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To Mr./Ms. _____

Dear subscriber, we are pleased to present to you the July issue of IRAMONIT. As a valuable resource worth adding to your personal library, our new report, which includes the comprehensive analyses of the developments in Iran as well as the notable developments at the regional and international level, has been prepared on the basis of both primary and Iran-based resources, just like our previous issues.

Our 13th issue enriched with infographics and a monthly chronology of the developments regarding Iran contains eight articles and a comprehensive special file. The titles of the articles are as follows: **“Iran’s Foreign Policy Highlights in July, Should Turkey Be in Afghanistan?, Turkey’s Presence in Kabul and the Psychological Operation Environment, Afghanistan’s Economic Features: Current Situation and Potentials, Transboundary Water Disputes Between Iran and Afghanistan, Saving the Nuclear Deal: Disputes, Challenges and Prospects, Ebrahim Raisi’s Government Program and Its Analysis, and The Social Participation of Iranian Women”**.

This month’s special file examines **“Iran-China Relations and 25-Years Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement”**. The two countries, whose relations have been strong and diverse throughout history, got closer as a consequence of the political changes that took place in both countries at the end of the 1970s, and China has become Iran’s largest trading partner over the past two decades. This study explores the Iran-China relations in a broad framework, discussing the history of the relations over 40 years in the context of current developments and trade relations. The Iran-China relations, “25-Year Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement”, the importance of the Agreement for the parties, the high-tech breakthroughs that China has made in recent years, the likelihood of Iran’s increasing its capacity to attack, and the effects of the US pressure policies on the relations between Iran and China are examined in this analysis. The relations between Iran and China, which were built on the basis of economic motivations and rational interests, continue even by getting stronger with the power coming from their history. In addition to these motivations and interests, it is seen that the different pressure and prevention policies implemented by the US and the EU towards the two countries have brought China and Iran closer to each other. In this regard, the intimidation policies of the US against Iran and of the US and the EU towards China are expected further to strengthen the Iran-China relations in the medium term.

I hope that this month’s report will be useful for you and your institution. I wish you a month filled with good health, peace, and success, and hope to see you in our next issue.



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