



The Tehran Times offers condolences on the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (AS) and his loyal companions



Horrorifying Massacre in 'Safe Zone'

Hundreds of casualties as Israeli jets pound al-Mawasi

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Palestinians gathering, at a hospital morgue in Deir al Balah, near the bodies of their relatives killed in airstrikes.

Pezeshkian engages with religious minority representatives in parliament

TEHRAN – Masoud Pezeshkian, the President-elect of Iran, convened with representatives of religious minorities in the Iranian Parliament on Saturday morning, marking a pivotal engagement in Tehran.

The meeting, held at the Shahid Beheshti Hall within the Presidential Administration of Iran's capital, Tehran, served as a platform for President-elect Pezeshkian and parliamentary members to delve into a spectrum of pertinent issues.

Pezeshkian clinched victory in the presidential runoff, emerging as Iran's 9th president after securing 16,384,403 votes out of a total of 30,530,157 votes cast. His opponent, Saeed Jalili, garnered 13,538,179 votes, with a reported voter turnout of 49.8%.

Scheduled for July 28, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, is slated to officially endorse Masoud Pezeshkian's presidency. ► Page 2

Iran, Russia forge new economic path: official

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How Mohammed Deif became the symbol of Palestinian resistance

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN- Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif has achieved enormous popularity among Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.

Deif has been the leader of Hamas' military wing, al-Qassam Brigades, since 2002.

Israel put him on its so-called 'most wanted' list nearly three decades ago.

The regime has made several attempts on his life. Deif's ability to evade Israeli intelligence services has earned him the nickname "the man with nine lives" as he has escaped multiple assassination attempts.

His real name remains unknown. However, media outlets suggest that his name is Mohammed Diab Ibrahim al-Masri.

Deif is an Arabic moniker that translates literally to "guest". It refers to the fact that he doesn't stay more than one night in the same place to avoid being caught by the Israeli regime.

Sense of belonging

He was born in the Khan Yunis refugee camp in south-

ern Gaza in the 1960s and studied at the Islamic University of Gaza. Deif has lived in Gaza and educated his children there. He joined Hamas in the late 1980s with the help of Yahya Ayyash – known as "the Engineer". Ayyash, who was assassinated by Israeli intelligence services in 1996, was one of the main explosive experts of the resistance group with whom Deif was very close.

Israel regards Deif as a direct and constant threat amid the attacks he has orchestrated against the regime for about 30 years.

Gaza subway

Deif masterminded the construction of underground tunnels allowing Hamas fighters to launch attacks inside Israel from Gaza.

Hamas says it has built 500 kilometers (311 miles) worth of tunnels under the Gaza Strip. Israel has dubbed the tunnel network the "Gaza Metro".

In fact, he applied lessons from the second intifada in the early 2000s. In the wake of the uprising, Israel tried to fortify the border with Gaza with walls. Digging tunnels for resistance fighters to go into Israel was a scheme which foiled the regime's plan.

From invincible to vulnerable

Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, which was carried out by Hamas in southern Israel on October 7, has been the most successful military operation in the history of Palestinian resistance.

Deif was behind the military operation that caught Israel off guard and shattered the myth of the regime's invincibility.

Hours after the operation, Deif released a video citing Israeli atrocities for conducting the unprecedented attack. ► Page 5

Iranian oil output still on upward trajectory: OPEC

TEHRAN – The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in its latest report has said Iran produced 3.251 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil in June, registering a 13,000-bpd increase compared to the previous month.

Based on secondary sources, Iran produced 3.238 million bpd of crude oil in May, the report said.

The Islamic Republic's average crude output for the second quarter of 2024 stood at 3.237 million bpd indicating a 58,000 bpd increase compared to the figure for the first quarter of the year, the report said.

The report put the average Iranian crude output for 2022 at 2.554 million bpd, while the average output in 2023 was 2.859 million bpd. ► Page 4



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Iranian nation overwhelmed by Muharram

Once again, the Iranian nation is overwhelmed by the month of Muharram. Streets around the entire country are decorated with banners and flags, people set up stands around the city and give away food and drinks, chanting of elegies and chest-beating happen at night as tears run down the grief-stricken faces of mourners from all walks of life.

