Iran, India, Afghanistan pen trilateral transit pact

Iran, India, and Afghanistan signed a trilateral trade and transit corridor agreement on Chabahar port in Tehran on Monday, which allows the three countries to open new routes to connect among themselves, converting the Iranian southern Port of Chabahar to a transit hub bypassing Pakistan. According to Chabahar port India can bypass Pakistan and transport goods to Afghanistan and Central Asia, while Afghanistan can get linked to India via sea.

Iran launches music festival to promote environmental conservation

Iran’s ‘Takht-e-Mahalleh’ takes home various awards at best actor, best screenplay categories.

From crisis to development: Boosting agriculture’s role

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TEHRAN — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani separately met with the leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Monday afternoon. The Prime Minister and Modi and Ghani visited Iran to sign a three-way transit agreement on Iranian southern port of Chabahar. The text of the Leader’s remarks in his meetings with the senior officials of India and Afghanistan will appear on our website and the Wednesday issue of the Tehran Times. On the importance of Chabahar port, the Indian prime minister said, “History is being created”. Modi also said, “We want to link to the world, but connectivity among ourselves is also a priority. I will visit the port to boost the role of the underdeveloped port of Chabahar, connecting India through Iran and Afghanistan to Central Asia.”

Today is an important and historical day for separation of three countries”, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said in a televised speech, sitting between Modi and Ghani. “Our will starts from Chabahar today, but its end will be an all-out comprehensive development and economic-cultural cooperation.”

Iranian and Afghan presidents hold talks

For his part, Ghani called for expansion of ties with Iran in various areas. Elsewhere, Rouhani said Iran is ready to cooperate with the Kabul government to boost the security situation in the war-torn Afghanistan. “Stability, security and development of Afghanistan are very important for the Islamic Republic of Iran and we are ready to cooperate with our friendly and neighboring country in this respect,” Rouhani remarked. Afghanistan has been grappling with the scourge of terrorism since Taliban was formed in the early 1990s. Rouhani called “disappointment” one of the main reasons behind the spread of terrorism and said Tehran attaches great importance to Afghanistan’s development in order to establish stability and security in the country.

Velayati says Iran won’t allow Syria’s disintegration

Velayati said Iran won’t allow Syria’s disintegration. If the Syrian crisis and Tehran’s untangling support for Assad has been running themes in almost all Velayati’s meetings. In his recent meeting with President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus, Velayati had the resistance shown by the Syrian government and people against terrorists as “unprecedented in history”.

“Iran will use all its capacities to counter terror- rors regardless of their factionalism, ideology, moderate and extremist” he had said during the meeting.

Fighting terrorists is very important to es- tablish international peace and security, the veteran politician had noted.

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We need more concerted efforts to end conflict, alleviate suffering and reduce disaster risk and enhance resilience, prevent them from taking place altogether.

This, essentially, is the aim of the World Humanitarian Summit (23 – 24 May, Istanbul, Turkey) convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. It seeks to build on the momentum of an extraordinary series of commitments by the international community.

The recent adoption of a sustain- able development agenda to end hunger and poverty and to “leave no one behind”, a universal climate agreement, and a new framework to reduce disaster risk and enhance re- siliency are important steps in the right direction.

But we must go much further and radically transform how we perceive and implement humanitarian efforts. Crisis are not only humanitarian emergencies. Many are also about neglect and lack of development and as such cannot be tackled by humanitarian action alone.

In practical terms, it means moving beyond responding with short- term, relief measures, and invest much more in tackling the root causes of crisis. It means building resilience and strengthening the livelihoods of people in ways that not only drive recovery from war, disease, floods and other shocks; but also help to reduce the impact of these crises and, where possible, prevent them from taking place altogether.
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**TAHERI** – An Iranian foreign minister has said Iran will exercise restraint with Saudi Arabia on the issue of this year’s Hajj.

The foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, said in his weekly press conference on Monday on the issue of Hajj.

The minister said Iran will try to maintain calm and stability in the region and noted that the country’s position is not to interfere in the affairs of other countries.

**Modi-Moon meet in India**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart from Iran, President Hassan Rouhani, have had a “very good” meeting, the Iranian leader said.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif arrived in New Delhi on a visit to further strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

**Iran-Iran agreement**

Iran and Pakistan signed a deal on Monday to set up a joint commission to prepare for the second phase of the Chabahar port project.

