

Aktuelle Hinweise IRAN:

German Academic Exchange Service opens an office in Tehran

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the largest funding organisation in the world supporting the international exchange of students and scholars, opened its Tehran office last month. In 2012 the DAAD enabled 64 students, graduates, and scientists to reside in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In exchange, the DAAD ensured that 536 Iranians were able to study, research and teach in Germany.

Austrian president accepts invitation from Iran

Austrian President Heinz Fischer has accepted an invitation to visit Iran, his office announced on Wednesday, in what would be the first visit for many years. "The invitation from the Iranian side has been accepted in principle", Fischer's spokesman said, declining to give any more details. Ahead of this visit, for which no date is scheduled yet, Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz will lead a delegation trip to Iran this month.

Russia and Iran develop oil deal

Russia and Iran are to sign an agreement on Iran's oil export. The USD 20 bn exchange agreement will include the export of 500,000 barrels of oil per day within the next two or three years to Russia and, in exchange, the delivery of goods to Iran.

Finland and Iran hold talks on renewable energy cooperation

During a visit to Finland, the head of the Department for European and US Affairs at the Foreign Ministry in Iran, Mecid Tahtrevanci, met with representatives from the Ministry of Economy in Finland to discuss fields of bilateral cooperation in the field of renewable energy.

Iranian administration sets goal to expand the use of renewable energy sources

Homayoun Haeri, managing director of Iran Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Management Company (TAVANIR), announced that Iran will build a capacity of 500 MW from renewable resources between March 2014 and March 2015. In line with its goals to foster private sector engagement in the energy sector, the country has signed projects worth USD 4bn with the private sector in Iran. The head of Iran Electrical Industry Syndicate, Mohammad Parsa, has announced that these ambitious plans will include the use of renewable energy in its energy-mix.

Investments in information technology

At the sidelines of the World Telecommunication Development Conference in Dubai, the Iranian Minister for Communication held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Egypt and Poland to establish the first steps of cooperation in the ICT sector. The bilateral cooperation will cover a period of four years according to a statement by the minister.

Iran plans to build second crude oil export terminal at Jask on the Gulf of Oman

In order to create a second hub for Gulf oil shipments, Iran is planning to build its second crude oil export terminal at Jask on the Gulf of Oman coast. The terminal will be linked to Jask by a 1200 km pipeline from the main producing fields, the chief advisor to President Hassan Rouhani, Mr Akbar Turkan, announced during an interview on Iranian television on 31st March 2014. In addition, Mr Turkan announced that a 1,690 km gas pipeline will be built to connect Jask to the country's gas fields. Based on a bilateral contract with Oman, Iran will export 10 bn cubic metres per year from the offshore South Pars gas field.

P5+1 and Iran hold expert-level nuclear talks in Vienna

An expert-level meeting from 3rd to 5th April will precede a new round of higher-level negotiations next week, from 8th to 9th April 2014, which will also take place in the Austrian capital. The meeting of chief negotiators - including Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif - will be the third round of talks since February 2014.