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Iran's 4-month crude steel output up 6% yr/yr: WSA

TEHRAN — Production of crude steel in Iran stood at 8.388 million tons during the first four months of 2019, indicating six percent rise from 7.917 million tons in the same period of time in 2018, according to the latest data released by the World Steel Association (WSA).

The WSA data put the world's steel producers' output at 599.857 million

tons during the four-month period of this year, indicating 4.8 percent growth from the same time span of the past year.

The report released by the World Steel Association indicated that Iran has produced 2.165 million tons of crude steel in April 2019, rising 2.8 percent from 2.106 million-ton output in April 2018. **→4**

Zarif says 'actions' and 'not words' will show Trump's intent

TEHRAN — In response to President Donald Trump who said on Monday that the United States in not seeking "regime change" in Iran, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said it is "actions" and "not words" which will show Trump's real intention. "Actions - not words - will show whether or not that's Donald Trump's intent," Zarif tweeted on Monday.

In a joint press conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo, Trump

said, "We aren't looking for regime change - I just want to make that clear. We are looking for no nuclear weapons," Trump said.

In his Twitter post, Zarif insisted that Iran was not seeking nuclear weapons, referring to an edict by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who has declared production, stockpiling and use of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), including nuclear arms, as haram (religiously banned). **→2**

French hypocrisy toward Yemen war

TEHRAN — French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Tuesday reiterated calls for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to end a conflict in Yemen that he described as a "dirty war".

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian cargo ship is set to arrive in the south of France to pick up munitions, according to a media report, rekindling criticism of weapons

sales, which human rights groups say are being used in the devastating war in Yemen. AFP reported.

The shipment was revealed by investigative website Disclose, whose reporting on a similar shipment of French weapons earlier this month led to pressure that prompted Riyadh to renounce loading the weapons. **→13**



ARTICLE

Hamid Bayati
Tehran Times journalist

Nasrallah warns against changes in Middle East

These days, Middle East is facing a torrent of events that seem to be born out of conspiracies and compromises. The changes that will threaten the peace in the region. It seems that U.S. President, Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are trying to draw their own advantages by carrying out new plans in Middle East.

On the one hand, we see that the West, U.S. and the Zionist Regime are increasing their measures against Syria. After years of war and military activity in Syria was proved to be fruitless and the western countries did not gain what they wanted, they are now trying to reach their goals by exerting enormous pressure on Syria and placing the country under a new round of sanctions.

These countries, On the other hand, are doing their best to prevent the Syrian refugees from going back to their country and they have now come up with new ideas such as chemical attacks in Syria.

In the same time, the Deal of the Century is taking its first steps. The deal starts from Bahrain in the form of sessions and economic workshops and will gradually expand to other areas. Everything is moving on quickly and Trump seeks to serve the Zionist regime the best.

For carrying out the Deal of the Century, Trump is trying to put the maximum amount of pressure on Arab countries, but he shows them no respect and expect them to follow his orders without no question.

Amid all these tensions, Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, the secretary general of the Lebanese political and paramilitary party Hezbollah pointed out some critical issues in his recent speech:

- Warning that the Deal of the Century is based on an ominous plot to destroy Palestinians' hopes and dreams.

- U.S. and the Zionist regime have conspired so that Palestinian refugees lose their right for going back to their country.

- The first stage of the Deal of the Century will begin by Manama session.

- Advising Lebanese and Palestinian officials to devise plans against the plot for prohibiting Palestinians from returning to their home land. **→13**

Iran and U.S. game, chicken game or prisoner's dilemma?

BY Javad Heirannia

AHTRIBUNE — According to game theory, the type of Iran-US behavior can be studied in the form of models. This theory also enables us to create a model for their behavior. Based on this, in the critical circumstances of two countries chicken game can indicate the behavior of Iran and America behavior and determine their strategy towards each other.

Chicken game is an effective model for studying intersections of two players in Game theory. The worst result is gained when none of two players

who are not inclined to give up - stop fighting. I this game two drivers with high speed drive towards each other, one of them must deviate from the way otherwise they will clash with each other and will be killed. The driver that has deviated from the way because of being coward is called Chicken and is the loser and the driver who still remains in the path is the winner.

In fact, the status and reputation that you gain because of this game are very high; continuing and not continuing it the game both leads to a lose-lose result. In other words, the players will

be trapped in a vague situation. If they continue the game, then death or perpetual palsy will be inevitable. And if they continue competing despite being survived, they will lose their reputation and status which somehow is equal to death.

