

# Warning Issued

**If the war spreads, its consequences will extend beyond West Asia: Araghchi**



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## What is the truth behind U.S. accusations of Iran's role in terror plot?

By Soheila Zarfam

TEHRAN – Iran has categorically denied recent U.S. allegations implicating the Islamic Republic in a plot to assassinate American officials, describing the claims as another instance of politically driven accusations.

In an official statement, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei dismissed the charges as “entirely baseless,” arguing they reflect ongoing efforts by anti-Iranian groups to damage Tehran's global reputation and escalate U.S.-Iran tensions.

The allegations emerged following the arrest of an Afghan citizen in the U.S. who allegedly claimed he was recruited by an official from a foreign government for an assassination attempt.

However, his background — including a history of criminal charges, such as robbery, in the U.S.— casts serious doubt on his credibility and any potential connection to the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), given that the IRGC's recruitment processes are stringent, rarely involving foreign nationals, let alone individuals with criminal records.

Baqaei characterized the reiteration of these allegations as “a malicious conspiracy by Zionist and anti-Iranian circles aimed at further complicating the relationship between the U.S. and Iran.” ► Page 2

## Iranian students win gold medals in ISIF 2024

TEHRAN –Iran grabbed five gold medals and two special awards in the International Science and Invention Fair (ISIF) 2024, which was held in Indonesia from November 5 to 10.

The competition brought together 1,980 teams from 24 countries competing in eight fields including technical- engineering, chemistry and nanotechnology, biotechnology and environment, energy engineering, physics and astronomy, artificial intelligence and technology, social sciences, education, and educational technologies, IRNA reported.

Participants from different countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, Romania, the Czech Republic, Russia, Turkmenistan, Iran, Thailand, Vietnam, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, India, Hong Kong, and China attended the competition either online or in person.

Three Iranian teams participated in person, while the two other teams attended the competition virtually.

The team made up of Ilia Majidzadeh and Parsa Karimi won a gold medal in technical engineering; they also received a special award from the Malaysian Invention and Innovation Association.

The other team consisted of Amir Abbas Kavoosi, Amin, and Artin Salari also grabbed a gold medal in technical engineering. ► Page 7

## Israeli deliberately bombs historical sites in Lebanon

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT- Targeting ancient archaeological sites is a flagrant violation of international conventions that ban attacks on historical sites in times of war.

Archaeological sites in Lebanon have always been targeted by the colonial Zionist entity but the raids this time are more severe.

It has deliberately targeted religious sites, including mosques, churches, historical houses, government buildings, the ancient Nabatieh market and surrounding houses. This is in addition to the bombing of the Nabatieh municipality building with its ancient architecture.

The goal of this strategy – especially in the border areas is to create a 3-kilometer-long buffer zone completely devoid of any construction or farms under the pretext of protecting the northern colonial settlements from any potential attacks in the future, similar to what happened on October 7, 2023.

This pattern has also been adopted in Gaza since the onset of its war on the Strip under the pretext that these sites are being used for military operations by Palestinian fighters.

## UN: Women and children make up 70% of Gaza death toll

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN- The United Nations has confirmed the “horrible reality that has unfolded” for the Palestinian people in Gaza since October 2023.

400 days after the U.S.-backed Israeli genocidal war on Gaza, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has published a report detailing the devastating impact on the 2.3 million Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip.

The report's analysis covers a six-month- period from November 2023 to April 2024, highlighting that justice must be served in respect to the grave violations of international law.

The UN agency backs up the Gaza health ministry's statements which have repeatedly announced the majority of victims have been women and children. The UN report has documented that children and women have been brutalized mostly by American and German-made munitions dropped by Israel on the besieged enclave.

## Football fans or abettors of genocide: What happened in Amsterdam?

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN – Since Israel launched war on Gaza in October last year, Western states have aided and abetted the regime's genocide in the Palestinian territory.

In line with supporting Israel's crimes in Gaza, these states have demonized anti-war protesters in the US, Canada, Europe and beyond.

The criminal actions of Israelis and their backers in the Netherlands' capital in the wake of a recent sporting event have once again directed global attention towards the West's pro-Israel bias.

On Thursday night, Israeli football supporters attacked people believed to be pro-Palestinian protesters before and after a Europa League football match between their team Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax in Amsterdam.

The attacks occurred outside the Johan Cruyff Arena, the city's main arena and Ajax Amsterdam's home stadium, as well as in other areas.

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## Intl. Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage: A safe journey into Iran's cultural treasures

By Ali Darabi  
deputy minister of cultural heritage

The International Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage, with its focus on intangible and tangible cultural heritage, is a bridge linking Iran's past and future.

Beyond preserving the cultural heritage of the country, it opens avenues for creativity and innovation, shaping a promising future for cinema and other artistic fields. Holding this festival not only aids in preserving cultural heritage but also fosters innovation and creativity, paving the way for a bright future in the cinema and arts industries. ► Page 6



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## Farahzad river valley turned into Eco Park

TEHRAN – Farahzad river valley in northern Tehran, a place that was once a haven for drug addicts and wrongdoers, was turned into an Eco Park and a recreational spot for families, and was inaugurated in a ceremony on Saturday.

Thanks to being located in one of the most pleasant parts of the capital in terms of climate, it is known to have a very suitable capacity for tourism. Therefore, the restoration and reorganization of the river valley under the title “Farahzad Eco Park” was put on the agenda of Tehran Municipality in 2013.

Eco Parks are large, connected landscapes with high nature conservation and environmental protection ambitions. ► Page 7

## Iran's “In the Arms of the Tree” to compete at Asian World Film Festival

TEHRAN- “In the Arms of the Tree” by Iranian director Babak Khajepasha will go on screen at the main section of the 10th edition of Asian World Film Festival (AWFF), which will be held in Culver City, California, the U.S.

The film follows the struggles of an entrepreneurial family on the verge of collapse. At the heart of the story is Kimia, a northern mother grappling with the trauma of past abuse and a debilitating fear of distance. Her husband, Farid, an Azeri father with a passion for travel and medicinal plants, adds to the tension as the couple prepares for a separation exercise.

As Kimia and Farid's relationship deteriorates, their two sons, 11-year-old Taha and his five-year-old brother Alisan, become unlikely heroes in this emotional turmoil. ► Page 8

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Democrats and Republicans are united in their hostility to Iran

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

In an analysis, Kayhan discussed the unity among the two major political parties in the United States in their enmity with Iran. It said: Republicans and Democrats, with all the small and big differences on various issues, when it comes to the issue of national and big interests in the enmity with the Islamic Republic of Iran, they put aside all the differences and get united. These two American parties have different tactics but common strategies when dealing with Iran. This is the reason why Democrats and Republicans are always competing with each other in economic sanctions against Iran and sowing chaos and sedition in the country as well as assassinating Iranian nuclear scientists and military officials and all kinds of crimes. A comparison of the number of supporters and opponents of anti-Iran plans in the successive American legislative bodies (the Senate and the House of Representatives) shows that even if the Republicans and Democrats disagree on any issue, they do not have any differences of opinion regarding the hostility towards the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian nation. With a simple search on the Internet, you can find a lot of documents about "the current reality in America?" and the position of the U.S. administration vis-a-vis Iran".

Sobh-e-No: We are witnessing the decline of America

Foad Izadi, an expert on American affairs, tells Sobh-e-No that the United States is on the decline. He said: In the context of West Asia, especially regarding support for the Zionist regime and anti-Iran policies, there will not be much difference between Trump and the Democrats. Both sides have been strongly supporting the Zionist regime and pushing for anti-Iran policies over the past 45 years. But the decline of America has been talked about many times. Decline means the decline of America's influence in the world. There is abundant evidence showing that America is losing its power and influence in some parts of the world, especially in the Middle East and other regions. This decline can be due to economic crises, military failures, and wrong domestic and foreign policies. Many countries of the world are critical of America's policies, especially in the Middle East, and believe that this country has turned to military and violent solutions instead of using diplomatic and economic tools. This approach can lead to the reduction of the global prestige of the

United States and ultimately to the decline of this country's power.

Farhikhtegan: Trump and Iran

In a note, Farhikhtegan discussed Trump's victory in the presidential election and his expected policies toward Tehran. It wrote: Trump finally won the election. He highlighted the wars in the Middle East and the Russian invasion of Ukraine to show the role of the Democrats in the global chaos. The important point is that everyone has focused on the losses of Trump's reemergence for Iran. But it seems that he also provides opportunities for Tehran. During the first term of his presidency, he inflicted blows on Iran in the form of sanctions and assassinations, but he provided an opportunity for Tehran to readjust its JCPOA obligations and increase the amount of nuclear enrichment with sufficient legitimacy. He left the White House while Iran was a non-nuclear country, but he returned to it as his efforts backfired and Tehran is a latent nuclear power today, and it can start producing nuclear weapons in a short time if it wishes.

Iran: It is necessary to adopt smart strategy during Trump era

In a commentary, the Iran newspaper discussed America's foreign policy approach toward the Islamic Republic after Trump's victory. The paper said: Considering the possible composition of Trump's cabinet and the presence of radical figures in key positions, our country should use smart diplomacy to manage possible threats and pressures caused by his cabinet. This diplomacy should not only focus on increasing cooperation with allied countries in West Asia and other countries in the world, but also actively take action in international forums to counter the economic and military pressures of the United States. This requires more international coordination with global powers such as China, Russia, and even the European Union to prevent the negative consequences of Trump's possible actions and manage tension. By adopting a smart strategy, while focusing on strengthening national cohesion, the establishment and the government must manage domestic and international issues in such a way that, while reducing possible threats in areas of economy, defense, and security, it is also possible to make maximum use of the new opportunities created in the Trump era.

Iran faces medicine import crisis in wake of EU sanctions: official



The hands of a young girl with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) who suffers from limited access to essential wound care in Iran due to sanctions.

TEHRAN – In a recent statement, a high-ranking official at Iran's Food and Drug Administration (IFDA) revealed that European Union sanctions have significantly impacted Iran's pharmaceutical imports, leaving patients with critical health needs particularly vulnerable.

The government is now exploring alternative pathways to ensure the steady flow of essential medical supplies to the country.

Speaking at a nursing equipment exhibition in Tehran, Feresteh Mirzazadeh, deputy head of the IFDA, provided an update on the measures Iran is taking to counter these obstacles. She outlined the government's ongoing efforts to establish new transport routes and form partnerships with foreign airlines that could help bypass the sanctions.

"We are working to open special air corridors, collaborate with international firms, and strengthen domestic production," Mirzazadeh said. "These strategies are essential to securing

the medical supplies needed by our population."

In addition to these international arrangements, the IFDA is prioritizing investment in local production capabilities. Mirzazadeh expressed hope that these sanctions could ultimately become an impetus for growth in Iran's pharmaceutical sector, aiming to reduce dependence on imports by improving the quality and quantity of domestically produced medications.

