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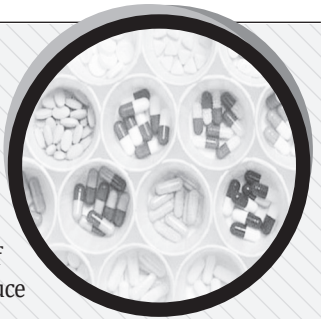
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Iran exporting biopharmaceuticals to 17 countries

Vice Presidency's director of biotechnology development department, Mostafa Ghanei said about the condition of biopharmaceuticals produced in Iran, "Iran's condition in this area is very good and currently Iranian biopharmaceuticals are exported to 17 countries across the world". "One of the honors and achievements of Iran in scientific field is to train young professionals that could fill available gap in the country in the field of producing biological medical products. One of the significant areas is to produce biopharmaceuticals that faces high growth," he added.

Describing Iran's scientific growth in field of biopharmaceuticals as significant, Ghanei stressed, "Nobody imagined, Iran which once was a country that imported biopharmaceuticals, to become an exporter and home-grown biopharmaceuticals to be exported to 17 countries across the world".



Headlines

Thought base of freedom: Iran President

Irenex To Gain, But Not Overnight: Zanganeh

48 Hours in Isfahan

CALL TO PRAYER TIME IN ISFAHAN

Morning call to prayer: 05:16:28
Noon call to prayer: 12:16:34
Evening call to prayer: 18:13:44

WEATHER



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Iran Has Plans to Neutralize US Oil Sanctions: Top Official

Iran has devised initiatives to foil the US sanctions on its oil exports, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani said, noting that the country has multiple ways to sell its crude.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has designed and put into practice initiatives that would neutralize the illegal US sanctions against Iran's export of oil," Shamkhani said. He noted that although the US pressures may inflict some costs on Iran, they could not undermine the Islamic Republic's resolve. Highlighting the great support that the Iranian society provides for the government, Shamkhani pointed to the high turnout of people in the recent countrywide demonstrations in celebration of the 40th anniversary of victory of the Islamic Revolution.



Iran's Central Bank Says to Introduce Company for Facilitating INSTEX

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Iran wary of 'spontaneous, emotional' decisions on JCPOA: Atomic chief

Iran will avoid making 'spontaneous and emotional' decisions on the nuclear deal, said Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi on Saturday.

As per the Leader's precise stance on JCPOA, Iran would carefully scrutinize the other party's measures under the nuclear deal, Salehi said.



Salehi made the remarks on the sidelines of an industrial and technological exhibition in Tehran, adding that the Islamic Republic of Iran would make a 'calculated decision' pertaining to the nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). He added that if Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and the JCPOA Supervisory Board come to a conclusion that Iran's presence in the deal is

not 'productive' anymore, they would issue necessary orders.

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Commenting on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) decision to continue suspension of counter-measures on Iran by June 2019, Salehi said it shows that the other party is not seeking to reach an impasse. He added that Iran would also review the issue and make a decision that serves the country's interests.

"Despite all the psychological and economic pressures, we also are witnessing that the youth with the belief of 'we can' and 'vitality' are moving forward and producing amazing achievements."

Iran, India, Russia, Central Asian Countries Should Jointly Combat Terrorism: MP

Speaking to the Tasnim News Agency, Heshmatollah Falahat Pisheh condemned a recent terrorist attack in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan that killed 27 Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) forces and said the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission recently held a special meeting to probe the attack and prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

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The lawmaker further said Iran should form a multilateral mechanism with India, Central Asian countries, and Russia to fight against Salafi terrorists backed by the US and reactionary regimes in the region even if it may irritate Pakistani officials.

On February 13 when a number of IRGC forces were traveling between the cities of Zahedan and Khash, in Sistan and Baluchestan, their bus was hit by the suicide car bomb attack. It killed 27 IRGC members and injured 13 others.

The IRGC's Quds Base said in a statement that an explosives-laden car rammed into

the bus, which was taking the personnel back to their homes.

The so-called Jaish ul-Adl terrorist group has reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack. A day later, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said there are clear links between the terror attack and spy agencies of some countries in the region and beyond, urging Iranian security organizations to seriously pursue the issue. In a telephone conversation with his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said his country is ready for any kind of cooperation with Iran to probe into the terrorist attack.

Staying in JCPOA or not depends on public will: FM Zarif

Iranian Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Friday that staying in JCPOA or not depends on public demand.



In an interview with Swiss newspaper Basler Zeitung on Friday, he added, "Some 51 percent of the Iranian people favor staying in the deal and we cannot do something against public demand".

Reiterating that European states should make practical measures in addition to taking political stances, Zarif said that when the US withdrew from the deal, these countries gave commitments in 12 cases. Special financial mechanism was not among the commitments; rather it was a prerequisite, he said, noting that the deal was concluded with the aim of normalizing economic ties.

Asked about US waivers for selling Iran's oil, he said such licenses have been issued not out of respect for Iran or the agreement; rather they are based on US evaluation about oil market.

Global community should decide whether US' encouraging and discouraging will be in their interest all the time, he said, noting that if they were asked to cut their trade

ties with China, then what reaction they would show.

Responding to a question if Iran's oil customers obey the US sanctions, how Tehran will react, Zarif said that there are other options available.

Asked about western media hype for inducing crisis in Iran, Zarif said that Iran is fully stable and calm, as it never relies on foreign elements.

Its stability is rooted inside the country. However, the people are suffering from sanctions, he said.

Elsewhere in his talk, he said that fighting terrorism is still underway, adding that Al-Nusra Front forces are still holding big parts of Idlib and a number of Daesh terrorists are present near Deir ezzur and even inside Iraq.

Terrorists have assumed new face. They went home and waiting for resurface, Zarif said, warning about the situation.

Referring to Zionist regime's adventurism in the region, he said that such adventurisms are always dangerous, according to IRNA.

Iran is in Syria at the request of the Syrian government, but Israel has violated Lebanese airspace and international regulations, Zarif said, noting that if there is something to worry about, it is Israel's behavior.

Oxygen 18-to import currency to Iran; AEOI head

The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), Ali-Akbar Salehi, said Oxygen-18, a natural isotope of oxygen, which has its uses in the medical industry, will import currency to Iran. Speaking to reporters on Saturday while visiting an exhibition on technology and industry in Tehran, Salehi expressed gratitude towards young Iranian scientists for their intense four-year-long endeavor leading to the production of the isotope of oxygen.

Calling it a great achievement which is done only by few countries, Salehi said "the development has rendered Iran independent of foreign contribution."

It will keep Iran self-sufficient and in a strategic position, he added. Regarding Europe's promise of fulfilling its

commitments to Iran nuclear deal, and the possibility of Iran's withdrawal from JCPOA, Salehi said as the Leader of Islamic Revolution expressed very clearly the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran, we are monitoring their measures; we won't make emotional decisions on this. "We will make the necessary decisions, based on the facts and accurate monitoring of the developments," he said, adding the supervisory board and the Leader will issue necessary instructions and orders, if they conclude that our commitment to the deal is ineffective. Oxygen-18 is used as precursor for medical radioisotope Fluorine-18 production, which is used in PET (positron emission tomography). PET is a type of imaging test that helps reveal how tissues and organs are functioning.