Trump's behavior towards Iran is something like this game. On another hand, Trump in this game has tried to pretend himself an unpredictable and moody person who might behave in various ways (Madman Theory). In this way, his baselessness words mostly seem realistic rather than a bluff. **→7**

Will Hillary Clinton support Biden?

By Saeed Sobhani

TEHRAN — Although Hillary Clinton, a U.S. Democrat candidate in the 2016 presidential election, is no longer in the 2010 presidential election but seems to be trying to play a strong role in supporting the Democratic candidates in the upcoming US presidential election. Hillary Clinton's goal is to restore his position in the Democratic Party. Hillary Clinton is keen to gain

his previous position in the Democratic Party after defeating the two presidential elections (2008 and 2016). This is while Hillary Clinton no longer has any hope of conquering the White House and attending the top political and executive equations of the United States.

In the presidential elections of 2020, Hillary Clinton seems to finally announce her support for Joe Biden. As The Hill reported, Former Vice

President Joe Biden is the overwhelming favorite of people who formerly supported Hillary Clinton's successful 2016 bid to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, a new poll released Thursday found. In a Hill-HarrisX survey of registered voters who identified as Democrats or Democratic-leaning independents who backed Clinton, Biden was named by 41 percent as their pick to be the party's 2020 presidential nominee. **→6**

The traditional German parties are in danger

By Hanif Ghaffari

TEHRAN — As much time passes, Merkel's power is at the head of the political and administrative equations of Berlin. It should not be forgotten that the German Chancellor was in the past a symbol of unity in the European Union and the Eurozone. However, today Angela Merkel has become the symbol of EU power cuts! Now, the two Christian and Social Democrats, which are the most traditional German parties, are not very

popular with German voters. This could lead to profound changes on the political, economic and social scene of Germany. On the other hand, it is widely accepted that any change in Germany will also affect other European countries.

Now, the German Chancellor is concerned about his political future, on the one hand, and worried about the fate of the European Union and the Eurozone. However, it must be admitted that Angela Merkel is also involved in shaping the situation! The

economic policies of austerity imposed by the German Chancellor and his unnecessary accompaniment to many of the Democratic and Republican Party policies and policies in the United States have played an important role in creating the current situation. It's a difficult time for the Chancellor of Germany! She had to pass the power inside the Christian Democrat Party to her rival, Kramp-Karrenbauer. In a conference, Karenbauer rejected claims that she was the "mini Merkel". **→6**



Relief foundation puts achievements of the self-employed on show

Financially struggling individuals under assistance of Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation, who are self-employed and have achieved financial independence showcased their products at an exhibition in Tehran.

Imam Khomeini Relief Foundation is a charitable organization, founded in March 1979, after the Islamic Revolution, to provide support for families who are struggling financially. The aim is to help such families regain financial stability. Boosting job creation is one of the primary objectives of the foundation.



ARTICLE

Martin Love
Political analyst from North Carolina

Iran's potentials despite economic sanctions must be realized eventually

From afar one can't help thinking about how lucky Iran really is in many respects. I mean this sincerely.

Sure, the economy over the past year has dropped nearly 10 percent, according to some economists, and Iran's people are hurting as they watch whatever standard of living they had decline while inflation has taken a toll and put out of reach many of the goods, especially luxury goods, average people want, even if - probably - the economic problems have not much impacted Iran's elite. And the reasons for the declines over the past year have mostly but not exclusively been attributed, and rightly so, to the harsh economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. in the wake of the abnegation of the JCPOA for no good reason.

But there is a different way Iranians might think about all this, taking a longer-term view.

First, consider how utterly rich Iran really is compared to maybe four or five other countries in the world, even if Iran can't currently sell nearly as much of its riches - mostly petroleum - as was possible a year ago. Also consider what it was mostly selling its riches for: what will ultimately be worthless paper.

And further consider these factors: even with a population of some 83 million people, it will be generations, if Iran could never sell much if any of its oil any longer, before Iranian citizens would ever be without more than enough subsidized energy resources for transportation and heating and the myriad other uses for oil. You can't say this about more than a handful of other countries. Moreover, Iran has a relatively educated population, and the gene pool might be labelled "SMART". No one else likely could have invented chess!

