

# IRAN WEEKLY



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## POLITICS

- Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei and President Pezeshkian address state assemblies on national defense resilience following the breakdown of the temporary ceasefire MoU.
- U.S. Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz confirms Washington is "giving talks some space" while keeping military forces locked and loaded for backchannel negotiations.
- Hardline factions in Qom and parliament demand strict national sovereignty guarantees

## ECONOMY

- U.S. President Trump of Global crude markets experience sharp fluctuations as supertankers alter transit routes around Persian Gulf chokepoints.
- The Cabinet approves emergency financial relief packages and loan extension frameworks for commercial enterprises impacted by wartime maritime restrictions.
- Persistent inflation and delayed wage disbursements trigger localized worker strikes and market disruptions across urban industrial

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Iranian military authorities announce a temporary halt to retaliatory strikes against Middle Eastern targets on July 26 following a lull in U.S. aerial attacks.
- Iranian representatives deliver formal communications to the UN Security Council, condemning U.S. strikes on domestic logistics as grave violations of international law.
- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi maintains indirect communication channels through Qatari and Omani mediators to negotiate safe

## INTERNAL SECURITY

- State judiciary authorities execute 26-year-old law graduate and PMOI activist Mehdi Khanaki on July 22 following a closed-door trial.
- Underground PMOI Resistance Units launch over 40 anti-repression campaigns across Tehran, Isfahan, Mashhad, and Shiraz, displaying anti-regime banners.
- Iranian border guards engage in heavy armed clashes near the western border with Iraq, killing four members of the outlawed Kurdish group PJAK on July 26.



## DEFENCE

- The US CENTCOM executes targeted precision strikes against IRGC missile and drone units involved in directing attacks against U.S. regional positions.
- IRGC aerospace forces deploy anti-ship missile salvos before both sides enter a temporary mutual hold-fire on July 26.
- Defense Ministry directorates report accelerated production of domestic tactical drones and coastal air-defense batteries to reinforce strategic ports.

## HEALTH

- Regional clinical facilities in southern provinces deploy emergency mobile triage teams to manage rising casualties and extreme summer heatstroke cases.
- Health Ministry officials coordinate with international humanitarian organizations to secure essential pharmaceutical imports through unblocked port channels.
- Medical councils push back against European restrictions barring Iranian nuclear medicine researchers from global academic congresses.

## EDUCATION

- Higher education monitoring committees finalize political and ideological vetting guidelines for incoming university students ahead of the autumn term.
- National student delegations achieve top honors at international scientific Olympiads, highlighting expanding national investment in STEM tracks
- Secondary education boards finalize plans to integrate cyber-defense and digital literacy modules into public school curricula.

