

Iran's daily gasoline imports hit 5.5m liters: official - Tehran Times

Economic Desk

11 May 2014 16:52 -



TEHRAN – Iran has imported 5.5 million liters of gasoline per day on average since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2014), Abbas Kazemi, the managing director of the National Iranian Oil Refining and Distribution Company said. If the irregular consumption of gasoline continues in summer, the volume of imports may be further increased, the Tasnim News Agency quoted Kazemi as saying on Sunday.

Iran's daily gasoline imports stood at 3.5 million liters on average in the previous Iranian calendar year, Kazemi stated.

Iranian Oil Ministry has forecasted that Iran will import 10 million liters of gasoline per day in the current Iranian calendar year.

Last month, MP Mehdi Mousavinejad said that the Iranian administration's decision to import gasoline is contrary to strategies of the resistance economy, which have been outlined by the Supreme Leader.

On March 5, National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company Managing Director Mostafa Kashkoui said Iran would triple gasoline imports in the current Iranian calendar year since domestic petrochemical units had halted gasoline production.

He added that 10 to 11 million liters of gasoline would be imported per day in the current year.

Over the past three years, 8-10 million liters of gasoline has been produced per day by the

domestic petrochemical units, the Mehr News Agency quoted Kashkouli as saying.

Daily gasoline consumption hit an all-time record high of 100.7 million liters in Iran on April 1.