One might imagine that the U.S., with five percent of the world's population (but burning up nearly 30 percent of the world's energy resources annually) and living relatively "high on the hog", is eventually going to suffer worse than Iran ever has or will. Yes, the U.S. is allegedly generating over 10 million barrels of oil a day where a few years ago the figure was maybe 6 million BPD. This is because of the recent discoveries of shale oil in the Dakotas and in the Southwest of the U.S. **→7**

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Silver	\$14.52/oz
Platinum	\$811.75/oz

Sources: oilprice.com, Moneymetals.com

Capital market optimistic about integrated forex market

ECONOMY TEHRAN — Iranian capital market's experts are optimistic about launching the integrated forex market, as this market promotes the performance of domestic industries which will lead to positive performance of the capital market, IRNA reported on Tuesday quoting some of these experts including Homayoun Darabi and Mohammad Eghbal-Nia.

These experts also believe that launching such market while supporting domestic industries will strengthen the country's economic status against the sanctions.

Establishment of this market has been approved by the Money and Credit Council (MCC), the highest banking policy-making body of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI), on January 8 as the CBI aims to explore the real volume of demand and supply in the foreign currency market through a new mechanism.

The chairman of the Economic Committee of Majlis has announced that an integrated forex market will be launched in the country by the end of current Iranian calendar month of Khordad (June 21).

Mohammadreza Pour-Ebrahimi said by launching this market the other exchange rates like the Sana rate will be omitted gradually.

Iran's 4-month crude steel output up 6% yr/yr: WSA

ECONOMY TEHRAN — Iranian Deputy Industry, Mining and Trade Minister Jafar Sarqini announced two weeks ago that Iran will inaugurate steel projects with the capacity of at least 10 million tons during the current Iranian calendar year (ends on March 19, 2020).

Also, Ardeshir Sa'd Mohammadi, a deputy director in Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO), has recently announced that the country's crude steel production capacity will increase by 25 million tons within the next four years. He said that through such increase in

crude steel output, the required feedstock for the plants will be properly supplied.

The official further lamented that of the 35 million tons of crude steel produced in the past Iranian calendar year, 25 million tons were used in the production process.

According to WSO, Iran became the world's tenth largest steel producer in 2018.

Iran which stood at the 13th place in 2017 could lag behind three major steel producers in the world, namely Italy, Taiwan, and Ukraine to stand at the 10th place in 2018, despite the re-imposition of sanctions by the U.S.



According to the WSO's report, Iran produced 25 million tons of crude steel in 2018 which indicates 17.7 percent growth from 21.2 million tons in 2017.

Over 40% of crude steel produced in Iran is exported to different markets worldwide, according to IMIDRO Head

Khodadad Gharibpour.

Iran is one of the top 10 mineral-rich countries where 68 types of minerals have been identified so far, including the world's largest deposits of copper, zinc and iron ore, which are tempting international investors.

Chabahar Port's loading, unloading of goods rise 30% in 2 months

ECONOMY TEHRAN — Loading and unloading of commodities in Iran's southeastern port of Chabahar during the first two months of current Iranian calendar year (March 21-May 21) rose 30 percent compared to the same period of time in the past year, IRIB reported quoting a deputy at Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO).

Hossein Shahdadi, the deputy head of Sistan-Baluchestan Province's Ports and Maritime Department, also announced that Chabahar is ready for on-time unloading of essential goods required inside the country.

The official further underlined the port's various advantages for exports and imports as well as transit of commodities.

In last November, the United States announced



that it would grant a sanctions waiver for the Iranian-Indian port project at Chabahar.

After years of negotiations, Iran has awarded the development project of its strategic Chabahar port to India, and the South Asian country committed \$500 million to build two new berths in this port.

Chabahar Port's exemption from the new round of the U.S. sanctions on Iran is an opportunity for development of transit via this port, according to PMO Head Mohammad Rastad.

This port's exemption from the sanctions provides the opportunity for benefitting from the potentials and infrastructures of Chabahar which will definitely boost exports and imports, Rastad said, adding that it would be an achievement for the country's economy.

Iran to hold 3 specialized exhibitions in Iraq by June 21

ECONOMY TEHRAN — Three specialized Iranian exhibitions are due to be held in Iraq during the current Iranian month of Khordad (May 22-June 21), the portal of Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) reported quoting the Iranian commercial attaché to Iraq.

According to Naser Behzad, the exhibitions include Iran's Ramadan Sales and the Exhibition of Persian Handmade

Carpets in Baghdad, and an exclusive exhibition for Iranian goods in Erbil.

