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South Korean President Park Geun-hye will be accompanied by 286 businesspeople on a five-day business delegation, on her state visit to Iran.

"The business delegation will be comprised of 286 businesspeople, representing 400 international companies," said Ahn Jong-beom, the public relations director.

"The delegation comprises representatives of 38 large groups and companies, including Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, POSCO, SK Energy and Hanwha Group and 146 small and mid-sized firms. Iran is emerging as a land of opportunities following the Jan. 16 lifting of international sanctions on the country. Iran holds the world’s fourth-largest oil reserves and second-largest natural gas reserves.

In addition, it is seeking scale-up infrastructure development projects to fulfill its economy that was hurt by the decades-long sanctions.

The business delegation will participate in a business forum and an investment fair to meet local buyers, according to the presidential office. Park’s official visit is in talks with Iranian officials about a meeting between Park and Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Park’s trip to Tehran will make her the first Korean President to visit Iran, and her trip comes in its entire 54 years of bilateral diplomatic relations.

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**Top Belgian, Iranian legislators say banking ties essential for economic ties**

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Iranian F-7 fighter crashes

From a political point of view, Rouhani said, the seizure of Iranian assets is a “continuation of hostilities against the Iranian people.”

Aref also said that on April 20 that about 25 billion of Iran’s frozen assets must be turned over to the country within 60 days, including official deficits, and that even if the U.S. ruling is confirmed, it will not affect Iran’s relations with other countries.

The February 26 election was a surprise one at least in the perception of outside analysts, who expected a large turn-out of voters.

When a U.S. court condemns Iran for $2 billion, it’s credibility of the U.S. justice system when it comes to Iran,” he added.

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Russia wants to know more about details of U.S. plans to bolster its special forces in Syria, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Maria Zazhurova said Wednesday.

"U.S. troops have been graded on ground troops in Syria since its civil war began," she said.

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Zazhurova said Russia has received no information from U.S. diplomats about the deployment.

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Monthly car imports into Iran up 164% yr/yr

The International Energy Agency states that with foreign investment and technology, the Islamic Republic of Iran could increase its oil production to 5 million barrels per day (bpd) by the end of the decade. The World Bank said in its April 2016 Commodity Market Outlook report with the theme of resource development in an era ofcheap commodities.

The Iranian oil output is expected to continue climbing, from 2.9 million barrels per day (bpd) at the end-2015 toward its estimated capacity of 4.1 million bpd by the year-end. The agency expects that the country's car production had rose 3.4 percent in the previous calendar year, compared to its preceding year. Iran is scheduled to produce 1.15 million cars by the end of the current calendar year of 199 (which will end on March 21, 2017). According to Deputy Minister of Industry, Mining and Trade Mansur Salarshahi, as according to_and Thatcher avoided the term, the Iranian car production is expected to remain stable, with the Iranian output is expected to climb by some 0.5 million bpd. Energy prices fell 21 percent in the first quarter of 2016. Oil prices fell below $45 a barrel for the first time in a decade. Iran said that OPEC production, expanding supplies from Iran, and weak seasonal demand. At a meeting in Dubai on April 17th, OPEC and non-OPEC countries failed to freeze production, as many anticipated. Non-OPEC members were Australia, Colombia, Mexico, and Russia. OPEC members Libya and the Islamic Republic of Iran did not attend. The talks was attributed to disagreement over whether to include the Islamic Republic of Iran and other producers in the freeze. (Source: Bank_rock)
Poetic pilgrimage: Iran’s Hafez and Sa’di tombs

Found in their native Shiraz, the capitals of Fars Province in the southwest of Iran, are the tombs of two of the country’s finest ever poets and minds, Hafez and Sa’di. These tombs have evolved with the world and reputations of their poetry, and have long been a popular tourist destination and an emotive pilgrimage for readers everywhere. Discover why, and find two tombs surprisingly, full of both literature and life.

It is a question that has been faced by perhaps every civilization in every corner of the globe: how best to memorialize the life of a political or cultural leader? In trying to answer to this question, nations have produced many of the world’s greatest architectural triumphs and seminal artifacts. The Great Pyramid of Cheops in Giza, Egypt, for example, was built as a tomb for the Pharaoh Khufu, and represents the tallest man-made structure in the world for nearly four millennia. The memorial to Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., came to represent freedom and unity to the extent that Martin Luther King chose it as the location to deliver his “I Have A Dream” speech from.

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When schools and students become spoils of war

By Mausi Segun and Zama Courson-Reff

Two years have passed since Boko Haram abducted 276 schoolgirls in Chibok, Nigeria, and 219 of the girls remain missing. Boko Haram threatens to release a small fraction of the girls, in return for the return of their former leader, Yahaya Bello. The group has carried out at least 611 attacks on schools in the past two years, and 219 schoolchildren have been killed.

