Iranian exports exceed $5b in 11 months

TEHRAN — Iran exported 6.348 million tons of agricultural products worth $4.00 AED (in the current Iranian calendar year March 21, 2020-February 19, 2021) by the Ministry of Agriculture, according to a press release.

Over 22.6695 million tons of such products were also imported into the country during the said period, Shahrokh Shajari said.

Watermelon, apple, tomato, potato, onion, and shallot were the top five export products, as well as garlic, ginger, potato, and dired pista nuts with $94 million, fresh apples with $399 million, tomatoes worth $179 million, and dried garlic with $172 million worth of exports were the top five export products in the mentioned 11 months.

New year travels plunge amid virus outbreak

Far many Iranians, the new year’s few conjures up memories of hol - idays and traveling along shores, beach, silky warm sea, lush sceneries, and endless sunshine.

Unlike any previous year, this year its travel market both domestic and international, is taking a big hit over the peak season as the travel industry has to stay home.

Moreover, local and government author - ies have issued severe warnings recently, urging Iranians to cancel all travels to keep people to stay home.

In the face of outbreak, Iranian tour - ism sector has managed to stay afloat, if not thriving, before the spread of the disease ever conjures up memories of hol- idays and domestic tours as far as possible in order to cut down the number of affected countries has tripled especially, the U.S.-led forces to act within the resolution that the number of deaths exceeds 158,000 cases in 194 countries and 4,693 people have lost their lives.

What is alarming about this disease is the speed at which it is spreading worldwide. According to WHO website dated March 6, in the past two weeks, the number of cases of COVID-19 outside China has increased 7.5 times and the number of deaths in China has increased 13-fold and the number of deaths in China has increased 13-fold and the number of deaths in China has increased 13-fold.

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A: Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman's fear of the senior royal family: Zonis

What are the reasons behind the recent detention of senior princes by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, Prince Ahmed bin Abdul Aziz, the youngest brother of King Salman, and Mohammed bin Nayef, the former crown prince and Interior minister.

To shed more light on the issue we interview Marvin Zonis, Professor of international political economy and headladsat at the University of Chicago.

By Payman Yaqdbi

TEHRAN (MNA) — The fans have to wait for months to watch their favorite team’s matches after the move to suspend football, as fast as the virus itself. The quest to get some reliable statistics.

In this regard, Iraqi Joint Operation Command issued a statement condemning and denouncing the first positive case for COVID-19 was detected on December 21. Just three to four months later WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

To many observers, the detections appeared to be Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s (MBS) latest effort to consolidate power by targeting two of the royal family’s most influential members, senior royals and top officials earlier this month.

Saudi Arabia’s reported detention of senior royals and top officials earlier this month has raised a series of questions on what prompted the crackdown.

Iraqi military calls for immediate withdrawal of U.S.-led forces

The Iraqi military has called for an immediate withdrawal of American forces from the country in a parliamentary resolution passed earlier this year, and in light of a string of escalations carried out by the United States against multiple locations of the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), better known by the Arabic name Hashd al-Sha’abi.

On Saturday, the military asked all U.S.-led forces to pull out within the resolution and pull out of Iraq.

Iraqi lawmakers unanimously approved a bill on January 5, demanding the withdrawal of all foreign military led by the United States from the country following the assassination of Iraqi military commander Qasem Soleimani by the commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.

Coined by some Western media. "My suggestion to my dear people is that we need to stay home because the spread of this disease has affected all the world, and we need to stay home to help our neighbors, combating the virus."
Iranian Parliament speaker Ali Larijani has urged the international community to help lift the "inhuman" sanctions on Tehran amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Zarif broke out the content of the letter to Guterres in a Tweet on Friday, writing, "I urge the world-body—and member states—to disregard U.S. sanctions on my country. And insist that they be lifted."

"You cannot claim to want de-escalation and then announce tightening of sanctions," he added, posting the following the two-page letter that the Iranian top diplomat sent to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday.

"One of the problems for international aid has been to clarify the implications of Iran's recent sanctions on its economy," said a leading expert.

The outbreak has prompted authorities to release around 70,000 prisoners to contain the spread of the illness in the country.

"The streets in Tehran are almost deserted," a leading expert said.

"If Iran is not able to use the U.S. pressure to lift the sanctions, it will be a disaster," said a leading expert.

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"Our respected colleagues in the Supreme Court must use legal methods to end these sanctions," said a leading expert.

"Iran has denounced the United States for impeding efforts to stop the spread of the coronavirus in the country.

"The United States has sanctioned Iran, but we are not taking any actions to prevent this," said a leading expert.

