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Tomorrow's Sunrise

5. "Nay," they say, "(these are) medleys of dream! - Nay, He forged it! - Nay, He is (but) et him then bring us a Sign like the ones that were sent to (Prophets) of old!" 6. (As to those) before them, not one of the populations which We destroyed believed:

Every Day Several Clients Ask to Buy Iran Oil

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iran's deputy oil minister says every day 5 or 6 purchasers send their request to buy oil from Iran, but the names will not be revealed as the enemies may misuse that information.

Amir-Hossein Zamaninia said at the time of sanctions, maintaining the oil market is not easy, but fortunately Iran has now found shadow markets that can be used to export oil.

Speaking at the 13th Annual Conference of Iranian Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Products Exporters' Union "Developing Law-Based Exports and Without Rent" in Tehran, the Iranian official expressed that there is an unequal economic war going on and in this situation maintaining the oil market is not an easy job, but some issues are surprising.

"We are not in a bad situation. We will break embargos and succeed in this war," the deputy oil minister for international affairs said.

He added that there are many opportunities to export oil products that are not used. Zamaninia further underlined that think tanks should be formed on the idea of exporting oil products, adding that to export these products new markets must be found.

He went on to say that in neighboring countries, such as Iraq, Turkey and Afghanistan, there are many opportunities for exporters.



Regarding the SPV, this Iranian official said "we are pursuing this issue on a daily basis. Although the Europeans are under the influence of the US, in Europe nobody has said that its implementation is impossible."

"If this mechanism works, it will be helpful, but it will not solve all the problems of the country. The launch of this mechanism will help expand trade and financial relations with Europe and other trading partners," he maintained.

Zamaninia emphasized that "We hope Europe will take advantage of the opportunities. The European Union has come to this conclusion that it needs to be more independent in its relations with the United States because of Washington's withdrawal from international treaties."

Head of the union Mr. Abbasali Eslami addressing the conference criticized the current contractionary policies in exports sector and delved into details of problems of those who are active in this business.

During the conference, government officials tried to calm down exporters by giving more promises.

Cathodic Protection System **Integration in Southeast District**



IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The cathodic protection system of 16 and 20 inch pipelines of Rafsanjan-Yazd route were integrated.

According to the public relations of the Iranian Oil Pipelines and Communication Company Southeast District, head of the corrosion engineering unit of the company Mr. Asghar Talebizadeh announced the success and said praisd hardworking and efforts of the unit's experts, adding that by integrating the cathodic protection systems in Rafsanjan-Yazd route, the problem of potential shortage or fluctuation will be resolved in the 16 and 20 inch pipelines.

He also pointed to the actions which were taken by the unit for integration. He reiterated by the integration measure, the problem of fluctuation in the amount of potential is now resolved.

"Iran, Cradle of Civilization" Exhibition to Move to Spain

TEHRAN (IFP) - In the coming days, the exhibition of "Iran, Cradle of Civilisation", which is now underway in the Netherlands, is set to move to a museum in eastern Spain after the end of the exhibition.

In June 2018, "Iran, Cradle of Civilisation" exhibition opened with the presence of Iranian and Dutch officials at the Dutch Drents Museum.

196 ancient works from over 60 ancient Iranian sites are displayed in this event.

This show included seven galleries including "Iran during the Palaeolithic Era", "Settlement in Villages",

"Urbanization", "Golden Age; Achaemenid Period", "Iran's Renaissance", "Sassanid Era" and "Iran and

Following this, a museum of Dutch historic items was also held in Iran. The exhibition was supposed to be held in the Netherlands for five months, but until now, it has been extended.

On the other hand, in the agreements between the National Museum of Iran and the Spanish museums, the two sides agreed to run an exhibition of historical works in both countries, and it is now expected that these

works go to Spain after the end of the Dutch exhibition. A few days ago, the government approved and authorized the holding of the exhibition in Spain. The exhibition will open in Spain late March.

In this regard, Mohammad-Reza Kargar, Director General of the Museums and Mobile Historical Assets said that these works will be displayed for four months in Spain unless the duration would be extended.

At the moment, the historical works are being packed to be transferred to the Archaeological Museum of Alicante in eastern Spain.

KSC Sets Condition to Return to Europe Market

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - By coming on stream of 2.5-million-ton-production-capacity pelletizing plant of Khouzestan Steel Company, the company will experience more profits in the upcoming year.



The CEO of the company Mr. Mohammad Keshani in a video interview pointed to the huge investment in mines in east of the country, adding that he believes the recent directives for return of forex resulted from the exports has created problems for importing raw material for the steel-makers.

He asserted that he wants the government let the steel companies to keep their forex resulted from exports in order that they can themselves take action for importing the raw materials which are needed for their business.

He admitted that due to reimposition of sanctions, Khouzestan Steel Company has lost the UAE and Europe markets and most of its products are now exported to the Southeast Asia and India.

He reiterated in order to find new markets for the exports, the regulations for return of forex should be revised.

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Call for Transparency In Tax Expenditures



IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - The second national forum on the role of tax justice in sustainable development was held in Isfahan with head of Iran Industry, Mine and Trade House, heads of tax affairs organizations and representatives of chambers of commerce and other related officials in presence.

Addressing the forum, Head of House of Industry, Mine and Trade of Iran, who is also head of Isfahan Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Seyed Abdolwahab Sahlabadi said that the process of taxation consists of three edges: tax-payer, auditor and the government and the government has not so far had a transparent report on how and where the collected taxes are spent.

He added that tax-payers feel no progress or change in their lives or businesses despite paying their taxes and the government should reveal where those collected taxes are spent. He pointed to the current economic hardship for the production units and workers, adding that unfortunately, Labor Ministry and Social Security Organization have not fulfilled their main tasks in serving the workers.

He questioned those who prepare the budget bills and added that while all economic enterprises are struggling economically and struggling to continue their activities, it is not fair and wise move to increase the ceiling for taxation and increasing the government's expenses.

Sahlabadi went on to criticize the government, saying that the government has not only failed in decreasing its expenses but also it has increased its expenses by putting pressure on taxpayers through increasing the tax.

He urged all provincial officials to be brave and not to close their eyes on wrong decisions which are made by senior officials.

First Platform of South Pars Phases 22-24 Platform Operationalized

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Production of rich gas has started from the first offshore platform of phase 22-24 of the supergiant South Pars gas field, operation of the project said.

According to Pars Oil and Gas Company (POGC), the



platform is operational and can recover 14.2 million cubic meters per day of natural gas from the massive joint field in the Persian Gulf.

Farhad Izadjou, operator of the phase's development project, said all the operations concerning hookup and commissioning of the phase's platform were carried out by Iranian experts who registered a new record in starting up the structure.

He said the gas recovered from the phase was carried to onshore refining facilities via a 32-inch sea pipeline which stretched 110 kilometers.

Four platforms are scheduled to be installed at the phase each supplying 14.2 mcm/d, he added.

The phase is being developed for production of a total of 56 mcm/d of sour gas, 50 mcm/d of methane, 2,900 tons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) 2,750 tons of ethane, 75,000 barrels of gas condensates and 400 tons of sulfur.