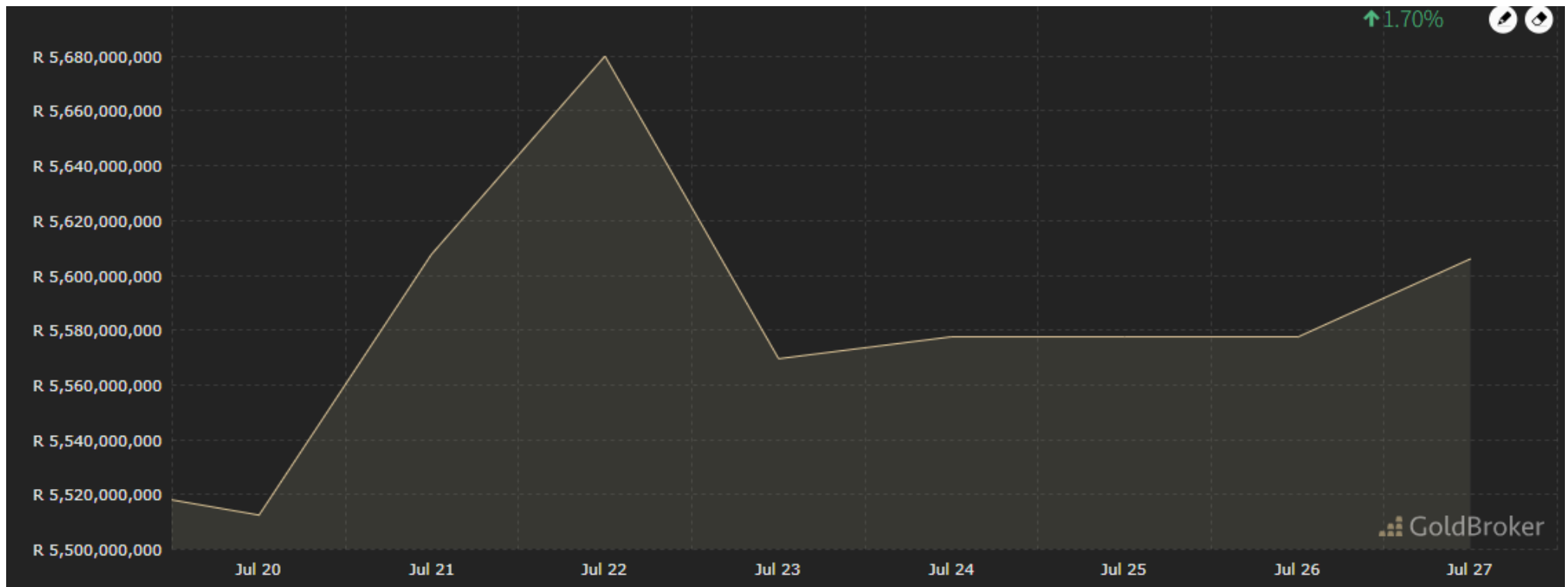
## SOCIETY

- Families and political prisoners at Qezel-Hesar and Dastgerd prisons organize hunger strikes and "No to Execution" rallies against surging death sentences.
- Iranian national athletes compete at international sports events in Hangzhou and Amman, capturing medals in Asian cadet martial arts and sitting volleyball.
- Cultural groups and domestic media document post-war restoration efforts and memorial ceremonies following weeks of regional kinetic instability.
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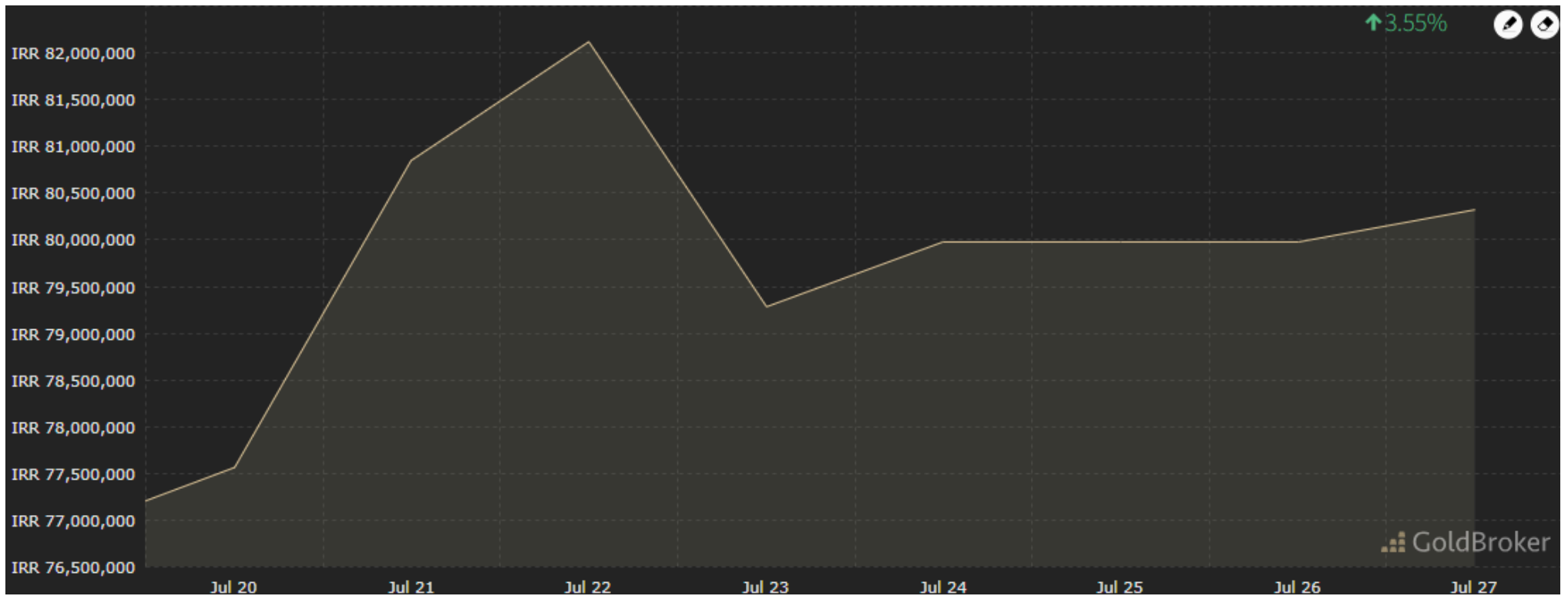
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| 1  | 20 Jul 2026 | Politics          | <a href="#">JINSA Iran War Update tracks breakdown of MOU and resumption of strikes</a>                       | JINSA               |
| 2  | 20 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Two January Uprising detainees executed in Isfahan as 10 face imminent execution</a>              | NCRI                |
| 3  | 20 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">PMOI Resistance Units execute 40 anti-repression operations across major cities</a>               | NCRI                |
| 4  | 20 Jul 2026 | Defence           | <a href="#">CENTCOM strikes IRGC units involved in attacks on U.S. forces in Jordan</a>                       | NCRI / CENTCOM      |
| 5  | 20 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Iraq arrests suspects in Syria arms shipment case linked to Hezbollah</a>                         | NCRI                |
| 6  | 20 Jul 2026 | Health            | <a href="#">Iranian health authorities track rising heatstroke cases across southern desert corridors</a>     | IRNA English        |
| 7  | 21 Jul 2026 | Economy           | <a href="#">Global oil prices fluctuate as supertankers alter courses following Strait of Hormuz warnings</a> | Livemint            |
| 8  | 21 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">GCC Secretariat strongly rejects regional threats to commercial maritime transit</a>              | GCC Secretariat     |
| 9  | 21 Jul 2026 | Defence           | <a href="#">U.S. forces monitor Persian Gulf and Red Sea chokepoints amid ongoing missile exchanges</a>       | Livemint            |
| 10 | 22 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Regime executes 26-year-old PMOI member Mehdi Khanaki following sham trial</a>                    | NCRI                |
| 11 | 22 Jul 2026 | Economy           | <a href="#">U.S. announces civilian nuclear deal proposal with Saudi Arabia as regional leverage</a>          | BSS / AFP           |
| 12 | 22 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">Iranian diplomatic envoys reiterate rejection of unilateral Western maritime sanctions</a>        | IRNA English        |
| 13 | 23 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">U.S. President Trump conditions nuclear diplomacy progress on Middle East normalization</a>       | BSS / AFP           |
| 14 | 23 Jul 2026 | Economy           | <a href="#">Brent crude benchmarks react to military activity near Gulf shipping channels</a>                 | Middle East Monitor |
| 15 | 23 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Solitary confinement transfers at Isfahan's Dastgerd prison spark hunger strikes</a>              | NCRI                |