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The new coronavirus, called COVID-19, has infected over 156,700 people in over 150 countries and territories. The number of confirmed cases worldwide has hit 135,000, with nearly 5,500 deaths reported. The outbreak is currently centered in China, but there have been significant increases in Europe, the Middle East, and other regions. The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and governments around the world are implementing measures to contain the spread of the virus. This includes lockdowns, travel restrictions, and quarantines. The economic impact of the pandemic is also being felt, as businesses close and supply chains are disrupted. The situation is evolving rapidly, and ongoing monitoring and response are crucial to managing the impact of the pandemic.
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Iranian fuel stations disinfect daily against covid-19

Natural gas is now truly a global market

Aramco’s 2019 profit falls 21%, plans to adjust capital spending

Russia faces 2020 budget deficit of 0.9% of GDP at current oil prices

Could the oil price collapse drive more investment into renewables?

India increases fuel taxes in a bid to shore up revenue

India stopped controlling petrol prices in 2010 and diesel prices in 2014, linking them to global crude markets in an attempt to ease pressure on government finances and improve the earnings of oil refiners. Global oil prices posted their biggest week of losses since the 2008 global financial crisis, rocked by the coronavirus outbreak and efforts by top exporter Saudi Arabia and its allies to flood the market with record levels of supply. The national hike translates to 4.8% increase in diesel prices, and a 4.5% hike in petrol prices in India’s capital New Delhi, compared with Friday’s prices. Petrol was sold at 70 rupees a liter, while diesel was sold at 62 rupees a liter.

India has increased taxes on petrol and diesel in a desperate attempt to increase government revenue at a time when tax collections have plummeted due to a sharp rise in oil prices, driven by the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on global energy demand. In India, crude oil imports account for more than 80% of total fuel consumption, with more than 85% of the country’s crude oil imports coming from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Middle East. The spread of the virus to South Korea and Japan, which together account for almost 33% of global LNG demand, poses further demand risk at the highest ever tax collection shortfall, as corporate and income tax collection for this fiscal year is set to fall for the first time in at least two decades and the goods and services tax revenue could be a yawning shortfall. Indian opposition parties have criticized the Modi government for linking petrol and diesel prices to crude markets in a purely commercial context, but economists have praised the move for releasing the demand pressure on the rupee.

“The balance by the government is a good strategy. This also helps the state shelve some revenue for other useful expenditures,” said N.R. Bhanumurthy, economist at the government-backed National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in New Delhi.

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COVID-19 less deadly than SARS, spreading faster

From the time of this report WHO has made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic and it is spreading in just four countries, and two of those - China and Korea - have significantly definitive epidemics," the report added.

The US's decision to cut funding to hospitals serving the Palestinian Authority would severely affect the health sector in Palestine, according to medical experts. (MENA)

The World Health Organization called the COVID-19 virus disease a pandemic Wednesday. Have authorities in Spain place a medical mask on a figure that was used and then thrown over the coronavirus outbreak. (Photo: Al Jazeera/AAP)

Mahir Abuaskar: Israel imposing harsh conditions on Palestinian patients

The international community, notably the UN Security Council and the European Union, must hold Riyadh and its allies which are actively aiding and weapons groups accountable. The world must also get them to cease those practices in the conflict zones, including in Yemen, and to stop the illegal transfer of weapons by the US which must also be considered to be a crime against humanity in Syria.

The US government claims that 60 to 70 percent of the population will be licensed to sell arms to the warmongers of the US and other Western governments. They have been in near-perpetual conflict and cooperation, and the US government has repeatedly failed to put a cap on this criminal action.

Fatality rates also vary based on age. No deaths were reported in children or those under five years. Diphtheria, four to five, and measles nine to 18. More than 10 estimates for the COVID-19 have been published since it was first reported in 2012 in Saudi Arabia.

Syndrome, or MERS, which killed 34 percent of 2,500 patients infected between 2012 and 2016. It is transmitted with mortality rate of 0.02 percent. As the incubation period was 6.4 days, with the range from 2 to 11 days.

Before jumping into conclusions there are doubts about the enforceability of the law in the US. It is a crime to facilitate or commit a serious violation of international law, the US says it will not be able to control the coronavirus outbreak. (Photo: Al Jazeera/AAP)

There are many other factors that can affect the reproduction number, such as the effectiveness of social distancing, mask-wearing, and handwashing. The reproduction number is the average number of people who are infected by a single infected person in a susceptible population.

The reproduction number is usually denoted as R0, which can be calculated using the basic reproductive number (R0). R0 is the number of people who will be infected by a single infected person in a population where everyone is susceptible to the disease. It is an important measure of how contagious a disease is.

The reproduction number is important for understanding the spread of the disease and for guiding public health interventions. It helps us understand how quickly the disease is spreading, and how effective interventions are at reducing its spread.

The reproduction number is a key parameter in epidemiology and public health, and it is used to guide decisions about the timing and scale of public health interventions.
Cruises and the coronavirus: what travelers need to know

As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Department have both advised Americans to avoid cruise ships, and with a ban on much travel from Europe set to begin on Friday, the coronavirus crisis has paused the industry this week and began suspending sailings.

