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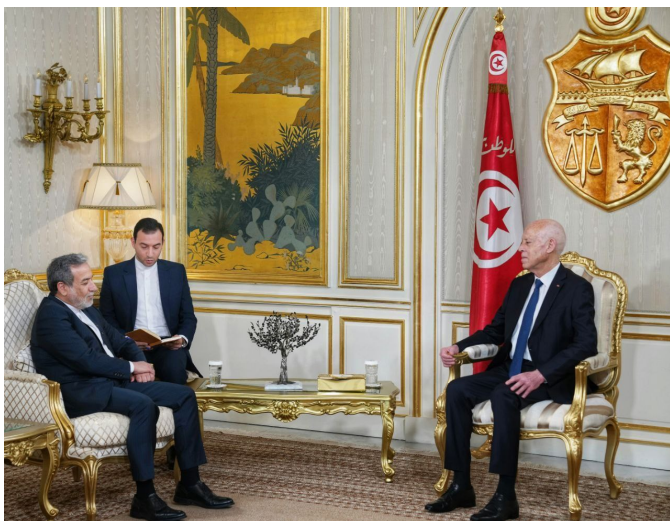
IRANIAN FM MEETS WITH PAKISTANI AND IRAQI COUNTERPARTS



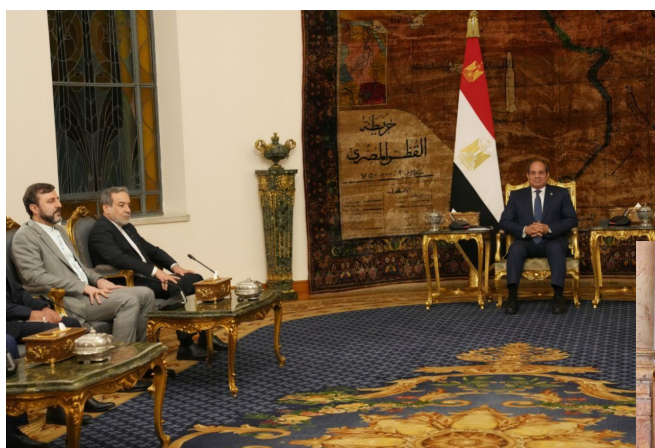


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IRANIAN FM MEETS WITH TUSIAIAN PRESIDENT AND FM IN TUNIS



FM ARAGHCHI MEETS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND EGYPTIAN FM IN CAIRO





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Iran's Foreign Minister held telephone conversations with his counterparts from Qatar, Oman, Venezuela, Greece, Slovenia, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Afghanistan and UN Secretary-General António Guterres.



Venezuela FM



Egypt FM



Qatar FM



Oman FM



Greek FM



UN Secretary-General



Slovenian FM



Sierra Leone FM



Afghanistan FM





IRANIAN LUMINARY

Aboo Reyhan Birooni



Aboo Rayhan Muhammad ebn-e Ahmad Birooni commonly known as Birooni, was an Iranian scholar and polymath during the Islamic Golden Age. Today, September 4 has been named in his name to honor the valuable services of this renowned Iranian scientist.

Aboo Rayhan Mohammad ibn Ahmad Birooni known as Birooni was a Persian scholar and polymath of the Khwarazm region, a part of ancient Persia and Greater Iran.

Birooni is regarded as one of the greatest scholars of the medieval Islamic era. He was well versed in physics, mathematics, astronomy, and natural sciences, and also distinguished himself as a historian, chronologist and linguist.

Biography of Birooni

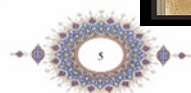
Aboo Rayhan Birooni was Born in Kath, Kharazm in old Persia, he lived between 973 and 1048 AD. Kharazm was the country of the Kharazm civilization

and of several kingdoms. He lived both in Kath and in Jurjaniyya as he grew up and we know that he began studies at a very early age under the famous astronomer and mathematician Aboo Nasr Mansoor.

Birooni left his hometown at a young age and he wandered around Persia and Uzbekistan. Then, after Mahmud of Ghazni conquered the emirate of Bukhara, he moved to Ghazni, a town in today's Afghanistan, which served as the capital of the Ghaznavid dynasty. In 1017, Birooni traveled to the Indian subcontinent, studying Indian science and conveying it to the Islamic world.

Birooni's scientific achievements

Birooni was an astronomer, mathematician and philosopher, studying physics and natural sciences too. He was the first scientist able to obtain a simple formula for measuring the Earth's radius. Moreover, he thought it is possible for the Earth to revolve around the Sun and developed the idea that geological eras succeed one another.





