

Minister: Maritime Transport Remains Operating Despite Sanctions



TEHRAN – Minister of Roads and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadegh has described maritime transport as an important manifestation of Iran’s economic and diplomatic strength.

In a message marking World Maritime Day on Wednesday, Sadegh said Iran’s coastlines represent an important part of the country’s national and economic strength, while maritime transport plays a key role in sustaining trade

moving and developing the country’s maritime sector.

She added that the continued movement of goods is not merely an economic activity but also demonstrates that Iran’s vital economic routes remain operating despite pressures and sanctions.

Sadegh also stressed the importance of regional cooperation in maintaining security and stability in the Persian Gulf, saying Iran remains committed to ensuring

sustainable security in the strategic waterway and protecting the interests of regional nations.

The minister praised seafarers, maritime specialists, port workers, and others involved in the sector for their role in keeping Iran’s trade and economy moving.

World Maritime Day is observed annually on September 24, highlighting the importance of seafarers and the global maritime industry.

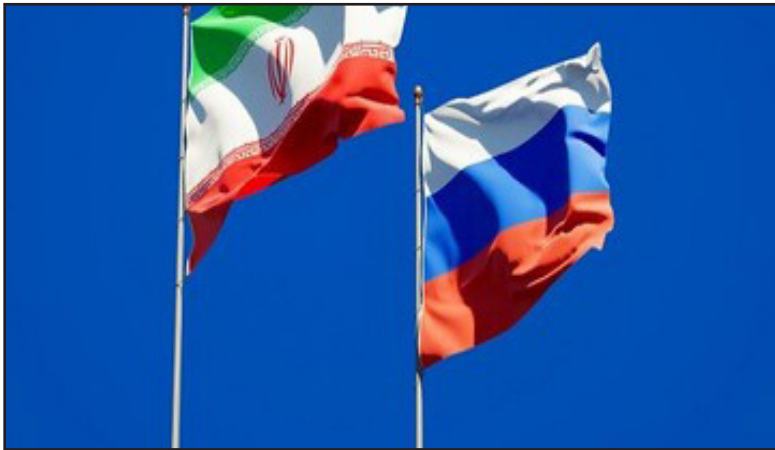
Tehran, Moscow Discuss Ways to Accelerate Economic Cooperation

TEHRAN – Iran’s Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad has said that a high-level webinar with Russian Energy Minister Sergey Tsivilev was held to discuss accelerating economic cooperation between the two countries.

On Tuesday, Paknejad announced that a webinar was held with Tsivilev within the framework of the Iran-Russia Joint Economic Cooperation Commission.

He said the meeting was held via videoconference on Monday with the participation of officials from both countries, and previously defined issues and programs under the joint commission were reviewed again.

Paknejad added that the meeting reviewed the commission’s previous achievements and decisions, while solutions were proposed to address existing obstacles and accelerate the implemen-



tation of agreements.

The Iran-Russia Joint Economic Cooperation Commission is a key mechanism for developing economic relations between the two countries, with issues including energy, investment, trade, and the implementation of joint projects being pursued within its framework.

And also, following a meeting with Shahin Mustafayev, Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, Paknejad said that the ground is well prepared for expanding energy and economic cooperation,

adding that the two sides focused mainly on energy cooperation during the talks.

According to the oil minister, both sides agreed that the issues raised in the meeting would be pursued by joint working groups to achieve results.

The geographical location of the two neighboring countries, their access to regional energy markets, and Iran’s access to an extensive transmission network have provided grounds for expanding bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the energy sector.

Iran Air Airbus Returns to Service With In-House Expertise

TEHRAN - An Airbus A319 operated by Iran’s national carrier, Iran Air (Homa), has returned to operational service after engine repairs, technical inspections and tests, and other required preparations carried out by the airline’s engineering and maintenance specialists.

The aircraft, registration EP-IEQ, underwent the process of returning to service relying on Homa’s in-house technical expertise.

Samad Sabahi, Homa’s deputy director of engineering and maintenance, said on Wednesday the aircraft had been grounded on July 29 after developing a technical problem in its No. 2 engine while taking off from Imam Khomeini International Airport for Iraq’s holy city of Najaf.

