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POLITICS

- Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei promises unforgettable defensive lessons for Washington, stating that the breakdown of the framework pact demonstrates the worthlessness of U.S. commitments.
- Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf issues a fierce warning that the era of extortion is over, asserting that Iran will not scale down its sovereign strategic deterrence.
- President Pezeshkian calls on all government ministries to maximize Iran's legal deterrence frameworks and systematically document infrastructure damage across global forums.

ECONOMY

- U.S. President Trump officially reinstates a complete maritime blockade on Iranian shipping lines, moving to intercept any commercial vessels crossing the strategic Strait of Hormuz.
- Escalating military hostilities trigger a rapid 3% surge in global crude oil prices as international shipping companies freeze transit routes passing through the Persian Gulf.
- Central transport links suffer severe logistical disruptions after precision tactical strikes cause heavy structural damage to the Aghtaka Khan Railway Bridge.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani delivers a formal communication to the UN Security Council detailing widespread logistical damage and condemning recent Western actions as heinous war crimes.
- Iran's High Council for Human Rights strongly denounces cross-border operations, asserting that the deliberate targeting of non-military infrastructure violates fundamental international laws.
- Regional defense networks tighten as Kuwaiti and Bahraini military commands officially confirm the aerial interception of fresh Iranian drone salvos over their airspace.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Localized drone flyovers trigger automated air defense networks near the U.S. consulate in Erbil, sparking intense panic and immediate security lockdowns across neighboring sectors.
- Precision airstrikes target local utility hubs, knocking out domestic electricity grids and disrupting water pumping infrastructure across multiple industrial sectors.
- Targeted bombardments destroy the critical maritime control tower infrastructure at Chabahar's strategic Shahid Kalantari Port facility, halting localized coastal logistics.



DEFENCE

- Caretaker Defense Minister Majid Ibn al Reza confirms that domestic drone manufacturing capacity successfully tripled despite intense multi-province infrastructure bombardments.
- The U.S. military transitions to round-the-clock daylight precision airstrikes, targeting IRGC barracks and Ground Force garrison dormitory layers in Bampur.
- IRGC aerospace forces deploy anti-ship salvos and launch targeted retaliatory missile strikes hitting an American operational logistical base inside Jordan.

HEALTH

- A severe strike near Ahvaz forces the rapid, emergency evacuation of more than 200 pediatric patients from the Shahid Baghaei children's cancer hospital facility.
- The Ministry of Health confirms that cumulative casualties from recent multi-province bombardments have exceeded 35 fatalities and left hundreds hospitalized.
- The European Association of Nuclear Medicine faces sharp local pushback after introducing restrictive entry and participation parameters for Iranian clinical scientists.

EDUCATION

- The national student delegation achieves high global recognition, sweeping multiple gold and silver medals at the 37th International Biology Olympiad in Vilnius, Lithuania.
- ICT organization chief Mohammad-Mohsen Sadr initiates multi-lateral digital collaboration talks with regional counterparts to advance joint artificial intelligence governance networks.
- Academic monitoring boards tighten political-ideological vetting filters on incoming university applications to isolate potential dissident networks before the new term.

SOCIETY

- The national men's sitting volleyball squad captures its record-extending ninth world championship title after a dominant 3-1 victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina in Hangzhou.
- Judoka Mahsa Shakibaei etches her name into the history books by capturing Iran's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Cadet Judo Championships in Jordan.
- Environmental tracking reports highlight severe plastic waste accumulations turning regional river systems into critical ecological hazards.

