



Sheikh Naim Qassem inaugurates his leadership with a stern warning to Israel

Hezbollah Ready for a Long War

Gazan civilians are shockingly helpless

By Matin Jamshidi

TEHRAN - The sufferings of Palestinian civilians in Gaza are heartrending. It seems the world is largely ignoring the tragedy the Gazans are facing. The civilians are being butchered in Gaza like the chickens in a slaughterhouse.

The silence of the world in the face of the horrific crimes against Gazans and the intimidation and humiliation of the Palestinians in the West Bank is disgraceful.

Like all other people around the world, the Gazans are human beings. Probably their only sin is that they are being born in their native land.

What happened to civilians in Beit Lahiya on Oct. 29 is just one example of more than a year of indiscriminate killings, collective punishment, displacement, horror, starvation, grief, mourning, etc.

Naim Qassem is known for his encyclopedic knowledge

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT - Hezbollah's Shura Council announced on Tuesday the election of Sheikh Naim Qassem as the new Secretary-General of Hezbollah, succeeding its martyred leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

In his first speech after the martyrdom of Sayyed Nasrallah, Sheikh Qassem reassured the Hezbollah loyalists of the goals being sought by the Resistance movement.

He underscored the jihadist - moral and religious- responsibility of Hezbollah to protect achievements.

Naim Qassem highlighted the experience of the Resistance movement in facing all challenges and overcoming all difficulties under the inspiring guidance of the previous leaders over long years.

Hezbollah bombs Israeli military base

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN - Hezbollah has continued to strike military sites deep inside Israel as Tel Aviv directs its attacks against civilians in Lebanon.

The Lebanese resistance launched an attack on Wednesday with a squadron of attack drones on the Israeli Tirat Carmel base south of Haifa, "hitting the target with precision".

According to the Israeli Broadcasting Authority a drone launched from Lebanon exploded in the industrial zone in Nahariya and struck a factory that produces components for drones.

In another operation Hezbollah said it targeted Krayot in northern Haifa with a salvo of missiles.

The Lebanese resistance also targeted gathering of "Israeli enemy soldiers" at the Shebaa Gate,

State of disaster declared in Beit Lahiya amid Israeli carnage

TEHRAN - The Israeli bloodbath in northern Gaza goes unchecked nearly a month into the regime's new brutal offensive in the area.

A medical source told Al Jazeera that Israel has slaughtered 1,250 Palestinians in northern Gaza since the start of the offensive on October 5.

Israel has laid siege to northern Gaza obstructing the delivery of fuel, food and medicine.

It has also issued forced evacuation orders for Palestinians in northern Gaza while its troops have opened fire on people who flee the area.

The regime's army has battered the towns of Jabaliya, Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahiya.

On Wednesday morning, the Municipality of Beit Lahiya declared a state of disaster in the town.

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Iran can hit Israel with dozens more operations, warns DM

TEHRAN - The Iranian Defense Minister has said Israel's Saturday attack against Iran did not diminish the country's military capabilities, adding that Tehran can repeat its April and October operations against the regime over and over again.

"Iran can launch dozens of retaliatory operations like Operation True Promise," Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh told reporters on Wednesday.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Nasirzadeh roundly refuted rumors that Israel had managed to enter Iran's airspace. He also dismissed reports claiming that a military site in Iran's northern city of Shahrud was damaged by Israeli missiles fired from a northern neighbor's territory.

"The enemy tried to damage our offensive and defensive system but did not achieve much success because we had passive defense measures in place [in advance]," he added. ► Page 2

Iran condemns Israeli obstruction of UNRWA aid to Palestinian refugees

TEHRAN - The Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Irvani, has condemned Israel's recent actions aimed at hindering the operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees in the occupied territories.

Addressing the UN Security Council on Tuesday, Irvani described UNRWA as the "foundation for all humanitarian efforts in Gaza," a region he described as facing "an unyielding wave of destruction and hardship" due to Israeli actions.

UNRWA, established in 1949, provides essential services to Palestinian refugees, including education, healthcare, and social services. The agency operates primarily in the occupied Palestinian territories, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria, with a significant presence in Gaza. ► Page 3

Why Netanyahu's desperation for war with Iran could backfire

By Hossein Khanbagi

TEHRAN - Since October 7th, the Israel-Iran conflict has been teetering on the edge of escalation. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's strategy seems increasingly desperate, as he pushes the region toward what could become a full-scale conflagration in West Asia.

The consequences of such a conflict could not only harm Israel's security, but also ripple across the globe, affecting energy markets, global security, and the very fabric of the international order. ► Page 2

VP attending Family, Contemporary Megatrends conference in Doha

TEHRAN - Zahra Behrouz-Azar, the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs, is participating in a global conference on 'Family and Contemporary Megatrends', commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF).

Organized by Doha International Family Institute, the conference is being held on October 30-31 in Doha, Qatar, IRNA reported.

It has brought together many policymakers, experts, and thought leaders to explore megatrends including demographic Change, migration, urbanization, technological advancement, and climate change that are affecting the family.

The conference will also discuss family-friendly policies, best practices, and strategic partnerships to promote family welfare and social development. ► Page 7



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Roosevelt Street Station: revisiting 'Hostage Crisis' through Iran's perspective

By Mohammad Mahboubi

TEHRAN - One of the most controversial episodes in Iran-U.S. relations is the takeover and detention of American Embassy staff in Tehran in November 1979.

Known in Western discourse as the "Iran Hostage Crisis," it is commonly referred to in Iran as the "Seizure of the U.S. Espionage Den." This incident was so polarizing that debate and analysis continue in academic and political circles even today, with some Western international relations experts linking the current state of U.S.-Iran relations directly back to it. ► Page 3

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Roosevelt Street Station delves into U.S. embassy spy activities both before and after the Revolution, detailing its interventions post-Revolution, which ceased following the historic takeover of the U.S. embassy. This event, significant not only for Iranians but also for Americans, prompted the U.S. to craft its own perspective on the episode.

The Leader's commentary was unveiled on Wednesday, at a ceremony at the Islamic Revolution Research and Cultural Institute. The event was attended by the book's author, experts, contemporary Iranian history researchers, and individuals involved in the 1979 U.S. embassy takeover in Tehran.

The book's launch ceremony today was accom-



panied by a speech from Hojatoleslam Ahmad Khazaei, the publisher, who recounted the process of creating and publishing Roosevelt Street Station. Khazaei mentioned that in 2022, the Leader remarked to a group of nurses that critical aspects of the U.S. embassy takeover and its documents remained unclear, particularly for younger generations. This inspired the Institute to produce a comprehensive research work, leading to Roosevelt Street Station, a result of two years of intensive work, including the analysis of approximately 10,000 documents. “With proficiency in English, the author, Mohammad Mahboubi, meticulously reviewed primary sources and English-language memoirs for an in-depth analysis,” he added.