"We view this challenge as an opportunity to bolster our internal resources and increase self-sufficiency in the healthcare sector," she added.

Last month, the European Union imposed sanctions on three Iranian airlines, alleging links between Iran and Russia in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The EU emphasized that these sanctions were aimed at specific entities rather than intended to harm civilian travel or exchanges between Iran and Europe. However, the ripple effects of these restrictions have disrupted the transport of vital medications and medical supplies, an issue that Iranian Health Minister Mohammadreza Zafarghandi highlighted in early October.

As Iran grapples with the challenges imposed by sanctions, the country remains focused on safeguarding public health by adapting its strategies and strengthening resilience within its healthcare system.

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From page 1 ▶ He emphasized that Iran will employ "all legitimate and legal means at domestic and international levels to restore the rights of the Iranian nation."

These latest allegations follow a familiar pattern of baseless claims. On July 13, a similar case accusing Iran of attempting an assassination plan against Trump was later debunked when it was discovered the suspect had no verified ties to Iran and was, in fact, from Pakistan. Such instances, Tehran contends, demonstrate how unsubstantiated accusations are often used as part of a broader strategy to discredit Iran on the international stage.

For Iran, this pattern suggests a concerning trend of unsubstantiated accusations, often amplified by political factors, that aim to cast Iran in a negative light internationally. Analysts argue that these cases, often supported by limited or ambiguous evidence, reflect a broader U.S. strategy to keep pressure on Tehran and leverage the narrative of Iran as a destabilizing actor, particularly when diplomatic avenues between the two nations are limited or stalled.

The timing of these accusations is notable, given recent escalations in U.S.-Iran tensions. Some analysts suggest that certain factions within the U.S. use these claims as leverage to derail any potential thaw in relations. Such allegations strengthen the arguments of those who oppose diplomacy with Iran, potentially blocking progress on easing sanctions or exploring avenues for negotiation.

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In the regional context, these claims emerge amid increased U.S. military presence in the region and renewed efforts to pressure Iran

on issues like missile programs and nuclear development. By depicting Iran as a security threat, the U.S. strengthens its hand in regional alliances, particularly with states that share concerns about Iran's regional influence.

Repeated allegations — whether ultimately credible or not — have a substantial impact on public perception. Western media outlets that regularly portray Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism shape global opinion, reducing public support for diplomatic engagement and justifying hardline policies. Iran contends that this narrative, pushed by certain international powers, misrepresents its position and deflects attention from the actions of other regional actors.

This incident appears to fit a larger trend of unverified allegations that lack substantial evidence tying Iran to international terrorism. Given the high stakes and the strained U.S.-Iran relationship, experts suggest both nations should approach the situation carefully. Without credible proof, such accusations risk obstructing future diplomatic opportunities and further polarizing the region, complicating efforts toward stability and peaceful relations.

Germany's silence on Gaza is height of Western double standards: Iran FM



Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi together with DER SPIEGEL editor Susanne Koelbl in Tehran.

TEHRAN – Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi criticized Germany over its response to the case of German-Iranian prisoner Jamshid Sharmahd and the broader diplomatic rift that has since emerged.

He made the remarks in an interview with the German weekly Der Spiegel, published on Friday.

The incident has significantly strained Iran-Germany relations, with Germany recently closing Iran's consulates. Araghchi contended that Germany's actions demonstrate double standards and accused Berlin of selectively applying its human rights concerns.

Araghchi defended Iran's handling of Sharmahd, who was sentenced to death after being accused of orchestrating a 2008 mosque bombing in Shiraz, which killed 14 people and injured over 200. While Western critics argue that Sharmahd was denied a fair trial and possibly subjected to mistreatment, Araghchi disputed these allegations, stating that Iran's legal process met Iranian standards.

He argued that Sharmahd's self-incriminating statements about his role in the bombing — which he made while living in the U.S. — justified the sentence under Iranian law.

The Foreign Minister also voiced frustration with Germany's apparent uproar over the case, noting that Sharmahd is a terrorist undeserving of Western support. Araghchi expressed disbelief at the diplomatic escalation, suggesting that European governments should consider Iran's perspective and avoid political propaganda.

"I regret that this is straining German-Iranian relations and I wish I could have prevented it," Araghchi said.

"But to do that, the German government would have had to cooperate and communicate that this is a terrorist, instead of defending someone who has trampled all humanitarian standards underfoot," he added, according to Spiegel's English edition published online.

Throughout the interview, Araghchi highlighted what he called Europe's inconsistency on human rights. He accused Germany of overlooking casualties in Gaza, citing Europe's response to the current conflict between Israel and Hamas as indicative of selective human rights concerns. In his view, Germany and Europe's vocal condemnation of Iran contrasts sharply with muted criticism of Israel.

"Europe's selective support for human rights

only deepens global divides," Araghchi argued, pointing to the lack of sanctions on Israel despite ongoing Palestinian suffering. He added that these inconsistencies fuel mistrust and deepen the rift between the West and nations like Iran.

Araghchi took the opportunity to defend Iran's support of groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas, which Tehran views as freedom movements resisting Western influence. He questioned the West's designation of these groups as "terrorist organizations," arguing that they reflect Iran's commitment to independence and resistance rooted in the principles of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Further addressing claims of Iran's alignment with Russia amid the Ukraine crisis, Araghchi clarified that Tehran fully supports Ukraine's territorial integrity and never has approved of Russia's military invasion.

On the possibility of reviving the 2015 nuclear deal, Araghchi signaled Iran's tentative openness to negotiations but stressed the need for a fresh agreement as the current one is set to expire in October 2025. He pointed to Europe's failure to fulfill its obligations following the U.S. withdrawal from the deal in 2018 as a significant obstacle, yet expressed hope for renewed dialogue over further sanctions.

Addressing German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock's call for an investigation into Iran's handling of domestic unrests in 2022, Araghchi dismissed such inquiries, insisting that external interference only exacerbates tensions. He criticized Baerbock's push to designate Iran's Revolution Guards as a terrorist organization, calling sanctions ineffective and harmful.

In closing, Araghchi called on Germany to reconsider its confrontational stance, suggesting that continued sanctions and diplomatic pressure would only serve to deepen the divide between Iran and Europe. He urged for a renewed emphasis on dialogue and mutual respect, warning that escalation could lead to lasting damage to Iran-Germany relations.

Iran, Qatar affirm strong ties while condemning Israel's atrocities



TEHRAN – On Saturday, Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref held a meeting with Saad bin Abdullah Al-Mohammad Al-Sharif, Qatar's newly appointed ambassador in Tehran, to discuss the strong relationship and aligned political positions between the two countries.

Aref emphasized that Iran and Qatar maintain closely aligned views on regional and international issues, noting that there are limitless opportunities to enhance relations across various sectors.

He commended the Emir of Qatar for selecting a seasoned

diplomat as the new ambassador to Iran, underscoring that this appointment signals a commitment to advancing political and economic collaboration between the two nations.

On August 2, the Iranian Vice President made an official visit to Qatar, where he held an important meeting with Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar. The two leaders discussed the regional issues, emphasizing the urgent necessity to condemn the hostile and illegal actions of the Israeli regime.

(See full text at [tehrantimes.com](http://tehrantimes.com))

Tehran strongly condemns deadly train station blast in Pakistan's Quetta

TEHRAN – The spokesperson for the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the terrorist explosion at the railway station in Quetta, Pakistan, and expressed condolences to the people and government of Pakistan.

Esmail Baqaei, while expressing deep sympathy with the families of the victims and survivors of this crime and conveying the condolences of the Iranian government and people to the government and people of the friendly neighboring country, emphasized that these terrorist acts violate all principles and rules of legal and human rights and humanitarian standards, and are in no way justifiable.

The spokesperson of Iran's diplomatic affairs pointed out the principled positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran in firmly condemning all manifestations of terrorism and violent extremism, stating that eradicating this ominous phenomenon requires

strengthening coordination and cooperation among all countries at bilateral, regional, and international levels, and emphasized our country's readiness to further enhance coordination and cooperation in this regard.

The Iranian embassy in Pakistan also condemned the terrorist attack on the train station in Quetta, Pakistan, stating that terrorism is a threat to the region that requires collective efforts to combat it.

Reza Amiri Moghadam, the Iranian ambassador to Pakistan, in a message on his page on the social media platform X, reacted to the terrorist attack on the train station in Pakistan, stating, "I strongly and decisively condemn the heinous terrorist attack at the train station in Quetta, Pakistan, which resulted in the death and injury of dozens of innocent and defenseless civilians and some security forces."

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If the war spreads, its consequences will extend beyond West Asia: Araghchi



TEHRAN – Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi cautioned on Saturday that the intense violence impacting Gaza and southern Lebanon, fueled by Israeli military actions, may extend far beyond West Asia.

He warned that the effects of this escalating crisis could reverberate across regions well outside West Asia if the current course continues unchecked.

Araghchi delivered his remarks during an international conference entitled "Nasrallah's School of Thought" held in Tehran to honor the 40th day of mourning for Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of the Lebanese Hezbollah movement.

The summit gathered Iranian political leaders and foreign experts, creating a platform for discussions on regional stability and resistance to foreign intervention.

In his address, Araghchi condemned Israel as an "apartheid and child-killing regime" that has consistently dismissed all attempts to establish a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon.

He criticized the international community for failing to act decisively, suggesting that it has either turned a blind eye or stood by as Israel intensifies its offensive against Palestinian and Lebanese civilians.

Araghchi emphasized that a just

ceasefire should be a top priority for global leaders. He called on the United Nations and other international bodies to adopt impartial policies that prioritize justice and peace, urging them to uphold their responsibilities in securing international stability.

Reflecting on the legacy of Nasrallah, whom he described as a symbol of resistance and courage, Araghchi noted that the Hezbollah leader had long advocated for multilateral cooperation to counter the "genocidal" actions of the Zionist regime.

The minister expressed that Nasrallah had been dedicated to challenging these forces to defend the rights of oppressed peoples.

Araghchi also raised concerns over Israel's "hybrid warfare" tactics, which include military strikes, intelligence operations, and efforts to sow discord among various religious and ethnic communities in Lebanon.

He urged the Muslim world to build internal solidarity and strengthen regional alliances as means of defense against such threats. Lebanon's ability to resist, he suggested, lies in its diverse society united by common goals of peace and justice.

In recent months, Hezbollah has conducted hundreds of retaliatory strikes against the occupied

territories, marking its opposition to Israel's intensified military actions in Gaza and Lebanon. The violent escalation, which has led to the deaths of over 43,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, has also claimed more than 3,000 Lebanese lives. Hezbollah has pledged to maintain its resistance in response to these attacks, continuing its operations as long as hostilities against Lebanon and Gaza persist.

**Compromise with Israel unattainable following Nasrallah's martyrdom: Qalibaf**

At the same memorial event, Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf reflected on Nasrallah's legacy, emphasizing that his martyrdom serves as a testament to the futility of compromise with Israel.