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| 16 | 24 Jul 2026 | Defence           | <a href="#">U.S. forces conduct targeted strikes against hostile launch sites in response to maritime attacks</a> | The Hindu            |
| 17 | 24 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Civil defense systems in regional hubs trigger safety alerts during missile exchanges</a>             | The Hindu            |
| 18 | 24 Jul 2026 | Health            | <a href="#">Ahvaz and Bushehr hospitals maintain emergency clinical triage for regional patients</a>              | Mehr News            |
| 19 | 25 Jul 2026 | Defence           | <a href="#">Airstrikes and drone swarms target military and industrial positions near Gulf export routes</a>      | The Hindu            |
| 20 | 25 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">Qatari and Omani mediators facilitate backchannel discussions to halt expanding conflict</a>          | The Hindu            |
| 21 | 25 Jul 2026 | Economy           | <a href="#">Commercial shipping traffic along key Middle East chokepoints reaches weekly low</a>                  | Reuters / The Hindu  |
| 22 | 25 Jul 2026 | Society           | <a href="#">Iranian national athletes compete at international sports events in Hangzhou and Amman</a>            | Mehr News            |
| 23 | 26 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">Iran halts retaliatory strikes on regional targets after lull in U.S. aerial attacks</a>              | The Hindu            |
| 24 | 26 Jul 2026 | Foreign Affairs   | <a href="#">U.S. Envoy Mike Waltz states President Trump is giving talks space while forces remain ready</a>      | The Hindu            |
| 25 | 26 Jul 2026 | Politics          | <a href="#">Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei addresses state officials on national defense resilience</a>          | ISW / CTP            |
| 26 | 26 Jul 2026 | Internal Security | <a href="#">Iranian border guards kill four PJAK members in armed clash near Iraqi border</a>                     | The Hindu / State TV |
| 27 | 26 Jul 2026 | Education         | <a href="#">Iranian student delegations prepare for global academic Olympiads in biology and physics</a>          | Tehran Times         |
| 28 | 26 Jul 2026 | Health            | <a href="#">Red Crescent teams expand rural heatstroke relief stations across central desert provinces</a>        | IRNA English         |
| 29 | 26 Jul 2026 | Society           | <a href="#">Anti-execution protests and hunger strikes in Qezel-Hesar prison draw domestic attention</a>          | NCRI                 |
| 30 | 26 Jul 2026 | Economy           | <a href="#">Cabinet approves financial aid and loan extension frameworks for wartime-impacted businesses</a>      | IRNA English         |

