

President Pezeshkian Calls for Priority Power Supply to Iranian Industries



TEHRAN – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has called for the full implementation of decisions aimed at supplying electricity to industrial units, stressing that maintaining production and employment must be prioritized amid the country's power imbalance.

Pezeshkian made the remarks at a meeting on Thursday evening to review the latest status of measures adopted to provide electricity to industries. The meeting was attended by the minister of industry, mine and trade, the president's executive deputy and deputy ministers of energy.

The president stressed the need to fully implement the decisions already made, calling for the precise identification of the reasons behind the failure to implement some measures and the

presentation of practical solutions to remove obstacles.

He also issued the necessary directives to accelerate implementation and prevent interruptions in the operations of industrial units.

Referring to the country's electricity imbalance resulting from damage caused by the U.S.-Israeli war of aggression, Pezeshkian said the situation has imposed restrictions on various sectors of consumption while also increasing pressure on the electricity industry.

He praised electricity industry workers for working around the clock to ensure that, while meeting the electricity needs of households and public sectors, industries can also receive power to the greatest extent possible and "the country's production cycle does not face in-

terruption."

Pezeshkian underscored the importance of maintaining the operations of production units and preserving employment, saying electricity supplies to industries must be pursued through a "national perspective" with priority given to protecting production and jobs.

He warned that production stoppages could not only harm businesses but also have direct and indirect consequences for employment and the livelihoods of workers.

The president further identified consumption management, load control, improving energy efficiency and reforming consumption patterns as essential requirements for the industrial sector's cooperation with efforts to manage the electricity imbalance.

Large Wheat Silo Inaugurated in Iran's Southern Port

TEHRAN – A 70,000-ton wheat storage silo was inaugurated in Iran's southern port city of Bandar Abbas as part of the government's efforts to expand grain storage, processing and re-export capacity.

Agriculture Minister Gholamreza Nouri inaugurated the silo during a visit to Hormozgan Province on the occasion of Government Week on Thursday.

The new facility is located in a southern province with major ports, a strategic position along trade corridors and access to regional markets, giving it significant potential to become a major hub for grain storage, processing and re-export.

Nouri said the administration is working to remove some of the obstacles facing



the flour milling and grain storage industries.

The minister noted that Iran's silo and flour-milling capacity exceeds domestic demand and said the Agriculture Ministry plans to utilize the surplus capacity for importing, processing and re-exporting grain.

Under the plan, grain would be imported from producing

countries, particularly northern countries, processed into flour-based products and then exported to target markets, including African and neighboring countries, he explained.

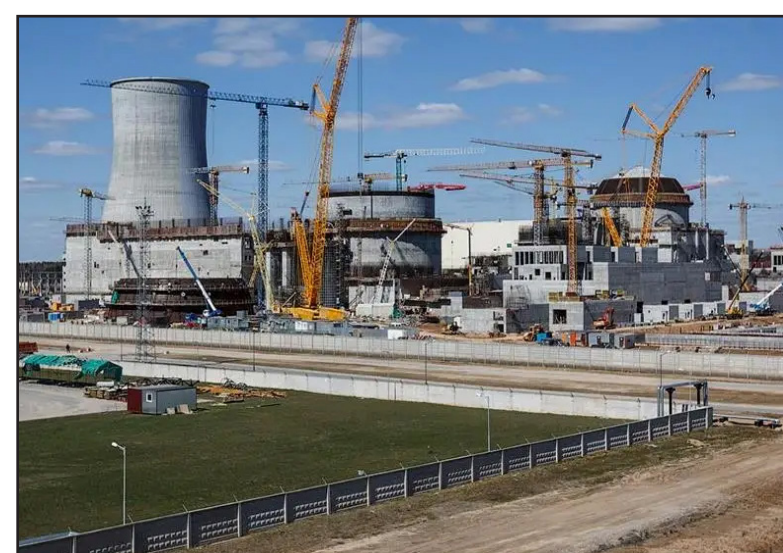
Nouri said the approach would help activate existing capacities while creating added value, expanding exports and improving the productivity of production units.