IRANIAN LUMINARY

In fact, in his scientific body of work, he addresses almost all the sciences. He had excellent knowledge of ancient Greek and studied several works by ancient Greek scientists in their original forms; among them, there were Aristotle's *Physics*, *Metaphysics*, *De Caelo*, and *Meteorology*, the works of Euclid and Archimedes, the *Almagest* of the mathematician and astronomer Ptolemy.

Biruni dealt with Earth in many of his works. He proposed a method to measure its radius, using trigonometric calculations. He is regarded as the 'father of geodesy' for his important contributions to that field, along with his significant contributions to geography.

Measuring the density of 18 precious metals and stones, measuring the diameter and circumference of the earth, a new way to design geographic maps, measuring the distance between cities, researching the beliefs and history of the people of India, and preparing a list of Zakaria Razi's books are some of his enduring works.

Biruni's impact on Europe: "When religious fanaticism swept medieval Europe, Biruni, as a forerunner of the Renaissance, was far in advance of the scientific thought than obtaining in Europe". The use of experimental methods in science, which is one of Abū Rayhān Biruni's innovations, was proposed several centuries later in Europe by other scientists such as Francis Bacon and René Descartes and formed the foundation of today's scientific method.

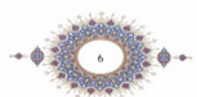
Abū Rayhān Biruni; Father of anthropology: The book known in English as 'The Chronology of the Ancient Nations' was written in Arabic by Abū Rayhān Biruni in the year 1000. It is a monumental compendium of the calendars and chronological

systems of a very wide range of societies and cultures from the late antique Hellenistic world and the ancient and medieval Near East and Central Asia, including pagans, Christians, Muslims, Jews, and Zoroastrians, as well as other religious and ethnic groups.

Biruni's legacy

Biruni's scholarly legacy has inspired scientists and mathematicians for several centuries, and his name continues to command respect even today.

In 1975, the famous Tajik academician, Bobojon Gafurov, described Biruni in his UNESCO Courier article as a universal genius who "was so far ahead of his time that his most brilliant discoveries seemed incomprehensible to most of the scholars of his days". Also, George Sarton, the founder of the History of Science discipline, named the 11th century the Biruni Age.





SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IRANIAN FEMALE SCIENTIST GRABS BIONORICA PHYTONEERING AWARD



Roja Rahimi, a professor of Traditional Pharmacy at the School of Persian Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, has won the Bionorica Phytoneering Award 2025.

The Bionorica Phytoneering Award recognizes outstanding research in the field of developing and applying phytopharmaceutical products.

The Society gives the award for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research (GA). The award aims to motivate scientists to perform research in the following areas:

Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of herbal medicinal products and their active principles, Clinical research in the areas of respiratory tract infections, inflammation, women's health, and metabolic syndrome, and Safety and pharmacovigilance studies.

BURKINA FASO NEEDS IRAN'S EXPERTISE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'

Burkina Faso's Ambassador to Tehran, Mohammadi Kaboureh, has highlighted the significance of boosting scientific ties with Iran, calling it essential for the sustainable development of the African country.

"Sustainable development without education is improbable; we need Iran's valuable expertise to achieve the goal. Burkina Faso is determined to enhance cooperation with Iran in all fields, particularly educational and scientific sectors," Kaboureh said.

The official made the remarks on Tuesday, in a meeting with the head of the Organization of Students Affairs, Saeed Habiba, in 'Tehran.





CULTURE & SOCIETY

IFILM LAUNCHES FIRST “PITCHING SHORT FILM” EVENT TO SPOTLIGHT EMERGING TALENTS



iFilm, the international network of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), has inaugurated its first short film pitching event, aiming to connect new filmmakers with investors and support creative talent worldwide.

The event provides a structured platform for aspiring filmmakers to present original ideas, gain funding, and potentially produce short films, helping to strengthen Iran's creative industry and expand its international cultural presence.

Ehsan Kaveh, head of iFilm and secretary of the event, emphasized the initiative's mission:

“The iFilm Pitching Event is a bridge between creators and distributors of short films, with the vision to extend this process to feature films and series in the coming years.”

“Pitching allows idea owners to present their work in a structured way to investors and audiences, ensuring fairness and clarity in production opportunities.”

“We aim to leverage our four-channel network—Persian, Dari, English, and Arabic—to connect with global talents and promote justice in production and distribution.”

IRANIAN FILMMAKER SONIA NOURI WINS TWO AWARDS AT TORONTO NOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

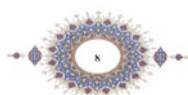
The Iranian filmmaker Sonia Nouri won two awards at the closing ceremony of the 9th Toronto Nollywood International Film Festival (TNIFF) on September 13 in Toronto, Canada.

Nouri had participated in the festival with two short films “For Sale” and “Supplemental Order,” both of which were among the winners.

