

Sanctioning Human Rights

After 12 years of talks, finally in July 2015 the Islamic Republic of Iran and the group known as 5+1 (Russia, China, Britain, France, Germany and the United States) reached an agreement on the peaceful Iranian nuclear programme "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" or JCPOA. Through suspension of some nuclear activities of Iran, the agreement lifted some of the heavy sanctions imposed on the country. The agreement received its official support by the UN Security Council through Resolution 2231 which placed JCPOA in international law, and made it enforceable.

Right from the outset, the United States failed to stay fully committed to lifting the nuclear related sanctions against the Iranian people and ultimately in May 2018 US President Donald Trump pulled out of the agreement. He announced that severe sanctions would be re-imposed on Iran.

Over the last few months, despite the objection of the rest of the JCPOA signatories and 12 IAEA reports unequivocally confirming Iran's commitment to the agreement, the United States imposed even harsher sanctions against Iran, and what is usually forgotten in this unilateral and unfair measure is the adverse human rights consequences of such sanctions for Iranian people.

This booklet is a brief glance at the pain and sufferings of the ordinary Iranians from the unlawful unilateral sanctions imposed by the United States. We hope we reach a day that with the help of the United Nations, NGOs and human rights activists, the illegal, inhuman "unilateral coercive measures" are erased from the international relations literature ending the unjust sufferings of civilians.



www.iaa.ir JCPOA/ Paragraph 22 The United States will ... allow for the sale of commercial passenger aircraft and related parts and services to Iran

Sanctions of Iran's Civil Aviation Industry

Sanctions on Iran aviation industry has made many aircrafts in the country's aviation network inactive, due to lack of access to engines, spare parts and components.

Sanctions & Violation of the Right to Development

Same of the companies that stopped working with Iran in the field of green technology under US sanctions are:

Danish Company (Vestas) on Wind Turbines

Malaysian Company (SolarBee) on Solar Powered Water Treatment Plants

German Company (VARTA) on Solar Battery

Norwegian Company (Stadtoil) on reduction of CO2 emission



Sanctions of Iran's Oil Export

The sanctions on Iran's oil export are considered as violation of the common Article 1 of ICESCR and ICCPR, as well as the ICJ ruling.



The International Court of Justice notes that Iran v. US oil production is a vital part of the country's economy and constitutes an important component of its foreign trade

ICJ, Iran us, case concerning oil platforms, judgment of 12 December 1996, para 51; ICJ, Iran v. us, case concerning oil platforms, judgment of 6. November 2003, para 83

ICESCR and ICCPR, Article1: All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.

Violation of the Right to Development

shipping and shipping freedom."
The Iranian Ambassador to the UK Hamid
Baedinejad, Twitter, 22nd Nov. 2018

Global Maritime
Companies such
as Maersk Line
and Mediterranean
Shipping Company
limited their
cooperation with Iran
following the USA
withdrawal from
JCPOA

Dozens of maritime insurance companies and about 200 Iranian vessels are on the US sanctions list. The vessels are critical to Iran economy.



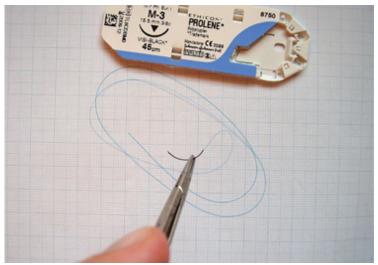


Ghazal, a student, was thinking of purchasing Warfarin - an anticoagulant mostly imported from Finland - when a pharmacist in Tehran told her, "You better buy it today, or tomorrow you might not find it anymore." In only a few months, the price of the drug has tripled due to the currency devaluation triggered by the US exit from the nuclear deal. While US President Donald Trump on Nov. 2 amused his Twitter followers with a "Game of Thrones"-themed announcement of the re-imposition of a second wave of penalties targeting Iran's economy, Ghazal and millions of other Iranians are suffering the real-life consequences of his politics.

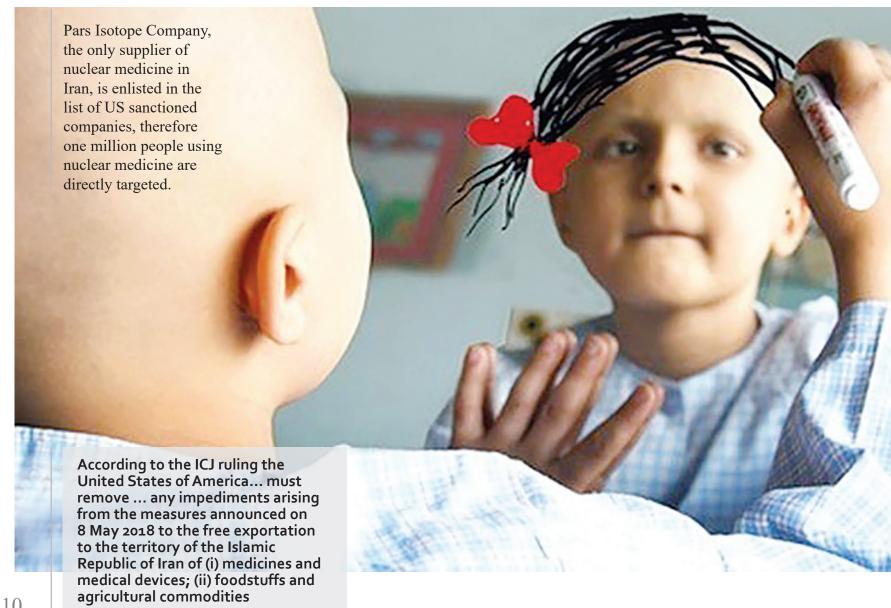




Surgery gloves and Suture material are the basics of emergency and essential surgical care. US sanctions on swift limit Iranians' access to basic healthcare.