The agreement was signed by Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Pakistani counterpart, Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

**India’s support for Iran**

India has expressed support for Iran’s nuclear programme and condemned US sanctions against Iran.

Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said during a joint press conference in New Delhi on Monday that India is committed to a peaceful resolution of the Iran nuclear issue and that sanctions are counterproductive.

**Iran-Iran cooperation**

Iran and Pakistan have signed a joint statement on the second phase of the Chabahar port project.

The statement was signed by Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

The two countries have also agreed to cooperate in the field of energy, transportation, and trade.

**Iran’s stance on nuclear talks**

Iran’s foreign minister has called on the world’s nuclear powers to return to the negotiating table and reach a comprehensive deal on Iran’s nuclear programme.

Mohammad Javad Zarif made the comments in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

**Iran’s response to US sanctions**

Iran has rejected US sanctions as a futile attempt to pressure the country and has called for the lifting of sanctions through negotiations.

Iran’s foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, has said that the sanctions are a failure and that Iran will continue to pursue its nuclear programme.

**Iran-Iran cooperation in counter-terrorism**

Iran and Pakistan have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on counter-terrorism and security cooperation.

The MoU was signed by Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

The agreement will help both countries to counter the threat of terrorism and extremism in the region.

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At least 45 people have been killed and dozens of others injured when two car bombs attacked targeted military locations in Yemeni southern port city of Aden.

According to the Yemeni officials, who spoke to various media outlets on condition of anonymity, the attack occurred at dawn in Mazrak area, targeting a military post. Security and medical sources told Al Arabiya English that 45 people were killed and dozens of others wounded in the attack.

The attack came amid an ongoing round of negotiations between the Yemeni government and the Houthis in the Swiss city of Montreux to reach a political solution to the conflict that has been at a standstill since a United States-led initiative collapsed in 2016.

A ceasefire brokered by the United States and Russia has facilitated the opening of talks between the two sides. However, the talks have not resulted in any progress so far.

The Houthis have repeatedly called for a complete and unconditional ceasefire, while the government has demanded a halt to all military operations and a withdrawal of Houthi forces from Hodeidah province.

The Houthis have acknowledged the ceasefire, but they have also warned that they will not abide by it if the government does not meet their demands.

Since the war began in 2015, at least 150,000 people have been killed and more than 360,000 injured in Yemen. The conflict has also displaced more than 3 million people from their homes.
The market has been overly concerned about the global economic outlook. The lifting of international sanctions and strong developments in the global economy have improved the investment climate for companies in Iran. Despite the lifting of sanctions, there are still some challenges that need to be addressed. For example, the relationship between the Central Bank of Iran and the government should be improved to ensure that the interest rate is reasonable and that the exchange rate is stable. Additionally, the government should focus on developing the infrastructure and providing incentives to attract foreign investment. As for the private sector, they need to adapt to the new market conditions and focus on innovation and growth. With the right policies and support, Iran has the potential to become a significant player in the global economy. 

Monsanto's latest offer to China's commercial seed industry was a significant development in the ongoing trade dispute between the two countries. The deal could have significant implications for the global agriculture industry, as it could set a precedent for future trade negotiations. The Chinese government has been under pressure to reduce its reliance on foreign technology, and this deal could be seen as a step in that direction. However, it remains to be seen how the deal will be received in China, and whether it will lead to further concessions from the US. 

In conclusion, the lifting of sanctions has created new opportunities for Iran, but it will take time for the full benefits to be realized. The government and the private sector need to work together to maximize these opportunities and ensure a smooth transition to a post-sanctions era. The challenges are significant, but the potential rewards are even greater. With perseverance and determination, Iran has the potential to realize its full economic potential.
The best cafés and coffeehouses in Tehran

Tehran's cafés are a prime example of how the city's cultural and intellectual life is maintained. They provide a space for workers to get some rest and relief from the harsh realities of life in the capital. There are many traditional and contemporary cafés in Tehran.

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Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour

Elevation to the top leadership of one of the world's deadliest militant movements does not come with assurances of longevity, but Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour's short tenure as head of the Taliban leadership eased away, and even al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri expressed his allegiance to Mullah Mansour as the legitimate successor to Mullah Omar after his appointment in July 2015.