Traditionally, Iranians hold mourning rituals during the first ten days of Muharram - the first month of the Islamic calendar - to commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein (AS) and his companions in the battle of Karbala in 680.

People commemorate Imam Hussain (AS) in chorus attending mosques and other religious places like hussainiyas.

Ministry of Intelligence reports 79 counter-terrorism operations across country

TEHRAN – In a recent announcement, the Ministry of Intelligence disclosed that its counter-terrorism unit has executed 79 targeted operations against terrorist elements from May to the beginning of July.

According to the statement, these operations were aimed at thwarting terrorist plots across several provinces including Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Razavi Khorasan, Fars, Sistan and Baluchestan, Hormozgan, and Bushehr. The intensified efforts were prompted by the tragic incident involving the sudden crash of the President's plane and coinciding with the national presidential election. ► Page 3

TEHRAN PAPERS

Foreign relations from Iranian perspectives

In the following column, we take a look at some important contents and views in yesterday's Iranian newspapers.

In its editorial, Kayhan pointed out the expansion of Iran's relations with the world and wrote: Except for the Zionist regime, all the American continent except the United States, all the African continent and all the European continent except England are a vast international environment for the Islamic Republic and the field of national interests of Iran. Nearly 200 countries are the environment of Iran's national interests and two or three countries are the environment of opposition to Iran's national interests. Because of this hostility which is in their political nature, no matter how we join them, they don't give us anything. These few countries are waiting to weaken us so that they can strike. Begging to get rid of their evil will not be useful. We must increase our capabilities in connection with different countries in the four continents of the world to eliminate the thought of weakening Iran. We should not humiliate our nation and underestimate the great ability of our dignified administration to gain the support of the powers that have sworn to destroy us.

Jam-e-Jam: Standing in the field

In a note, Jam-e-Jam discussed the positions of Pezeshkian and the anti-revolution reaction to these positions. The paper said: The president-elect of Iran supported the axis of resistance and said: "We will not bow down to any power." The successive insults of the opposition media and anti-revolutionary accounts have taken more serious positions after this statement, which shows that they are the vassals of the American-Zionist circles. It also shows that Pezeshkian is standing on the right side of history and against the crimes of the fake regime. With these interpretations, it seems that the thought of Pezeshkian in the field of resistance not only does not have any problem with the strategic principles and red lines of the original and humane discourse of the Islamic Revolution but also insists and shouts it. This is what has made the American officials who support Zionism confused about the precise understanding of the Pezeshkian government's behavior in the area of ??the resistance axis. It is obvious that the president-elect of a nation that has been the flag bearer of the "field" of this movement in reaching the peak of conquest and final victory for at least half a century, will not have an approach other than this, despite all the pressures and enmities.

Hamshahri: The anger of saboteurs over the president-elect

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From page 1 ▶ The inaugural ceremony for President Pezeshkian is scheduled to take place at the Iranian Parliament on July 30, where he will be sworn in as the 14th president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

This engagement with representatives of religious minorities underscores Pezeshkian's commitment to inclusive governance and dialogue within Iran's diverse societal fabric, positioning his presidency to address a broad spectrum of national issues in the coming term.

Pezeshkian meets Iran's senior military commanders

The senior military commanders of Iran met with President-elect Pezeshkian.

The senior military and commanders of the country met with Pezeshkian at the President's Office. The meeting took place on Saturday, according to Mehr News.

Present in this meeting were Major General Mohammad Bagheri, chief of staff of the Armed Forces, Major General Hossein Salami, commander-in-chief of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, Major General Seyyed Abdulrahim Mousavi, commander-in-chief of the Army, Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Ashtiani, Minister of Defense, and Brigadier General Ahmad Reza Radan, commander-in-chief of the Islamic Republic of Iran Police Force.