Roosevelt Street Station also addresses questions surrounding the embassy takeover. During the event, researcher and writer Hossein Mohammadi

Seerat discussed the book, noting its departure from a typical narrative and its balanced tone. He acknowledged some gaps in the text but praised the book's importance in today's context, which highlights how the Revolution dealt a significant blow to the United States. Mahboubi explained that the book aimed to bridge internal and competing narratives, avoiding Western biases while steering clear of overly propagandistic tones. He consulted over 40 English and 45 Persian books, noting the painstaking process of reconciling sources over a nearly two-year period.

Every year on November 4, Iranians commemorate the day of seizing the U.S. embassy as the National Day of the Fight against Global Arrogance with rallies across the country, marking a day of resistance against the West's imperialism and a tribute to Iranian students' vigilance.

Roosevelt Street Station: revisiting 'Hostage Crisis' through Iran's perspective

From Page 1 ▶ American and European writers have published numerous books and articles on the subject. Some are memoirs by people directly involved, like American officials or detainees, while others are second-hand accounts based on available records and documents.

A common theme across these works is their singular focus on the American perspective, often framing Iranian actions as irrational within an Orientalist view of “Iranian Muslim barbarians.”

In response, “Roosevelt Street Station: A Documentative Narrative of Seizing U.S. Embassy in Tehran” aims to challenge these Western stereotypes. By critiquing such Orientalist analyses, it offers a perspective on the event from an Iranian point of view.

One of the most notable aspects of the book Roosevelt Street Station is its diverse range of sources. Unlike similar works that rely exclusively on American sources—such as government documents and the memoirs of

American political figures—this book draws from a wide array of materials.

It examines Iranian organizational records, correspondence between Iranian officials at the time, and even internal documents from the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam's Line –Iranian student group that seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran on November 1979– for the first time, offering a unique perspective on the event and its aftermath. Additionally, interviews with several individuals involved in the incident provide a clearer view of the Iranian standpoint.

Through the study of these Iranian sources, a distinctly different account of the U.S. embassy seizure in Tehran emerges. For example, we see that the beginning of the Iran-U.S. conflict, which persists today, was not the embassy takeover itself. Instead, the November 1979 incident was a response to decades of American involvement in Iran, especially the CIA-led coup against the legitimate government of Mohammad Mossadegh in 1953.

After the Islamic Revolution in February 1979, U.S. embassy activities in Tehran took on a new direction, aimed primarily at opposing—or at least reshaping and undermining—the revolution forces. Iranian society understood this antagonistic stance toward its revolution and feared a repeat of a coup like the one in 1953.

'The takeover of the American embassy in Tehran was a preemptive measure aimed at preventing plots like the 1953 coup'

Iranian society's view of the U.S. embassy's activities in Tehran was neither a paranoid delusion nor an “Iranian Sèvres syndrome.”

Documents later retrieved from the U.S. embassy and the CIA station in Tehran confirmed this perspective. These CIA documents made it clear

that the U.S. embassy was not merely “gathering information as part of its mission”; it frequently conducted “operations within its mission scope.”

Activities included forming political alliances through CIA officers, funding specific political groups, attempting to re-establish electronic surveillance bases known as Tacksmen in northeastern Iran, and even organizing military officers for a potential coup—all actions undertaken by the U.S. embassy in Tehran in the months following the Islamic Revolution.

In this light, contrary to the dominant Western narrative that labels the November 1979 event an “illegal attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Iran,” Iranians saw it as a “preemptive operation.” The Iranian public, aware that the U.S. embassy was working to counter the Iranian Revolution and potentially repeat the 1953 coup, took preemptive action to protect the survival of their Revolution.



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The Israeli regime passed a law on Monday banning the U.N. Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA from operating in the occupied territories – a move that is also expected to significantly impact its work in war-torn Gaza.

The Israeli officials who drafted the law cited what they described as the involvement of some UNRWA staffers in Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on southern occupied territories and staffers having membership in Hamas and other Resistance groups. None of the Israeli claims have been proven so far.

and provide essential aid. Emphasizing the critical importance of international solidarity, he appealed for a coordinated response to deliver urgent assistance to displaced persons and those most in need.

(See full text at tehrantimes.com)

Iran condemns Israeli obstruction of UNRWA aid to Palestinian refugees

From Page 1 ▶ UNRWA's mandate stems from the ongoing plight of Palestinian refugees displaced following the Nakba in 1948.

Iravani's statement also highlighted that Israel is waging a “genocidal campaign” against the Palestinian population in Gaza, specifically citing the current siege of the northern Gaza Strip and the obstruction of humanitarian aid.

He emphasized that the Israeli regime is violating international humanitarian law and intentionally weaponizing starvation against the civilian population.

The Iranian ambassador further criticized the international community, particularly the United States, for providing unwavering support to Israel, enabling its continued aggression in the region.

“The unchecked impunity exhibited by Israel for its widespread and systematic violations

in the Gaza Strip, coupled with the unwavering political, military, and economic backing it receives from certain Western allies, particularly the United States, has only strengthened its aggressive and expansionist strategies throughout the region,” the envoy said.

He also condemned Israel's recent strikes in Lebanon, noting that it poses a significant threat to regional and global peace and security. “Israel has ignored the provisional measures set forth by the ICJ to cease its unlawful actions. It persists in its atrocities in Gaza and Lebanon, actions that amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and potentially genocide.”

Elsewhere in his remarks, Iravani urged the UN Security Council to take decisive action to halt Israeli military aggressions and avert further violence and aggression.

“The UN must either take decisive action to

TEHRAN –Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson has called on the global community, particularly international humanitarian organizations, to respond urgently to Sudan's worsening humanitarian crisis.

Esmail Baqaei made the remarks

on Tuesday, highlighting the alarming conditions as the civil conflict in Sudan continues to devastate the population.

Addressing ongoing reports of civilian casualties and mass displacement, Baqaei expressed deep concern about the prolonged violence and de-

teriorating humanitarian landscape. He described the conditions as “deeply troubling,” underscoring the need for immediate action to alleviate the suffering of affected communities across Sudan. Baqaei urged international humanitarian agencies to increase efforts to halt the violence

Tehran urges international response to escalating humanitarian crisis in Sudan

Wrestling World Championships 2024: Geraei wins gold



TEHRAN – Mohammad Ali Geraei claimed a gold medal at the Wrestling World Championships 2024 Tuesday night.

In the 82kg final, Geraei was not to be denied in his first chance at world gold, as he stormed to a 9-0 victory over a shell-shocked Erik Szilvassy from Hungary.

