

Egypt

GB Auto to Open Passenger Car Factory in Sadat City Next Year

GB Auto is working on transforming a brownfield site in Sadat City into a passenger car and light commercial vehicle factory, Marina Kamal, GB Auto's IR head, told Enterprise. The factory will assemble some 50,000 cars for Chinese brands Changan and Haval (which GB Auto added to its portfolio last year) a year and is expected to start operating in November 2023, Kamal said, adding that it is expected to create 1000 jobs. <https://enterprise.press/stories/2022/07/06/gb-auto-to-open-passenger-car-factory-in-sadat-city-next-year-75399/>

Iran

Production of IKCO Samand, SAIPA Tiba and Saina Halted, Peugeot 405 to Be Phased Out

Seyedreza Fatemi Amin, Minister of Industry, Mining and Trade, has announced that production of the Saina, Tiba and Samand has been halted, and the production line of the Peugeot 405 will be stopped gradually. While automobile manufacturers would like to continue production, the National Standard Organisation and others complained about the lack of safety features, shoddy quality and lack of comfort features. It has been said that the production lines of Samand and Saina cars have already been closed, and the last Tiba will be produced by the end of this month.

<https://automobilefarsi.com/news/localnews/samand-tiba-and-saina-production-will-be-discontinued>

Qingling Taga Introduced in Iran

Padra Diesel, a privately owned company that is the local representative of Tatra Trucks, announced that local Chinese Qingling Taga pickup sales would commence soon. The Taga is based on the Isuzu D-Max and will be offered with two petrol and a diesel engine.

https://persiankhodro.com/show_news/138324/

Iran Khodro Diesel Launches Ataman Truck

It took five years for Iran Khodro Diesel to circumvent sanctions and develop its truck. The new Ataman (leader in Turkish) is hailed as the company's new flagship. Upon closer inspection, it is apparent that the company used the old Mercedes-Benz Actros as the basis and installed a new cabin. Ataman also has a Mercedes engine and a manual gearbox from ZF.

https://persiankhodro.com/show_news/138264/

Zar Macaron Industrial Group Receives Production Permit

In a strange twist of events, Zar Macaron Industrial Group, the country's biggest pasta (!) producer, decided to set up an automobile factory and just received the necessary permits. The company which bought land in Alborz province has yet to disclose details of its plans.

<https://automobilefarsi.com/news/localnews/zar-macaron-builds-cars-tir1401>

IKCO Production Grows by 53 Percent

With the production of 174,695 cars from the beginning of the current fiscal year (March 21) to July 11, Iran Khodro has registered a 53% growth in production. „Delivery to customers during the period has reached 169,487 vehicles, registering a 30% year-on-year increase,” Mehdi Khatibi was quoted as saying during the meeting with the employees of TAM Company.

<https://financialtribune.com/articles/auto/114348/ikco-production-grows-by-53>

Kenya

President Uhuru Kenyatta Launches Locally Assembled Mitsubishi Pickup

President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the locally assembled Euro 4 Mitsubishi L200 pickup at State House, Nairobi, last week. He thanked Mitsubishi, Associated Vehicle Assembly (AVA) and Simba Corporation for being true partners in the country's efforts to grow the industry. “I really appreciate the partnership that we have had that has led to a revival of this industry that was once-moribund, and for me to give you my assurance and my commitment that we shall continue to work together to reach the targets that we envisioned way back in 2019.

<https://nairobiwire.com/2022/07/photos-uhuru-launches-locally-assembled-mitsubishi-pickup.html>

President Uhuru Kenyatta Creates New Council After Sector Produces 100,000 Jobs

President Uhuru Kenyatta has established a council to develop and champion automotive industry policies in the country. The Head of State set up a National Automotive Council to play a crucial role in the automotive industry, creating employment for at least 100,000 Kenyans. Uhuru stated that the council would cement the government's commitment to boosting the automotive industry in the country. The National Automotive Council will facilitate the implementation of the National Automotive Policy, an initiative aimed at boosting the local assembling of motor vehicles.

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/77167-uhuru-creates-new-council-after-sector-produces-100000-jobs>

Zimbabwe

Ural Discusses Business Opportunities With Zimbabwe Delegation

On July 13, the Republic of Zimbabwe delegation visited the URAL Automobile Plant in Miass. During the working meeting with the plant management, the prospects for the development of bilateral cooperation

were discussed. Representatives of the African state announced their readiness not only to purchase Russian trucks for a wide range of applications but also to organise the localisation of the production of heavy vehicles in their homeland. Taking into account the legislation of the Republic of Zimbabwe, foreigners requested to provide the necessary information about the possibilities and conditions for creating a joint chassis production.

<https://www.marklines.com/en/news/272747>

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