Following the meeting with Pezeshkian, Major General Mohammad Bagheri, said, "The armed forces, in addition to their inherent duty of defending the country and establishing security, will stand by the government, as they have done in past administrations. Therefore, the armed forces are committed to cooperating and assisting the government in advancing the affairs of the people of our country."

Hamshahri dedicated its headline to anti-revolution anger and said: The anti-revolution anger over the failure of the "election boycott" strategy had not yet ended, and the revolutionary positions and recent meetings of the president-elect have once again provoked the anger of the opponents. The president-elect's emphasis on the continuation of Iran's support for the resistance front and the emphasis on the expansion of relations between Iran and Russia, among the positions of the president-elect in recent days, has angered the opponents and has created a new wave of propaganda. Also, the president-elect's emphasis on the implementation of the general policies of the system is one of the other axes that the anti-revolutionaries, by highlighting it in the discourse of Pezeshkian, has tried to bring a wave of destruction and propaganda to the 14th government based on this approach, Pezeshkian considered the general policies of the system declared by the Supreme Leader of the Revolution to be the most important work plan of the future government and the country's development prospects.

Donya-e-Eqtesad: The Middle East will become unstable with the normalization agreement

In a commentary, Donya-e-Eqtesad dealt with strategy of containing Iran by the United States with the normalization of relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia. It wrote: Washington believed that this agreement would stabilize the turbulent region and limit Iran, which has become increasingly bold. But Israel's behavior has inflamed the Arab world and threatened its stability. Israel imagines that, if necessary, Washington will control the behavior of Arab countries, and the anger of these countries against Israel is balanced by their fear of Iran. Israeli officials expect that with the continued escalation of tensions with Iran, Arab countries will have no choice but to ally with Israel and the United States and that Abu Dhabi and Riyadh will end their normalization agreements with Tehran. But the Israeli authorities are wrong. Since the normalization of relations with Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have become safer. They have no interest in violating their agreements, especially since their people do not currently see Iran as an enemy. Instead, their enemy is Israel. Until there is a clear path to a Palestinian state, there is little chance that Israel and Saudi Arabia will be able to normalize relations.

Masoud Pezeshkian was elected as the ninth president of Iran in the second round of the presidential elections with the majority of votes on July 5th.

President-elect receives detailed report on vital energy utilities

The Iranian minister of energy, presented a report on the status of Iran's water sources and electricity consumption to President-elect Pezeshkian.

Ali Akbar Mehrabian, Iran's Minister of Energy, met with President-elect Pezeshkian and congratulated him his election as president, according to IRNA.

In this meeting, he presented a report on the status of the country's dams and the amount of electricity produced and consumed to the president.

Pezeshkian emphasized the importance of water sources and urged attention to urban development, population settlement, and industrial expansion. He also requested that the minister of energy provide an accurate report on the latest status of energy consumption by provinces and cities, including information on the current supply-demand imbalance. This report will be sent to relevant authorities to facilitate necessary measures addressing the production-consumption imbalance.

In recent years, with the onset of the hot season and increased water and electricity consumption, multiple power outages and intermittent water cuts have become common in various parts of the country.

Iran proposes strategic media collaborations at BRICS spokespersons summit

TEHRAN – Nasser Kanaani, the spokesperson and head of the Public Diplomacy and Media Center of Iran's Foreign Ministry, has outlined Iran's proposals for enhancing the role of BRICS member countries in the media and information sector.

His proposals aim to foster a just and multipolar world, addressing the heads of information departments and spokespersons of BRICS foreign ministries during a key summit held in Moscow on Friday.

Kanaani's presentation focused on several key areas crucial to the summit's agenda. He stressed the importance of collective actions by BRICS media to elevate the international standing of the group. Among the strategic initiatives discussed were efforts to deepen relationships among national media of BRICS countries, the creation of a common information framework, and the utilization of digital diplomacy and artificial intelligence in public diplomacy and foreign policy. Furthermore, he emphasized the necessity of combating fake news and misinformation.

Central to Kanaani's proposals was the establishment of a BRICS Information Network. This network would serve as a platform for the dissemination and exchange of information among member countries, enhancing communication and collaboration.