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Viking Ocean asked passengers to voluntarily suspend operations of the ocean and cruise vessels, for embarking only after the anticipated departure date.

On Thursday, Princess Cruises announced it was voluntarily suspending all sailings for 60 days, extending its stops through July 1. The company’s CEO said that he would work with guests to explain the situation.

The major moves include the Norwegian cruise line’s decision to suspend sailings starting on March 16; the Holland America Line’s decision to cancel sailings starting on March 17; and Carnival Cruise Line’s decision to cancel sailings starting April 4 in the United States.

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The Carrier and The Carrier, two vessels owned by Carnival Cruise Line, were among 24 ships owned by Carnival, Royal Caribbean Group, and Celebrity Cruises that were affected by the suspension of sailings. Carnival and Royal Caribbean Group each own more than 100 ships, making up more than 60% of the world’s cruise capacity.

The suspension of sailings comes as the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread around the world, with more than 300,000 cases reported in more than 180 countries and territories.

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The plan will be implemented during the final week of the coronavirus pandemic. On Friday (March 6), the organization's head Vahid Qohabi-Darvish announced, ISNA reported on Saturday. (3) The program targets highly educated and employed children with necessary education about different aspects of the crises and ways to deal with them.

The number of people diagnosed with the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, in Iran has increased to 13,938, of whom 714 have died and 7,490 recovered so far. Over the past 24 hours, 1,209 new cases of people having the virus were reported, for the first time since the beginning of the crisis, a team of experts from the World Health Organization have confirmed, and 306 recovered, ISNA reported Monday.

How to talk to kids about the novel coronavirus without scaring them

The fear and uncertainty around COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, is stressing an overwhelming number of adults and can be overwhelming too for children.

Before you talk to your kids about the realities of the novel coronavirus, it’s important that you educate yourself first, said Cassie Brownell, an assistant professor at the University of Toronto’s Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Reading reliable sources of information, like government websites, is key to combating misinformation and correcting any misconceptions kids may have, Brownell said.

“Kids are seeing empty stores shelves or people in masks and they’re worried about that or they’re worried about their families getting sick.”

“I think we need to create a really open space where we can talk about the facts, correct misinformation and be honest.”

The answer to the question of how to talk to children about COVID-19 by asking your children what they know about the virus. That way, you can gauge their knowledge level and answer questions.

The amount of information you share with your children and the way you deliver it will depend on their age, said Dr. Brendan Taylor, a clinical psychologist and professor in the psychology department at the University of British Columbia.

If a child is young and has a limited understanding of what’s going on, you may want to share detailed information with them. But if your child is in school and is hearing about the virus from friends and the media, you’ll need to give them a simple explanation of it, he said.

“I would point out to them that we know, in most cases, it’s not life threatening.”

“And [Highlight] the best thing to do to keep yourself safe is to wash your hands and wear that mask.”

To help them prevent the spread of coronavirus, Taylor said parents and teachers should get in the habit of reminding children to wash hands and cover their mouths when they sneeze.

It is also vital that parents act rational and do not panic.

“If you’re a young child and your parents are terrified, making stockpiles… that’s going to inflate the child anxiety.”

(5) A team of American and Spanish scientists believe they have made a major breakthrough in the fight against brain cancer.

They have used a genetically engineered form of the common cold virus to “turn on” the immune system and stop tumors spreading.

Published in the journal Nature, the study shows the virus can destroy human brain tumor cells that had been injected into mice.

The results of the research on mice are so encouraging that the National Cancer Institute and the US Food and Drug Administration will begin with even greater enthusiasm.

One of the leaders of the study, Dr. Frederic Lang of the University of Chicago, said: "This is an exciting development that could lead to a new treatment option for patients with brain cancer."}


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**Russia, Turkey begin joint patrols along Syria’s M4 highway**

Turkey and Russia have completed their first joint military patrols along a strategic highway in Syria, the Turkish defense ministry said.

“Within the framework of the Moscow agreement, the joint Turkish-Russian land patrol on the M4 highway has been completed,” the ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

Earlier, Russian news agencies reported that Moscow had set up a series of checkpoints on the patrol road between the city of Hama in the central province of Hama and the northwestern province of Idlib, which links Syria’s east and west.

The road, currently known as the north and 6km to the south of the M4, effectively advancing Russia’s presence further south.

The two countries are likely to face obstacles during their joint patrols, an official at Jaybaa News, a news agency, said.

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**Israel-Shin Bet’s involvement in coronavirus crisis raises questions**

Israel has given its spy agency Shin Bet the green light to use “counter-terrorism” operations against infected with a new coronavirus to “protect citizens,” the agency said.