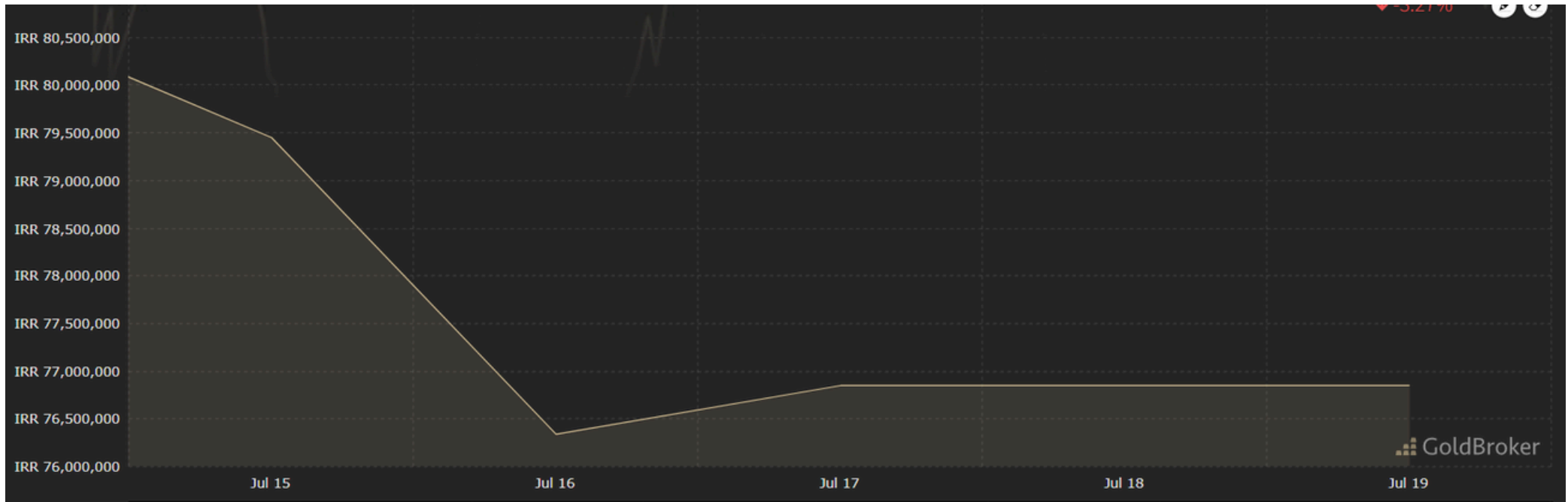
1	13 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	UK designates Iran's IRGC under new National Security Act threat framework	Iran International
2	13 Jul 2026	Economy	Trump reinstates comprehensive maritime blockade on Iranian commercial shipping lines	The Hindu
3	13 Jul 2026	Internal Security	One killed, four wounded in U.S. strikes hitting a water pumping station in Mahshahr	The Hindu
4	13 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Iran-US conflict reaches heaviest scale since initial framework de-escalation deal	NAMPA / AFP
5	13 Jul 2026	Society	Plastic waste accumulations become major environmental challenge across Iranian rivers	Iran International
6	13 Jul 2026	Health	AI self-diagnosis tools spike in Iran as rising healthcare costs drive patients online	Iran International
7	13 Jul 2026	Society	Cannabis shifts to leading drug category among urban Iranian women, research indicates	Iran International
8	13 Jul 2026	Health	European Association of Nuclear Medicine clarifies entry parameters for Iranian nationals	Iran International
9	14 Jul 2026	Defence	US military denies striking civilian wheat storage facility during regional defense sweeps	The Hindu
10	14 Jul 2026	Defence	Three killed in targeted strike hitting environmental ranger station in Hajjiabad village	IRNA English
11	15 Jul 2026	Politics	Caretaker Defense Minister Ibn Reza highlights a threefold domestic drone production surge	Mehr News PDF
12	15 Jul 2026	Health	Health Ministry confirms cumulative airstrike casualties exceed 35 killed across provinces	The Hindu
13	15 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Kuwait and Bahrain armies confirm interception of fresh Iranian aerial drone volleys	The Hindu
14	15 Jul 2026	Defence	US military transitions to round-the-clock daylight airstrikes targeting Iranian defenses	The Hindu
15	15 Jul 2026	Health	Ahvaz children's cancer facility evacuated following nearby precision tactical airstrikes	Mehr News PDF

16	15 Jul 2026	Defence	Missile attacks target barracks and Ground Force garrison dormitory layers in Bampur	IRNA English
17	16 Jul 2026	Politics	Parliament Speaker Qalibaf warns Iran will not succumb to aggressive US extortion attempts	The Hindu
18	16 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Air defenses activated over Erbil near U.S. consulate following hostile drone flyovers	The Hindu
19	16 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani delivers formal war crimes grievance letter to UN Security Council	IRNA English
20	17 Jul 2026	Politics	Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei promises unforgettable defensive lessons for Washington	The Hindu
21	17 Jul 2026	Society	National sitting volleyball squad captures record ninth world championship title in Hangzhou	Mehr News PDF
22	17 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Strikes destroy critical maritime control tower infrastructure at Chabahar's Shahid Kalantari Port	Mehr News PDF
23	17 Jul 2026	Society	Judoka Mahsa Shakibaei secures historic gold medal at Asian Cadet Championships in Jordan	Mehr News PDF
24	18 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	High Council for Human Rights slams US strikes as flagrant UN Charter violations	IRNA English
25	18 Jul 2026	Economy	Aghtaka Khan Railway Bridge and central transit links sustain heavy structural damages	IRNA English
26	18 Jul 2026	Internal Security	IRGC launches targeted missile strikes hitting American operational logistical base in Jordan	IRNA English
27	18 Jul 2026	Defence	IRGC aerospace forces deploy anti-ship salvos to dismantle regional U.S. warplane ramps	IRNA English
28	18 Jul 2026	Politics	President Pezeshkian calls to maximize Iran's legal deterrence frameworks across global forums	IRNA English
29	19 Jul 2026	Education	Iranian national student delegation sweeps multiple gold medals at Vilnius Biology Olympiad	Tehran Times
30	19 Jul 2026	Society	2026 FIFA World Cup concludes massive global tournament paths with final match matches	IRNA English