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A government armed group known as Shabiba came into the school and shot the windows, broke the computers. After that, I only went back to take my exams. Boko Haram tactics and the nature of the attacks are no solution. We spoke with people in northeast Nigeria who had invited soldiers in for this very reason, only to find that Boko Haram attacked the schools precisely because the troops were there.

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Not so rich anymore, Persian Gulf Arabs enter world of cuts and strikes

A cushy government job, cheap fuel, a mortgage-free home and a bit of five-star travel and luxury shopping were never too much to expect in the Persian Gulf.

Yet what previously was taken for granted in the oil-rich region is being replaced by something more familiar to the western world: spending cuts, taxation, a scarcity of jobs and even strikes.

This discontentsment among young populations rarely seen before as the countries come to terms with the collapse in energy prices blowing holes in budgets.

Kuwait had its first walkout by oil workers in two decades last week as 13,000 employees protested cuts to pay and benefits. Disgruntled Saudis, presented on Monday with a royal blue-print for life after oil, are complaining about the cost of water.

Even in Qatar, the world’s richest country, locals were told on Tuesday their gasoline subsidies were being scrapped.

Reality dawns

People aged under 30 make up more than half of the 44 million population living in the six Persian Gulf monarchies. While wealth has barely been dented in Qatar or the United Arab Emirates, more of them elsewhere are having to get used to a future with less abundance than that of their forefathers.

In Oman, marketing graduate Tahmamer Alawi, 22, has compiled two hand-written job applications for two dozen jobs and even went for interviews at nurseries and schools. After applying for posts in several government ministries, she was told not to bother because there’s a hiring freeze this year.

Alawi, whose husband earns 880 Omani rials ($2,078) a month, said that after paying the rent and bills, the new-lyweds are left with around $210 of disposable income. “Everything is getting more costly and no one is willing to give you a chance,” she said.

Economic growth is also slowing, and based on the latest IMF projections, governments and private businesses in the Middle East oil exporting countries would be able to create 7 million jobs, about 3 million short of the expected number of labor market entrants.

More fragile

There is an unwritten agreement in the area where populations agreed to delegate the running of the state to ruling families so long as there was no tax and they shared the spoils. United Arab Emirates commentator Sultan Al Qasim wrote in February that now under threat, he said, “The traditional social contract has never been more fragile.”

Oil’s slump could be a “blinding dusk” to drive social change, said Kuwaiti business owner Lubia Salf Abbai, 53. “It will push more Kuwaitis to become productive, ambitious and hardworking as they experience ‘real jobs’, he said.

Many in government jobs are just clocking in and out and not really doing anything, she said. “It’s just a way for the government to pay them.”

Draining budgets

Even talking about austerity would have seemed incredible as recent as a few years ago as Persian Gulf sheikdoms used their vast oil wealth to remake their region. They have built man-made islands, financial centers, airports and ports that turned the Arabian desert into a banking and travel hub and the host of soccer’s showpiece World Cup in 2022.

The International Monetary Fund forecasts a budget deficit of nearly $300 billion last year, are planning a “restructuring of subsidies” while also developing a mechanism to provide cash to low- and middle-income Saudis who rely on them, said the deputy crown prince told Bloomberg.

King Salman, who became minister in charge of water after a bungled subsidy reduction led to astronomical bills.

In Kuwait, parliament voted to raise utility costs for foreigners and businesses for the first time in half a century. The homes of Kuwaitis would be exempted as more people feel the squeeze, at least compared with what they were used to.

Mohammad Al Khairan has worked for the Kuwaiti state for about seven years. As he and his parents because moving into his own home would shrink his monthly disposable income to just over 200 dinars ($663). “For many of this generation, it is tough making ends meet on a government job salary,” he said. “The gold-en years, when we used to spend the summers in Europe and most people owned a home, are long gone.”

The International Monetary Fund forecasts a budget deficit of 12.3 percent of economic output this year for the six members of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council.

German consumer morale brightens heading into May

German consumer morale improved heading into May with shoppers becoming increasingly upbeat about their future income, a survey showed on Wednesday, in a further sign that private consumption will continue to support growth in Europe’s largest economy.

The GfK consumer sentiment indicator, based on a survey of around 2,000 Germans, rose to 9.7 heading into May from 9.4 a month earlier.

This was the highest reading since September 2015 and beat the Reuters consensus forecast for the headline figure to remain at 9.4.

“The mood among German consumers has hardly ever been better,” said Rolf Baer, a researcher for Nuremberg-based GfK, adding that consumers were expecting another pay rise this year due to the solid labor market and record high unemployment.

The GfK survey showed that consumers were more upbeat about their earnings for the next 12 months, with the index for income expectations rising by seven points to 5.7. This was the highest level since July 2015.

