



Iran's late president Ebrahim Raisi (C) inaugurates an expansion project in the country's flagship Abadan Refinery in the southwestern province of Khuzestan on March 20, 2023.



lion. Iran is strategizing to realize this income in the upcoming years through infrastructure development and the easing of laws.

9. Removing production obstacles

Characterized as economic rent, the distribution at the state-set exchange rate of 42,000 Rials had posed a significant obstacle for businesses lacking access to government-issued currency and the resultant rent creation before president Raisi took office. For this reason, the removal of the preferential exchange rate for importing basic goods can be deemed a positive step toward making the economy transparent and shifting towards competitive production. Additionally, this measure brought about a tenfold increase in subsi-

dies after a 12-year hiatus.

10. Facilitating licensing of businesses

The activation of the National Licensing Portal stood as one of the previous government's notable actions. According to Article 7 of the Law on the Implementation of Article 44 of the Constitution, the portal ought to have been activated as far back as 2007, but conflicting interests within governments prevented its realization. However, during the presidency of Ebrahim Raisi, the Ministry of Economy diligently pursued the matter, and the process of issuing licenses was for the most part improved. The development happened as a result of a modification in the aforementioned Article 7 by Ehsan Khandouzi as a member of the

Economic Committee of the Iranian Parliament. He then carried the initiative forward on a larger scale during his tenure as the Minister of Economy.

11. Lifting the ban on car imports

In January of last year, Iran's ban on car imports came to an end after a four-year hiatus as the first shipment arrived. Currently, steps are being taken to facilitate the import of electric and affordable cars, which are being introduced into the market owing to the adopted policies.

12. Disclosing names of big bank debtors

The previous government's objective in disclosing the names of significant defaulters on bank loans

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