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Iran kicks off human trials of its domestic vaccine

Iran has started human trials of its domestically-developed coronavirus vaccine.

Produced by Iranian biotech firm Shifa Pharmed, the vaccine was tested on three volunteers during a ceremony attended by Iran's health officials. The first person who received the vaccine was the daughter of the head of Iran's Execution of Imam Khomeini's Order (EIKO), Dr Ali Askari, who is in charge of the project to develop a local vaccine. He says this was meant to prove to all Iranians that the local vaccine is safe.

Earlier this week, Dr Askari announced EIKO's readiness to produce 1.5 million doses of the domestic made coronavirus vaccine monthly after 40 days and 12 million doses within 6 months. Once the country's needs are met, Iran will be able to export the vaccine abroad.

Al Jazeera reported that Iranian scientists who started testing the vaccine despite the sanctions should be respected. Only a few countries around the world have reached such a stage. It does not matter if they succeed or fail, it is the courage to keep going that matters.

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200m Euros budget to purchase coronavirus vaccine

Governor of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI), Abdolnasser Hemmati said that nearly 200 million Euros have been earmarked to purchase 16.8 million doses of coronavirus vaccine.

"We are doing our best to buy medicine and medical equipment by circumventing the cruel US sanctions, and \$2.7 billion have so far been allocated for the purchase of medical equipment and medicine," Hemmati said in a televised program, adding, "Today, in cooperation with the Health Ministry, we have transferred the funds needed to import 16.8 million doses of coronavirus vaccine."

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IRCS to buy coronavirus vaccines from China

Karim Hemmati, director of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran, said his organization plans to receive an additional 1 million vaccine doses from China.

150,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine are going to be sent to Iran in the coming weeks, Hemmati added.

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<http://www.isna.ir/news/99100705074>

Quality of domestically produced three-layer face masks improved

The head of Iran's Food and Drug Administration announced that the country produces more than 30 million improved quality face masks per day.

Emphasizing the need to upgrade the quality of three-layer surgical masks and implement stricter criteria for the production of this type of mask, Mohammadreza Shanesaz said that "By speeding up the issuance of IRC licenses and organizing the supply of masks, we can take steps to improve the quality of masks production."

<http://www.isna.ir/news/99100705215>

Jesus Christ, prophet of peace, reconciliation: Rouhani

In separate messages to world leaders, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani congratulated them on Christmas Eve, the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ (PBUH), and the beginning of the New Year 2021.

Rouhani stated that the world is facing many social, cultural, economic, and political crises today. "It is necessary for the leaders of the countries to work harder to overcome these crises, as well as to accelerate the process of fighting the coronavirus outbreak and returning human life to normal condition in the light of common will and efforts along with regional and global cooperation."

In the final part of his message to the world leaders, the Iranian president wished a year of health and prosperity to the world nations and governments.

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Iran's Zarif Congratulates Christians on Christmas

Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, extended his congratulations on the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ (PBUH), wishing a "happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season" for all Christians.

"The birth of Spirit of God—Jesus, revered by all Muslims as a great prophet—is a joyous occasion for ALL mankind. I wish all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season," Zarif said in a message posted on his Twitter account.

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The world's second-largest soccer ball factory in Iran

A top entrepreneur of Ardabil - Iran, Safa Mehdizadeh, owns the second largest soccer ball production factory in the world. 15,000 Asian Champions League's balls were also produced by this factory. At present, this factory has reached the production capacity of 16,000 balls per day and its products are exported to 8 countries.

<http://fna.ir/f1dgzq>

Lufthansa keen to return to Iran market

While Lufthansa suspended flights to Iran in line with US sanctions, it is now seeking to return to Iran due to the possibility of bankruptcy. Half a month ago, it was announced that Lufthansa would cut 20,000 jobs outside Germany and sell its catering division with 7,500 employees.

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Iran's self-sufficiency in designing and producing Tara car's electrical and electronic network system

The manager of Iran Khodro Electrical, Electronic and Platform Systems announced the design and internalization of Tara car's electrical and electronic networks have been complete with the efforts of domestic parts manufacturers and engineers of this industrial group.