"Iran will also have pavilion in Erbil Communication, Electronic and Media Expo 2019," the official said.

HE noted that the aim of these exhibitions is to strengthen the presence of Iranian companies in Iraq in order to promote mutual trade and establish export networks.

"The Iraqi market is ready to use Iranian quality goods and the presence of well-known Iranian manufacturing and exporting companies can offer them a proper share of this lucrative market," he added.

Behzad further noted that over 300 Iranian companies are expected to participate in these events.

Easy access through land borders and a great variety of common areas for mutual

trade have made Iraq one of Iran's most important trade partners.

Iran and Iraq's current trade turnover stands at about \$12 billion, and the two countries have it on agenda to increase the figure to \$20 billion in the coming years.

In March, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani made a high profile visit to the neighboring country, aiming to develop economic and political ties.

Second Announcement



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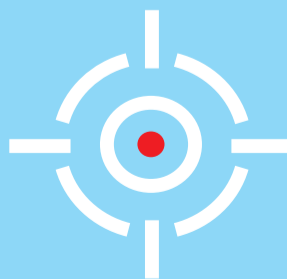
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Owj welcomes Quds Day with banner opposing U.S. military presence in Persian Gulf

A R T TEHRAN — The Owj Arts and Media Organization, a Tehran-based institution producing revolutionary works in art and cinema, has welcomed International Quds Day by draping a huge banner in Tehran's Vali-e Asr Square that opposes the U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf.



A banner published by the Owj Arts and Media Organization opposes the U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf.

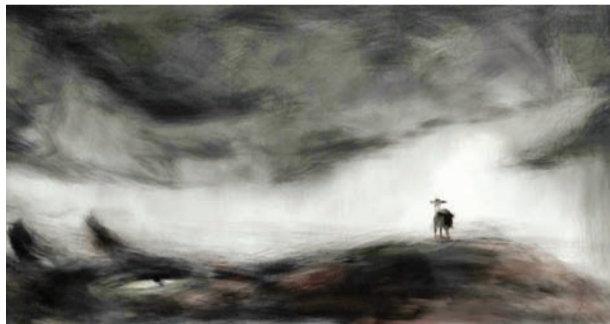
The banner is mounted on a tall building on the northwestern side of the square to commemorate International Quds Day, which will fall on Friday, the organization announced in a press release on Tuesday.

The banner bearing a verse from the Holy Quran reading "We drowned them all" depicts a number destroyed U.S. and Israeli carriers sinking in a raging sea of a Palestinian keffiyeh with a shining image of Al-Aqsa Mosque on the horizon.

"Am I a Wolf?" wins New Face Award at Japan Media Arts Festival

A R T TEHRAN — The Iranian short animated movie "Am I a Wolf?" has been honored with a New Face Award at the 22nd Japan Media Arts Festival, the organizers have announced.

Directed by Amir-Hushang Moein, the movie is based on poetry by an Iranian children's book writer Afsaneh Shabannejad that was produced at the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults.



"Am I a Wolf?" by Iranian director Amir-Hushang Moein.

The film is about a group of schoolchildren who are performing the familiar story of a wolf attacking herd animals. The central scenes depict a nanny goat in grief for losing the yearlings and an angry wolf facing each other. The story ends when the wolf, struck by lightning, falls into the river. After the show the children receive applause, but the child who played the violent wolf is shown crying by the river. The work, which is composed without any dialog, evokes thoughts among the viewers across age and culture.

The festival announces winners before its exhibition, which will be organized at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) in Tokyo from June 1 to 16.

"Invisible" by Japanese director Yamashita Akihiko and "The Little Ship" by Russian director Anastasia Makhlina also received the New Face Awards in the animation category of the event.

"La Chute" by Boris Labbé from France won the Grand Prize in this section "The Girl Without Hands" by Sebastien Laudenbach from France received one of the four Excellence Awards.

Three others went to "Dragon Pilot: Hisone & Masotan" by Higuchi Shinji, "Penguin Highway" by Ishida Hiroyasu, and "Okko's Inn" by Kosaka Kitaro, all from Japan.

The festival is annually organized in the categories of art, animation, entertainment and manga.

Tokyo library exhibits Iranian children's books

CULTURE TEHRAN — The International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL) in Tokyo is playing host to an exhibition of Iranian children's books.