Rosatom: Construction of New Nuclear Power Units in Iran Will Continue

TEHRAN – The head of Russia's state-owned nuclear energy corporation, Rosatom, has announced that the company will continue implementing its nuclear power projects in Iran despite expanding sanctions and international restrictions, underscoring the continued nuclear cooperation between Tehran and Moscow in the field of electricity generation.

Alexei Likhachev, CEO of Rosatom, made the remarks in a message to employees on Thursday, marking the 81st anniversary of Russia's nuclear industry. He said the company continues to operate under growing sanctions and restrictions while moving forward with projects in several countries, including Iran, Egypt, Hungary and India.

Likhachev also said preparations were underway to commission nuclear power plants based on Rosatom designs in Turkey, Bangladesh and China, while new nuclear power plant



construction projects were being launched in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Regarding Iran, nuclear cooperation between Tehran and Moscow has entered a new phase in recent years. Likhachev had previously announced plans to build two new nuclear power units, each with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts, adjacent to the existing Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant.

In October 2025, Tehran and Moscow also signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the construction

of small nuclear power plants in Iran. Several days later, an executive agreement was signed for the construction of four advanced third-generation nuclear power units in Sirik, Hormozgan Province, with a reported value of \$25 billion.

Likhachev's latest remarks indicate that Moscow continues to regard the expansion of nuclear electricity generation capacity in Iran as part of its long-term cooperation with Tehran, with plans extending beyond Bushehr to include new projects in other parts of Iran.

Afghan Business Delegation Visits Iran Industry, Construction Exhibition

KABUL (Pajhwok) - A delegation from the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) has visited the 26th International Industry and Construction Exhibition in Iran, the chamber said on Friday.

The delegation included members of the ACCI board, the commercial attaché of the Afghan Embassy in Tehran, the deputy head of the Balkh Chamber of Commerce and Investment, and a number of Afghan traders.

The chamber said the delegation visited various exhibition booths, where companies from several countries showcased industrial and construction products, equipment, technologies and capabilities.

During the visit, the Afghan delegation held talks with companies, manufacturers and economic stake-



holders on trade and investment opportunities, joint ventures, and the transfer of knowledge and technology to Afghanistan.

The discussions also covered Afghanistan's potential in construction and infrastructure development, as well as opportunities for joint investment.

The ACCI said participation in such exhibitions could help strengthen ties between Afghanistan's pri-

vate sector, Iran and other regional countries and create new opportunities for trade and investment cooperation.

The chamber said it would continue participating in international exhibitions and strengthening relations with regional chambers of commerce and economic institutions to promote Afghanistan's economic potential, attract investment and expand trade cooperation.

Oil Set for Second Weekly Gain as U.S. Ramps Up Pressure on Iran

LONDON (Reuters) - Oil prices were steady on Friday and were on track for a second straight weekly gain.

Brent crude futures rose 20 cents, or 0.21%, to \$93.98 a barrel by 1307 GMT. U.S. West Texas In-

termediate crude was up 7 cents, or 0.08%, at \$86.90.

The Brent benchmark has gained more than 6.1% while WTI has risen 5.3% this week, with both touching their highest since July 24 in the previ-

ous session.

"The U.S. is taking a very firm stance against Iran, with threats of tougher sanctions on Iranian oil exports, and that's why we are seeing oil prices back above \$90 a barrel," said

ANZ analyst Soni Kumari.

Iran said on Friday that its response to any new U.S. threats would be "devastating" after Washington pledged to impose the toughest financial pen-

alties in history.

Oil prices have climbed on concerns over the continued curtailment of supply from major oil producers such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Ku-

wait.

Seven commodity ships sailed along the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, which was only half the previous day's tally, data from ship-tracker Kpler showed.