Kanaani highlighted several functions this network could perform. It would help counter efforts against the free media activities of BRICS countries by Western powers, combat misleading and fake news campaigns, and address the negative impacts of unilateral



sanctions and coercive measures. By highlighting the various effects of sanctions, particularly on human rights, the network could serve as a vital tool for member countries.

Further elaborating on his points, Kanaani stressed the necessity of strengthening media coordination and cooperation among BRICS members. He proposed connecting the information and news networks of member countries and creating mechanisms for sharing news in areas of mutual interest. This enhanced coordination would ensure a robust and united media front.

Kanaani underlined that media diplomacy has become an integral part of diplomatic activities. He described media as the most powerful tool for diplomats to disseminate their countries' views, messages, and positions. Reflecting on historical shifts, he noted that while dominant powers once relied on military force and coercive actions to achieve their goals, today's battles are fought in the realm of media and virtual networks. These tools aim to capture the hearts and minds

of audiences through messages rather than force.

Criticizing Western media, Kanaani pointed out that they often create false campaigns to mislead public opinion. He asserted that BRICS member countries can enhance multilateralism and counter Western media's unilateralism by deepening media relations and leveraging media and digital diplomacy capabilities. This strategy would help combat destructive media trends and promote a balanced global narrative.

In another part of his speech, Kanaani emphasized the importance of establishing a "cycle of media flow and prominence." This concept is crucial for achieving media justice and integrity, promoting multilateralism, and creating a free, fair, and constructive media environment.

Kanaani also addressed the meeting's agenda concerning the creation of joint mechanisms to utilize the media capabilities of BRICS countries. He proposed that joint actions in promoting the goals and media coverage of the next BRICS summit in Kazan,

Russia, could serve as a practical exercise in mobilizing members' media capacities toward shared objectives.

Concluding his address, Kanaani highlighted Iran's readiness to contribute to BRICS's international standing. He stated that as a leading country in media development in the West Asia region, the Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared to participate actively in this collective effort, leveraging its substantial media capabilities.

The meeting focused on creating practical coordination and deepening cooperation among Media of BRICS member states. The use of digital diplomacy tools for foreign policy was also discussed, according to the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

The meeting held at the Presidency of the Spokesperson of Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maria Zakarova, the Spokespersons and Head of Information Departments of Ministries of Foreign Affairs agreed to create coordination on setting narratives and linking national media for advancing the agenda of BRICS member states to the local and global media.

Iran officially joined BRICS at the beginning of this year, following its acceptance as a full member alongside Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

The BRICS group, initially comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, now represents approximately 40% of the global population and a quarter of the world's gross domestic product (GDP). Iran was one of many countries that sought membership in BRICS and submitted a formal application to join the organization.

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Iran, Tajikistan looks to leverage technical expertise in partnership

The speaker of the Iranian Parliament also emphasized leveraging Iran's technical and engineering capabilities to cooperate with Tajikistan during a meeting with his Tajik counterpart.

According to Tasnim News, Ghalibaf held discussions with Mohammad Taher Zakerzadeh, the head of the Tajik Parliament, on the sidelines of the BRICS parliamentary summit on Friday.

Ghalibaf highlighted the bilateral relations between the two countries and stated, "Iran has high capacities in the fields of engineering services, science-based knowledge, and technology-related issues, and can utilize these capacities for the development of bilateral communications, especially in these specific areas of private sector and universities."



He emphasized the necessity of focusing on parliamentary cooperation between the two countries, considering their linguistic and racial similarities.

The speaker of the Tajik Parliament invited Ghalibaf to visit Tajikistan and stated, "Iran and Tajikistan are two friendly and linguistically related countries, and we should make the most of this characteristic for necessary technical, infrastructure, and specialized cooperation."

The speaker of the Iranian Parliament departed to Russia to participate in the BRICS general assembly and, on the sidelines of this summit, met and held discussions with his counterparts from other countries.

Deadly silence of international bodies in face of Israel's crimes unacceptable: Spox.