Geraei, normally a 77kg wrestler who was competing at the heaviest weight of his career, encountered no problems handling the extra bulk against Szilvassy, a winner of international tournaments this year in Zagreb and Budapest.

Geraei, who finished fifth at the Tokyo Olympics but missed the Paris Games due to a suspension, then completed a snap-down, go-behind takedown to finish the match in 1:35 and add the world gold to the bronzes he won at 71kg in 2017 and at 77kg in 2019 and 2021.

Mosimane's mission: Can he turn Esteghlal's fortune around?

TEHRAN – South African tactician Pitso Mosimane faces a stern test as he prepares to lead Esteghlal against Tractor in the Iran's Persian Gulf Professional League on Thursday.

The former Al Ahly and Al Ahli Saudi FC manager is tasked with reviving the fortunes of one of Iran's most storied clubs, a challenge that has proven daunting for many.

Since taking over the reins at Esteghlal, Mosimane has been working tirelessly to instill a winning mentality within the squad. His arrival followed a disappointing 3-1 defeat to Kheybar, a result that underscored the depth of the challenges facing the Tehran-based club.

The South African has been keen to address the underlying issues plaguing the team, focusing on tactical discipline, mental fortitude, and a collective desire to succeed.

Mosimane's training sessions have been characterized by intense focus and attention to details.

The coach has been working closely with his players, both individually and collectively, to ensure they are fully prepared for the physical and mental demands of the league.

His hands-on approach and meticulous planning have injected a renewed sense of optimism into the Esteghlal camp.

The upcoming match against Tractor is shaping up to be a crucial one for Mosimane. Tractor are a team known for their physicality and tenacity under the tutelage of Dragan Skocic, former head coach of Iran national team.

Mosimane is well aware of the challenges posed by his opponents and has been studying their recent performances extensively.

“We know that Tractor are a tough team to play against, but we are prepared,” said Mosimane. “We have been working hard on our tactics and our fitness, and I believe that we are ready to compete.”

All eyes will be on Mosimane as he seeks to guide Esteghlal back to the top of the Iranian football pyramid.

A positive result against Tractor would be a significant step forward in his mission to restore the club to its former glory.

Iran football chief Taj meets FIFA president Infantino

TEHRAN – Head of Iran football federation Mehdi Taj met FIFA President Gianni Infantino in Seoul.

Taj has traveled to Seoul, South Korea to attend the AFC Annual Awards Seoul 2023.

On the sidelines of the ceremony, Taj met Infantino and AFC President Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

Iran stalwart Saeid Ahmad Abbasi was named the 2023 AFC Futsal Player of the Year on Tuesday.

Dad Marz snatches silver at Wrestling Worlds 2024

TEHRAN – Poya Dad Marz of Iran seized a silver medal at the Wrestling World Championships 2024 Tuesday night.

In the 55kg final, Eldaniz Azizli of Azerbaijan defeated 2023 bronze medalist Dad Marz for the fourth time in four career meetings, but this one was the closest as he won 1-1 on last-point criteria after each received a passivity point.

It was an ironic defeat for Dad Marz, who had been on the winning end of the same scoreline in his two previous matches. In their most recent encounter at the Budapest Ranking Series in June, Azizli had bested the Iranian 6-1.

Romanian Denis Mihai and Emin Sefershaev S(AIN) won bronze medals.

Sepahan runners-up at 2024 Paravolley Asia Oceania Club Cup

TEHRAN – Iran's womens' Sepahan club finished in second place at the 2024 Paravolley Asia Oceania Club Cup.

Sepahan lost to Shang Hai 3-1 (25-22, 27-25, 26-28, 25-14) in the final match.

Chinese side Jiang Su defeated Japan in the bronze medal match.

Iran's sitting volleyball league champions Mehr Molana were supposed to participate in the competition but withdrew from the event.

The competition was held in Hangzhou, China from Oct. 22 to 30.

Geraei truly happy by winning gold at 2024 Wrestling Worlds

TEHRAN – Mohammad Ali Geraei expressed his joy and gratitude for claiming a gold medal at the Wrestling World Championships 2024 Tuesday night.

In the 82kg final, Geraei defeated Erik Szilvassy from Hungary to win a gold medal.

“After eight years, I finally got to experience the world finals,” Geraei said.

“I'm truly happy from the bottom of my heart because I could make my fans and family happy, especially my dear wife, who stood by me in tough times and understood me, as well as my parents and all my fans.

“I'm grateful to them; they have always been there for me and supported me, and I dedicate this medal to them.”

“I thought this competition would be really tough, but thank God it ended up being easy,” Geraei said.

“These past two or three years have been difficult for me, and due to certain circumstances, I couldn't participate in the Olympics and missed out on it.

But I hope with this medal I won, I can pave my way to the [next] Olympics and achieve the best medal and my dream.”

Annual exports of nano-products up 110%



nanotechnology products between March 21, 2022, to March 21, 2023, he noted.

The official said the total value of Iran's nano-products in the previous year stood at \$1.62 billion, of which about 91 percent was sold in domestic markets and only nine percent was exported.

Ahmadvand further pointed out that sales of nano-made products in Iran in 2023 increased by 104 percent compared to 2022.

The nano-coating technologies, nano-composites, and nano-catalysts accounted for the major share of the domestic market, he added.

Presently, Iranian-made nanotechnology products are exported to 49 countries in the world, of which about 60 percent is exported to Iraq, Syria, India, China, and Turkey, the secretary of Iran Nanotechnology Innovation Council pointed out.

TEHRAN—Secretary of Iran Nanotechnology Innovation Council Emad Ahmadvand said that the country's export of nano-products in the previous Iranian calendar year (ended on March 19) increased 110 percent compared to a year earlier.

As IRIB reported, Iranian producers exported \$145 million of nanotechnology products in the mentioned year, according to Ahmadvand.

Iran had exported \$69 million worth of

Exports from mining sector surpassed \$6b in H1

TEHRAN – Iran exported 30.477 million tons of minerals and mining products worth \$6.33 billion in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20 - September 21), IRNA reported.

Based on the data released by the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO), the

Islamic Republic exported 30.492 million tons of such products worth \$6.396 billion during the previous year's corresponding period.

Steel and steel products were the top exported commodities in this sector, followed by aluminum and its byproducts, and copper related items, as well as other downstream products.

ICCIMA holds meeting on industrial development strategy

TEHRAN – Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) held the first meeting of the Industrial development strategy on Wednesday with experts and scholars from various industrial sectors in attendance.

As reported by the ICCIMA portal, investigating industrial policies in Iran, discussing past experiences and future requirements were the main focus of the mentioned meeting.

