Update 16: Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of Over 5,000 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 539,670

- On October 20, 2020, Iran reported highest single-day toll of new COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic with more than 5,000 new infections
- Iran's health ministry reported that 322 people had died from the virus, pushing the death toll to over 31,000
- The new infection counts on October 20, 2020, eclipsed the previous high of 4,830 last week
- Iran, which emerged early on as an epicenter of the virus, has seen its worst wave of deaths from the illness in recent weeks
- Hospitals in the hard-hit capital of Tehran are overflowing
- Also, it is reported that 31,000 nurses have been infected with the COVID-19 in the country, with 6,000 currently sick and staying home from work and 54 confirmed dead
- Over 7,600 more nurses would be deployed to compensate for dire staff shortages across the country's hospitals
- The increase comes after Iranians packed cafes and restaurants at vacation spots during recent national holidays, and after schools reopened for in-person instruction last month
- The government has resisted a total lockdown because it does not want to further weaken an economy already devastated by unprecedented US sanctions
- With the increase in death toll, authorities are now starting to impose more restrictions
- The government closed museums, libraries, beauty salons, schools and universities in Tehran earlier this month, and imposed a mask mandate outdoors
- As of now, the country has recorded a total of 539,670 COVID-19 cases, with 31,034 (~5.8% of total cases) related deaths, and 434,676 recoveries (~80.5% of total cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health of Iran (http://ird.behdasht.gov.ir/) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Iran

Targets Affected:

Iran

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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[Update 15: Tehran, Iran - Extends Curfew Until October 23, 2020 Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases]

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[Update 14: Tehran, Iran - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Rapid Rise in COVID-19 Cases]

Sept. 18, 2020　　　　　`Medium`

[Update 13: Iran - Faces Third Wave of COVID-19 Infections as Death Toll Surges Over 23,000]

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[Update 12: Iran - Economy Contracts by 3% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic]

Aug. 5, 2020　　　　　`Medium`

[Update 11: Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,751 COVID-19 Cases Amid Second Wave, Totaling 314,786]

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[Update 10: Iran - Reports Higher Fatality During Second COVID-19 Surge, Surpassing 16,000]

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[Update 9: Iran - Records 107 Single Day COVID-19 Deaths for First Time in Two Months]

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[Update 8: Iran - Cases Hit Record High in Second Wave of COVID-19]

May 24, 2020 **High**

Update 7: Iran - Announces Further Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions; Reopens Religious and Cultural Centers

May 19, 2020 **Immediate**

Update 6: Iran - Faces Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections as Death Toll Surges Past 7,000

May 16, 2020 **Immediate**

Update 5: Iran - Records Biggest Rise in COVID-19 Cases of 2,102, Totaling 116,635

May 4, 2020 **High**

Update 4: Iran - Set to Lift Restrictions in Low-Risk Areas as COVID-19 Infections Decline

April 26, 2020 **Immediate**

Update 3: Iran - Raises Concerns of Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak After Relaxing Restrictions; Reports 89,328 Cases, Death Toll at 5,650

April 21, 2020 **Medium**

Update 2: Iran - Partially Reopens Businesses in Tehran for Relief from Economic Damage Despite COVID-19 Fears

April 13, 2020 **Immediate**

Update 1: Iran - COVID-19 Cases Surpass 71,000

April 8, 2020 **Immediate**

Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,089 in COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 62,589

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	**Certain** - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	**Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)** - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	**Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)** - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	**Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)** - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.