FAO: A viable partner for investment and sustainable economic development in Iran

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

TEHRAN — With its recent re-engagement in Iran, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) provides a viable platform for significant effective investment in the sustainable development of the agricultural and rural sectors. Building on the close collaboration amongst stakeholders to amplify the sector’s much-needed contribution to bolstering further the country’s economy.

During a recent meeting with the FAO Representative to Iran in the Tehran Times headquarters, Serse Nakouzi accorded an exclusive interview in which he candidly discusses the various environmental challenges being faced in the country and elaborated on how the FAO’s technical expertise can provide invaluable support in addressing the risks that could undermine the significant achievements that have been realized by Iran towards the UN Millennium Goal of attaining Food security.

For the full interview, visit [Link]

European firms pledge €300m investment in Iran stock market

The first results of Iran’s parliamentary polls have been announced, according to which the Justice and Development Party (AKP) gained 41 percent of the votes, followed by main opposition Republican People’s Party (CHP) that received 25.5 percent of the votes.

Turkey

Turkish MP calls election results a major defeat for Erdogan

The unoffical election results signify a major defeat for President Erdogan. Violating the Constitution and political ethics, by using the facilities of the state, he campaigned for the AKP and for a presidential system of government in Turkey. He still lost. AKP’s support dropped from about 50% to about 40%, meaning over 30% of AKP supporters did not vote for him this time. With this parliamentary arithmetic, there is no way for President Erdogan to change a game into a presidential system.

How would be the interaction of the ruling government with the Kurdish issue in view of the parliamentary seats that the HDP have won? If the HDP is the winner of 2015 elections, having won over 25 percent of the votes, they will have close to 80 seats in the parliament. The way the Kurdish issue will be handled will naturally depend on the composition of a new government.

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U.S.-led aircraft kill Syrian family

Airplanes deployed by the so-called U.S.-led coalition, which purports to be fighting Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist group, have reportedly killed an entire family in the suburbs of Syrian capital Damascus. The coalition claims the targets were an ISIL-related position.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based group, said the deaths increased to 188 the number of civilians killed in U.S.-led air strikes in Syria since they began in September.

The Observatory said the families’ deaths were killed in U.S.-led air strikes in the village of Bir-mahle in Aleppo province.

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EU organisms call for the protection of Orce in Spain

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Ground broken for building gas condensate refining complex

Russia starts grain deliveries to Iran, sends 100,000 tons

The refineries will be built on the course of the year at an estimated cost of $2.8 billion. The project comes at a time when the world’s largest natural gas reserves, has been debated whether Iran can share the export by attracting foreign and domestic investments to develop the country’s supreme offshore South Pars gas field.

Russia has been trying to enhance its gas production in the Persian Gulf, contains significant amounts of gas and condensate.

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“Our nation’s opinion is above everything else,” Erdogan said in a statement released after the parliamentary election. “I publicly thank all the political parties and the electorate for their enthusiastic and patriotic votes, which do not give the opportunity to any party to form a single-party government, will be assessed honestly and realistically by every party.”

Erdogan’s hopes assuring executive powers fade

Erdogan’s hopes of assuming executive powers suffered a major setback on Monday as the ruling Justice and Development Party or AK Party (AKP), which ran successfully in the first round of the presidential election last year, failed to win an outright majority for the first time.

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