

Iran Bans US Dollar in Trade Activities to Beat Sanctions

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Iran has banned the use of the U.S. dollar in all trade transactions, prohibiting businesses from registering import orders using the currency.

The Ministry of Industries, Mining and Trademade the announcement Wednesday, following an official request by the Central Bank of Iran (CBI). It is meant to address fluctuations in the dollar.

Mehdi Kasraeipour, CBI's director of foreign exchange rules and policies, said the move is unlikely to meet with resistance, considering that the dollar has a low share in Iran's trade activities.

"It has been for a long time that Iran's banking sector cannot use the dollar as a result of the sanctions," he said.

Iran has since implemented a new electronic system to purchase foreign currencies on a wider scale.

The country has long been seeking to make the move, having signed many agreements with other nations on using national currencies in bilateral trade.

In November, when Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei met with Russian President Vladimir Putin, he had said that in order to beat U.S. sanctions, the two could dump the U.S. dollar in trade, a strategy that could "isolate the Americans."

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