Entitled "The Land of Poetry and Legends: Children's Books in Iran" the exhibit will be on view until July 21, the library has announced.

This exhibition consists of three sections: "The Land of Poetry and Legend", "Children's Books in Iran" and "Illustrators and Authors of Children's Books in Iran".

The exhibition is being organized to celebrate the 90th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Iran and Japan.

The exhibition also showcases books of poetry and legends that are important in Iranian culture, as well as works by a number of world-renowned Iranian illustrators.

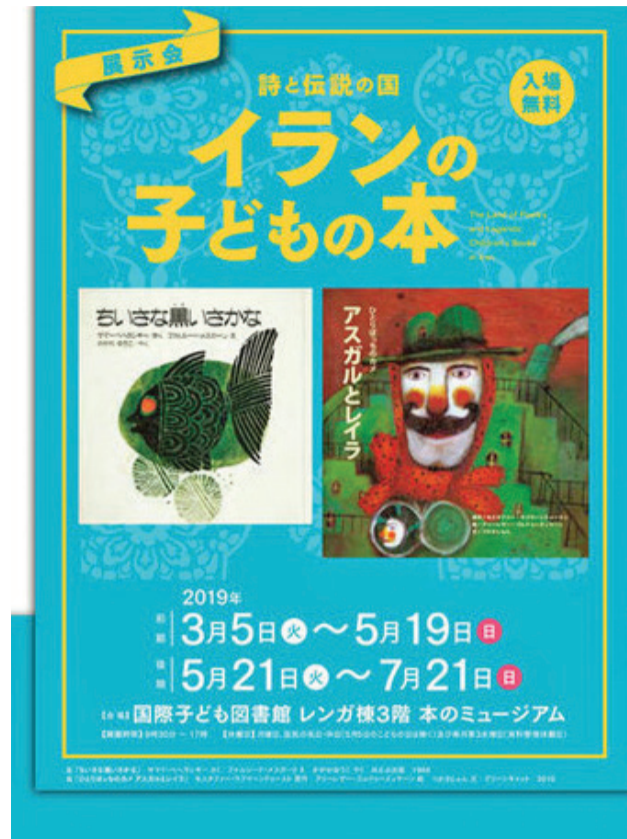
In addition, Japanese translators of Persian children's books Kiko Aiko and Saori Katagiri will attend a session the library will organize on June 16.

They are due to discuss the attraction of Iran's children's literature and the status of book reading in Iran. They will also introduce "Read with Me", a program run by the Institute for Research on the History of Children's Literature in Iran (IRHCLI) for the promotion of reading.

Aiko visited Iran in mid-May where she accompanied a group of trainers from Iran's Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (IIDCYA) in a trip by a bookmobile to learn more about the cultural activities of the organization.

"Since I want to translate more books from Persian literature for Japanese children and to introduce Iranian culture to them, I felt I needed to raise my knowledge of the training programs and cultural activities in Iran," Kiko had said on her visit.

Fifteen years ago, she also paid a visit to the Tehran International Book Fair where she was introduced to the IIDCYA. She translated a large collection of IIDCYA books, which were put on view during over 50 exhibitions across Japan.



A poster for the exhibit "The Land of Poetry and Legends: Children's Books in Iran" underway at the International Library of Children's Literature in Tokyo.

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Reza Servati to stage "Crime and Punishment" in Tehran



A poster for Iranian director Reza Servati's play "Crime and Punishment", which will go on stage in Tehran.

A R T TEHRAN — Reza Servati plans to direct a stage adaptation of Fyodor Dostoyevsky's novel "Crime and Punishment" at Tehran's Vahdat Hall in the near future.

Babak Hamidian, Tannaz Tabatabai, Mina Sadati, Behnaz Jafari, Payam Dehkordi and Mehdi Soltani are the main members of the cast for the play.