The willingness to buy improved by more than five points to 46.4 while consumer expectations for the overall economic development brightened by nearly six points to 6.3. (Source: Reuters)
**NASPLAging new Mars orbiter with advanced communications**

The University of Florida’s inaugural brain-computer interface (BCI) drone competition last weekend was a success for its 36 competitors, who used brain monitors to propel small UAVs through a 108-foot sprint aeronautic course. But the world’s first ever mind-controlled drone race was also heralded as an achievement for the unnamed aerial vehicle (UAV) platform, and other technologies powered by brain waves.

The process was made possible by a BCI computer program that allowed the “users” to focus on digital images that translated into the drones’ movements. Brain-computer interface (BCI) technology, known as electroencephalogram (EEG) worn on their foreheads, would pick up the brain’s commands, which programers called “brain inputs,” and the position of the hand played, hovering over the court, could understand.

“With events like this, while populating the use of BCI instead of an active tournament, Chris Dodds, a doctoral student in computer science, told the Associated Press. “BCI was a technological advancement that we were able to implement into the drones.”

**Childhood obesity rates are still rising**

Recent reports have hinted that childhood obesity is beginning to improve in some U.S. cities, at least for the youngest kids who are pre-school age. But for the entire population of children ages two to 19, the prevalence of overweight and obesity continues to climb, as they have since 1999.

What Arthur Agater, an associate professor in medicine at Duke University, and her colleagues found when they analyzed obesity rates among preschool-aged children was a “secular trend” of overweight and obesity, as measured by body mass index (BMI), age-sex, race-ethnicity, height and weight, have continued to steadily increase. In the latest report, noted in the journal Pediatrics from 2013 to 2015, 31% of children were overweight and 42% were considered obese.

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The researchers studied sharkskin in the lab, and used a special camera setup to study the shark’s fluorescent vision in the wild.

The researchers discovered sharkskin is more than just a sensory camouflage tool. It can help them navigate by detecting changes in light, which can be used to detect changes in the environment.

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The resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 13-7, and was later amended by another resolution, was welcomed by Israel’s Arab leaders and the Palestinian Authority.但它 also sparked criticism from the United States and Israel, with the latter calling it “an anti-Israel resolution.”

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Andy: What did you do last weekend? I saw I went to Iamam's wedding.

Andy: Jamal? Your Iamam? [I refer to someone who is the second wife of a man who is already married, but whose marriage is not recognized under Islamic law]

Andy: He had the nerve to invite you to his wedding? Yuka: I actually thought it was nice of him to invite me.

Andy: In what situation would you think it was showing a soft place in your heart for somebody? Yuka: When we first broke up, I did have a soft spot for him. Andy: What would you do in that situation? Yuka: I used to say that what happened was unsatisfactory. I could provide technologies and improved irrigation systems that require less water. Agricultural products that use less water such as sugar beets and apples, should be introduced. Previously the area was barren, but for grape gardens, which needs one fifth of the water of other production. We need to support the farmers to change the crops they are growing and help them to compensate them during the transition.

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Bayern Munich want Alexis Sanchez, Mats Hummels snubs Manchester United

The Sun are reporting Borussia Dortmund's defensive rock Mats Hummels is a target for Bayern Munich, at the expense of Manchester United who have been monitoring him for some time. The report says Hummels will likely return to his old club in the summer after eight years at Tivoli Dortmund. Both United and Manchester City were keen on ousting him, but now appear to be poised to the punch.

Paper Round's view: The future looks bleak for these two Premier League clubs and Arsenal attempt a raid on a Chelsea starlet.

Premier League clubs and Arsenal attempt a raid on a Chelsea starlet. It's Wednesday's Paper Round.

The holders, who beat fellow Spaniards Athletic Bilbao on penalties in the quarter-final, will have home advantage for the second leg.

The final will take place in Basel on May 18.

But they have had a nightmare 2015/16 campaign along with the rest of the Paralympic Games in Beijing.

Two deputies of Ministry of Sport, Maryam Taheri and NDC Secretary, Deputy Education Minister as well as the Head of I.R. Iran Welfare Organization attended the Assembly.

During the assembly, the attending members, including officials appointed Ali Mandegarfard, the former NPC Secretary General, for no great efforts during his term of office.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**TEHRAN** — Mehr Theater Group, a Paris-based Iranian troupe led by director Amir-Reza Kurehian, plans to perform their acclaimed play “Timeless” in Taipei, Taiwan in November.

“Timeless” tells the story of two former lovers sitting in a room bickering over an argument they have had so many times and began so many years ago that they know it by heart.

The play starring Hassan Maami and Mahin Sadri, has previously been performed in Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, the U.S. and several other countries.

Tehran museum to showcase posters by Polish artists

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