting was held Tuesday in Tehran with representatives from the committee, along with experts from the engineering and development and production supervision departments of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC).

Participants reviewed the latest progress across the project's technical, engineering, operational and production activities. The two sides also discussed project implementation, future plans and measures to accelerate ongoing work.

Majid Najarian, the project's executive manager, said the meeting was held in a constructive and collaborative atmosphere. He said the opening session included a report outlining the employer's expectations for improving project execution, ensuring timely financing and accelerating operations, particularly by the Russian contractor, ZN Vostok.

He added that officials also reviewed the project's current status, production performance and ZN Vostok's plans to recover delays, especially those affecting key projects following recent incidents.

Najarian said that, alongside the meeting, a ceremony was held at ZN Vostok's Integrated Production Management Control Center to mark the startup of Well CK-26. Following employer approval, the well entered production with a capacity of up to 5,500 barrels of crude oil per day.

He said the committee also reviewed specialized technical issues related to the project. After concluding discussions and incorporating members' comments, the committee finalized and signed the minutes of its 30th meeting.

The Cheshmeh Khosh, Dalpari and Paydar-e Sharq oil fields development project is located in the Dasht Abbas operational area of Dehloran County in Ilam Province. It is the second contract awarded under Iran's Integrated Petroleum Contract (IPC) framework and was signed with Russia's ZN Vostok. The project is currently producing a record 126,000 barrels of crude oil per day and is progressing in line with the field's Development, Production and Operation Plan (DPOP).

Bandar Abbas Railway Axis Restored to Service Following U.S. Airstrike

TEHRAN – **Rail operations at the critical Bandar Abbas junction have officially resumed after being halted by a U.S. airstrike on Friday, according to the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development.**

The targeted junction, located 10 kilometers west of Bandar Abbas, connects passenger and cargo lines directly to the strategic Shahid Rajaee Port and the main Bandar Abbas railway system.

Meanwhile, emergency engineering and road crews have successfully reopened one of the two strategic Shahid Mirzayi bottleneck tunnels on the Bandar Abbas–Sirjan highway.

Majid Salahshour, the Director General of Roads and Urban Development for Hormozgan, confirmed that vehicle transit has resumed through the tunnel to relieve heavy traffic congestion along the route.

Salahshour also provided updates on several bridges targeted by the U.S. military aggression, noting that alternative routes have been successfully established. Traffic is currently flowing through an active bypass at the Shor River Bridge in the Dasht-e Imam region.

Additionally, a bypass was quickly activated at the Rudan junction bridge following a predawn U.S. airstrike on Saturday, ensuring that regional transit continues without interruption.

Renewables Seen as Key to Easing Energy Shortfall

TEHRAN – **A member of the parliamentary Energy Committee said expanding renewable power plants by industrial companies offers an effective short- and medium-term solution to the country's electricity and energy imbalance.**

Mostafa Nakhaei said the widening gap between electricity production and consumption, particularly during the hot season, has placed increasing pressure on the national power grid. He said expanding renewable energy projects in the industrial sector has become a strategic necessity to help address the imbalance.

Nakhaei said solar power plants are among the fastest and most cost-effective options for reducing the country's energy shortfall. According to available reports, thousands of solar power projects are under development in industrial parks across the country. More than 100 megawatts of capacity has also been built or is under construction for small industries, a trend he said could accelerate with continued government support.

He said renewable energy projects developed by industries provide an effective short- and medium-term response to the electricity crisis. Faster and more decisive action, he added, would help prevent broader power outages while strengthening energy security for the production sector.

Nakhaei said that if large and small industries fully meet their commitments and financial support and investment facilitation continue, a share of the national grid's electricity could be supplied by renewable power plants built by the industrial sector. He said the shift would reduce pressure on the grid, improve the stability of electricity supply and advance the country's transition toward cleaner energy.

Official: Pakistan-Iran Trade Can Hit $10bn

ISLAMABAD (Business-Recorder) - **Pakistan's top business body on Saturday said bilateral trade with Iran could rise to $10 billion annually within the next three to five years, from the current $2.8 billion, if both countries strengthen industrial partnerships, improve banking channels and simplify cross-border trade procedures.**

In a statement released on Saturday, Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), emphasized that the current volume of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Iran falls significantly short of its true potential.

Sheikh welcomed the recent engagement of a high-profile Iranian business delegation from Arak Province with FPCCI.

The Iranian delegation was led by Naser Beigi, President of the Arak Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture. President FPCCI urged the private sectors of both neighboring nations to move beyond conventional trade and forge robust industrial partnerships.

Sheikh explained that, according to recent data, the Pak-Iran bilateral trade volume for the fiscal year 2023–24 stood at approximately $2.8 billion, comprising $684 million in Pakistani exports to Iran and $2.1 billion in imports from Iran.

However, recognizing the complementary economic strengths of the two countries, FPCCI has outlined an ambitious roadmap to elevate this bilateral trade volume to $10 billion annually over the next three to five years, he added.

Naser Beigi, President of the Arak Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture, informed FPCCI that Arak province provides heavy machinery, engineering equipment, automotive parts, agricultural technology, and mining solutions, which are highly complementary to Pakistan's evolving industrial and manufacturing sectors.

Murad Nemati, Commercial Attaché of Iran in Pakistan, emphasized that the ongoing bilateral business dialogue is aimed at highlighting the robust manufacturing base of Iran's Arak Province. Opportunities for joint ventures were heavily emphasized across a diverse array of sectors, including agriculture, food processing, petrochemicals, mining, engineering, household appliances, and renewable energy.

Saquib Fayyaz Magoon, SVP FPCCI, highlighted the urgent need for a strategic shift in how the two nations conduct business. Pakistan and Iran are bound by deep-rooted historical, political, cultural, and religious ties – yet our economic cooperation remains vastly underutilized.

He maintained that to transform our mutual political goodwill into meaningful economic cooperation, the authorities must prioritize simplifying trade procedures; establishing formal banking channels and payment mechanisms; and strengthening our logistics and transportation networks. FPCCI will extend all-out assistance to Iranian and Pakistani businessmen seeking to formalize commercial partnerships, he added.