In this meeting, the heads of the ICCIMA Industry and Information and Communication Technology Committees were also present.

Speaking at the gathering, Hojjat Mirzaei, head of the ICCIMA Research Center, said that Article 48 of the seventh National Development Plan emphasizes the formulation of new industrial development strategies with the participation of the Ministry of Industry, Mining and Trade and the private sector.

TEDPIX up 4,400 points on Wednesday



TEHRAN- TEDPIX, the main index of the Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE), rose 4,420 points to 2,056,089 on Wednesday, which is the fifth day of the Iranian calendar week.

TSE is one of the four Iranian stock exchanges, and the most important one. The other three ones are Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME), Iran Energy Exchange (IRENEX), and Iran's over-the-counter (OTC) market, known as Iran Fara Bourse (IFB).

In mid-September, the head of Iran Securities and Exchange Organization (SEO) said the entity will take the necessary measures to ensure that the direct and indirect interests of the stock market are considered in next year's budget bill.

"We are taking special measures in relation to the budget bill and issues that directly or indirectly affect the capital market," Hojatollah Seyedi stated.

He has also said that improving the stock market's efficiency is the main priority of the SEO in the current government administration

"In the 14th government, our mission is to protect the rights and interests of shareholders, facilitate the formation of capital, and improve the efficiency of the market which is the priority of the SEO programs," Seyedi underlined.

"The capacities of the capital market are huge and I believe that this market has room for a leap and now we are on the threshold of that leap," the official further noted.

"Now, in addition to great capital and capabilities of the companies, we have powerful workforces, investors and competent managers in the market, so there is no reason why our capital market should not develop and reach at least 300 to 400 billion dollars of gross domestic product," he added.

Emphasizing that big steps should be taken in this regard, the official continued: "I have decided to work to this end with high motivation to play a small role in the development of the country."

The head of the Securities and Exchange Organization pointed to the capital market as a regulatory and supervisory body and said: "In this regard, our mission is to protect the rights of shareholders, promote market efficiency and facilitate capital formation, which are connected to each other like the sides of a triangle. But the question is, which of these factors can be the driving force as a more independent variable?"

"The important variable is the improvement of market efficiency, that is, the formation of more capital, which, in addition to increasing capital, also preserves the rights of shareholders," he finally said.

In late January, the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) stressed the need for diverse financing tools in the country, noting that such tools are currently being provided by the stock market.

"To reduce the speculative and profit-seeking activities of dealers in the country, financing tools should be diversified," Mohammad Shirijian said.

"The capital market is an institution that directs capital to production in an efficient manner. Now, to accelerate the process of resource transfer and high productivity, the financing should be directed to the enterprises," the official explained.

'Iran, Turkey play significant role in regional transit as bridge between Asia, Europe'

TEHRAN - Iran and Turkey play a fundamental role in regional transit and freight transportation as the bridge between East and West, Iranian Minister of Transport and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadegh said at an event organized in Tehran on October 29 on the occasion of Turkey's Republic Day.

According to her, the geographical position of Iran and Turkey acts as a link between Asia and Europe, opening up a priceless chance to boost regional and international freight and transit networks.

Sadegh noted that collaboration between Iran and Turkey across all domains will bolster peace and stability in the region.

Iran consistently endeavors to enhance its connections with Turkey across political, economic, cultural, scientific, and security fields, she said.

The minister considered the recent meetings between the high officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Turkey as an expression of the good political relations and the strong will of the two countries to develop cooperation.

While emphasizing the readiness of the Ministry of Transport and Urban Development, as the Iranian chairman of the Iran-Turkey Joint Economic Committee, to benefit from all available capacities in order to develop bilateral relations, she wished the two great nations of Iran and Turkey, health, prosperity, happiness, security and progress.

To note, during seven months of the current Iranian year (from March 20 through October 21, 2024), more than 13.2 million tons of cargo were transited through Iran.

Transit via Iran increased by 42 percent during seven months compared to the same period last year (from March 21 through October 22, 2023).

Iran exported non-oil goods worth \$2.4 billion to Turkey in the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 22). As reported,



Iranian Transport Minister Farzaneh Sadegh (R) and Turkish Ambassador to Tehran Hicabi Kirlangic attend an event held on the occasion of Turkey's Republic Day in Tehran on October 29.

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Iran also imported commodities worth \$5.1 billion from Turkey, which made the country the third source of import for Iran in the first half of the year.

During a meeting between a delegation of Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines, and Agriculture (TCCIMA) and the senior directors of the Turkish Exporters Union (TIM), the two sides explored the ways to improve and develop trade relations between the private sectors of the two countries.

In the meeting, held at the place of TIM in Istanbul, in the first week of September, the areas of development of commercial cooperation between the private sectors of the two countries were discussed and the use of advantages and capacities in the fields of tourism, food, textile and pharmaceutical industries was emphasized, the TCCIMA portal reported.

In this meeting, TCCIMA Head Mahmoud Najafi-Arab referring to the trade balance of 1.6 billion dollars between the two countries, which is also positive for Turkey, mentioned the re-export of some Iranian products through this

country as one of the opportunities to optimize the trade relations between the two countries.

Recalling that Turkey has great power and experience in the field of tourism, he mentioned the use of the capacity of Turkish tourism companies to cooperate with the Iranian tourism industry and to increase the attraction of foreign tourists to Iran as another area of development of relations between these two neighboring countries.

Najafi-Arab also pointed to Iran's high power and knowledge in the textile industry and said that by setting up a joint cooperation program, the global expertise of Turkish companies can be used to strengthen the branding of Iranian products in international markets.

The TCCIMA head then pointed to the technical knowledge and expertise of Iranian companies in the pharmaceutical industry, especially in biotech drugs and probiotic industries, and emphasized on strengthening cooperation between the two countries in these sectors.

Addressing the same meeting, TIM Deputy Chairman Ahmet Gulec explained about this large Turkish private sector union and reminded that currently 150,000 Turkish exporters are members of this union and 61 export associations of this country also form the body of this large entity.

According to him, this union covers 27 product groups in the agricultural, industrial, mining and

service sectors, and supporting Turkish exporters for their greater presence in the world markets is one of the main goals of the union.

He further put the export value of Turkey in 2023 at \$357 billion and the import value at \$410 billion, and reminded that the country plans to rise the value of products export to \$375 billion and the value of services export to \$200 billion by 2028.

He called the joint investment and the construction of Turkish factories in Iran and vice versa, among the capacities of joint cooperation and reminded that the TIM is ready to cooperate and interact with the TCCIMA to strengthen and develop the exports of the companies of the two countries.

In early July, Director of Asia and the Pacific Office of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) International Affairs Department Niloufar Asadi said a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Iran and Turkey should replace the previous trade agreements between the two countries to boost economic exchanges.

