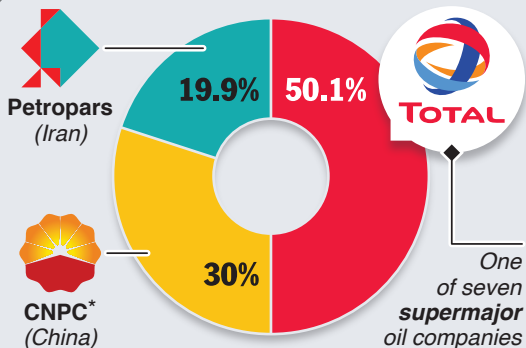


Controversial Iranian-French gas deal

French energy giant Total is to sign a \$5bn contract to develop an Iranian gas field – the biggest foreign deal since sanctions were lifted

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SANCTIONS TIMELINE

- 1979, Iranian Revolution:** Shah overthrown, Islamic Republic led by *Ayatollah Khomeini* instated. U.S. imposes economic sanctions after radical students seize hostages at U.S. Embassy
- 1995:** Sanctions expanded to ban investment in and trade with Iran
- 2006:** UN imposes sanctions after Iran refuses to suspend uranium enrichment programme, which West fears is intended for development of nuclear weapons. Further U.S. sanctions specifically target investments in oil and gas
- 2015:** Swiss talks reach agreement on framework to lift most sanctions in exchange for limits on Iran's nuclear programme
- Jan 16, 2016:** UN lifts sanctions on Iran
- May 2017:** U.S. says it will continue to waive sanctions, despite *Donald Trump's* view that agreement is "worst deal ever negotiated"