Ahmad Modirghomi said: "This network has been designed and internalized using the models from the newest cars in the world, and its structure is under the intellectual ownership of Iran Khodro Industrial Group."

"In power and electronics network of Tara, communication of intelligent engine control system, car stability system, electric steering, TCU automatic gearbox, tire air control system, front amp, cruise control systems, keyless start system (keyless), and multimedia are managed under The CAN network", he added.

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Iran ranks 4 in world in nanotechnology

Speaking at the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution, President Rouhani said that Iran has made pride-inducing progress in both producing nanotechnology science and putting it in use in industry and important products.

According to the head of Iran's Nanotechnology Innovation Council (INIC), Iran had only 22 articles on nanotechnology in 2001 and has published about 12,000 articles in 2019, reaching from the 57th to the 4th rank of the world. Iranian scientists had patented only two inventions

in 2001, but in 2019, the number is 260, which is 24 percent of all the patented products of the world.

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Iran's minister of Industry, Mine and Trade: We are looking to review the country's foreign trade

Iran's minister of Industry, Mine and Trade, Alireza Razm-Hosseini said in a statement that the ministry is seriously looking to review the country's foreign trade. "The country should be run by producers and entrepreneurs, not government's budget, and we should give development management to well-known and large companies", he added.

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Interesting charity project

"The construction of the third helicopter landing site (Helipad) began with the aim of providing fast services to the injured in traffic accidents", said Shahinshahr – Isfahan Health Network Manager.

Ms. Rezaei, one of the benefactors of Morchekhort village, has paid 250 million Tomans for the construction of this place near the emergency base of this village on the Isfahan-Tehran road.

<http://farsnews.ir/isfahan/news/13991008000367>

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Speaking after the meeting with the Judiciary Chief Ebrahim Raeesi and Parliament Speaker Mohamad-Baqer Qalibaf, President Rouhani noted that at the end of 2020, the people of Iran were all straight-A in resisting the oppressive anti-humane US sanctions and fighting the coronavirus pandemic, whereas the government did not get A's.

"The problems of the next year's budget will be solved with the cooperation of the government and the parliament. Solving people's problems is a priority today. The country, with its many

opportunities, can solve the problems and pursue the strategy of neutralizing the sanctions. We have learned "we can do it" from Qasim Soleimani", said Ebrahim Raeesi.

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NPC's 30 strategic projects to diversify products noticeably

The managing director of Iran's National Petrochemical Company (NPC) said that a fourth step has been defined for the development of Iran's petrochemical industry, in which the basket of petrochemical products will be noticeably diversified through 30 strategic projects.

Products diversity as one of the factors of sustainable development in this industry will reach 104 types in the Iranian calendar year 1404 (begins in March 2025), and 124 in the year 1406 (starts in March 2027), he added.

Mohammadi further said that about eight million tons of products were given to the downstream industries in the past Iranian calendar year (ended on March 19, 2020).

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The story of cement in Iran; from the fourth importer to the first exporter!

December 30, 1933 was the first day of operation of Cement Factory of Shahr-e-Rey, the first cement factory in Iran to establish the cement industry in the country. The first Iranian cement factory in Shahr-e-Rey was so important that postage stamp was printed for it.

Nowadays, Iran has some of the best cement factories in the world in terms of technology, final product quality and production of specialized types of cement and has been able to become the first cement exporter in the world by producing 85 million tons of cement, exporting to 28 countries as well.

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Iranian, Armenian Foreign Ministers hold phone talks

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Armenian counterpart Ara Ayvazyan discussed the latest developments in Armenia as well as bilateral and regional cooperation in a phone call.

During the phone conversation, the top Iranian diplomat expressed regret over the recent conflict between Armenia and the Azerbaijan Republic and condoled with the families of those who lost their loved ones in the war. He said the end of the conflict will set the stage for multilateral cooperation among regional countries.

The Iranian foreign minister expressed content with the expansion of economic cooperation between the private sectors of both countries, saying Iran is prepared to further boost economic ties with Armenia during the new year.

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