Mullah Omar was a reclusive figure who remained at the head of the Taliban for two years after his death, our obituary explains.

Mullah Mansour was born sometime between 1963 and 1965 in Band-e-Taimoor, a village in the present-day Chistan province of Balochistan in Pakistan, which is a border region with Afghanistan.
Outbreaks of violence in Nigeria, export troubles in a divided Libya and wildfires ripping across the Canadian oil sands are reviving wagers that crude markets will tighten. Speculators’ net-long position in benchmark U.S. crude, a measure of how bets on a price increase outnumber bearish ones, climbed by the most contracts since March, according to data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

“The main bullish factor has been the outages,” said Michael Wittner, the New York-based head of oil-markets research at Societe Generale SA. “There are many outages, led by Nigeria and Canada. We’re missing a lot of crude.”

West Texas Intermediate futures are heading for a fourth-straight monthly gain, which would be the longest rally in five years, as evidence mounts that demand may soon outpace supplies.

Investors’ net-long position in WTI futures climbed 14 percent in the week ended May 17, according to the CFTC. Short positions, or bets crude prices will drop, shrank while longs advanced. WTI futures surged 8.2 percent on the New York Mercantile Exchange in the CFTC report week, and the June contract on Friday dropped 0.9 percent to $47.75 a barrel.

The market has moved into a production deficit earlier than expected following supply disruptions and an increase in demand, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Other banks such as Morgan Stanley, Barclays Plc and Bank of America Corp. also noted that supply losses are leading markets to rebalance.

“The disruptions are getting people concerned. The market was going to come into balance later this year anyway.”

The net-long position in WTI rose 10.4%, futures and options combined to 246,996, the biggest gain since March. CFTC data show. Short positions tumbled 24 percent, while prices rose 3.6 percent.

U.S. production

U.S. crude output fell to 8.79 million barrels a day in the week ended May 13, the least since September 2014, an Energy Information Administration report showed. Gasoline use averaged 9.16 million barrels a day in the four weeks ended May 13, the highest seasonal level in at least a decade, EIA data show. In other markets, net bullish bets on Nymex gasoline surged 5.3 percent to 23,776 contracts. Gasoline futures increased 10 percent in the period. Net bullish wagers on U.S. ultra-low sulfur diesel more than doubled to 5,862 contracts, the highest since July 2014, as futures climbed 9.7 percent.

Managed money bets will shift if the disruptions are reduced, Wittner said. Canadian output would rebound in weeks if the weather cooperates, said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research in Winchester, Massachusetts.

Alberta officials are counting on cool, humid weather in the coming days to help them better contain the wildfire. More success in keeping the flames at bay and improved air quality are needed before workers will be allowed to return to facilities, including some of Suncor Energy Inc.’s and Encana Canada Ltd.’s minor north of Fort McMurray, officials said in a media briefing on Friday.

“This is especially true given the thesis that the market was going to come into balance later this year anyway.”

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Harvard and ReWalk Robotics to develop wearable exosuits for disable people

There are case reports of people with no previously known risks having a heart attack after a nightmare, though they appear to be quite rare.

No studies have been done to determine just how rare nightmare-induced heart attacks might be, and experts do not know whether they may result from the pulse-racing effects of the frightening dream itself.

Nightmares are more commonly seen in the rapid eye movement (REM) phase of sleep, which gets longer as the night progresses. Therefore, nightmares are more likely to occur in the early morning hours. Heart attacks, too, are most common in the early morning hours, when internal body clocks start secreting stress hormones and blood pressure medications, she said. Anxiety and depression have also been linked to increased risk of nightmares.

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On the flip side, patients with heart disease often have deep apneas, a period of disordered breathing that can lead to fragmented sleep, and potentially more nightmares.

The agreement with ReWalk will help speed the design of assistive exosuits that could help patients suffering from stroke and multiple sclerosis (MS) to regain mobility.

“This is a very exciting day for the soft exosuit technology,” said Conor Walsh, who is the John L. Loeb Associate Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS), founder of the Harvard BioDesign Lab and a Core Faculty Member at the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering.

“We are excited to combine our commercialization expertise and experience in the area of wearable robotics and complements our translation-focused research,” Walsh said.