Qalibaf described Nasrallah as a "wise and resolute leader" who unified Lebanon's Shia community around shared ideals of resistance and coexistence with other groups, transforming Hezbollah from a military faction into a strategic force for both Lebanese and regional interests.

Qalibaf highlighted Nasrallah's role in supporting the Palestinian cause, underscoring Ayatollah Khamenei's sentiment that every blow against Israel contributes to global justice.

He praised Nasrallah's efforts

in uniting Hezbollah with broader humanitarian objectives and emphasized that Hezbollah remains rooted in principles of defending the oppressed and fostering unity across Muslim nations.

Qalibaf also noted Hezbollah's critical role in combating Daesh (ISIS), stating that Nasrallah's leadership helped neutralize a global threat, creating a safer world, particularly for Europe. He criticized the United States for undermining Hezbollah, contending that the West's antagonism toward Hezbollah compromises regional stability. In his view, Hezbollah has emerged as a force that deters violence rather than incites it.

Amid ongoing hostilities, Israel's strategic failures have become evident, Qalibaf argued, as its forces continue to grapple with resistance. "Despite the martyrdom of Hezbollah's leaders, including Sayyed Abbas al-Musawi and Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the movement remains resilient and united in its pursuit of justice, peace, and regional security," he concluded.

Additionally, Mohammad Javad Zarif, the strategic adviser to President Masoud Pezeshkian, emphasized Hezbollah's resilience and Israel's precarious future, stating, "Hezbollah lives on, and Israel will not know peace until Palestinian lands are fully liberated."

Also present in the event, Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Seyyed Abbas Salehi, paid homage to the memory of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, lauding him as a "remarkable and unique leader."

"Nasrallah's legacy is one of balancing high ideals with practical realities," Salehi remarked, pointing out that the Hezbollah leader fiercely advocated for Lebanon's sovereignty while also leading a broader Islamic resistance. Salehi noted Nasrallah's deep commitment to both Lebanon and the wider regional cause, a balance he deemed rare and exemplary.

The Iranian leadership's remarks at the conference emphasized the impact of Nasrallah's legacy on Hezbollah's continued commitment to resistance and underscored the belief that his vision of unity and justice will inspire future efforts to confront regional instability and aggression.

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### Persepolis edge Gol Gohar, Sepahan held against Nassaji

TEHRAN – Persepolis football team defeated Gol Gohar 1-0 in Sirjan in the 2024/25 Iran Persian Gulf Professional League (PGPL) table on Saturday.

Persepolis captain Vahid Amiri was on target in the 52nd minute.

Sepahan were held to a 1-1 draw against struggling Nassaji in Isfahan. Mersad Seyfi scored a long-range goal in the 27th minute in Isfahan's Fooladshahr Stadium.

Steven Nzonzi headed past home in the injury time.

Sepahan leads the table with 21 points, one point above Persepolis.

The Persian Gulf Pro League, formerly known as the Iran Premier League, is the top men's professional football division of the Iranian football league system.

It is controlled by the FFIRI and is contested by 16 teams over a 30-matchday period.

### Iran, Iraq handball teams share spoils: friendly

TEHRAN – Iran's national handball team were held against Iraq 23-23 in a friendly match Friday night.

Team Melli, who have traveled to Najaf for their training camp, had defeated Iraq on Wednesday 24-23 in its first match.

The Iran handball team are headed by Spanish coach Rafael Guijosa Castillo.

Guijosa, 55, experiences his second stint in the Iran national team. He helped Team Melli win a bronze medal in the Asian championship in Bahrain in 2014.

### Gholami wins bronze at Lagos Para Table Tennis Open

TEHRAN – Mohammaderfan Gholami claimed a bronze medal at the Lagos Valuejet Para Table Tennis Open on Friday.

Gholami lost to Nigerian athlete Tajudeen Agunbiade 3-2 in the Men's Single Class 9 semifinals and finished in third place.

The 6th Lagos Valuejet Para Table Tennis Open was held on Nov. 7-8 at the Molade Okoya-Thomas Hall of Teslim Balogun Stadium, Lagos.

The event brought participants from Iran, UK, Iraq, Cameroon, Benin Republic, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, and host Nigeria in the prestigious event.

### Hassan Yazdani to be fit in June

TEHRAN – Iranian freestyle wrestler Hassan Yazdani will return to the match in next year's June.

He underwent shoulder surgery in Nice, France last month.

Yazdani, nicknamed The Greatest, returned to the mat for the first time in eight months in June 2024. After winning the Asian Games in October, he had undergone shoulder surgery.

He participated in the Ranking Series in Budapest in June to prove his fitness and easily won a gold medal.

The 30-year-old freestyler was fit for the 2024 Olympic Games and had not a difficult job to qualify for the final match of the 86kg but he lost to Bulgaria's Magomed Ramazanov 7-1 in the final after he seemed to be struggling with pain.

The media reports had suggested that the surgery would keep him out for more than a year but it seems Yazdani will be fit until June.

### Koch Bar joins Kalleh Basketball Club

TEHRAN – South Sudanese international power forward Koch Deng Aguer Bar joined Iranian basketball club Kalleh Mazandaran on Saturday.

Bar is the second import player in the roster as the US player Dweight Buycks signed earlier.

He played this summer at Bendigo Braves in Australian NBL One. In 19 games just recently he had 10.3ppg, 7.6rpg, 1.0apg and 1.2bpg.

The last season he played at BC Minsk in Belarusian league. But in three VTB United League games he recorded only 1.0ppg and 1.0rpg. He has been regularly called to South Sudanese Senior National Team since 2021.

Koch Bar has played also professionally in Denmark (Horsens IC and Vaerloese). His team won MVC Tournament in 2019 and 2020.

Bar graduated from Bradley University in 2020 and it will be his fifth season as a professional player.

### Juan Garrido content with Persepolis performance against Gol Gohar

TEHRAN – Persepolis Spanish coach Juan Carlos Garrido expressed his satisfaction over winning against Gol Gohar on Saturday.

The Reds edged past Gol Gohar 1-0 in Sirjan and went top of the 2024/25 Iran Persian Gulf Professional League (PGPL).

Persepolis captain Vahid Amiri was on target in the second half.

The head coach of Persepolis football team says that his team was aware of the match's difficulties against Golgozar.

"We started with Ali Alipour and Isa Alekasir because we wanted to use the space behind their defense. In my opinion the whole team played well. It was important to win the game after our team were under pressure.

"When you don't win, it's hard and we have to accept and tolerate criticisms. Our team now know how to respond to these criticisms. We should have a fighting spirit. My players knew that today they have to fight and we were a disciplined team against Gol Gohar," the Spanish coach added.

"During the game, there were opportunities to score for both teams, but the important thing was to score and we took advantage of our chance. This is a win we needed it," Garrido declared.

### Leonardo Jardim appointed Al Ain coach

TEHRAN – Leonardo Jardim has been appointed Al Ain FC head coach, the UAE Pro League side announced on their social media on Friday.

The Portuguese tactician's appointment comes following the departure of Argentinian Hernan Crespo in the aftermath of their 5-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr Club in the AFC Champions League Elite™ 2024/25 on Tuesday.

Jardim brings to the table an array of experience, including stints with Al Hilal SFC in 2021 where guided the club to the Saudi Pro League, Saudi Super Cup and the AFC Champions League™ titles.

Jardim went on to help UAE Pro League side Shabab Al Ahli win the domestic title in the 2022/23 season before taking over at Qatar Stars League side Al Rayyan SC.

Al Ain are rooted at the bottom of the AFC Champions League Elite 2024/25 West Zone standings, with just a point to show after four matches and sit eighth in the UAE Pro League.

## Developing homegrown destroyers, submarines on Iran's agenda: commander

TEHRAN—The Deputy Coordinator of the Iranian Army announced that efforts are underway to finalize the project to develop domestically-produced destroyers and submarines.

Admiral Habibullah Sayyari, who serves as the Chief of Staff and Deputy Coordinator of the Army, made this statement during his visit to Imam Sadiq University in Tehran.

Sayyari emphasized the importance of collaborating with knowledge-based enterprises, scientific and technological institutions, and leading universities nationwide to harness the potential of talented youth for the country's progress.

Iranian commander further discussed the critical need for partnerships with knowledge-driven companies and science and technology parks, noting that the army, particularly the Navy, has established extensive collaborations with

these entities.

"This cooperation has led to the successful construction and localization of destroyers and submarines equipped with advanced technology and scientific innovations," Sayyari concluded.

Iran has made notable advancements in recent years to enhance and broaden its naval capabilities, particularly by developing domestically produced submarines and destroyers.

The Iranian military has introduced various classes of submarines, such as the Fateh, and Qadir classes, which are thought to be equipped to launch anti-ship missiles. Additionally, they have constructed two destroyers, the Jamaran and the Damavand, with intentions to produce more in the future.

In recent years, the Iranian Navy has celebrated several significant achievements.

of Pakistan acknowledged the unwavering support of Ayatollah Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, for oppressed nations, which is valued by the government and the people of Pakistan.

Furthermore, the Iranian delegation, led by Brigadier General Qureishi, visited the Ministry of Defense in Rawalpindi, where they met with General Muhammad Ali, the deputy chief of the Defense Ministry.

The discussions focused on various topics of mutual concern, with both sides expressing confidence in the ongoing collaboration between Iran and Pakistan, particularly in defense, border management, and counter-terrorism efforts.

The Ministry of Defense of Pakistan reported that these consultations were conducted in a constructive environment, with both delegations committing to further strengthen cooperation in the specified areas.



Additionally, General Qureishi held meetings with the commander-in-chief of the Air Force and the deputy commander of the Navy of Pakistan.

Iran and Pakistan have engaged in various forms of defense cooperation, including weapons development and training of military personnel. Also, both sides share a long border, and they have taken steps to enhance border security to prevent smuggling and infiltration by terrorist groups.

## Tehran, Islamabad on the path to bolster military ties, defense cooperation

TEHRAN – The Deputy Minister of Defense and Armed Forces Support of the Islamic Republic of Iran engaged with high-ranking defense and military officials from Pakistan, highlighting the importance of enhancing collaborative efforts in the defense sector.

Brigadier General Seyyed Hojjatollah Qureishi, leading the Iranian delegation, conducted separate discussions in Islamabad with Khawaja Muhammad Asif, the Pakistani Minister of Defense, and General Muhammad Ali, the deputy chief of the Pakistani Defense Ministry.

In a statement regarding the Iranian delegation's meeting with the Minister of Defense, the Ministry of Defense of Pakistan noted that both parties expressed satisfaction with their current cooperation and underscored the need for its expansion in areas of shared interest.

During the discussions, the Minister of Defense

## Iran's nominal power generation capacity rises 1.5% in H1



TEHRAN – The nominal capacity of Iran's power plants reached 93,798 megawatts (MW) in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 21), 14.06 MW or 1.5 percent more than the figure for the previous year's same period.