“For Sale” won the Best Female Filmmaker (Producer/Director) award and “Supplemental Order” received the Best Director award.

In a short speech after receiving the Best Female Filmmaker award on stage, she appreciated all the cast and crew as well as her parents and dedicated the award to all the Iranian women who have bravely fought to achieve their dreams and goals.

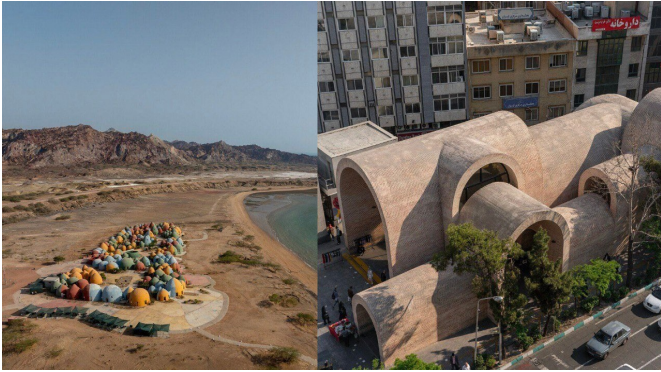
Both films are written, directed, and produced by Nouri and Seven Skies Entertainment handles their distribution.





CULTURE & SOCIETY

IRANIAN PROJECTS SHINE IN 2025 AGA KHAN AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE



Two innovative projects from Iran have been named winners of the 2025 Aga Khan Award for Architecture, one of the world's most distinguished prizes in the field.

The Majara Complex and Community Redevelopment on Hormuz Island, designed by ZAV Architects, and Jahad Metro Plaza in Tehran, designed by KA Architecture Studio, were selected among seven projects worldwide to receive the prestigious recognition.

The Majara Complex forms part of the "Presence in Hormuz" initiative, an ambitious cultural and social development program aimed at reviving the island's struggling economy through eco-tourism and community-driven design, bringing together cultural development and local employment through earth-based dome construction that recalls the island's colorful landscapes.

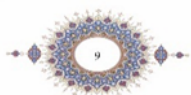
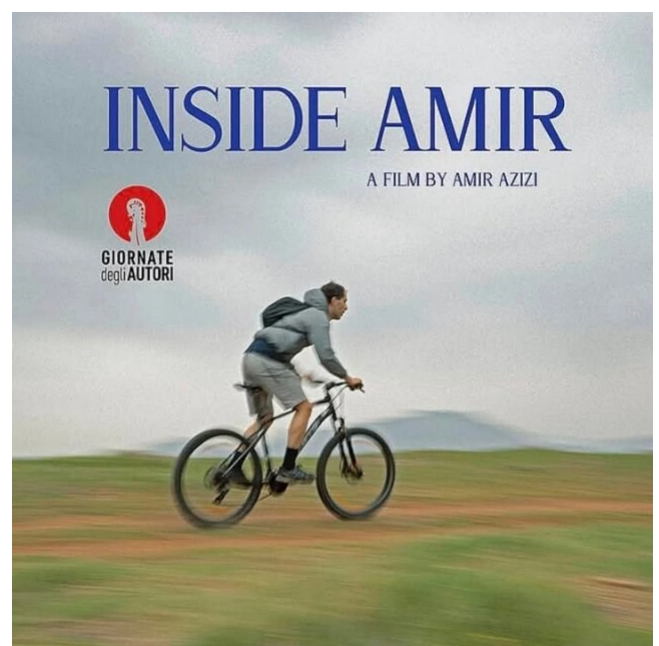
The second Iranian winner, Jahad Metro

Plaza in central Tehran, redefines a central urban intersection in the capital, transforming a metro entrance into a vibrant pedestrian hub through a vaulted structure inspired by Iranian brickwork traditions.

IRANIAN FILM "INSIDE AMIR" RECEIVES VENICE DAYS TOP PRIZE

The Iranian feature film "Inside Amir" directed by Amir Azizi, which follows a young man in Tehran on the verge of emigrating, has won the Director's Award, the top prize, at the 2025 edition of Venice Days, or Giornate degli Autori, the independent parallel section of the Venice Film Festival.

The section's top award comes with a cash prize of €20,000 (\$23,000). This is to be split equally between the filmmaker and the film's international distributor, ISNA reported.



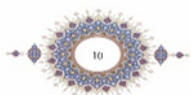


IRANIAN DRINKS AND BEVERAGES

SHARBAT-E LIMOO



Sharbat-e limoo is a refreshing sweet and sour drink that is just perfect for hot summer days. This tangy yet sweet sharbat is one of the popular drinks served to guests in Iran. Persian sharbat are drinks made with fresh-squeezed fruit juice and sugar. A sharbat should be well-balanced and not too sweet or too sour. However, in our home, we like our sharbat-e limoo more on the tangy side.



