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Turkmens Up Gas Exports

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ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan — The state newspaper Neutral Turkmenistan reported Monday that the Central Asian nation has started up a new natural gas compressor station, boosting its annual export capacity by 2 billion cubic meters.

The gas will be fed into the Central Asia-Center-3 pipeline, which is linked into supply routes to Russia and Iran, the daily said.

Russian demand for Turkmen gas is weak, meaning that the gas will likely go to cover unused annual capacity in an 8 bcm pipeline to northern Iran. Turkmenistan and Iran are currently joined by two gas pipelines, allowing for total deliveries of up to 20 bcm per year.

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