

Iran / Bahrain - offshore - natural gas - 150 km / 93 miles - "Iran to Bahrain gas pipeline"

General information

Project name	Iran to Bahrain gas pipeline
Fluid	natural gas
Onshore / offshore	offshore
Line type	transport line
Layout	regular line
Project status	project on hold
Completion (estimated)	2014
Geographical location	from Iran to Bahrain (Middle East)
Route	From Iran to Bahrain
NPS diameter(s)	850 mm - 34 inch
Length (planned)	150 km - 93 miles
Line pipe weight (estimated)	46000 mt - 51000 US tons
Capacity (planned)	10000 million m3/y - 1000 million cf/d
Cost (estimated)	316.0 million USD
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Status details

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- May 2011** An on/off plan for Bahrain to import Iranian gas is off again over another diplomatic tiff.
- Manama said yesterday it had frozen plans to import fuel from Iran's biggest gasfield through a proposed undersea pipeline because of Iranian meddling in the country's internal affairs.
- "The project to import Iranian gas is currently halted because of the blatant Iranian interference," said Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Bahraini foreign minister, according to Bahrain's official news agency, BNA.
- "The repeated provocative statements from Tehran would no doubt be an obstacle to any agreement between the two parties," he told the local Al Watan newspaper.
- The Sunni-led government of Bahrain, which has a predominantly Shia population, has accused Iran's government of stoking political protests. Manama has taken firm steps to quash the protests.
- Last June, Iran said it expected to sign a deal on exporting gas to Bahrain and that Manama would invest in the development of the giant South Pars gasfield in the Gulf.
- South Pars is Iran's side of the world's biggest gasfield, which straddles the country's maritime border with Qatar. The Qatari name for the 1,400 trillion cubic foot gas and condensate deposit is North Field.
- Tehran has long viewed development of its roughly 500 trillion cu ft of South Pars reserves as key to establishing gas exports from Iran, whose overall proved gas reserves are the second biggest in the world. But the multi-phase development has experienced numerous delays.
- To date, Iran has drawn only domestic fuel supplies from South Pars. The country remains a net importer of gas. Bahrain signed a preliminary agreement in 2008 to import 1 billion cu ft of gas per day from Iran. The two states also started negotiating the construction of a pipeline.
- April 2010** Crown Prince of Bahrain Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has said that discussions between representatives of Tehran and Manama regarding a project to import Iranian gas via pipeline have reached advanced stages, according to Fars News Agency.
- The comments were made in a meeting with a visiting Iranian delegation, headed by the Vice President's Deputy for Coordination and Economic Affairs, Ali Aqa-Mohammadi.
- Mr Al Khalifa hopes that both sides will show leniency so that the potential for expanding the capacity of the Iran ? Bahrain pipeline might be explored in the future.
- Mr Aqa-Mohammadi said that Tehran and Manama share common interests and Iran is ready for all-out cooperation with Bahrain in all fields.
- November 2007** Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sought to boost relations with Bahrain yesterday, signing a memorandum of understanding to export natural gas to the kingdom.
- "Iran will provide one million cubic feet per day of natural gas, and the details are expected to be finalised within a year before signing a deal on this strategic project," said Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.
- September 2007** The talks were preparatory and focused on the means to transport gas from Iran to Bahrain, indicated the minister, revealing that one of the ideas was to use sea pipelines to transport gas.

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September 2007 Talks are underway between officials from Iran and the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain to enhance further cooperation in gas sector.

A delegation from Iran's Oil Ministry visited Bahrain's Minister of Oil & Gas Affairs, Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza in Manama to discuss ways to develop cooperation in oil and gas sectors, IRNA reports.

The Iranian delegation, which is headed by Director-General of Gas Pipeline Projects for Iran's Oil Ministry, Mir-Taqi Sarrafi, also talked with the head of Bahrain's National Organization of Oil and Gas.

Iranian delegation is also scheduled to convene joint technical committees on gas in Bahrain.

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Maps of the project