“Following initial inspections and an assessment of the engine’s condition, Homa’s engineering and maintenance specialists decided to remove the faulty engine and transfer it to the engine workshop for repair,” he said.

Sabahi added that, given the need to return the aircraft to service, the workshop’s available technical capacity was reviewed and the repair of EP-IEQ’s engine was given priority.

“The process relied on the technical knowledge and experience of Homa’s specialists and involved a range of necessary measures, including sourcing the required



parts, carrying out inspections and technical tests, and conducting quality-control checks,” he added.

According to Sabahi, after the repair process was completed and the required tests had been carried out, the engine was released from the workshop following approval by technical specialists and transferred to Imam Khomeini International Airport for installation on the aircraft.

“At the same time, Homa’s aircraft-maintenance specialists began the A-check process and coordinated the necessary preparations to ready the aircraft for service, with the aim of minimizing the time it remained grounded,” he continued.

Sabahi also noted that the repaired engine was subsequently installed on the aircraft and the relevant technical tests were con-

ducted.

“After completion of the maintenance work and issuance of the Certificate of Release to Service (CRS), an application for the issuance of the Certificate of Airworthiness (C of A) was submitted to the Civil Aviation Organization,” he added.

Sabahi stressed that the return of EP-IEQ to service demonstrates Homa’s use of its domestic technical and specialist capabilities in repairing, preparing and resolving technical problems affecting its aircraft.

He described the process as one carried out by relying on the technical knowledge, experience and capabilities of the airline’s engineering and maintenance specialists, with the aim of reducing aircraft downtime and improving fleet efficiency.

NIGC Holds First Gas Retail Trade on Energy Exchange

TEHRAN — The National Iranian Gas Company has offered and traded about 44 million cubic meters of natural gas for the first time under a retail gas model on the Iran Energy Exchange, NIGC Managing Director Saeid Tavakoli said.

The gas was supplied at the first delivery point in Sabzevar, northeastern Iran, and represents the combined monthly consumption of 21 city gate stations (CGS) stations in the county, Tavakoli said.

The base price was set at 6,211 rials per cubic meter.

Tavakoli said the transaction marked the first offering of gas under the Type 1 gas operator, or retail, model on the Iran Energy Exchange. He said the transaction could help operationalize new gas market mechanisms and increase private-sector participation in the gas supply and consumption chain.

Under the Type 1 model, a retailer receives gas at a designated delivery point and supplies it to end consumers, he said.

The gas operator program was designed to facilitate pri-



vate-sector participation in consumption management, promote energy efficiency and help reduce the country’s gas imbalance, Tavakoli said.

He described the Sabzevar transaction as an operational step toward establishing a retail gas market in Iran, saying greater transparency in transactions and increased private-sector participation could create new opportunities for managing gas supply and consumption.

Tavakoli also said trading of gas-saving certificates was being pursued on the Iran Energy Exchange alongside the development of the new mechanism.

The price of each cubic meter

represented by a peak-period gas-saving certificate recently reached 750,000 rials, he said, adding that the development of such market-based instruments was creating economic value for gas conservation.

The NIGC is pursuing the development of these instruments as part of new consumption-management policies and efforts to tap the economic potential of the market, Tavakoli said.

The approach could turn gas efficiency and conservation into economic opportunities for investors and the private sector while helping curb consumption, he added.

Flights Resume Between Iran, Iraq’s Najaf

TEHRAN - Flights between Iranian airports and the Iraqi holy city of Najaf have officially resumed, according to Iraq’s state

news agency.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported that Iraqi Airways has restarted its flight operations connect-

ing Najaf to destinations in Iran.

Meanwhile, Reuters noted that a recent U.S. waiver facilitated the resumption of

travel to and from Iran via the Iraqi national carrier.

The development follows earlier remarks by the Iraqi ambassador to Tehran, who

had anticipated the restoration of the Najaf-Iran air route within 24 hours.

The temporary suspension of flights between the two

neighboring countries had previously sparked strong backlash and widespread protests among the Iraqi public.