41. States parties should refrain at all times from imposing embargoes or similar measures restricting the supply of another State with adequate medicines and medical equipment. Restrictions on such goods should never be used as an instrument of political and economic pressure. CESCR General Comment No. 14: 11 August 2000



Is Walking Taken for Granted? Sanctions limit access to medical equipment by preventing financial interbank transactions.



Sanctions are "unjust and harmful"

H. E. Mr. Idriss Jazairy;

The Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of the Unilateral Coercive Measures on Human Rights:

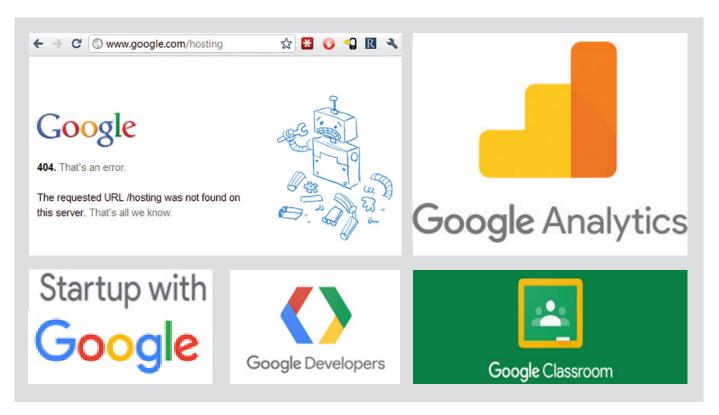
The United States' sanctions are "unjust and harmful ... destroying the economy and currency of Iran, driving millions of people into poverty." 22 August 2018 "There is a need for differences between States to be resolved through peaceful means as advocated by the UN Charter, while avoiding exposing innocent civilians to collective punishment. Causing hunger and disease through economic instruments should not be accepted in the 21st century." 8 November 2018 "There can be no justification for not including blanket protections for the importation of food, medicine, and other necessities of life without first requiring lengthy and complex approval processes," 8 November 2018

"Under economic sanctions, people also die but from lack of food and medicine, rather than from explosive devices. This form of warfare that relies on starvation and disease deserves the same concern from the international community as any other conflict." 8 November 2018



Lack of access to various apps

Iranians can not use some google servises and other apps!



Blockade of International Financial Transaction

Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) disconnected on 5 November 2018 on Iranian banks.

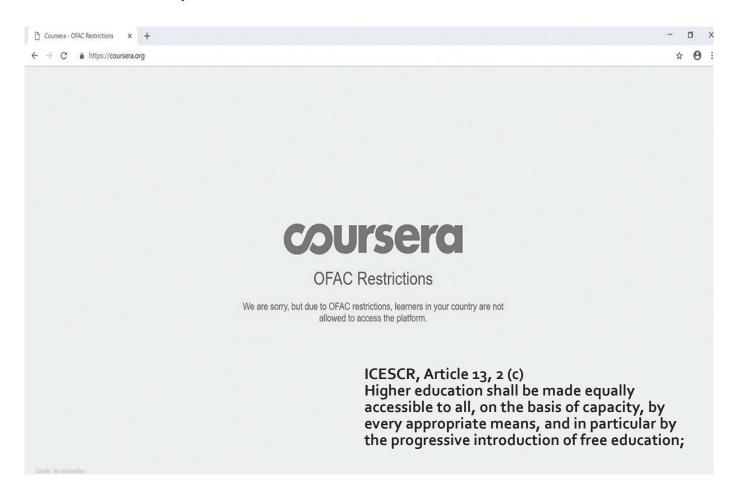
Financial interbank transactions are the most important pre requisit for import of food, medicine and humanitarian goods.



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE 89. Furthermore, the Court notes that ...as a result of the measures, certain foreign banks have withdrawn from financing agreements or suspended co-operation with Iranian banks. Some of these banks also refuse to accept transfers or to provide corresponding services. It follows that it has become difficult if not impossible for Iran, Iranian companies and nationals to engage in international financial transactions that would allow them to purchase items not covered, in principle, by the measures, such as foodstuffs, medical supplies and medical equipment.

Lack of access to online education

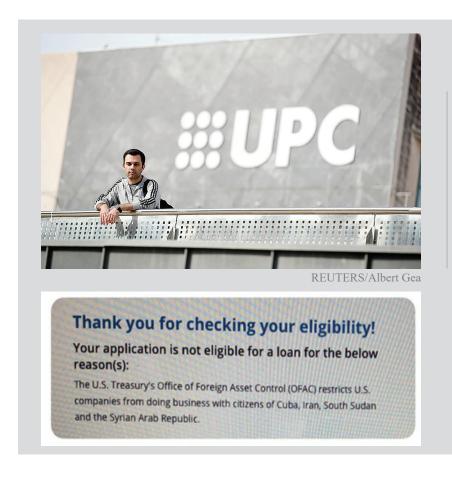
Iranian's access to many education websites has been limited.



The Right to Education

Due to the sanctions imposed by the United States, Iranian students are facing numerous challenges including, receiving visas, transferring money and being banned from enrolment in some university courses.

The US government and private banks pay student loans to the people who are enrolling in American universities, while Iranian students are not eligible for such loans.



Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Article 26: Everyone has the right to education ... Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

Let's clear the unjust and phraseof Unilateral Coercive umanrights

