

Iran's electricity consumption up 9.5 pct early summer

Tehran, July 27, IRNA - Deputy energy minister said here on Monday that Iran's electricity consumption increased by 9.5 percent late July due to the worst heat wave sweeping the country in the first month of the summer season. Mohammad Behzad announced that Iran's electricity consumption level reached 41.5 megawatts late July, showing 9.5 percent growth, compared to the figure -- 39.26 megawatts -- in the same period the previous year.

As a result of a major heat wave -- the worst in Iran in the past 70 years -- sweeping the country late July, Tehrani residents were asked to consume as little electricity as possible so that the officials in charge would continue to meet the high demand and avoid planned power outages.

In late July, temperatures in Tehran reached 43 degrees Celsius, with temperatures of over 50 degrees reported in other regions.