As Tasnim News Agency reported, from the country's total electricity generation capacity 16.9 percent is the share of thermal power plants, 26.3 percent is the share of gas power plants, combined cycle power plants account for 38.2 percent of the total figure, hydroelectric power plants account for 13 percent, nuclear power plants provide 1.1 percent, distributed generation power plants 2.8 percent, and finally renewable power plants account for 1.4 percent of the country's power generation capacity.

According to the Energy Ministry's latest

data, the ministry plans to put new power plants with a total capacity of 3,928 MW into operation in the second half of the current Iranian year (ends in late March 2025).

Over the past decade, constant temperature rises and the significant decrease in rainfall across Iran have put the country in a difficult situation regarding electricity supply during peak consumption periods.

In this regard, the Energy Ministry has been following new programs to meet the country's power demand during peak periods and to prevent outages.

Increasing the country's power generation capacity and preventing blackouts during peak consumption periods have been among the Iranian Energy Ministry's top priorities.

In August 2021, former Energy Minister Ali-Akbar Mehrabian announced that his ministry was planning to boost the country's power generation capacity by 35,000 MW in four years.

The mentioned figure would be achieved through the construction of thermal power plants with 15,000 MW of capacity, and renewable power plants with a capacity of 10,000 MW by the public and private sectors, as well as the construction of new power plants with 10,000 MW capacity by large industries.

## Iran, Kyrgyzstan stress expansion of trade ties

TEHRAN – Iranian Agriculture Minister Gholamreza Nouri Ghezleji and Kyrgyzstan's Ambassador in Tehran Tordogan Sedigov have stressed the need for the expansion of economic ties between the two countries.

As reported by the portal of the Agriculture Ministry, in a meeting in Tehran, Nouri Ghezleji underlined the 14th meeting of the two countries' Joint Economic Committee as a good opportunity to expand the relations between Tehran and Bishkek and emphasized the implementation of the previously reached agreements to provide the basis for new cooperation.

He further mentioned the close political relations between Iran and Kyrgyzstan, saying: "The cooperation between Tehran and Bishkek in ECO and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation shows the common vision and close international goals of the two countries."

In response to the request of the Kyrgyz ambassador regarding his country's need for livestock medicine and vaccines, Nouri Ghezleji said: "Iran's Razi Vaccine and Serum Institute is ready to provide a large part of Kyrgyzstan's need for livestock medicine."

In an online meeting between Head of Hormozgan Province's Ports and Maritime Department Hossein Abbas-Nejad and Kyrgyzstan's Deputy Economy and Commerce Minister Nazarbek Kamaldinovich, in mid-August, the two sides discussed ways of expanding cooperation in ports and transit sectors.

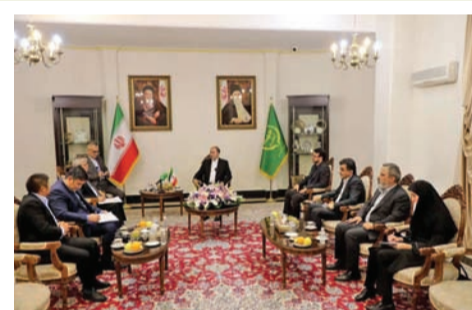
The virtual meeting was held at the request of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan with the aim of increasing transit cooperation between the two countries.

In this meeting, the parties discussed and exchanged opinions regarding the participation and investment of the private sector of Kyrgyzstan in the infrastructure projects of Iranian ports, especially Shahid Rajaei port.

In this regard, Abbas-Nejad welcomed the presence of the Kyrgyz private sector to establish a logistics center in Shahid Rajaei Port, and it was decided that the issue will be further and more thoroughly discussed and finalized in the near future during the visit of a Kyrgyz technical delegation to Iran.

Kamaldinovich for his part expressed Kyrgyzstan's readiness to send a specialized delegation to Iran, and called on the Iranian side to speed up and facilitate the process of the presence of Kyrgyz investors and their participation in the infrastructure projects of Shahid Rajaei port with the aim of facilitating the transit of Kyrgyz goods from the territory of Iran.

Back in July, Iran's Ports and Maritime



Organization (PMO) and the National Investments Agency of Kyrgyzstan agreed on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the development of the southern ports of Iran.

The MOU was agreed upon also during an online meeting between the officials of the two countries.

In the virtual meeting, the two sides reviewed and approved the contents of the MOU regarding the participation of Kyrgyzstan's private sector in the southern ports of Iran.

The draft of the aforementioned MOU was decided to be signed by the parties during the visit of Kyrgyzstan's delegation to Tehran shortly.

Also, during a meeting between former Iranian Minister of Energy Ali-Akbar Mehrabian and his Kyrgyz counterpart Taalibek Ibrayev in late July, the two sides voiced readiness to cooperate in the field of energy and implementation of hydroelectric projects.

The two ministers met on the sidelines of a ministerial meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries.

Speaking during the meeting, the Iranian minister said that the future of relations between Iran and Kyrgyzstan is bright, noting that Tehran is ready for any cooperation with Bishkek.

Mehrabian referred to Iran's huge energy potential and said that the country generates some 360 terawatt/h of electricity annually.

The Kyrgyz minister, for his part, appreciated Iran's capacities in the production and supply of oil and oil products, while adding that his country has good experience in constructing hydroelectric and small-scale power plants.

In the meeting, Mehrabian voiced the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to export technical and engineering services, as well as supply equipment in the energy sector.

The Iranian energy minister pointed out that connecting the electricity grid of Uzbekistan to Turkmenistan and then Iran will enable the exchange of electricity for the countries of the region, especially during the peak consumption period of summer and winter.

# Technical-engineering services export stands at \$700m in 7 months

TEHRAN- The value of Iran's technical-engineering services stood at \$700 million during the first seven months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-October 21), the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) has announced.

According to the chairman of the board of directors of Iran Power Industry Syndicate, Iran has good capacities for exporting technical and engineering services overseas, which is important in realizing an eight percent growth of Iran's economy.

All the capacities, whether domestic or foreign, should be used optimally to materialize an eight-percent economic growth in the country, Payam Baqeri said in early May.

Focusing on exporting technical and engineering services is one of the areas that can help boost the economy to a great extent, he emphasized.

The member of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) went on to say that exporting technical and



engineering services can yield foreign currency for the country as well.

In addition, exporting technical and engineering services creates a good opportunity for the country to sell the manufactured products in the target markets, he stated.

Baqeri pointed to a recent inauguration of the Uma Oya Dam and Power Plant in Sri Lanka and added that the multi-purpose project, which was designed and built by Iranian companies, is among the country's main projects in the field of exporting technical and engineering services.

Exporting technical and engineering services in the current year named "Production Jump with People's Participation" is a need that should be taken into serious consideration, he stressed.

In late April, the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Iran Water Industry Federation said the country exported \$1.8 billion worth of technical and engineering services over the past two years.

Stressing the importance of exporting technical and engineering services, Reza Haj Karim said giant steps have been taken in the administration of

President Ebrahim Raisi in the field as compared to the previous years.

Domestic knowledge-based companies have a high potential to export technical and engineering services and can do even better with due support from the government, he underscored.

Haj Karim further noted that Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and East Asian countries are among those whose economic growth is higher than the world average so this Asian market can be a lucrative market for Iranian domestic companies.

As a leading country in the water and electricity industry, Iran stands in the first rank in the region in the export of technical and engineering services in this industry, and this shows the high technical and engineering knowledge and ability of Iranian specialists and companies.

Thanks to the efforts of the country's specialists in the years after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, Iran is now among the top five power plant turbine manufacturing countries in the world.

## NIOC allocates \$800m for modernizing drilling equipment

TEHRAN - The head of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) has announced the allocation of \$800 million to the National Iranian Drilling Company (NIDC) for modernization of the company's drilling equipment, Shana reported.

"Increasing productivity and reforming the company's structure, along with work discipline, should be among the priorities at the National Iranian Drilling Company," Hamid Bovard said at the inauguration ceremony of NIDC's new head on Thursday.

National Drilling Company is an operational company and discipline should be at the forefront of its work. Today, different rigs

with different equipment are operating in this company, which can definitely bring a lot of revenues for the country, the official noted.

NIDC is a subsidiary of National Iranian Oil Company which was founded in 1979 and is based in Ahwaz, southwestern Iran. The company engages in the exploration, development, and drilling of oil and gas wells. It owns and operates drilling rigs and equipment for providing drilling services.

Bovard appointed Mehran Makvandi as the new managing director of National Iranian Drilling Company, replacing Hamidreza Golpayegani in the position.



Makvandi previously served as NIDC's director of operation, engineering, and technical services.

## Political de-escalation, first step for export growth: ICCIMA head

TEHRAN – The head of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) believes that de-escalating political tensions is the first step towards economic growth for the Islamic Republic, the ICCIMA portal reported.

Samad Hassanzadeh said:

"We are about 70 billion dollars behind the target for non-oil exports in the country's 20-year vision plan", adding: "In order to resolve these shortcomings and return to the golden era of non-oil export growth, political de-escalation should be placed on the government's agenda,

and interaction and cooperation with the world and membership in global value chains should become the governing policy."

All over the world, export is the driving engine of economic development and a main factor for creating strong strategic links between countries, he said.

"Dynamic export creates productive employment and increases the attractiveness of investment for domestic and foreign economic operators, which leads to more production, national wealth and economic growth," he added.

## Major automakers manufacture over 510,000 cars in 7 months

TEHRAN – Iran's major carmakers manufactured 510,672 vehicles during the first seven months of the current Iranian calendar

year (March 20-October 21), the data released by the Codal website showed.

According to the mentioned data, car

production by the mentioned producers was five percent less than the figure for the same period of time in the past year, IRNA reported.

## Date export stands at \$123m in 7 months

TEHRAN- Iran exported \$123 million of dates in the first seven months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-October 21), the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) reported.

Iran is renowned for its dates production, as the country has a long history of cultivating and exporting this prized fruit. Iran's warm and arid climate, particularly in the southern regions, provides ideal conditions for date palm cultivation.

Date palms have been planted in Iran since ancient time.

In recent years Iran has been one of the leading countries in date production in the world.

Based on the FAO data, Iran was the third-largest producer of dates, honey, pistachios, and walnuts in the world in 2021. Iranian farmers produce 1.28 million tons of dates in the mentioned year, making the country the third-largest producer of this product in the

world after Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

According to the ministry of agriculture, there are more than 400 species of date all over Iran but just a few of them have commercial value.

Generally, dates according to their level of moisture categorized into three big groups which are: Dry, Semi Dry, Wet.

Each part of Iran has a suitable climate for producing special sort of dates. Kerman province is the center for three sorts of dates.

The other main provinces that produce dates in Iran are Hormozgan, Khuzestan, Bushehr, Sistan-Baluchestan, and Fars.

As the IRICA has reported, the value of Iran's agricultural products export increased by 28 percent in the seven-month period of this year, as compared to the same period of time in the past year.

