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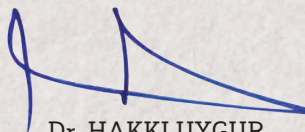
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To Mr./Ms. _____

Dear subscriber, we are pleased to present to you the tenth issue of IRAMONIT in April 2021. I would like to underline that we strive to deepen the content of our report, which comprehensively covers the issues regarding Iran and the region firsthand, with resources specific to İRAM.

Our April issue enriched with infographics and a monthly chronology of the developments regarding Iran contains seven articles and a comprehensive special file. The titles of the articles are as follows: **"Iran's Foreign Policy Highlights in April, Iranian Reactions to the Iran-China 25-Year Cooperation Agreement, The Changing Iraq Policy of the USA and the Iran Dimension of the Process, Updated Goals of the GCC and New Role of Qatar, The Increasing Terror Attacks on Saudi Arabia's Oil Infrastructure, Failure of Free Trade Zones in Iran, The Socio-Cultural Effects of the Coronavirus Outbreak in Iran"**.

This month's special file titled **"Social Welfare Policies in Iran"** examines the social welfare policies implemented in Iran. Many government agencies and semi-official organizations are among the implementers of the social welfare policies in Iran, which provide social services to more than 15 million people, particularly in the regions with limited resources. While the number of people in need of social welfare and protection services has increased in Iran because of political and economic reasons, the role of the social policy implementers in building community trust has declined in recent years. This is one of the reasons behind the ever-increasing number of civil and nonviolent protests in Iranian society. In this regard, this study has revealed that the social welfare policies carried out in order to reduce poverty and the number of poor people in Iran have failed. However, when considered from the perspective of trust-building, it has also demonstrated that these policies had to some extent an effective and positive role in maintaining the relationship between the government and society, at least until 2017. 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 coming issues.



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