In a meeting with the Consul General of Iran in Istanbul, Asadi referred to a previously reached preferential trade agreement between Iran and Turkey under the framework of the Group of Eight Developing Islamic Countries (D8) and said: "Considering the shortcomings of the previously signed preferential trade agreement and the necessity to improve and develop it, I suggest that a free trade agreement between the two countries replaces the previous agreements."

The trade exchanges between Iran and Turkey in the first five months of 2024 reached \$2.3 billion, showing a five percent increase compared to the same month last year.

According to the latest figures released by the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), Iran's trade with the neighboring country stood at \$2.189 billion in January-May 2023.

Iran, Japan stress boosting cooperation in transport, technology development



Iranian Transport Minister Farzaneh Sadegh (L) and Japan's Ambassador to Tehran Tamaki Tsukada

TEHRAN - In a meeting between Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Farzaneh Sadegh and Japan's Ambassador to Tehran Tamaki Tsukada on Tuesday, the two

sides stressed cooperation in transportation, infrastructure, and technology development, the portal of Iran's Transport Ministry reported.

Speaking in this meeting, Sadegh underlined Iran's geopolitical position as the link between East and West and said: "Japan can reach countries in the region, including Central Asia and the Caucasus, through Iran."

She further noted that the two countries can expand their cooperation in areas such as intelligent transportation systems, safety, transportation infrastructure technologies, and smart and earthquake-resistant urban construction technologies.

The minister invited Japanese officials to visit Iran to get familiar with the capabilities and capacities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the country's unique bridges and tunnels, and to discuss the areas for cooperation.

Another important issue discussed in this meeting was the need to establish direct flights between Iran and Japan, which was emphasized by both parties.

Sadegh also suggested that a meeting be held between the port officials of the two countries in order to examine the areas of cooperation in the field of maritime transportation.

The Japanese ambassador also pointed to the long-standing and historical relations between Iran and Japan and said: "The thousand-year history of the relationship between the two countries has provided a good basis for deepening joint cooperation in the field of human settlement, exchange of knowledge, technology and holding training courses."

He expressed satisfaction with the progress achieved in this field and called for further development of such cooperation.

Honey production in West Azarbaijan anticipated to rise 10%

TEHRAN- Production of honey in West Azarbaijan province, in the northwest of Iran, is expected to increase by 10 percent in the current Iranian calendar year (ends on March 20, 2025), according to a provincial official.

Parviz Bostanchi, the deputy head of the province's Agriculture Department for improving livestock products, referred to the activity of 6,561 apiaries with 1,509,262 colonies in the province, and said: "It is expected that more than 26,000 tons of honey will be produced in the province this year, which will increase by 10 percent

compared to last year."

West Azarbaijan produces 22 percent of honey and accounts for 13 percent of the honey bee colonies in the country, and in this respect, it ranks first nationwide, he further noted.

As announced by an official with Iran's Agriculture Ministry, the country's honey production per capita stands at 1.415 kilograms.

Mohammad-Ebrahim Hassan-Nejad, the deputy minister for livestock products affairs, also put the country's honey consumption per capita at 1.397

kilograms.

He has also said that 155,000 people are working in the apiaries of the country, adding this number of people are working in 94,932 apiaries.

Based on the data released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Iran is the third-largest producer of honey in the world.

The chairman of the Animal Science Research Institute has said that the amount of honey production in the country should be increased by three to four

kilograms per colony.

Mokhtar Mohajer said, "According to the Seventh National Development Plan (2022-2026), the amount of honey production should be increased by at least three to four kilograms per colony according to the diversity of plants and the area of pastures that we have in the country".

He announced that 8,300 kilograms of royal jelly, 406 tons of pollen, 2,536 tons of beeswax, 247 tons of propolis, and 3,917 grams of bee venom are produced annually in the country.

DOE stresses need for enhancing ties with UN

TEHRAN – The Department of Environment (DOE) has underscored the need to expand cooperation with the United Nations.

Fortunately, close cooperation in various fields indicates the determination of Iran and the United Nations to enhance and strengthen their relations to promote stability and security in the region and the world, Mehr news agency quoted Jila Mehdi-Aqaei, a senior advisor to the head of the DOE, as saying.

The official made the remarks on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of the UN, the UN Day.

Unfortunately, unfair sanctions have imposed significant challenges on all sectors, particularly the environment, limiting access to modern technologies and financial support from international communities, she said.

However, the friendly and long-standing relations between Iran and the UN should not be affected by the attitude of arrogant powers, she added.

"We are looking forward to expanding environmental ties and developing multilateral collaborations with the United Nations in different sectors," the official noted.

She went on to say that joint projects have been implemented to preserve Iran's wetlands and save Persian cheetah and biological diversity. The two sides have also adopted a resolution on dealing with sand and dust storms in the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly.

Hence "we seek to foster cooperation toward building capacity and transferring modern technologies for waste management, protection of wetlands, dealing with sand and dust storms, and managing pollution and climate



change impacts," the official stressed.

Main environmental policies

President Masoud Pezeshkian's administration has offered a program with a focus on the preservation of the environment and the stability of the country.

The program is structured around six axes: moving towards a green economy; managing and improving various quantitative and qualitative dimensions of environmental imbalances (such as economy, energy, and water); effectively protecting biological resources (including natural resources and biodiversity); achieving good environmental governance; addressing public demands in the field of environment, and enhancing international bilateral or multilateral cooperation in the field of environment.

To compile the program, general environmental policies, Article 50 of the Constitution, and other national policy documents have been taken into account.

Moreover, the president-elect has highlighted the necessity of observing environmental considerations in development plans.

Pezeshkian believes that no

development plan should be initiated without taking environmental considerations into account; in other words, the environment should be the central pillar of all development matters.

Referring to the increasing occurrence of sand and dust storms (SDSs) in the region and the environmental statement on bolstering environmental diplomacy, the administration of Pezeshkian will definitely endorse regional and global interactions to tackle not only SDSs issue but also water diplomacy and transboundary waters as other critical issues.

Exchanging regional and global experiences in the field of environment, laying the ground for facilitating interactions and benefiting from global experiences and modern knowledge, and participating at various levels of environment-related negotiations in order to attract resources, enhance capabilities and secure national interests are parts of objectives in this context.

Drafting a binding legal document within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity to protect biodiversity, and manage valuable ecosys-

tems such as national parks and national natural monuments has been highlighted.

Also, preventing the extinction of endangered species including cheetah, and bustard will be a top priority.