According to the IRICA report, the country exported 3.8 million

tons of agricultural products worth \$2.2 billion in the first seven months of the current year, also indicating a 16 percent rise in terms of weight, year on year.

As previously announced by the IRICA, Iran exported about 3.2 million tons of agricultural products valued at \$1.7 billion in the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 21), registering an increase of 26 percent in value year on year.

According to the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration, the exports of the mentioned products also increased by 20 percent in terms of weight.

The value of Iran's exports of agricultural and foodstuff products increased by 22.5 percent in the previous Iranian calendar year (ended on March 19), the spokesman of the International Relations and Trade Development Committee of Iran's House of Industry, Mining

and Trade has said.

According to Ruhollah Latifi, Iranian producers managed to export about \$6.3 billion worth of the mentioned products in the said year.

As reported, agro-food products accounted for 12.8 percent of the country's total non-oil exports in the previous year.

Iraq was the top destination for Iran's agro-food products in the mentioned year importing \$1.986 billion worth of the said items. The Arab neighbor accounted for 31.5 percent of the total exports of food and agricultural products from Iran.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) stood in second place, importing \$751 million of the mentioned products, followed by Russia with \$521.5 million.

The value of Iran's total foreign trade including oil and technical engineering services reached \$153.17.8 billion in the last Iranian calendar year.

# Football fans or abettors of genocide: What happened in Amsterdam?

From page 1 ▶ Videos circulated on social media show Maccabi fans shouting insults at Palestinians and Arabs, calling them “terrorists”.

The footage also shows them waving Israeli flags, expressing support for the massacre of Palestinians in Gaza and tearing down Palestinian flags.

Supporters of Palestine had gathered near the central Dam Square – as instructed by the municipality – to hold a peaceful protest coinciding with the day of the football match.

Police deployed hundreds of its troops after Israeli football fans began the riots and made dozens of arrests.

## Israeli hooliganism

A member of Amsterdam city council accused Maccabi's fans of instigating violence.

“They began attacking houses of people in Amsterdam with Palestinian flags, so that's actually where the violence started,” Councilman Jazie Veldhuyzen told Al Jazeera on Friday.

He added, “As a reaction, Amsterdammers mobilized themselves and countered the attacks that started on Wednesday by the Maccabi hooligans.”

Veldhuyzen also accused the Dutch police for condoning the aggressive actions of the Israel football team.

“They acted only to protect the Maccabi hooligans when Amsterdammers stood up to defend their own people and defend their own houses. And this is when the police showed up to protect the Maccabi fans when they ran away after attacking people,” he noted.

## Defending aggressors

The Dutch prime minister accused pro-Palestinians of promoting anti-Semitism.

“Completely unacceptable anti-Semitic attacks on Israelis. I am in close contact with all those involved,” Dick Schoof said in a post on X Friday.

The Israeli premier also played the blame game calling the event a “very violent incident against Israeli citizens”.

Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the prime minister “views the horrifying incident with utmost gravity and demands that the Dutch government and se-



Amsterdam abetting apartheid: Dutch police stand accused of protecting Israeli football fans who beat Netherlands' Arab and Palestinian citizens.

curity forces take vigorous and swift action against the rioters, and ensure the safety of our citizens”.

Western and Israeli media have similarly misrepresented the situation, attributing blame to pro-Palestinian and anti-war groups.

## FIFA, UEFA urged to take action

The Palestine Football Association (PFA) said in a statement on Friday that it was “gravely concerned by the sequence of violent events in Amsterdam”, specifically the “deplorable incitement to violence, anti-Palestinian racism, and Islamophobia expressed by Maccabi Tel Aviv fans”.

The PFA urged football's governing bodies FIFA and UEFA “to address the normalization of genocidal, racist, and Islamophobic rhetoric among Israeli football supporters and to implement concrete measures to combat this hostility”.

An PFA official also dismissed anti-Semitic accusations as baseless.

“It was very unfortunate for us as Palestinians, to keep framing this incident [as] anti-Semitic, instead of addressing the main question, which is, why are Israeli clubs like Maccabi Tel Aviv permitted to compete on international stages while Israel is committing acts of genocide, occupation and dispossession of Palestinians?” Dima Said told Al Jazeera on Saturday.

She added, “Allowing those Israeli teams to participate in global

sports kind of contradicts with the values of peace and unity that FIFA and UEFA claim to support, while Israeli actions actually violate the international law.”

## Israeli football fans swear at Arabs and Palestinians in Amsterdam as a city council member accuses the Maccabi Tel Aviv “hooligans” of instigating violence.

The official said Palestinians have called on FIFA to suspend Israeli teams from participating in international sporting events, on the basis that Israel is committing “genocidal acts”.

Similar calls were made on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) via online petitions and protests to bar Israel from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games over the regime's atrocities in Gaza. But such appeals fell on deaf ears amid the West's backing for Israel's genocidal war in Gaza which has claimed the lives of 43,500 Palestinians since October 7, 2023

## Western hypocrisy

The violent acts of the Israeli football fans in Amsterdam and

the participation of Israel in the Paris Olympic games have highlighted the double-standard and hypocritical approaches of the West and the organizations affiliated to them. This is because Russia and Belarus have either been barred from world sports or faced restrictions over the Ukraine war.

## Bibi's political ploy

Irrespective of the West's bias in favor of Israel, Netanyahu, known as Bibi, is benefiting from the incidents that took place in Amsterdam.

Reports suggest that multiple supporters of the Israeli football team sustained injuries during confrontations with some Amsterdam residents. However, these injuries were primarily a response to their derogatory remarks directed at local residents.

The Netanyahu regime is framing such clashes as anti-Semitic attacks to play the innocent and divert attention from growing global resentment against Israel's crimes in Gaza which have expanded into Lebanon.

Since the start of the Gaza war, people in Europe have staged large-scale protests to vent their anger at Israel's barbarism in the Palestinian territory.

Israel has exaggerated Thursday's clashes in Amsterdam to exert more pressure on Western governments to stop anti-regime protests.

Netanyahu also ordered the deployment of two military planes to return the Israelis from Amsterdam. The jets landed in the city but the plan was later canceled.

Through such military displays, Netanyahu wants to convey the message that Israel is the safest place for Jews, in particular for those who have left Israel since the beginning of the Gaza war.

Besides, such ploys aim to create the impression that the continuation of Israel's brutal offensives in Gaza and Lebanon are necessary to ensure the security of Jews. However, more than a year into the Gaza onslaught, Israel has failed to achieve its military goals in the face of rising casualties among its troops on the battlefield.

## UN: Women and children make up 70% of Gaza death toll

From page 1 ▶ OHCHR now says, “The UN Human Rights Office has been verifying the personal details of those killed in Gaza by strikes, shelling and other conduct of hostilities. Of those fatalities, it has so far found close to 70 percent to be children and women, indicating a systematic violation of the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, including distinction and proportionality.”

The ongoing Israeli attacks and its killing campaign across the enclave that has targeted the entire Gaza population “demonstrates an apparent indifference to the death of civilians and the impact of the means and methods of warfare selected,” the report states.

The report says in too many instances the killing of these civilians could amount to war crimes.

More shockingly, the highest number of verified fatalities, according to the OHCHR, was among children aged between five and nine.

The three categories of age most represented were children between five and nine years old, children from ten to 14, and babies and children from zero to four.

Of the verified fatalities, about 80 percent were killed in residential buildings or similar housing, out of which 44 percent were children and 26 percent were women.

“The International Court of Justice, in its series of orders on provisional measures, underscored the international obligations of Israel to prevent, protect against and punish acts of genocide and associated prohibited conduct,” it says.

UN Human Rights chief Volker Turk stressed that the Israeli regime must fully and immediately comply with the top UN court's regulations.



This is even more critical and urgent, given the totality of conduct set out in the report and taking into account most recent events, including the Israeli military operations in North Gaza and its adoption of legislation affecting UNRWA's activities, he said.

“It is essential that there is due reckoning with respect to the allegations of serious violations of international law through credible and impartial judicial bodies and that, in the meantime, all relevant information and evidence are collected and preserved,” he pointed out.

“Our monitoring indicates that this unprecedented level of killing, and injury of civilians is a direct consequence of the failure to comply with fundamental principles of international humanitarian law – namely the principles of distinction, proportionality and precautions in attack,” Turk said. “Tragically, these documented patterns of violations continue unabated, over one year af-

ter the start of the war.”

“The trends and patterns of violations, and of applicable international law as clarified by the International Court of Justice, must inform the steps to be taken to end the current crisis,” said the High Commissioner. “The violence must stop immediately.” He added that the international community “must focus on flooding Gaza with humanitarian aid.”

The report also points to repeated statements from Israeli officials setting strategies to end the war on Gaza as based on the enclave's entire destruction and the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people.

Furthermore, it documents Israeli efforts to rationalize discrimination, hostility and violence against civilians, and even the elimination of the Palestinians from the Strip, something that legal experts have long stated amounts to genocide.

## Dutch demonstrators demand stop arming Israel



People have staged a rally in the Dutch city of Utrecht, condemning the ongoing Israeli wars on Gaza and Lebanon.

Hundreds of Arab communities and supporters of Palestine attended the march waving Palestinian and Lebanese flags.

The demonstrators denounced the Dutch government's support for the Israeli wars and complicity in its crimes. They demanded that the Netherlands stop arming Israel.

The protesters chanted slogans calling for the liberation of Palestine and a complete and immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

## Israeli deliberately bombs historical sites in Lebanon

From page 1 ▶ The Israeli aggression is not limited to targeting historical sites. It has extended to destroying the basic infrastructure projects primarily intended to prevent the residents from returning to their villages. Nevertheless, this hostile measure will fail because the southern Lebanese people are determined to rebuild these structures after the war, even if they temporarily live in a tent.

After the liberation of South Lebanon in 2000, Hezbollah provided the opportunity for the citizens to return to their villages and rebuild their houses near the border strip. In the 2006 war, the occupation regime adopted the same dirty tactics, but they failed to decide the fate of the battle.

Obviously, Israel seeks to create a rift between the people and Hezbollah by accusing the latter of causing the destruction. However, it will not achieve its goal.

Strong tremors resulting from the systematic bombardments near historical sites threaten structures. An example of this is the archaeological landmark Duris Dome at the entrance to the city of Baalbek; the surroundings of Baalbek Castle and the ruins of Tyre (both are on the UNESCO World Heritage List); and Mays and Tebne castles in the Nabatieh District.

Religious archaeological sites that have been directly targeted are Dardghaya Church;

Prophet Shuaib Mosque in the town of Blida in the Marjeyoun District; Shebaa Mosque; Tayr Dibba Mosque; Kfar Tibnit Mosque; Yaroun Mosque; Al-Duhra Mosque; Al-Thaqalayn Mosque in Majdal Salm; Blida Mosque; and Prophet Benjamin's Shrine in the town of Muhaibib that in 1948 the Zionists stole a rock from it with Hebrew inscriptions.