TEHRAN – The spokesperson for Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called out the international bodies for their silence in the face of Israeli crimes in the occupied territories.

In a message posted on his social media X account, Nasser Kanaani denounced the recent missile attacks on refugee camps in the Al-Mawasi area and western areas of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza.

These strikes, occurring in locations designated as safe zones, are the latest in a series of atrocities committed by the

Zionist child-killing regime. The spokesperson criticized the deadly silence of international bodies in the face of these crimes, facilitated by overt military support from the U.S. regime and the duplicitous behavior of certain European governments.

The statement highlighted that while the international community remains inactive and fails to utilize the unparalleled capacities of Islamic countries, Zionist forces continue their brutal onslaught without regard for humanitarian or ethical boundaries. This aggression, the

statement emphasized, further fuels global outrage against the apartheid regime's actions and hastens its inevitable demise.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry's spokesperson underscored that these acts of violence against defenseless residents of Gaza represent a flagrant violation of human rights and underscored the urgent need for international intervention to protect innocent lives in the region.

At least 71 people have been killed and 289 wounded in an Israeli air attack on the Al-Mawasi refugee camp, west of

Khan Yunis, the Health Ministry in Gaza said on Saturday.

The attack unfolded in several stages and involved fighter jets and drones, according to witnesses. Rescue workers and health teams were also targeted by Israeli forces as they arrived at the scene, local sources said.

Over nine months into the Israeli war against the Palestinians in the occupied territories, devastating losses have been inflicted on the civilians who are enduring a crippling blockade of food, clean water and medicine.



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One who imagines himself to be all-knowing will surely suffer on account of his ignorance.

Imam Ali (AS)

Prayer Times > Noon:12:15 Evening: 19:41 Dawn: 3:17 (tomorrow) Sunrise: 5:00 (tomorrow)

Artworks by Iranian artists sell at Millon art auction

TEHRAN-Millon auction house in Paris held the auction of Middle East 20th Century Art on July 11, where it presented works of Iranian, Arab and Turkish artists.

Of the total 106 artworks offered at the auction, 19 lots were from modern and contemporary Iranian artists, Honaronlie reported.

An untitled painting by Sadeq Tabrizi was the highest-grossing piece by an Iranian artist and the second most expensive item at the event, sold for €30,500.

A painting by Reza Derakhshani and a photo by Abbas Kiarostami were the next items in the list of highest-grossing works.

Derakhshani's "Purple Night Hunt" and Kiarostami's "A Window Through the Life" were sold for €26,000 and €19,000 respectively.

The other Iranian artists whose works went under the hammer include Jafar Rouhbakhsh, Sirak Melkonian, Iran Darroudi, Bahman Mohassess, Khosrow Hassanzadeh, Nasser Ovissi, Ardeshir Mohassess, Samira Alikhanzadeh, Farshid Maleki, Manouchehr Yektai, Ali Asghar Petgar, Shadi Ghadirian, Rokni Haerizadeh, and Mahmoud Bakhsi.

Millon's modern and contemporary Middle East art auction highlighted more than a century of pioneering artistic production. The sale also featured masters from Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, and Syria, who have marked modern and abstract art with their innovative works and bold visions.

Founded in 1925, Millon is an international auction house. Operating in France, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Germany, Millon organizes more than 130 sales per year, gathering all types of fine art objects from archeology to contemporary art, in specialized auctions.

The increasing recognition of Middle Eastern artists within Western artistic circles and institutions inspired Millon to showcase established and emerging talents from Arab, Iranian, and Turkish backgrounds on the international art market.

The Middle East Department has made remarkable progress, not only by orchestrating



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successful auctions but also by organizing a multitude of artistic events that have effectively raised awareness among the general public. This achievement stems from harmonious collaboration among artists, galleries, collectors, institutions, and notably, the estates of artists originating from the Middle East and North Africa throughout Europe and the rest of the world.

Despite its formal establishment, Millon has actively fostered and contributed to the development of the Arab and Iranian art markets since 2012. This commitment reached its peak with the inaugural sale in Dubai at the Ritz-Carlton, a tradition continued since July 2023 in Beirut.