UN Day

During a ceremony held in Tehran on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of the United Nations, the Iranian deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi said that Iran, as one of the founders of the UN, stands committed to promotion of multilateralism and efforts aimed at fostering the culture of global peace, justice, cooperation and coexistence based on international law and principles of the UN Charter, Press TV reported.

"Resolution of existing regional and international crises and challenges is not possible without the collective efforts of all countries and nations," the Iranian diplomat said.

United Nations Day recognizes the founding of the United Nations (UN) in 1945. The celebration is observed annually on October 24th.

The mission of the United Nation is to maintain international peace and security.

The UN also sets terms for protecting human rights around the world. In 1948, they created international law with a Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The member nations deliver humanitarian aid to populations in crisis. The first aid delivered was an immediate response to the devastation following World War II.

Another aim of the international organization is to promote sustainable development.

Ranger Day registered on national calendar

TEHRAN – The eighth day of Aban – the 8th Iranian calendar month, which falls on October 29, has been registered on the national calendar as the 'Ranger Day'.

Rangers and environmental defenders are at the forefront of protecting wildlife, natural resources, and ecosystems, sometimes sacrificing their lives to preserve nature.

The day aims to honor these officials' key role in safeguarding natural resources and biodiversity.

In the country, there is currently one ranger for every 30,000 to 40,000 hectares of protected areas, while usually there should be one ranger for 1,000 to 3,000 hectares.

Over 100 species of vertebrates in the country are in danger of extinction, and about 160 species are protected.

In order to protect the country's environment well, the number of rangers should increase by 10 times, Hassan Akbari, the former deputy head of natural environment and biodiversity of the Department of Environment, said in September 2022.

Some species such as the Asiatic cheetah, great bustard, and fallow deer are at risk of extinction and are in a more critical situation, some species such as the Persian zebra have limited habitats, and some such as the bustards are damaged by trafficking, on the other hand, the habitats of some animals that have a large territory such as leopard are occupied, each of them faces specific problems and each of them needs its own methods, and packages for protection, Akbari highlighted.

He went on to note that illegal hunting

takes place in the protected areas, especially the prohibited hunting areas, to a small extent and to a significant extent in the free areas, where there are not enough forces to protect them.

World Ranger Day

World Ranger Day is observed annually on the 31st of July and is celebrated by the International Ranger Federation's (IRF's) member Associations worldwide.

World Ranger Day both commemorates Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and celebrates the critical work Rangers do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures.

The first World Ranger Day was observed in 2007 on the 15th anniversary of the founding of the IRF.

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Iran finds herbal medicines effective in COVID-19 treatment

Two herbal drugs that are effective in healing the symptoms of COVID-19 have been permitted to be produced domestically.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved four domestically produced herbal medicine effective in the treatment of COVID-19 and has issued a production license for two of them. Kianoush Jahanpour, the spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration, told IRNA on Monday that "none of these drugs are a cure for COVID-19, but they have effects to reduce the symptoms of this disease and should be further investigated." The first herbal medicine in this collection is an oral spray containing six herbal essential oils, and according to the results of a clinical trial presented, if used, it helps to improve the pulmonary complications of coronavirus, including shortness of breath, cough, and arterial oxygenation, he explained.

تولید دو داروی گیاهی موثر در درمان کرونا در ایران

سازمان غذا و داروی ایران چهار فرآورده طبیعی تولید داخل با اجزای گیاهی برای بهبود علائم کووید ۱۹ را تایید کرده و مجوز تولید را برای دو مورد آنها صادر کرده است.

کیانوش جهانپور سخنگوی سازمان غذا و دارو روز دوشنبه در گفت و گو با ایرنا گفت: هیچکدام از این داروها داروی درمان کووید ۱۹ نیستند اما اثراتی برای بهبود علائم این بیماری داشته اند و باید مراحل بررسی بیشتر را طی کنند.

وی گفت: اولین داروی گیاهی از این مجموعه یک اسپری دهانی حاوی ۶ اسانس گیاهی است و با توجه به نتایج کارآزمایی بالینی ارائه شده در صورت مصرف به بهبود عوارض ریوی کووید ۱۹ شامل تنگی نفس، سرفه و اکسیژن رسانی شریانی کمک می کند.

VP attending Family, Contemporary Megatrends conference in Doha



From page 1 ▶ One of the main objectives of the conference is to shape a future in which every family can flourish.

Demographic changes affecting family well-being

This year, the International Day of Family, celebrated annually on May 15, provided an opportunity to reflect on social, economic, and demographic changes that affect the structure and stability of families.

It aimed to raise awareness of how climate change impacts families and the role families can play in climate action.

Climate change negatively impacts the health and well-being of families through increased pollution, while extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change, such as hurricanes, droughts, and floods, often

lead to forced displacement and loss of livelihoods for families and individuals.

Such events impact agricultural productivity and access to water, intensifying hunger and vulnerability.

They cause economic disruption in industries sensitive to climate impacts such as agriculture and fisheries.

Empowering families through education, changing consumption habits, and advocacy is critical for meaningful and effective climate action.

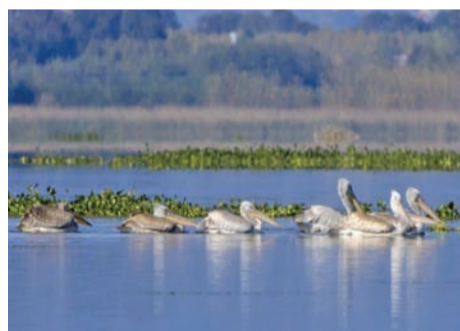
Through family and community initiatives, we can foster climate action with education, access to information, training, and community participation.

Families pass values across generations, so instilling sustainable habits and climate awareness in families from an early age is important.

Integrating circular economy principles into early childhood education can help build a sustainable economic model based on minimizing waste and regenerating natural resources.

Families as consumers and advocates can drive the transition to a circular economy.

Pelicans wintering at Anzali wetland



Iran joined the international census of wintering water birds as the first West Asian country at the same time as European countries in 1976.

In the early years, the counting of water birds was limited to the species that could be hunted including swans, geese, ducks, and common terns. Since 1987, other aquatic birds have been added to the list.

Pointing out that in the past 6 decades, the counting of wintering water birds in Iran has been a priority of the Department of Environment, he added, "Thanks to favorable geographical conditions, climatic diversity, wetlands, and aquatic habitats, including the Caspian Sea in the north, the Persian Gulf and the Oman Sea in the south, Iran hosts millions of migratory and wintering water birds yearly."

The annual census for migratory birds in Iran begins in the middle of the Iranian calendar month of Dey (December 22-January 20) and ends in the middle of the month of Bahman (January 21-February 19) in more than 450 sites in 30 provinces with the help of headquarters, provincial experts and professional birdwatchers of non-governmental organizations.