At the beginning of the aggression, the Israeli regime was under the illusion that sudden and harsh strikes would be enough to break Hezbollah's back and weaken it. Therefore, it is trying to take revenge on Hezbollah's entire popular base.

In any case, the failure of the occupation regime to capture the border villages after destroying them – thanks to the heroism of Hezbollah fighters – raises questions about the usefulness of these hysterical demolitions.

These measures fall within the framework of psychological warfare after the failure of the aggressor regime to eliminate Hezbollah or destroy its missile capabilities, as the resistance proves its ability to inflict devastating losses on the enemy.

Though Israel is destroying their homes, these people are still steadfast, firmly believing that victory will be theirs, which means that the psychological war to deceive the public has failed.

## Why is Germany supporting Israel's genocide in Gaza?

**The answer lies in Germany's history – but it is not, as many assume tied to efforts to atone for the Nazi Holocaust and ensure that it never happens again.**

By Tony Greenstein

No state has been as assiduous in attacking the Palestine solidarity movement and supporting Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza as Germany.

Today, it is impossible to hold a pro-Palestine demonstration in Berlin or elsewhere in Germany without facing attacks from the police, intimidation from the state and accusations of anti-Semitism from the press.

In April, the Palestine Assembly, a high-profile pro-Palestine conference in Berlin was broken up by hundreds of police officers. British Palestinian rector of Glasgow University, Ghassan Abu Sitta, was stopped from entering Germany to attend the conference and deported back to the UK. He was later banned from entering the entire Schengen area.

Abu Sitta, a surgeon who volunteered in several Gaza hospitals since last year, was planning to deliver a speech on the horrific condition Israeli attacks have left in the Strip's health system. A German court lat-

er overturned the ban.

Former Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis was also banned from entering Germany and prevented from even participating in the Congress via a video link.

German authorities said they targeted Abu Sitta, Varoufakis and others at the conference because they deemed their speeches “anti-Semitic”.

There is no truth to this claim. Germany is not silencing pro-Palestinian voices to protect the rights of Jews and combat anti-Semitism. This is apparent not only in the content of the speech it censors, but also in the way Germany treats anti-Zionist Jews who speak in support of Palestinian rights.

Iris Hefets, a German-Israeli psychoanalyst in Berlin, for example, was arrested last October on charges of anti-Semitism. Her only “crime” was walking alone with a placard reading: “As an Israeli and as a Jew, stop the genocide in Gaza.”

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## Intl. Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage: A safe journey into Iran's cultural treasures



ranking among the top ten countries for inscribed tangible heritage and the top five for intangible heritage; yet, many Iranians remain largely unfamiliar with this immense heritage.

A key goal of the festival is to showcase standardization and transparency in processes, as these elevate the festival's credibility and promote healthy competition, solidifying the festival's prestige.

The festival offers a space for artists to draw inspiration from tradition and create works that blend heritage with modernity. Its varied, engaging programs have earned it a distinguished place among prestigious international festivals.

Workshops, art exhibitions, and competitions provide participants with ample opportunities to connect and collaborate. By highlighting intangible heritage, the festival plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting Iranian culture and traditions.

The festival's platform allows artists and filmmakers to showcase unique works, underscoring its significance in Iran's cinema industry. The festival benefits its host province by showcasing historic sites, turning visitors into cultural ambassadors for their home cities. It brings vitality and unity, fostering a sense of national cohesion and pride.

The festival's most significant message is that Iran is a stable and secure nation, where people live and work in peace.

I hope this festival will foster experience-sharing and collaboration for years to come.

From Page 1 ▶ Now in its third year, the International Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage continues to flourish. The first edition was held in Yazd, the city of wind-catchers; the second one in Qazvin; and this year's edition is hosted by Shiraz, the city of renowned poets like Saadi and Hafez, dedicated to promoting Iran's ancient cultural heritage. Over 4,000 submissions were received for this edition, and nearly 90 experts evaluated and judged them over the past month. This year's festival spanned 14 categories and introduced a non-competitive international section, although the regional events somewhat impacted this segment.

Iran, the land of poets and scholars, values poetry as a testament to historical evolution and cultural wealth. Recognizing poetry's role in advancing the Persian language and elevating public heritage awareness, a new poetry section was added to the International Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage. The festival's main objective is to enhance people's understanding and appreciation of this national treasure.

Iran's cultural heritage is a source of pride,

# Tourism ministry seeks to revitalize environs of Karim Khan Citadel for potential UNESCO status

SHIRAZ - In a speech at the closing ceremony of the 3rd International Multimedia Festival of Cultural Heritage, Iran's tourism minister Seyyed Reza Salehi-Amiri, announced plans to expand cultural spaces surrounding the 18th-century Karim Khan Citadel complex in Shiraz.

The minister shared a vision to achieve UNESCO World Heritage status for the site, positioning it as a cultural hub larger than Iran's famed Naqsh-e Jahan Square, which is a UNESCO site in Isfahan.

"Fars province is rich in history and heritage, with more than 3,700 nationally or internationally registered sites," Salehi-Amiri noted, adding that Shiraz shines as a beacon of Iranian cultural heritage both domestically and globally.

The minister also emphasized that the province's history and vibrant heritage are integral to the story of Iran itself.



He then highlighted the importance of incorporating Iran's cultural heritage into educational curricula to ensure that future generations understand and take pride in their nation's legacy. He remarked on the role of media in promoting these sites internationally, expressing hope that

greater visibility could enhance public appreciation.

Salehi-Amiri also spoke of the challenge in adequately conveying the depth of cultural identity embedded in Fars and Shiraz, describing the province as "a well-spring that can enrich people worldwide."

Elsewhere in his remarks, the minister reflected on the need to address generational gaps in cultural awareness, calling for a more inclusive dialogue with Iran's youth to foster a stronger sense of national identity.

Noting that over one million cultural and historical artifacts have been identified across Iran, the minister urged that these treasures be preserved as a shared heritage to be passed down to future generations. "Our heritage is our Iran, and if we do not protect it, future generations may hold us accountable," he said, underscoring the ministry's commitment to restoration and preservation efforts.

Salehi-Amiri closed his address with a call to action, urging Iran's cultural authorities to bridge understanding with the younger generation, ensuring that Iran's rich heritage remains a source of pride and unity for years to come.

## Intl. Tourism Rally of Historical Spice Road starts in southeast Iran, heading for Iraq

TEHRAN - The International Tourism Rally of the Historical Spice Road began on November 6 in Iran's Chabahar, with participants embarking on a cross-country journey aimed at promoting a message of peace and friendship.

The rally, featuring camper vans, caravans, and travel motorcycles, will traverse several Iranian cities before culminating at the Sulaymaniyah International Tourism Expo in Iraq on November 17.

The event launched with a ceremonial send-off from local officials and auto-racing enthusiasts, marking the start of a journey

through cities such as Bam, Kerman, Yazd, Kashan, Qom, and Tehran. The rally is expected to grow in number as more participants join from southern and western cities along the route.

When reach-



ing Tehran, participants will travel through Hamedan, Sanandaj, and Marivan before crossing into Iraq via the Bashmaq border in Kordestan province. Iraqi officials, including the governor of Halabja, are set to welcome the group for a ceremonial tribute to commemorate victims of the Halabja and Sardasht chemical attacks, which took place in 1988 upon the order of the then-Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

Upon arrival in Sulaymaniyah on November 13, rally vehicles will gather at the expo site. From November 14 to 16, the vehicles

will be on display as part of Iran's pavilion at the Sulaymaniyah International Tourism Expo, where the Touring & Automobile Club of the Islamic Republic of Iran will showcase Iran's tourism offerings.

According to organizers, the pavilion will highlight the country's rich cultural heritage, health tourism, and natural attractions, along with customs pass services for foreign visitors.

In addition to exhibitions, the event will feature safari and ecotourism workshops, cultural performances, and displays of Iranian handicrafts. Representatives from over ten countries will participate, creating a unique platform to introduce Iran's tourism appeal and to counter negative portrayals in foreign media.

Organized with support from Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, the rally which bears the theme of "Peace and Health", is aimed to foster international dialogue and promote Iran's image as a peaceful and welcoming destination for global travelers.

## Iranian rituals cited in Ferdowsi's Shahnameh to be examined in Tehran museum

TEHRAN - The Glassware and Ceramic Museum of Iran will host an event today to explore the Iranian cultural rituals cited in Ferdowsi's Shahnameh, a cornerstone of Persian literature.

Navid Salehvand, director of the Glassware and Ceramic Museum, announced the event on Thursday, emphasizing the importance of Iranian rituals as key elements of the nation's Iranian-Islamic identity, ISNA reported.

"Iranian rituals carry wisdom and purpose, and Shahnameh, composed by the sage Ferdowsi, is one of the most significant works that reflects and narrates these traditions," Salehvand explained.

The archaeologist explained that the museum has organized a series of programs dedicated to exploring Iranian identity and history through the rituals described in Shahnameh.

The upcoming event will feature a lecture by Moham-

mad Rasouli, a scholar specializing in Shahnameh, who has devoted many years to its study and has authored numerous publications on the text.

This event will offer valuable insights into the preservation of Iranian identity and provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the cultural significance embedded in Ferdowsi's work, Salehvand said.

Shahnameh or Shah-nameh is a Persian national epic, presented to Sultan Mahmud of Ghazna and completed in 1010. It is a poem of nearly 60,000 verses, a history of the kings of Persia in Pahlavi (Middle Persian) from mythical times down to the 7th century.

In Shahnameh, Ferdowsi versified and updated the story of the downfall of the Sasanian empire (mid-7th century), and, for nearly 1,000 years, it has remained one of the most popular works in the Persian-speaking world.

## Archaeologists unearth -3,500-year-old wooden spade preserved in British wetlands

During recent excavations for The Moors at Arne project, Wessex Archaeology uncovered one of Britain's oldest and most complete wooden tools—a rare discovery that sheds light on how Bronze Age communities interacted with the wetlands along England's southern coast.

Pottery and stone artifacts are relatively common finds during excavations, but intact wooden artifacts are much rarer since wood usually disintegrates over time. Fortunately, the waterlogged conditions at this particular site on the edge of Poole Harbour preserved the wooden spade, allowing it to survive for thousands of years.

"The moment the spade started to be uncovered the team on site knew it was a very special object and now we're able to analyze it here in the laboratory, we're starting to reveal its story," says environmental archaeologist Edward Treasure, who led the analysis of the spade. "It's made of oak and radiocarbon dating of the wood itself confirms it is c.3,500-3,400 years old, placing it firmly in the Middle Bronze Age. This is an incredibly exciting moment and we're looking forward to finding out more as the process unfolds."

During the Middle Bronze Age, the Arne Moors would have been prone to flooding in the winter months, and

then drying out over summer. This led archaeologists to assume that people at the time didn't live there, but were frequently visiting the area to make use of its rich natural resources.