Increasingly, prominent names from the Middle East are asserting themselves on the international stage, and Millon is proud to represent them through its dedicated Middle-East sales.

Millon collaborates with galleries and collectors primarily based in the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa) but also in Europe and the rest of the world.

Since its inception, the department has achieved record-breaking prices for innovative artists such as Mansour Ghandriz, Mohsen Vaziri-Moghadam, Behjat Sadr, and Manoucher Yektai from Iran as well as artists from other countries including Chafic Abboud, Georges Hanna Sabbagh, Adam Henien, Alfred Basbous, Fatma Baya, Mahjoub Ben Bella, Paul Guiragossian, Fateh Moudarres, and many others.

Cartoon of Day



Killing and Destruction Machine
 Cartoonist: Ahmad Rahma from Turkey

Tazieh performance goes on stage in Hungary

TEHRAN- For the first time, a tazieh performance on the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS) was held in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, coinciding with the month of Muharram and mourning ceremonies for the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS).

The event was organized by the Iranian Embassy in Budapest and was held by the Imam-e Rauf group at two locations, a church in the city center and the Iranian Embassy itself last week, Mehr reported on Saturday.

The performances were attended by a large number of Hungary-based Iranians, as well as Muslims from countries such as Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh, and Hungarians interested in Iranian culture and art, the report added.

The performances were produced by Amir Mohammad Davoodipour and directed by Hassan Basiri, and featured artists such as Seyyed Ali Sadat Razavi, Majid Khosravan, Mehdi Sayyadi, Seyyed Mortaza Miresmaeili, Mohammad Reza Qorban Asgari, Navid Asjadi and Amir Soleimani Moqaddam.

The event was a significant milestone in the history of tazieh performances in Europe, as it was held for the first time at a Christian church in Budapest. The event received widespread at-



tention and admiration from the audience, who praised the beauty and richness of Iranian culture.

The presence of some Hungarian cultural and artistic figures at the event was also notable, indicating their appreciation for this rich Iranian tradition. The event was a testament to the universal message of peace and friendship that Imam Hussein (AS) and the Ashura uprising convey to all humanity across cultures and religions.

The Iranian passion play tazieh was registered on the UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural

Heritage of Humanity in November 2010.

Tazieh represents religious events, historical and mythical stories and folk tales. Each performance has the four components of poetry, music, song and motion.

However, stories about the uprising of Imam Hussein (AS) and his companions against the oppressive Umayyad dynasty in 680 CE are more highly regarded by tazieh troupes and audiences.

Performers are always male, and female roles are played by men, most of whom are am-

ateurs who gain their living through other means but perform for spiritual rewards.

It is a kind of drama that depicts the event of Ashura and is performed in Mahur, Chargah, and Shur Baghdad radifs of Iranian music.

It is based on the Ashura culture and the brave war and martyrdom of Imam Hussein (AS). It is a religious play dated back to 9th-century dynamites and Buyids. However, Tazieh performance began during the Safavid era (1501-1736) and flourished during the Qajar era.

Paris to host Iranian photographers' works on water

TEHRAN-The winning photos of the photography competition "Water in Iran" will be displayed at two exhibitions in Paris in September and October.

A total of 205 photographers living in Iran competed in the contest, which was centered around the theme of water, ISNA reported.

The contest is part of the international conference in Paris via videoconference with Iran (September 2024-March 2025) on the theme "Crossed perspectives on water cultures, France-Iran".

Organized by the Franco-Iranian Center in Paris, Ithaque Chambre Noire in Paris, and the Iranian National Photographer's Society, the contest seeks to combine documentary photography with experimental photography to highlight the water situation in Iran through a collective exhibition.

Romin Mohtasham, Iranian photographer based in Urmia, has been recognized as the winner of this photography competition by jury, consisting of Iranian and French jurors.

His photo will be showcased along with 40 other works at Ithaque Chambre Noire and the Academy of Overseas Sciences, both in

Paris.