The soft exosuit – which is a soft wearable robot that is the first of its kind – was developed by Walsh and his team through extensive prototyping that included the input of roboticists, mechanical and biomedical engineers, apparel designers, and software engineers. Walsh’s collaborators also include Terry Mills and Ken Holt, both faculty members at Boston University’s Department of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training.

“What makes the soft exosuit’s development unique is the extreme multidisciplinary nature of the work. In addition to our varied technical expertise as a team, our research with voluntary study participants has been central to our understanding of how we need to design and build these exosuits,” said Kathleen D’OroNde, who has been leading the team at the Wyss Institute with Walsh.

Over the course of its development, the soft exosuit has been the catalyst for entirely new forms of functional textiles, flexible power systems and control strategies that integrate the suit and its wearer in ways that mimic the natural biomechanics of the human musculoskeletal system.

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Can nightmares cause a heart attack?

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(Source: The NYT)
Labor leader preparing to call for Tony Blair's war crimes trial

Israel's forces kill Palestinian woman near al-Quds

One thing needs to be clarified is that the Nansha Islands in the South China Sea has been China's territory since ancient times. Every Chinese government has exercised effective jurisdiction over them during the whole process of being invaded and occupied by Japan. At the end of the war, it was recovered by China in accordance with the 1945 Potsdam Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation. It is widely recognized by the international community that the Nansha Islands belong to China in the following decades.

Bank Shahi holds int'l conference on urban economics in Tehran

Israelis force woman out of her al-Quds home

A Palestinian woman has been shot and killed by Israeli troops in the occupied Palestinian territories. Authorities said the woman was shot dead near the site of the last day's clashes. The Israeli security forces said the woman was killed by a tear gas canister fired by Israeli troops.

A woman in her 60s was killed when Israeli soldiers fired a tear gas canister at her home in the West Bank town of Al-Bireh. The Israeli military said the woman was killed by a tear gas canister that was set off by Israeli soldiers.

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Pop calls on France to respect Muslim women Hijab

Pop star Luffina Lourduraj has urged France to respect the right of Muslim women to wear headscarfs, as well as their right to profess their faith.

In aMedium comment posted on Wednesday, the head of the World Bank said on Wednesday.

*“We are now telling them it is too late to risk their futures.”*

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Lankarani, who oversaw the health of society in relation to women’s health, added that the heart will reach 60 percent in the next 4 or 5 years, he said.

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Health experts say the first 1,000 days of a baby’s life from conception are critical for physical and mental development.

Women who delay pregnancy, space their births and receive proper nutrition and healthcare before, during and after pregnancy are more likely to be healthier and stronger children.

Kim said brain scans showed that children who don’t have sufficient nutrition or stimulation in their early years have fewer neural connections which impacts their cognitive potential.

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Sepahan confirms Veisi as new head coach

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Veisi, who led Esfahan Khuzestan to Iran Professional League title in the historic 2015-16 season, will try to lead Sepahan back to glory days.

Veisi had a poor performance in the Iran Professional League and finished in 11th place.

“We won the league title with Esfahan Khuzestan but I decided to leave as we didn’t come to an agreement with the club officials,” Veisi said.

“I played nine years at Sepahan and I love this team. They offered me the job and I accepted it. I would like to request all Sepahan fans to support the team and we will try our best to bring the glory days back to the team,” Veisi added.

Sepahan started the 2015-16 league with Hossein Faraki as the head coach but he left after just 11 weeks, then the club appointed Croatian Igor Stimac as his successor but he couldn’t manage more than 15 games and resigned.

In the final four weeks of the league, Ghaem Zaghiemajd appointed as the interim coach until the end of the season.

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Iranian national bodybuilding squad has hulked into the top category.

Vatif snatched another gold in the minus 85-kilogram category.

Nasir Zandi also snatched another gold in the minus 100-kilogram class. Ramezan Ghanbarlou also claimed gold medals in the 90-kilogram and 80-kilogram weight sections.

In the minus 70-kilogram division, Bahram Nikpour added a gold medal and Reza Zarghami claimed another gold in the 95-kilogram division.

In the 50th edition of AFBF Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship, Iran also finished in third place, and were awarded gold medals in the minus 70-kilogram and 80-kilogram weight sections.

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