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Oil output capacity seen rising 25% in 5 years: Zanganeh

ECONOMY TEHRAN — Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh has said he sees the country adding 25 percent to its oil production capacity in the next five years. Development of new fields as well as improved oil recovery from mature reservoirs should allow the country to have the capacity to pump about five million barrels per day (bpd), he added. He made the remarks in an interview with Reuters on the sidelines of the 172nd official OPEC meeting which was held in Vienna on May 25. Iran is currently producing four million bpd. The country is also going to ink deals with oil majors this year to help

reaching its planned goals for the oil industry. "Hopefully this year Iran will sign oil deals with France's Total, Russia's Lukoil as well as Danish Maersk and maybe Indonesia's Pertamina." Iran sees no limitations in negotiation with the U.S. oil companies and these companies are limited by the laws of the United States Congress, Shana reported. On Thursday, IRNA quoted Zanganeh as saying that Iran's main policy in oil industry for the upcoming years is to expand destination markets. "We don't want our markets to be limited to just a few Asian countries anymore."

IRGC to unveil first surface-to-surface ballistic missile

POLITICS TEHRAN — Days after Washington expressed hope for an end to Iran's missile program under reelected President Hassan Rouhani, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps said it will unveil its first surface-to-surface ballistic missile some time in the future, without elaborating. "The first ground-to-ground ballistic missile to be unveiled in the future will be named 'Dezful', Fars news agency quoted Amirali Hajizadeh, head of the Guard's aerospace division, as saying. Hajizadeh was making the comments in the city of Dezful, southwestern Iran,

which is said to have come under first ground-to-ground missile attack by the Iraqi army in mid-1981, hence, named 'the city of missiles'. The commander further said: "Iran's third underground factory has been built by the Guards in recent years..." and "we will continue to further develop our missile capabilities forcefully." In October 2015, Iranian state TV showed the first footage of a secret underground missile base with ready-to-fire missiles on the back of trucks, said to be 500 meters (1,600 feet) underground and only the "tip of the iceberg" of the Guard's military might. **-> 2**

'Beautiful military equipment' can't buy Middle East peace

ARTICLE
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As President Trump was being feted in the palaces of the Saudi royal family after concluding a historic arms deal, Iranians were celebrating the outcome of a hard-fought election. The vote manifested the determination of Iran's electorate to continue on the path of moderation and constructive engagement based on mutual respect that brought the world the nuclear deal in 2015.

If past performance is an indicator of future success, another \$110 billion worth of weapons will neither reduce "the burden" on the American military nor support "the long-term security of Saudi Arabia," as the State Department argues.

The last time the Saudis spent that kind of money was when they provided billions to the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in the 1980s to arm his war of aggression against Iran. Look what that bought them and the world.

At best, Mr. Trump is extorting our Saudi neighbors, milking them for money they do not have. At worst, he could be turning the United States into Saudi Arabia's mercenary in the Middle East, a rather ignominious position for America considering where 15 of the Sept. 11 hijackers came from. **-> 2**

Trump gives special prominence to his family and friends: Daniel Pipes

By Javad Heirannia
 TEHRAN — Daniel Pipes, president of the Middle East Forum, says Donald Trump "gives a special prominence to his family and his personal friends" in his administration. In an interview with the Tehran Times, Pipes also says, "Trump is the unusual American politician who can largely do whatever he wants."

Following is the full text of the interview:
■ What persons and interest groups have the most influence on Trump?

A: It is said that there are three political parties in the United States: Democrats, Republicans, and the Trump party. Trump is the unusual American politician who can largely do whatever he wants. That said, he cares intensely about the views of two groups of people: the small one of fellow

New York City business leaders and the large one of his voters. So, they are the effective interest groups.

■ Steve Bannon and Stephen Miller were initially called the persons who influence Trump's decisions. Then, speculation focused on Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. How does Kushner affect Trump's decisions?

A: Again, and unusually, Trump gives a special prominence to his family and his personal friends, who have a much larger role in his administration than is normally the case for a U.S. president. However, Kushner has not given interviews or written on key issues, so we can only guess at his views.

■ Who are the people on the backstage of determining Trump's foreign policy, especially his Middle East policies?

A: You are asking the questions all Washington

is asking. Tillerson at state hardly says anything. McMaster at the National Security Council is discreet. Kushner, as noted above, is an unknown. Nikki Haley at the United Nations seems to report to no one.

■ Which think tanks have effect on Trump's foreign policy?

A: A good question for a conventional president but in this case, there seem to be none, at least so far. The Heritage Foundation has a major role domestically but not in foreign policy. Perhaps a think tank or two will emerge with time.

■ How effective is the Saudi lobby in influencing Trump's foreign policy?

A: At this point, it appears that he is eager for a strong alliance with Riyadh, in part against ISIS, in part against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran reprimands attacks on medical workers, humanitarian staff

Iran's Ambassador to the UN condemned on Thursday attacks on medical and humanitarian staff, facilities and means of transport throughout the world especially in Palestine, Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria.

"These attacks are taking place in various places around the world, but in terms of frequency and ferocity, such attacks in the Middle East are more prevalent," Gholamali Khoshroo told a

UN Security Council open debate on protecting civilians and health centers in armed conflicts.

Following is full text of his speech published by IRNA:

Allow me to begin by thanking the Uruguayan Presidency for convening this open debate. I would also like to express my gratitude to the briefers for their valuable inputs in this debate.

I align myself with the statement by the distinguished Per-

manent Representative of Venezuela on behalf of NAM.

Unfortunately, the issue of the protection of civilians, including their healthcare, in armed conflict, continues to be a recurring tragedy in our time. Mindful of the special significance of medical facilities and the danger their personnel face during conflict, the Security Council adopted resolution 2286 (2016) in response to concerns about attacks and threats against

hospitals and other medical facilities, medical personnel and humanitarian personnel.

Attacks against medical workers and facilities as well as the humanitarian convoys delivering medical supplies, have increased since the adoption of the resolution. Only in 2016, attacks on health care facilities, health workers, ambulances and patients has occurred in 23 countries under these conditions. (See full text at tehrantimes.com)



Muslims clean mosques in run-up to Ramadan

A few days prior to the fasting month of Ramadan, Muslims get into the ritual of cleaning and dusting community mosques to welcome the holy month. As cleaning is highly stressed in Islam, cleaning religious centers and mosques begins around 10 days prior to Ramadan. Community members pitch in washing rugs, cleaning the walls with rose water to have their sacred place prepared for the fasting month. The month of Ramadan is highly regarded among Muslims and is seen a special time for renewing bonds with Allah as well as promoting the spirit of close cooperation in the community.

Are they lucky enough to win Iran oil deals?

ARTICLE
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After the implementation of Iran's landmark nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), in January 2016, the Iranian oil industry has witnessed a flock of foreign companies willing to participate in different projects.

Reclaiming its share of the global oil market, Iran, once OPEC's second-largest producer, has it on agenda to ramp up crude production especially from the fields it shares with its neighbors.

In this line, boosting production in West Karoun fields (five oilfields of the country shares with Iraq at the western part of Iran's southwestern region of Karoun) by 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to reach 300,000 bpd is the first one among 11 prioritized programs that First Vice-President Es'hag Jangirani has recently tasked the Oil Ministry with implementing them by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2018).

The priority is also attached to the gas fields, especially South Pars gas field, which Iran shares with Qatar in the Persian Gulf. The field contains a significant amount of natural gas, accounting for about eight percent of the world's reserves. **-> 4**

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