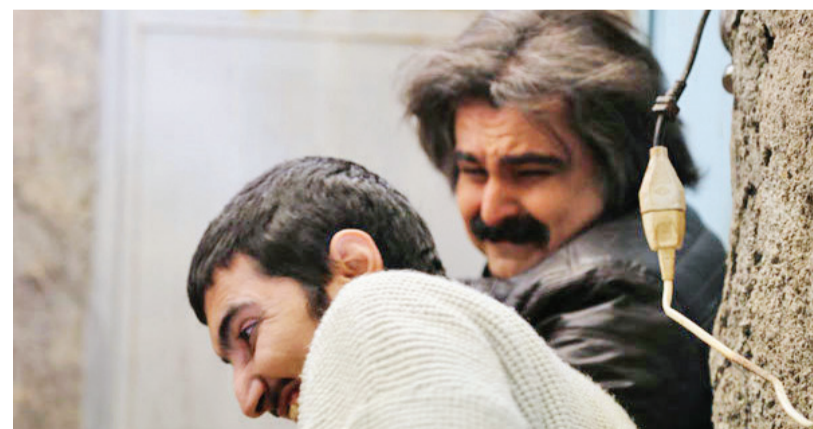
The play tells the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own nihilism, and the struggle between

good and evil. Believing that he is above the law, he brutally murders an old woman whom he regards as "stupid, ailing, greedy and good for nothing."

Overwhelmed afterwards by feelings of guilt and terror, Raskolnikov confesses to the crime and goes to prison. There he realizes that happiness and redemption can only be achieved through suffering.

Earlier in 2018 in Tehran, Servati staged "Body Wash" based Ingmar Bergman's 1973 miniseries "Scenes from a Marriage".

Iran's "Limit" wins Entr'2 Marches grand prix



A scene from "Limit" by Iranian director Javad Darai.

A R T TEHRAN — Iranian director Javad Darai's acclaimed short film "Limit" has won the grand prix of the 10th Entr'2 Marches, an international event for short films on disability, a public relations team for the movie announced on Tuesday.

The festival was held in Cannes, France from May 18 to 24.

"Limit" tells the story of a desperate

man who frantically pleads with strangers to accompany him to his home, without being clear on his intentions.

The film has been screened at numerous international events and has won awards at some of them, including the award for best short fiction at the 10th Southampton Film Week, the best foreign student award at the Great Lakes Christian Film Festival.

Iran House of Music raises objection to new law on concert box office



A sign for the Iran House of Music.

A R T TEHRAN — The Iran House of Music has opposed the recent legislation that allows the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance to take a 10-percent share of the proceeds of concerts in big cities to transfer into the state treasury.

In an open letter published on Tuesday, Iran House of Music managing director Hamidreza Nurbakhsh asked Culture Minister Seyyed Abbas Salehi to overturn the law, which was passed

by the Majlis (Iranian Parliament) in February.

He said that the law will lead to irreparable damage to the music industry of the country.

The Iran House of Music has also asked the MPs, especially members of the Majlis Cultural Commission, to attend a meeting due to be held by the institution and a number of publishers and musicians in the near future to discuss the issue.

Tehran cartoon exhibition to mark Quds Day



A poster for a cartoon exhibition on International Quds Day at Tehran's Palestine Museum of Contemporary Art.

A R T TEHRAN — The Palestine Museum of Contemporary Art will be hosting a cartoon exhibition to mark International Quds Day, which falls on the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan.

Over 70 cartoons by artists from 25 countries, including Brazil, Italy, Morocco and Russia, will go on display at the exhibit, which will open today at 4 pm.

The museum will organize the showcase

in collaboration with the Islamic Revolution and Sacred Defense Visual Arts Association.

The exhibition will run until June 3 at the museum, which can be found at Mozaffar St., Bozorgmehr St.

International Quds Day was initiated in 1979 by the founder of the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Khomeini, to express solidarity with Palestinians who have been under the Zionist regime's occupation for seven decades.

Man accused of defrauding comic book icon appears in court

PHOENIX (AP) — A former business manager of the late comic book legend Stan Lee had his initial court appearance early Sunday in Arizona, where he was arrested after fleeing California charges of fiduciary elder abuse.

Keya Morgan appeared in Maricopa County Superior Court on a charge of being a fugitive of justice.

Court documents show Los Angeles police alerted

authorities in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale that Morgan's cellphone was being used in north Scottsdale.

Morgan, 43, was found in a house with his mother and arrested without incident Saturday morning, police said.

It's unclear when Morgan will be extradited to California, where he's facing felony charges including theft, embezzlement, forgery or fraud against an elder adult, and false imprisonment of an elder adult. A misdemea-

nor count also alleges elder abuse.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say Morgan sought to capitalize on the Marvel Comic mastermind's wealth and exert influence over Lee even though he had no authority to act on his behalf.

Lee died last November at age 95.

Prosecutors say Morgan pocketed more than \$262,000 from autograph-signing sessions Lee did in May 2018.