The wooden spade was uncovered in a circular ditch that may have served multiple purposes, possibly as a resource hub for ancient communities. Wessex Archaeology reveals, "It could have been used as a place to cut and dry peat, as pasture for grazing animals or for hunting, fishing, gathering rushes for thatch and basket weaving and perhaps cultivating crops."

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# UNICEF in Iran publishes book on supporting children in emergencies

TEHRAN – ‘Structured Activities and Play in Child-Friendly Spaces’ is the name of a book published by the United Nations Children’s Funds (UNICEF) and the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) in Persian to foster psychological support for children during emergencies and crisis.

The book introduces a collection of structured activities and various games designed for use in child-friendly spaces within crisis and humanitarian settings, the UNICEF website announced in a press release on November 7.

The main objective of these activities is to support the mental and social well-being of children and to create a safe environment for learning and play, which can help reduce the negative impacts of crises and disasters on children’s psychological and social development.

The book provides activities suitable for children aged 6 to 18, serving as a practical tool for facilitators, teachers, social workers, and those interested in working with children in emergency settings. With a scientific and practical approach to play as an essential component of early psychosocial interventions, this collection enables educators and field workers to confidently and effectively provide services for children in child-friendly spaces.

In August, the IRCS in cooperation with UNICEF organized a workshop for the IRCS’ psychosocial support team to



enhance their capacity for ‘Ensuring Quality in Psychosocial and Mental Health Care and Support’ (EQUIP) during emergencies.

The workshop was held from August 18 to 20 in Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi province; a total of thirty-five national master trainers of the IRCS’ psychosocial support team, SAHAR, participated in the workshop, UNICEF website announced in a press release on August 28.

The IRCS’ SAHAR teams consist of volunteers trained to provide Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) following disasters.

EQUIP assists SAHAR’s master trainers with planning and conducting training and supervision for the volunteers of the SAHAR teams.

The enhanced skills and capacities will result in more children, adolescents, and their

families receiving effective and safe mental health services during emergencies.

UNICEF has provided safe and supportive spaces for Afghan children in the Torbat-e Jam Refugee Settlement in Khorasan Razavi Province to develop skills essential for dealing with life challenges.

UNICEF-supported Child-Friendly Space (CFS) in Iran is one of the three centers made possible by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations’ financial aid.

CFSs provide children the chance to play and grow, the UNICEF website announced in a press release on April 30.

Play is not just a pastime for children; it is a fundamental part of their development. Through play, children and grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically. In the course of play, children

build relationships and learn leadership skills, resilience, social navigation, and fear management.

Play provides comfort and safety, helping children make sense of the world around them. It is also a platform for children to express and nurture their imagination and creativity. UNICEF Iran reached 5,354 vulnerable children, including Afghan refugees.

This is especially important for refugee children, who need a safe place to explore and develop life skills. These spaces also provide support in managing the anxiety and trauma that come with the displacement of children from their home countries.

Those enrolled in the Child-Friendly Space engaged in very various activities. In addition to playing with their peers, they learn poems, how to greet and converse with others, and basic hygiene practices like brushing their teeth.

Zahra Mostafaei, a local NGO staff member working with the children in Torbat-e Jam, has said, “In Torbat-e Jam settlement, 870 youngsters aged 3 to 12 are enrolled in this program.

Here, they receive crucial life-skill training and psychological support. Initially, the parents were uncertain about the space. However, when they came here, brought their children with them, and saw the activities, they became quite welcoming and enthusiastic.”

## Iranian students win gold medals in ISIF 2024

From page 1 ▶ Moreover, Nima Sohrabi won a gold medal in artificial intelligence technology and a special award from Romania.

The team comprised Artin Radmatin, Niki Abtahi, Baran Bahman, Sarina Nosrati, and Mohammad-Hossein Ezzati in environment, and the team consisted of Baran Derakhshandeh Daryasari, Paniz Khaljifar, Golshid Shirvani, and Yasman Saedi in biotechnology managed to win two gold medals.

### Recent achievements

A total of 18 students from Iran attended the 47th WorldSkills Competition, winning 9 medals including a silver medal and medals for excellence.

The competition was held from September 10 to 15 in Lyon, France. Some 1,500 competitors from more than 65 countries and



regions around the world gathered in Lyon to compete in different skills.

Hasan Mohammadi and Hamid-Reza Hamidi won the silver medal, IRIB reported

Iran grabbed a gold medal, two silver medals, and a bronze medal at the 36th International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), ranking

9th among 96 countries.

Hosted in Alexandria, Egypt, the event started on September 1 and concluded on September 8, IRNA reported.

Each participating country selected a team of up to four contestants to represent their nation.

The team competed in a two-day competition. Each contestant competed individually to maximize their score by solving three algorithmic problems within five hours.

Iranian students attended the event online and ranked ninth globally.

In a remarkable achievement, Iranian students won five gold medals, ranking first in the 17th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) which was held from August 17 to 27 in Vassouras, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Farahzad river valley turned into Eco Park

From page 1 ▶ They are parks that use ecological landscape features to reduce watering and other maintenance while enhancing wildlife and human values. Eco Parks serve as a vehicle for reconnection, and for developing the systems under-

standings necessary for creative and resilient problem-solving.

An Eco Park is not just about preservation, but also about restoring nature conservation and a large-scale transformation of both the social and environmental landscapes.

The project is designed in two phases. The first phase with an area of 57 hectares was inaugurated after removing more than 3,500 drug addicts and establishing the anti-narcotics police unit on the river bank.

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### ‘Further measures required to preserve forests’

Iran’s forest area is approximately 12 million hectares with 0.2 hectares per capita, which is one quarter of the world average, so attention to preserve the forest areas must be four times the global attention.

Forests have been taken for granted in the country, as 2 million hectares of the northern forests has been depleted since 1330s (1950s), thus no serious protection measures have been taken.

Currently, 1.6 million hectares of the northern forests remain in the country, which was 3.5 million hectares in 1330s, so 2 million hectares of forest areas have undergone deforestation.

### حفظ جنگل ها نیازمند اقدامات بیشتر

بر اساس آخرین آمار موسسه تحقیقات جنگل ها و مراتع، وسعت رویشگاه های جنگلی ایران حدود ۱۲ میلیون هکتار و سرانه هر ایرانی از جنگل، کمتر از دو دهم هکتار است که یک چهارم سرانه جهانی می شود بنابراین باید توجه ما به حفظ رویشگاه های جنگلی، ۴۰ برابر توجه جهانی باشد.

به نظر می رسد در کشور آن طور که باید به درختان و حفاظت از آنها توجه نمی شود؛ نابودی دو میلیون هکتار از جنگل های شمال از دهه ۳۰ تاکنون گواه این ادعاست.

حدود ۱.۶ میلیون هکتار از جنگل های شمال کشور باقی مانده است که این رقم در دهه ۳۰ حدود ۳.۵ میلیون هکتار بود یعنی در این مدت حدود دو میلیون هکتار عرصه جنگلی را از دست داده ایم، البته نیمی از ۱.۶ میلیون هکتار موجود نیز تا حدود زیادی تخریب شده است.

“The International Federation will support

## National diabetes week being observed

TEHRAN –Iran is marking the national diabetes week from November 9 to 15 with the theme ‘Living Well with Diabetes.’

Diabetes is a chronic disease, which occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. This leads to an increased concentration of glucose in the blood.

Type 1 diabetes (previously known as insulin-dependent or childhood-onset diabetes) is characterized by a lack of insulin production.

Type 2 diabetes (formerly called non-insulin-dependent or adult-onset diabetes) is caused by the body’s ineffective use of insulin. It often results from excess body weight and physical inactivity.

The increase in global diabetes prevalence in recent years has made the disease the biggest epidemic in human history, the health ministry’s website quoted Koroush Etemad, an official with the health ministry, as saying.

Currently, some 537 million adults (aged 20-79) are living with diabetes. The number is predicted to rise to 783 million by 2045.

More than 1.2 million children and adolescents in the world have type 1 diabetes. Every 5 seconds, a person dies of diabetes or its complications.

In 2021, more than 6.7 million people died of diabetes. Moreover, 541 million people in the world were estimated to have impaired glucose tolerance, which could progress into diabetes without effective and timely intervention.

In Iran, 7.5 million individuals are living with diabetes, the official noted.

At least, 14.15 percent of the population above 25 years old have diabetes, and their number is estimated to account for 7.5 million people. Approximately 75 percent of diabetics in the country are aware of their conditions.

The national diabetes week aims to raise public awareness of the impacts of diabetes on health; it also highlights the prevention, early detection, and treatment of the disease.

Each day of the week focuses on a specific topic.

Saturday, November 9, ‘Diabetes and mental health’

Sunday, November 10, ‘Diabetes and self-care’

Monday, November 11, ‘Pre-diabetes and prevention of diabetes’

Tuesday, November 12, ‘Diabetes and prevention of complications’

Wednesday, November 13, ‘Living well with diabetes’

Thursday, November 14, ‘Diabetes and the role of policy-makers’

Friday, November 15, ‘Diabetes and healthy lifestyle (nutrition and physical activity)’

Also, the health ministry has organized various programs to be held during the week such as conducting workshops and courses on diabetes both in person and virtually, holding programs targeting children and teenagers, organizing news conferences, as well as publishing articles in newspapers and magazines.

### Diabetes, well-being

Globally, an estimated 422 million adults were living with diabetes in 2014, compared to 108 million in 1980. The global prevalence of diabetes has nearly doubled since 1980, rising from 4.7 percent to 8.5 percent in the adult population. This reflects an increase in associated risk factors such as being overweight or obese. Over the past decade, diabetes prevalence has risen faster in low and middle-income countries than in high-income countries.

Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and lower limb amputation. Healthy diet, physical activity and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

In addition diabetes can be treated and its consequences avoided or delayed with medication, regular screening and treatment for complications.

In 2007 General Assembly designating November 14 as World Diabetes Day. The document recognized “the urgent need to pursue multilateral efforts to promote and improve human health, and provide access to treatment and health-care education.”

It also encouraged Member States to develop national policies for the prevention, treatment, and care of diabetes in line with the sustainable development of their health-care systems.

(See full text at [tehrantimes.com](http://tehrantimes.com))

## IRCS to export medical supplies to African countries

TEHRAN –The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) is going to export medical supplies and equipment to seven African countries, an official with the IRCS has said.

The first shipment of medical supplies was sent to an African country on Thursday, IRIB quoted Seyyed Bahman Sobhani as saying.

Medical equipment including disposable medical supplies, dialysis sets, serum, different types of syringes, and some injectable medications are to be exported to seven African countries. Other shipments have also been prepared to be exported soon.

However, the official failed to mention the name of these African countries.

### IRCS is a top organization

In September, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) project manager, Faisal Mahboob, lauded the capabilities of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) as outstanding.

The official said he was really impressed by the capacity and the wide range of activities carried out by the IRCS.