Gold Prices (in Iranian Rial/Ounce)



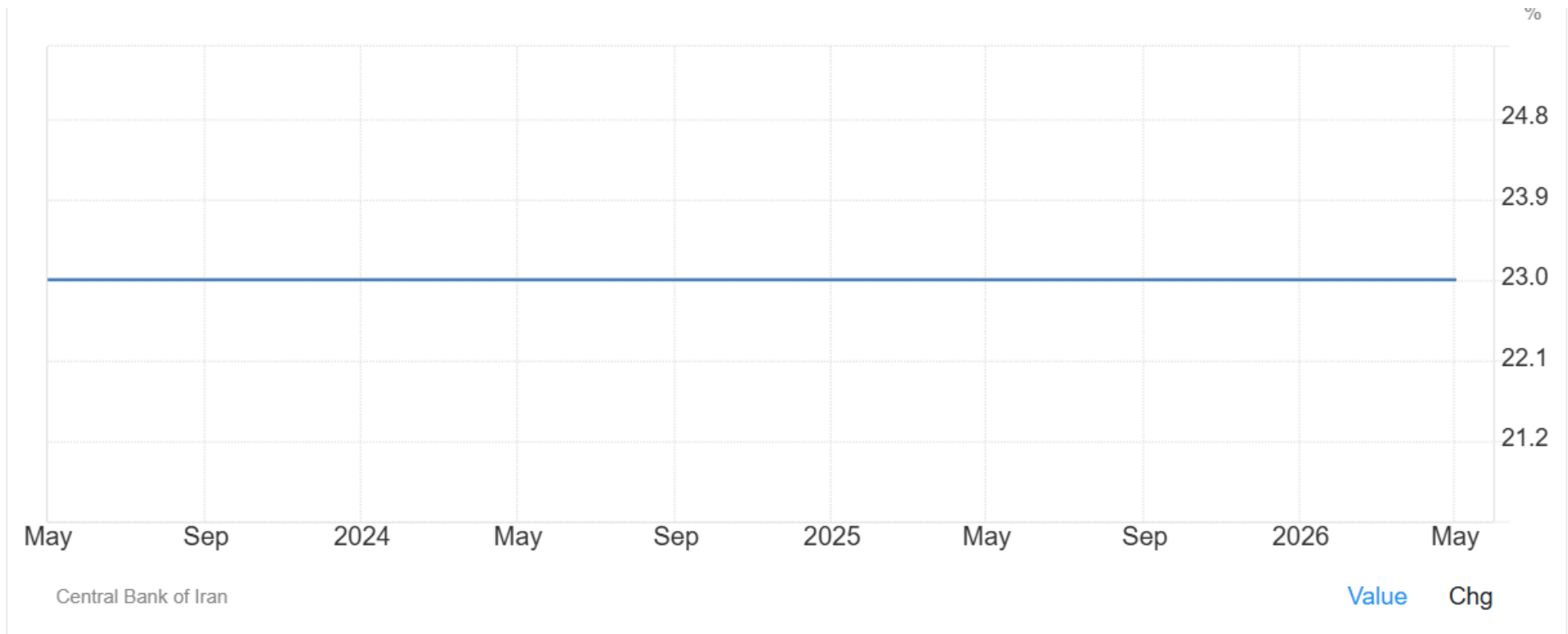
Silver Prices (in Iranian Rial/Ounce)





FORESIGHT

Bank Markazi (Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran) Repo Cutoff Rate



Iran's banking system operates under Islamic finance principles, which prohibit conventional interest (riba). In practice, banks use profit-sharing and financing contracts, while the Central Bank guides lending and deposit rates through Islamic-compliant mechanisms that function similarly to interest rates

USD/IRR exchange rate