In the last three decades, over 8.1 million birds were counted on average, which is about five percent of the world's population of migratory birds and more than 16 percent of the population of migrant birds taking the route from Siberia to the Nile.

In 2015, the DOE initiated an effort with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) aiming to preserve and revive the country's wetlands.

In the next phase in 2017, the government of Japan supported the project focusing on the sustainable management of water and soil resources around Urmia Lake as well as Shadegan and Bakhtegan wetlands.

It is a five-year plan, voluntarily supported by Japan, to take advantage of both their financial and technical assistance, ISNA quoted Mojtaba Zoljoodi, an official with the Department of Environment, as saying. Three years have passed since the implementation of the project, he added.

"To implement the program in the remaining two years, we are consulting with the government of Japan and other governments that are willing to cooperate with Iran to be able to implement the project properly.

The plan to conserve Iran's wetlands is one of the good practical projects that, if continues, can help not only the wetlands of Iran but also the wetlands of other countries."

The results of the implementation of the project in 200 villages concerning water consumption have shown that a good amount of water in the agriculture sector has been saved. In addition, productivity, quality of the products, and the economic income of the family have increased.

"Every year some 30 to 40 million birds are counted all over the world and the related statistics are recorded in the International Waterfowl Census (IWC) database," he added.

The collected data and related analyses have significant scientific value in protecting wetlands, beaches, and biodiversity, he noted.



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Patience is of two kinds: patience over what pains you, and patience against what you covet.
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“11 Lives: Stories from Palestinian Exiles” available in Persian

TEHRAN-The Persian translation of the book “11 Lives: Stories from Palestinian Exiles” compiled and edited by Muhammad Ali Khalidi has been released in the bookstores across Iran.

Soore Mehr Publication has published the book in 336 pages with a translation by Habib Yousefzadeh, Mehr reported.

Written by the refugees themselves, this highly original anthology of Palestinians forced to live outside their homeland brings together stories of what it means to be exiled, reflections on the events that led to being displaced, and the raw experience of daily life in a camp.

The 11 lives given voice in the book are unique, each an expression of the myriad displacements that war and occupation have forced upon Palestinians since the Nakba of 1948. At the same time, they form a collective testament of a people driven from their homes and land by colonial occupation. Each story is singular; and each tells the story of all Palestinians.

As Edward Said argued in 1984, the object of Israel's colonial warfare is not only material—seeking to minimize Palestinian existence as such—but is also a narrative project that aims to obliterate Palestinian history “as possessed of a coherent narrative direction pointed towards self-determination.”

Through the book, Palestinian refugees narrate their own histories. The product of a creative-writing workshop organized by the Institute for Palestine Studies in Lebanon, “11 Lives” tells of children's adventures in the alleyways of refugee camps, of teenage martyrs and ghosts next-door, of a UNRWA teacher's dismay at the shallowness of her colleagues, and of the love, labor, and land that form the threads of a red keffiyeh.

What unites these 11 stories is “the inadmissible existence of the Palestinian

people” highlighted by Said. Their words persist, as one contributor writes, “between the Nakba and the Naksa, throughout defeats and massacres, love affairs and revolutions.” The stories of Palestinians in exile are also open-ended, and will continue to reverberate across borders until Palestine is free.

The book contains contributions by Nadia Fahed, Intisar Hajaj, Yafa Talal El-Masri, Youssef Naanaa, Ruba Rahme, Hanin Mohammad Rashid, Mira Sidawi, Wedad Taha, Salem Yassin, Taha Younis, and Mahmoud Mohammad Zeidan.

Born in Lebanon to a Lebanese mother and a Palestinian father, Muhammad Ali Khalidi is a Palestinian philosopher. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Columbia University.

He is the Presidential Professor of philosophy at CUNY Graduate Center, where he teaches and publishes in the philosophy of science. He has also served as a professor of philosophy at York University in Toronto and taught at the American University of Beirut, University of Nevada at Reno, and (as a post-doc) at the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

His main areas of research are in the philosophy of science (with an emphasis on cognitive science) and the philosophy of mind.

He has been particularly focused on analyzing mental phenomena such as: memory, concepts, and innateness, and what role they play in contemporary cognitive science. He is also interested in scientific classification schemes and in the means of distinguishing artificial categories from real ones in both the natural and social sciences.

He has written on various aspects of the question of Palestine, including Palestinian refugee rights. He has also translated a wide range of texts from Arabic into English including the collection “Medieval Islamic Philosophical Writings”.

Cartoon of Day



Israel bans UN relief agency UNRWA
 Cartoonist: Kamal Sharaf from Yemen

Asian Film Festival Barcelona hosting six feature films from Iran

TEHRAN-Six feature films from Iran are present at the 12th Asian Film Festival Barcelona (AFFBCN), which was launched in the Spanish city on October 24.

The Iranian films include “A Childless Village” directed by Reza Jamali, “Green Plum Season” by Ali Bayat, “Junks and Dolls” by Manijeh Hekmat, “The Ropewalker Memories” by Hamed Rajabi, “Waltz for Three” by Arman Zarrinkoub, and “When You Were Not Here” by Kaveh Sajjadi Hosseini, ISNA reported.

“A Childless Village” is a film-in-film comedy about a small village, where no children have been born for a while and all the men assume that it is the fault of the women.

Two decades ago, old filmmaker Kazem came to this remote rural village to make a documentary about the barrenness of the village women. But the village women wanted to protect their dignity, so they stole and burnt the footage.

By today, the villagers have found out that the men are sterile and there is nothing wrong with the women. With the help of his assistant, Kazem tries to record some interviews with the infertile men to unfold the truth in a new movie, but this turns out in many ways to be a Mission: Impossible.

“Green Plum Season” tells the story of Ata, who after resigning from his position as a judge, retreats to his family's villa in the countryside, only to be met with a chilly reception from his son, Farhad, who has recently been released from prison.

As Ata's wife, Giti, files for divorce, tensions escalate, and the family is thrown into turmoil. However, their already strained relationships are further complicated when a car accident claims Farhad's life and leaves Giti paralyzed. In the aftermath of the tragedy, Ata finds himself caught in a web of lies as he tries to shield Giti from the truth. Meanwhile, Farhad's girlfriend, Vida, becomes increasingly suspicious of the circumstances surrounding his death.

“Junks and Dolls” revolves around a couple, who is destined to build up their life in the heart of a waste depot in the heart of Iranian north forests. They begin to make different things with the junks they find and to make friends with the



other people... but what remains of the people who are determined to fight their nature?

“The Ropewalker Memories” is about a young man and his father, who share a close living arrangement in the same apartment. Despite his son's objections, the father invites sex workers into their home. One day, he brings home a woman who refuses to leave. Both father and son join forces to persuade her to depart. However, when she finally departs of her own accord, her absence becomes unbearable for the two men.

