

of the plan would be removed in two weeks, Fars News Agency reported.

He called on governor generals to reflect their provinces' capabilities and privileges to the Supreme Employment Council so that the employment document would be ready for the implementation by the end of the year.

Carpet Exports Will Rise

The Islamic Republic of Iran is going to export ten thousand tons of Persian carpet in four years, said the head of Iran National Carpet Center.

Feisal Merdasi predicted the value of the export volume to reach \$600 million in the period, adding the government and commerce ministry are committed to fulfill the objective.

According to ISNA, Iran's hand woven carpet export in the last 10 months exceeded \$390 million.

In 2008, Iran's export of hand-woven carpets stood at \$420 million.

Carpet-weaving is undoubtedly one of the most distinguished manifestations of Persian culture and art, and dates back to ancient Persia.

There is an estimated population of 1.2 million weavers in Iran producing carpets for domestic markets and international export.

US, Germany, UAE, Switzerland and UK were the most prominent export destinations in the previous months.

Italy, Thailand Businessmen Eying Free Zones

Two delegations of Italian and Thai investors met with Iranian officials in charge of free zones and expressed their interest in investing in the zones.

The Italian delegation announced its readiness to invest in launching furniture and interior decorative items as well as fish farms, ISNA reported on Monday.

The Thai group paid a visit to Arvand Free Zone, southwest of Iran, and got familiar with potentials for investment in the zone, particularly in the fishery sector.

They also put forward the idea of investing in petrochemical sector and establishing commercial centers as well as transiting Thai-made products via the zone to Iraq.

Petchem Exports Surpass \$55m

More than 50 thousand tons of petrochemical products valued at \$55 million were exported from Tabriz petrochemical complex during the last 11 months of the current Iranian year (started on March 21).

Turkey, Sweden, China and Germany are the main targets for Iran's petrochemical products, Moj News Agency wrote.

Tabriz petrochemical complex is an important petrochemical and polymer producer plant in Iran.



economic and industrial ties. Ankara and Tehran are quite favorable and growing.

"President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit to Turkey in 2009 marked a turning point in bilateral bonds. This is while the visit of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Tehran in Oct. 2009 led to further fortification of mutual ties," he added.

He recalled that Turkey is doing its best to increase the volume of its relations with D8 member-states.

Ergun assessed two-way economic and industrial ties as favorable.

"Turkey is prepared to bolster mutual ties through inking new contracts on economic activities and joint investment ventures," he noted.

He also expressed his gratitude over the growing bilateral economic ac

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Iran announced its readiness to provide energy supplies it needs for the development of its infrastructure and internal use, said the Industries and Mines Commission Secretary General Hashemi.

In a meeting with Pakistani Science and Technology Minister Azam Khan Swati in Tehran, he called on both sides to expand their economic, trade and energy relations to secure their mutual interests.

Referring to Iran's engineering and technology capabilities in mining, he added that Iran will adopt effective measures to supply Iraq's oil and mineral needs, Fars News Agency reported.

He expressed hope that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between the two countries.

Iran's seafood production will exceed 600 thousand tons this year, paving the way for getting a better potential market all over the world.

Iraq, Russia and Afghanistan are not being the prominent export destinations for Iran seafood, but Iran Fisheries Organization considers Egypt an important and potential new market for the products, Moj News Agency wrote.

Iran exported 2,400 tons of shrimps valued at \$12 million for the country.

Revenues earned from exporting shrimps are equal to those of petrochemical products Arsalan Qasbi said former managing director of the