## Gold Prices (in Iranian Rial/Ounce)



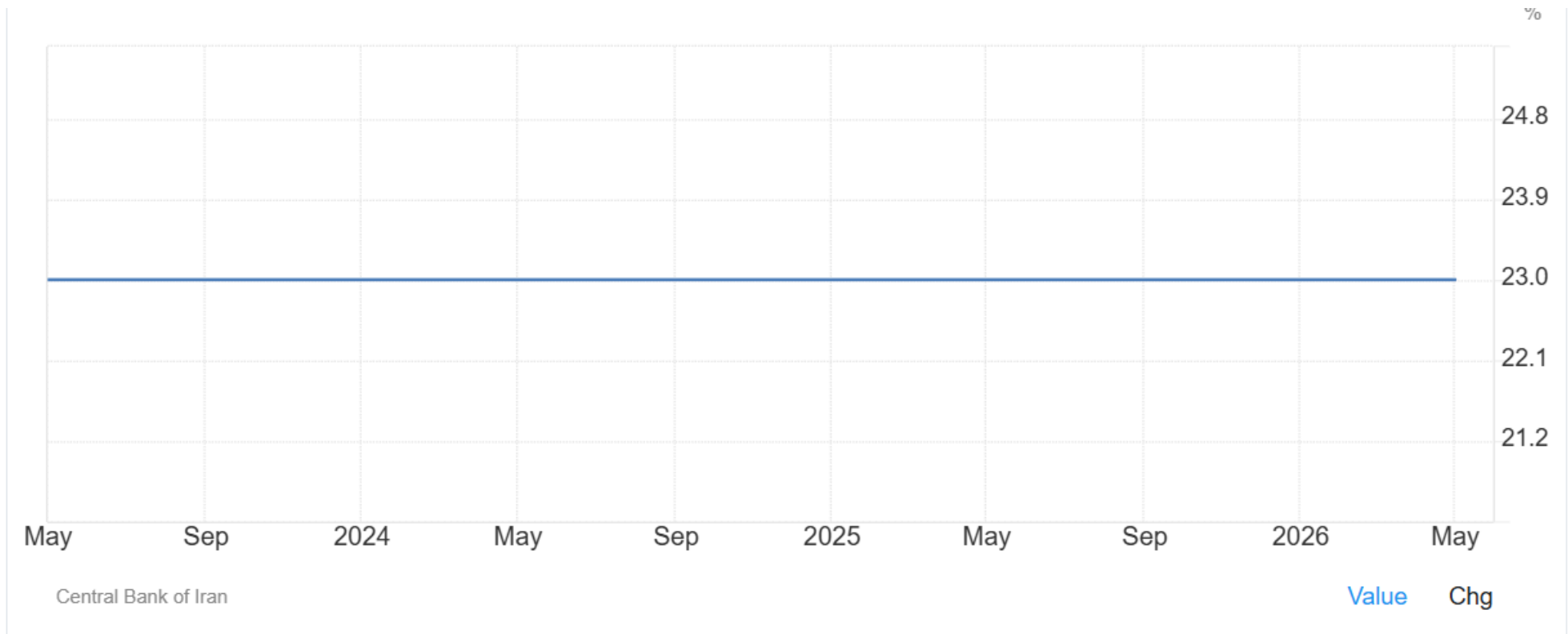
## Silver Prices (in Iranian Rial/Ounce)





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