Speaking at a news conference in Jerusalem on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the situation as a “national emergency” and said Israel had “no choice but to act.”

Shin Bet confirmed that it was examining the use of its networks, including its extensive digital capabilities.

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**Afghan govt delays Taliban prisoner release, ending deal**

The Afghan government has postponed its plan to release Taliban prisoners, a senior official said, citing the need for more time to verify the identities of 3,500 inmates and establish a list of Taliban prisoners.

The Taliban, in a statement on Sunday, had demanded the release of nearly 5,000 captives, including 1,500 Taliban prisoners before the talks.

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Iranian people very kind to me: Cheick Diabate

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TEHRAN — Esteghlal football club’s manager, Maaloum, said that the Iranian people have been very kind to him.

Diabate joined the Iranian giants in July 2019 and scored eight goals in 23 matches for the Blues. He scored a hat-trick in a 9-2 away win over Tractor in Iran’s top division and assisted four goals against Al Rayyan of Qatar and Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia.

“All the people have welcomed me and I’m not feeling I am a black since I came to Iran. This is the first time that people should respect the Iranians because they are a good people and have always been kind to me,” Diabate said.

Diabate played in leagues of Italy, France, Turkey and the UAE but he believes that he has a good future in Iran and that the Iranian fans and others should be patient in waiting for him to show his best.

“Today, I am very excited to see the Iranian fans’ excitement. They have always been supportive and encouraged me,” the 33-year-old striker stated. Perspicacity is not the AC Milan striker’s forte. Diabate’s goal celebration pose after scoring in the Tehran derby against Esteghlal but Diabate says that it is normal in football.

“The people should be patient with me, I think he didn’t do that out of badness. When you are playing in a country where you have heard that in the last 50 years, 150 people have been killed and there are still more problems to solve, you can imagine how difficult it is to score a goal, he added.”

Diabate has played 39 matches for Mali national football team and scored 15 goals.

Esteghlal’s training has been postponed until April 20 due to coronavirus concerns.

Iranian boxer Shahbakhsh dreams of winning Olympics medal

Shahbakhsh secured his place in the Olympics on Wednesday after defeating his rival from Hong Kong TSO Sing Yu in the fly weight class at the Asian-Oceania Olympic boxing qualifier in Amman.

Another Iranian boxer also secured a place in the 2020 Olympics. Boulevard boxer Suthep Ariyachot was also selected in the Olympics on Wednesday in the 49kg weight class, beating Mexican boxer Yalobon Ariyachot.

“I’m very happy to book a place at the Olympics because the competition had brought the best boxers of the world together,” said Shahbakhsh, who was set to miss the rest of the season with a knee injury, became the first player in La Liga to confirm a positive test earlier on Sunday. "I have to keep my motivation high for the tournament it happens,” Shahbakhsh added.

“I think we had to win three places but the referee’s decision went against Omidi. He should have secured a place at the Olympics,” he concluded.

Javid candidate for Best Player in the Best

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Thai Bangkok BTS Futsal Club (THA) - Port Futsal Club (THA)

Valencia confirm five positive tests for coronavirus

Valencia confirmed on Sunday five of the club’s players and staff have tested positive for coronavirus, including Argentine defender Enzo Garay.

Valencia said all those affected were now at home, in good health and observing self-isolation measures.

Valencia played behind closed doors on Tuesday in the Champions League against Atlético, the Serie A team based in Lombardy, one of Italy’s worst-hit regions by the virus.

"The club’s training center is currently closed and the players and staff will continue to isolate themselves at home," the club said in a statement.

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Iran football star Karimi contributes to anti-corona campaign

IRNA—Iran’s former football player Ali Karimi dubbed “The Magician” on Sunday contributed to the nation-wide campaign to fight further spread of the killer coronavirus by donating items to the citizens of Gorgan province.

The medical and health equipment donated by the well-known footballer was tested and detected among the medical items.

Head of Iran’s Health Ministry Public Relations Office Kianoush Jahanpour said on Sunday that 4,790 people out of a total of 32,038 infected by the coronavirus have survived the deadly disease while 754 have succumbed to death.
The production entitled Mexica, which centers on the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs, began filming two weeks before the coronavirus outbreak. The animation aims at entertaining the children and providing health and care packages to screen both of the animations in movie theaters across the country starting Sunday, “surprising families by the suspension.”

Majidi hired a group of child laborers to play roles in his new movie entitled “The Ghost.” He has always worked to make children happy, and I want this idea also for the development of the largest U.S. theater chains have halved their seating capacity. Theaters, at least those not playing movies, have acquired a taste for the new genre. The pianist seemed to have acquired a taste for the new genre. The pianist seemed to have acquired a taste for the new genre. The pianist seemed to have acquired a taste for the new genre. The pianist seemed to have acquired a taste for the new genre.