“The International Federation will support

the activities of the Iranian Red Crescent Society to commence a new phase of collaboration with the society,” Mahboob added, the IRCS website reported.

In May, Pir-hossein Kolivand, head of the IRCS, said the IRCS is recognized as one of the five prominent societies worldwide thanks to its wide range of activities and great achievements both nationally and internationally.

Referring to health, treatment, and rehabilitation as one of the parts of the IRCS activities, Kolivand said the IRCS hospitals, pharmacies, and clinics meet the medical and therapeutic needs of thousands of citizens every day.

The IRCS medical centers abroad are reputable worldwide. As a humanitarian organization, the IRCS is trying to alleviate the suffering of the people involved in accidents, emergencies, and conflicts.

“Today, collaborations with knowledge-based firms have resulted in advancements in manufacturing orthoses, prostheses, artificial organs, and new medications, with plans to extend cooperation to rescue and relief efforts as well,” the official noted.





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## GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

*Adopt generosity, and avoid vain severity and oppression; for, severity compels people to emigrate, and oppression incites revolt, and puts an end to your rule.*

**Imam Ali (AS)**

Prayer Times > Noon:11:48 Evening: 17:20 Dawn: 5:10 (tomorrow) Sunrise: 6:36 (tomorrow)

## What's in Tehran art galleries



### Sculpture

\* Sculptures by Payam Vahabi are currently on display in an exhibit at Ev Gallery.

Entitled "Veneer", the exhibition runs until November 15 at the gallery located at No.5, Arabi Alley, North Kheradmand St., Karim Khan Ave.

\* An exhibition of sculptures by Azra Naderi is currently underway at Ehsan Gallery.

The exhibit named "Dormant" will run until November 13 at the gallery located at No. 22, East 14th St. in the Ajudanieh neighborhood.



\* Artibition Gallery is playing host to an exhibition of sculptures by a group of artists including Masoud Akhavan Jam, Alireza Astaneh, Sara Tavaneh, Mehdi Sahabi, Iraj Zand, Sepideh Nouri and several others.

Entitled "Narrative and Material", the exhibit runs until November 18 at the gallery located at No. 2798, Vali-e Asr Ave, after Parkvay, next to Bank of Industry and Mine.

### Painting

\* An exhibition displaying paintings by Abou Shahi is currently underway at Homa Gallery.

The exhibit named "Rain Hunters" runs until November 19 at the gallery located at No. 8, Fourth Alley, Sanai St., Karim Khan Ave.



\* A collection of paintings by Tohid Sadeqi is on view in an exhibition at Adapa Gallery.

Entitled "Dark Blight", the exhibition will run until November 13 at the gallery located at No. 5, Sumesara Alley, Sazesh St., Vali-e Asr Square.

\* Mozafar Balasi is showcasing his latest paintings in an exhibition at Bostan Gallery.

The exhibit named "Garden of View" will run until November 20 at No. 71, 22th Alley, Larestan St. off Motahhari Ave.



\* Samaneh Motalebi is putting her latest paintings on view in an exhibition at Bavan Gallery.

Entitled "Skin", the exhibit will run until November 25 at the gallery located at 7 Abdo off Larezstan St. off Motahhari Ave.

\* An exhibition of paintings by Mahmoud Maktabi is currently underway at Sharif Gallery.

Entitled "Zar", the exhibit will be running until November 22 at the gallery that can be found at 11 Mahruzadeh Alley, Shariati Ave. near Quds Square.



\* Paintings by Katayoun Moadelian are currently on view in an exhibition at Atbin Gallery.

The exhibit titled "Button" will continue until November 26 at the gallery located at 42 Khakzad Alley, Vali-e Asr Ave. near the Parkway Intersection.

### Photo

\* Photos by Shahabeddin Adel are on show at Haft Samar Gallery.

The exhibition titled "Hand, Secret" will be running until November 13 at the gallery that can be found at No. 8, Fifth Alley, Kuh-e Nur St., Motahari Ave.



# Iran's "In the Arms of the Tree" to compete at Asian World Film Festival

From Page 1 ▶ Taha, deeply caring and protective, is determined to shield Alisan from the fallout of their parents' crises.

The boys' strong bond and friendship serve as a beacon of hope amid the tumult, highlighting the innocence of childhood and the power of familial love in the face of adversity.

The film captures the impact of marital discord on children, illustrating how their lives can be disturbed by their parents' struggles. Ultimately, it underscores the importance of love, connection, and the delicate balance needed to preserve a family in crisis.

Maral Baniadam, Javad Ghamati, Rouhollah Zamani, Ahoura Lotfi, and Rayan Lotfi are in the cast among others.

Back in September, "In the Arms of the Tree" was officially chosen to represent Iran at the 2025 Academy Awards.

A production of 2023, the film won two Crystal Simorgh awards for Best First Film and Best Screenplay upon its premiere at the 41st Fajr Film Festival.

Moreover, it was named the best film in the international section of the first edition of Iran's Havva International Film



Festival in 2023.

The movie has been screened in several international festivals in countries such as China, Switzerland, and the UAE.

In September, "In the Arms of the Tree" opened the Kazan International Film Festival Altny Minbar in Russia.

The Asian World Film Festival is committed to uplifting and showcasing the artistry of filmmakers across Asia, as well

as Asian, Asian-American, and multiracial Asian creators worldwide.

Its mission is to highlight the rich tapestry of voices within the Asian filmmaking community and to provide a platform for their creative expression.

AWFF brings a curated selection of outstanding Asian cinema to the U.S., aiming to enhance the visibility of the region's talented filmmakers and to foster connections between the Asian film

industry and Hollywood.

By promoting cross-cultural collaboration, the festival presents films from over 50 countries across Asia, ranging from Turkey to Japan and Russia to India.

The festival also focuses on screening films that have been submitted for the Oscars and Golden Globe Awards in the Best Foreign Language Film category.

The Asian World Film Festival will run from November 13 to 21.

## Manouchehr Shahsavari appointed as secretary of 43rd Fajr Film Festival

TEHRAN-Iranian film producer Manouchehr Shahsavari has been appointed as the secretary of the 43rd Fajr Film Festival by the Director of Iran's Cinema Organization Raed Faridzadeh.

Shahsavari has produced notable films such as "Mazar Sharif," "Rainy Seasons," "Escaping the Trap," and "The Moon and the Sun". He is also known as a respected figure in various executive roles, Honaronline reported.

His previous positions include the vice president of Iran's House of Cinema, a board member of the Film Producers and Distributors Guild, and the chairman of the Screening Guild Council.

A significant change for the 43rd edition of the festival will be the separation of the national and international sections.

The international section, noted for its



role in promoting Iran's cultural diplomacy and one of the top 14 competitive festivals recognized by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations, will be held independently at a later date agreed upon with the federation.

Fajr Film Festival has been held every February in Tehran since 1983. The festival is supervised by the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance.

It takes place on the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

From 2015 to 2022, the festival was bifurcated into two festivals, a national festival in February, which was notable for premieres of the most important domestic movies, and an international one, which was held in April.

Since 2022, the national and international segments have been merged again, with the combined festival taking place in February every year.

With the separation of the two sections again in the upcoming edition of the festival, the national section will be held in February like before and the exact date for the international section will be announced later.

Every year, the festival presents more than 20 awards, titled Crystal Simorgh, to the winners of various categories.

## Award-winning Spanish author Rosa Montero's 2013 novel published in Persian

TEHRAN-The Persian translation of the book "The Ridiculous Idea of Not Seeing You Again" written by the Spanish author Rosa Montero has been released in the bookstores across Iran.

Ali Akbar Fallahi has translated the book, which has been brought out by Qoqnoos Publishing Group, ILNA reported.

Rosa Montero, upon reading Marie Curie's deeply personal diary, penned after the loss of her husband, found herself profoundly moved. The diary, included at the end of this very book, sparked a fire within Montero, igniting her own creative spirit and prompting her to explore the life and legacy of this extraordinary woman.

Inspired by Curie's remarkable career, Montero crafts a narrative that blends personal memory with the collective memory of humanity. She seamlessly interweaves analyses of our current times with intimate evocations, crafting pages that speak of overcoming pain, of the complex dynamics between men and women, and of the sheer beauty of a life well-lived.

This is a story about the transformative power of science, the limitations of ignorance, the solace found in literature, and the wisdom gleaned from

those who embrace existence wholeheartedly. Montero's writing is vibrant, unconfined, and utterly original, resulting in a book that defies categorization. It is a treasure trove of photos, memories, friendships, and anecdotes that evoke the primal pleasure of listening to a captivating tale.

This is not simply a biography, but a reflection on the human condition, a poignant exploration of love, loss, and the enduring legacy of a remarkable woman. Montero's words are a testament to Curie's enduring spirit, a testament to the power of stories to transcend time and inspire generations.

Rosa Montero, 73, is a Spanish journalist and author of contemporary fiction. In 1975, she graduated with a degree in journalism from the Official School of Journalism in Madrid. She also studied psychology at the Complutense University of Madrid (1969-1972).

She worked with independent theater groups such as Tabano, and in 1970 participated in their renowned production, Castañuela 70. Since 1970, she has worked as a television, newspaper, and magazine journalist. Since 1977, she has worked in exclusivity for El Pais, Spain's best-selling newspaper, and she served as the editor-

in-chief of its Sunday magazine from 1980-1981.

Her journalism appears regularly in various Latin American newspapers, such as Clarin (Argentina) and El Mercurio (Chile). Her articles have also appeared abroad in publications such as Stern (Germany), Liberation (France), La Montagne (France), and The Guardian (United Kingdom).

Throughout her career she has conducted more than 2,000 interviews, and her interview technique is studied in journalism schools throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Some of her most notable interview subjects include Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Indira Gandhi, Richard Nixon, Julio Cortázar, and Malala Yousafzi.

Her articles have been taught in Spain's secondary schools for decades, and they appear on university entrance exams. They are also taught outside of Spain. In 2012, she was awarded a prize for the use of her work in Spanish language instruction in France.

She has taught literature and journalism at several universities in Spain, the U.S. and the U.K. She has also participated in hundreds of symposiums and conferences all over the world.

Among the awards she has won for her journalism are the

World Interview Prize (1978), the National Prize for Literary Journalism (1980), and the Press Association of Madrid Award for career achievement (2005).

In over 40 years, she has written 20 novels and also published some story collections. Her novels have been adapted into various art forms, including theatrical works, short films, a feature film, an opera, and art installations, both in Spain as well as throughout Europe and the Americas.

Montero's work has made an enormous impact on the Spanish-speaking world. Ten books have been written about her, and studies of her work have appeared in more than 60 volumes. Her work has been examined by some 30 doctoral theses and more than 120 articles published in academic journals and conference proceedings. Her books have been translated into more than 20 languages.

She has received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Puerto Rico. In 2017, she was awarded the National Prize for Spanish Literature. In the same year, she also received both a career achievement award from the International Press Club and the Manuel Alcántara International Journalism Award, given by the University of Málaga.