The 40 photos have been selected by Alexandre Arminjon, the founder and manager of Ithaque Chambre Noire, a shared darkroom and exhibition venue, from 23 photographers who participated in the competition.

Ithaque Chambre Noire will host the photos from September 12 to October 3. The next exhibition will be held at the Academy of Overseas Sciences from October 7 to 18.

The selected artists whose works will be on display include Bahador Bahadoran, Dorsa Basij, Elaheh Ashrafi, Erfan Samanfar, Gholamreza Yazdani, Mina Noshahr, Mohammad Ahangar, Shahin Efsandiari, Davoud Izadpanah, and Majid Hojati among others.

The Franco-Iranian Center is a French association created in 2016 and based in Paris. It aims to deepen and develop Franco-Iranian relations in all areas (institutional, economic and commercial, cultural and artistic, sporting, academic, etc.) and to work to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the French and Iranian peoples and the two countries.

All these areas represent the pillars of the eternal bridge linking France and Iran, and it

is essential to strengthen these links through associative activity.

The Franco-Iranian Center organizes a wide-ranging program of conferences, speeches, and meetings in partnership with other organizations and partners. In 2023, this non-political association was considered to be the most active in Franco-Iranian relations, receiving extensive media coverage.

Founded in 2020, Ithaque has a strong connection to Iran. Arminjon has visited the country three times between 2017 and 2022, and his artistic credentials include being a finalist for the Prix du Tirage in 2021 and the youngest nominee for the Prix Niépce in 2018. His works are also part of the collection of the French National Library, and his Iranian portraits were recently exhibited at the French National Assembly.

The photography competition focused on various aspects of water, including freshwater and saltwater, terrestrial and oceanic environments, human activities related to water, and technological advancements in different regions of Iran.

U.S. film festival picks Iran's "Loteria"

TEHRAN- Iranian director Ali Atshani's movie "Loteria" will go on screen at the 30th edition of San Antonio Film Festival-SAFILM, which will be held in the U.S. city from July 30 to August 4.

The 2023 production is the story of a man's multiple attempts to cross over the border illegally from Mexico to the United States in pursuit of a better life.

Based on a true story, the film is about the time when due to the travel ban imposed on Iran in 2017, immigrants were forced to cross the border illegally into the U.S.

The cast includes Amir Hossein Mousavi, Hamed Tavasoli, and Hooman Sepantamehr among others.

For a few select days each year,

the San Antonio Film Festival (SAFILM) transforms into a vibrant hub of creativity, where filmmakers can connect, collaborate, and propel their careers forward. This inclusive platform welcomes cinema artists from far and wide, offering a unique opportunity to showcase their work and connect with industry professionals.

SAFILM's diverse lineup features

an eclectic array of new and original films from around the world, curated to delight, inspire, and educate audiences. As a premier showcase for cinematic talent, the festival provides a competitive and energizing environment where aspiring and seasoned filmmakers can share their stories, gain exposure, and receive valuable feedback from industry experts.

"I Know Something You Don't Know" at Iranian bookstores

TEHRAN- "I Know Something You Don't Know" written by German author Brigitte Raab and illustrated by Manuela Olten has recently been published in Persian.

Translated by Gita Rasouli, the book has been published by Elmi Farhangi Publications in Tehran.

The book "I Know Something You Don't Know" is a fun and interactive book that presents a series of fun facts and claims made by kids, along with the challenge for readers to determine whether they are true or false. The book features a series of statements, such as "My mom saw a bird flying faster than our car!", "When I blow on a dandelion, some of the seeds fly more than a mile!", and "The ants in our garden are stronger than weight-

lifters!", which kids can evaluate and decide whether they are true or false.

Through this engaging and educational format, the book encourages children to think critically and develop their problem-solving skills as they analyze each claim and gather evidence to support or refute it. The book is designed to be a fun and interactive learning experience, making science and critical thinking accessible and enjoyable for young readers. With its entertaining text and colorful illustrations, "I Know Something You Don't Know" is the perfect tool for parents, teachers, and caregivers to help kids develop their critical thinking skills and love of learning.

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