FOOD DIPLOMACY

IRANIAN FOOD: IRANIAN OKRA STEW WITH BEEF



Khoresht-e Bamieh is one of the traditional Iranian dishes. In Iran, Okra stew is traditionally from southern part of Iran. It is a flavorful dish with tender okra that is served with rice. So, if you like okra, you would love and enjoy this tasty dish.

Ingredients: freshly boiled water, lamb leg + bone, okra, tamarind paste, onion, garlic, vegetable oil, tomato paste, ghee or butter (optional), turmeric, black pepper, Salt to taste



TRADE & ECONOMY

IRAN-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE VOWS TO BOOST TRADE TO \$10B



The 22nd meeting of the Iran-Pakistan Joint Economic Committee commenced in Tehran on Monday, co-chaired by Iran's Minister of Transport and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadegh, and Pakistan's Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan.

In her opening remarks, Minister Sadegh hailed the meeting as a significant step towards enhancing bilateral economic and commercial ties.

She announced that a roadmap for achieving a \$10 billion bilateral trade target would be finalized and signed by the relevant ministers within the next three months.

"This goal reflects the strong political will of both nations to deepen cooperation," Sadegh stated. She emphasized that reaching this target would require strengthening banking relations and establishing secure, mutually agreed financial channels.

TEHRAN, ALMATY EYE JOINT TRADE HUB WITH CHINA'S KHORGOS

The head of Kazakhstan's Association of Free Economic Zones has proposed creating a joint commodity exchange linking Tehran, Almaty and China's Khorgos Free Economic Zone (FEZ), during a meeting with a Tehran Chamber of Commerce delegation led by its president, Mahmoud Najafi Arab.

The plan envisions the three sides offering goods and sourcing supplies through a common market, he told Iranian delegates on their first day of meetings in Almaty, Kazakhstan's commercial capital.

Najafi Arab said Tehran Chamber, which represents about 47,000 members accounting for nearly 45 percent of Iran's GDP, was ready to expand cooperation with Kazakhstan's private sector through trade missions, specialized webinars, and joint participation in business events.

He said Iran's private sector could invest in industrial zones and free trade areas around Almaty despite challenges posed by sanctions.



IRANIAN SPORTS

UNDEFEATED & UNSTOPPABLE: IRAN'S GOLDEN GENERATION DOMINATES WORLD VOLLEYBALL STAGE



The Iranian U21 men's national volleyball team have once again cemented their status as a global powerhouse, securing a historic third consecutive World Championship title with an undefeated run at the 2025 FIVB tournament in Jiangmen, China.

This victory isn't just a win; it's a powerful statement of a new golden generation's emergence, one that is poised to carry the legacy of Iranian volleyball to even greater heights.

Their path to glory was a testament to their resilience and unwavering spirit. Having defeated formidable opponents like Poland, Argentina, and the U.S., the team faced a familiar foe in the final: Italy.

The individual performances were as remarkable as the team's collective effort. Matin Hosseini, the team's star opposite hitter, was rightfully named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP) after a stellar campaign that culminated in a match-high 18 points in the final. He was joined in the "Dream Team" by setter Emran Kook Jili, middle blocker Taha Behboudnia, and libero Morteza Tabatabaei, underscoring the team's incredible depth and balance across all positions.

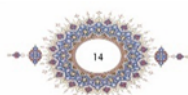
IRANIAN SPORTS

IRAN'S NATIONAL FREESTYLE WRESTLING TEAM BECOMES WORLD CHAMPION



Iran's national freestyle wrestling team has been crowned world champion after 12 years in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.

At the 2025 World Wrestling Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, Iran's freestyle team won one gold medal, one silver medal, and three bronze medals across eight weight classes, clinching the early world championship title ahead of the United States.



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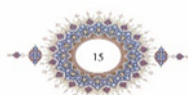
IRANIAN WUSHU TEAM WINS RUNNER-UP AT 2025 WORLD CHAMPION



The Iranian men's and women's national wushu teams in both Sanda and Taolu categories achieved the runner-up title overall by winning 6 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals at the 17th World Wushu Championships in Brazil.

This podium finish signals a major resurgence for Iranian wushu, reestablishing the country as a top global contender in martial sports and the success of its athletes on the world stage.

The World Wushu Championships are the sport's premier event, dominated by China. Iran's ability to secure the vice-champion title ahead of traditional powerhouses like Malaysia and Hong Kong demonstrates a significant shift in the global wushu hierarchy and the depth of its talent pool across both men's and women's divisions.





IRAN MUSIC

ARMENIAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PERFORMS AT PERSEPOLIS

On September 6, 2025, the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra performed at Persepolis, Shiraz, southern Iran, for art enthusiasts and the public.



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