“Waltz for Three” is a psychological drama filled with mystery and tension. The story follows Mahmood, who returns home after a long absence. His return coincides with a disturbing event: Fakhri, his mother, receives a call from the psychiatric hospital that will change their lives forever. As they try to maintain an appearance of normalcy, a police officer bursts into their home, intent on investigating the family's past. Gradually, dark family secrets begin to surface, unleashing a series of revelations that will challenge their familial bonds.

“When You Were Not Here” offers a demystified and contemporary reading of the epic poem, the “Odyssey”. Marziyeh, a young mother, has been taking care of and providing for her children during the years that her husband, Farhad, has been away. He fled illegally

to Australia with his landlord's son. One night, after five years of disappearance, Farhad returns home and spends the night with Marziyeh, but, against all odds, the next morning he disappears again. This time, Marziyeh begins to actively and desperately search for him. In addition to the screening of films from Iran, two Iranians are present as jurors in the main section of the festival. Kamyar Mohsenin and Nastaran Molavi are serving on the jury panel of the official competition.

Kamyar Mohsenin, 53, worked as a film critic and translator with different film magazines as well as Iranian National Film Archive publications, and then started an analytical TV Program, “Film 90's”, as a researcher and co-creator in 1996.

Mohsenin began his collaboration with the Farabi Cinema Foundation as a research executive in 1998. During his cooperation with Farabi until 2018, he was involved in the organization of such international film events as Fajr, Iranian Film Market, Children and Young Adults, Kish, Urban, etc.

He has been a lecturer in different courses on the history of cinema and a film critic in the International Film Guide, film magazines, papers, and TV programs. He worked with the Fajr International Film Festival from 2016 to 2021 as the manager of international relations and programming director. After leaving

Farabi, with Amir and Mohammad Esfandiari, he co-founded the private sector company, IRIMAGE, in late 2018.

Nastaran Molavi, 55, studied stage acting and directing in Niavaran Art School. She was also active as a puppeteer in Kanoon for some time. Afterwards, Molavi began her work as a film critic, working with film magazines such as Film and Art (as editor in chief), Soroush, Cinema Weekly, Form and Criticism, etc.

Molavi was the international senior programmer of Fajr International Film Festival, accredited by FIAPF as an international competitive film festival in 2021. She has been active as board member and PR executive of IRIMAGE since 2018.

This year's Barcelona Asian Film Festival hosts over a hundred films representative of the experimental and independent cinema of the new Asian cinema, with the participation of filmographies from 20 countries in Asia and the Pacific.

The festival will award a total of 18 prizes to the winners in different categories, as chosen by a jury of directors, film critics, and writers.

This year, the festival incorporates a course dedicated to Asian cinema, a series of round tables, in addition to presentations and discussions with guest directors.

The 12th edition of the Asian Film Festival Barcelona will conclude on November 3.

Palestinian artists' works on display at London gallery

An exhibition of artworks by Palestinian artists is underway at the P21 Gallery in London, England, and will be open to the public until December 21.

Titled “Art of Palestine - From the River to the Sea,” it is a unique showcase that aims to share the vibrant culture, heritage, and struggles of the Palestinian people through various artistic expressions.

According to the gallery website, the exhibit features a diverse range of talented Palestinian artists, including those currently living in Gaza. The exhibition is the second project at the P21 Gallery by Palestine Museum US.

Over 25 Palestinian artists are participating in the exhibit. Notable works include pieces by renowned abstract artist Samia Halaby, West Bank-based Nabil Anani, and muralist Taqi Spateen.

The exhibit also showcases works by Gaza residents Maisara Baroud and Mohammed Alhaj, along with art from recently evacuated Gaza artists.

A special display features artwork by Gaza children depicting their experiences during previous attacks. Additionally, this exhibit will highlight a selection of relevant embroidery panels from The Palestinian History Tapestry, marking its first showing since the merger with the Museum.

This exhibition serves as a platform for Palestinian artists to express their experiences, identities, and narratives through art. Through paintings, sculptures, installations, and other forms of artistic creations, these artists shed light on the rich cultural tapestry and the challenges faced by the Palestinian people.

From traditional motifs to contemporary interpretations, the “Art of Palestine” exhibit offers a glimpse into the collective memory



and resilience of the Palestinian people. Each artwork tells a story, reflects a perspective, and invites viewers to engage with the complexities of Palestinian life, history, and aspirations.

The showcase not only celebrates the creativity and talent of Palestinian artists but also provides a critical space for dialogue, reflection, and awareness about the Palestinian culture and heritage. It aims to foster understanding, empathy, and solidarity with the Palestinian people, highlighting their vibrant artistic expressions as a form of resistance and resilience in the face of occupation, apartheid rule, and the Gaza genocide.

Art enthusiasts, cultural aficionados, and advocates for social justice are invited to visit the “Art of Palestine” exhibition and immerse themselves in the beauty, depth, and significance of Palestinian art. Through this showcase, attendees can deepen their appreciation for Palestinian culture, support Palestinian artists, and contribute to a greater understanding of the Palestinian narrative.

The Palestine Museum US is the first museum in the Americas dedicated to the rich heritage and history of Palestine. Located in Woodbridge, Connecticut, the U.S., the museum seeks to promote dialogue, understanding, and appreciation of Palestinian culture through its diverse exhibitions and educational programs.

Health authorities in Gaza said Monday that the confirmed death toll in the coastal enclave has surpassed 43,000 while over 101,000 others have been injured. The majority of the dead are women and children.

Israel's war on Gaza has displaced nearly the entire civilian population amid an ongoing blockade that has led to severe shortages of food, clean water, and medicine.

Mediation efforts led by the U.S., Egypt, and Qatar to reach a cease-fire and prisoner swap agreement between Israel and Hamas have failed over Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's refusal to halt the war.

Israel also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its actions in the Palestinian enclave.

More women and children have been killed in Gaza by the Israeli military over the past year than the equivalent period of any other conflict over the past two decades, new Oxfam analysis has found.

As hostilities and tragic loss of life spread in Lebanon and the West Bank - including East Jerusalem - the regional escalation underscores the urgent need for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Throughout the last year, Israel has committed serious violations of IHL at a level which may rise to the level of crimes against humanity. This includes a level of destruction observed which is indicative of Israel's use of disproportionate force in relation to military objectives and a failure to discriminate between military targets and the civilian population. Israeli military has relentlessly targeted infrastructure indispensable to civilian survival. Civilians have been forcibly displaced dozens of times to so-called safe zones that fail to meet humanitarian obligations and have also been regularly bombed or attacked.