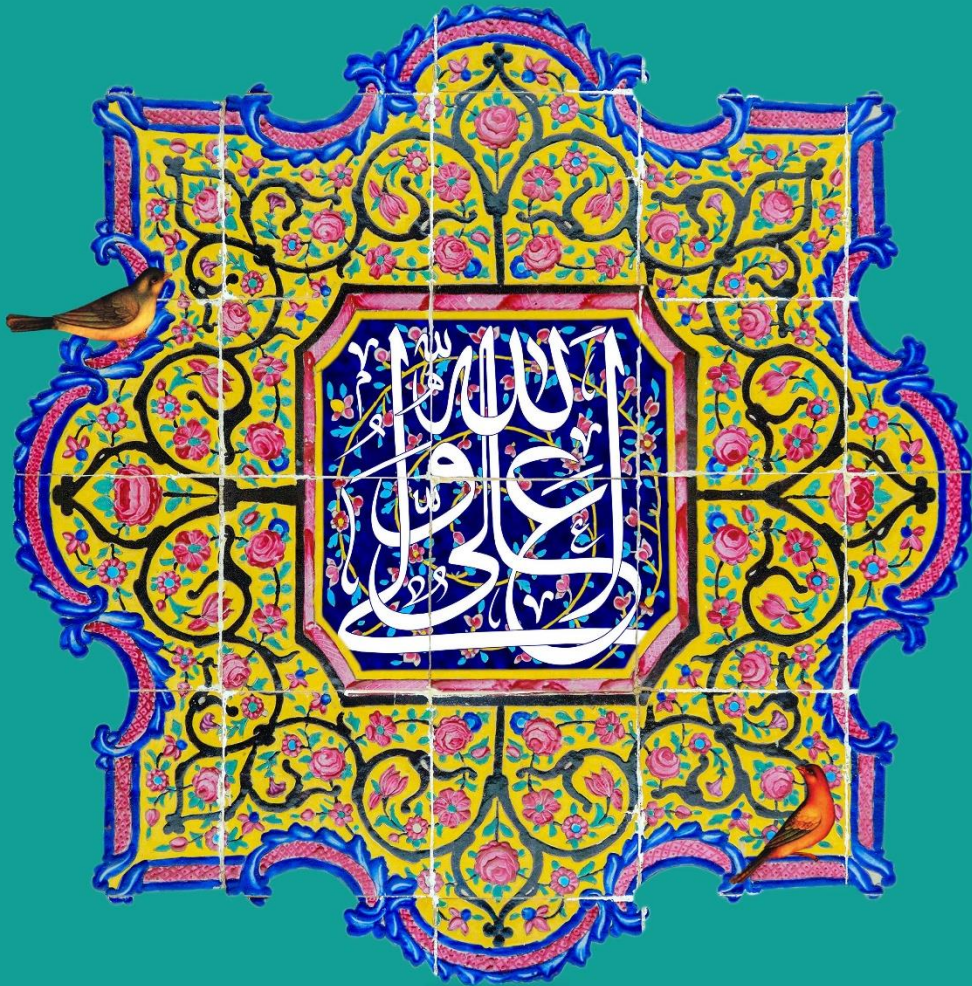




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Iran's FM in Telephone Talks

Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Iran's Foreign Minister held telephone conversations with Khalil al-Hayya, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council; Asim Munir, Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces; Kaja Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission, and his counterparts from Iraq, Pakistan, Qatar, Egypt, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Belgium, France and UK.



FM Araghchi Receives Mohsin Naqvi, Federal Minister for Interior of Pakistan, to Advance Negotiations to Terminate the US-Israeli Invasion



New UN resident coordinator in Iran, Ms. Christine Weigand, presents credentials to FM Araghchi





Science & Tech



Tehran, Minsk discuss ways to beef up co-op in health sector

The head of the Food and Drug Administration, Mehdi Pirsalehi, and the Belarusian ambassador to Iran, Koltsov, have explored avenues to enhance ties in the health sector, particularly in supplying medicines and medical equipment, and expediting medical trade exchange.

The officials met in Tehran, during which Koltsov announced his country's willingness to facilitate the import of medicine and pharmaceutical raw materials from Iran.



The Belarusian official stressed the importance of utilizing reliable banking mechanisms and formal trade channels to ensure the sustainability of the pharmaceutical supply chain needed by Belarusian citizens.

For his part, Pirsalehi highlighted the high capacity of the country in manufacturing high-quality medicines and medical devices, and called for the removal of potential impediments to the export of the vital commodities.



The two sides agreed to continue technical consultations to establish a proper platform for the entry of high-quality Iranian medical products into the Belarusian health product basket.

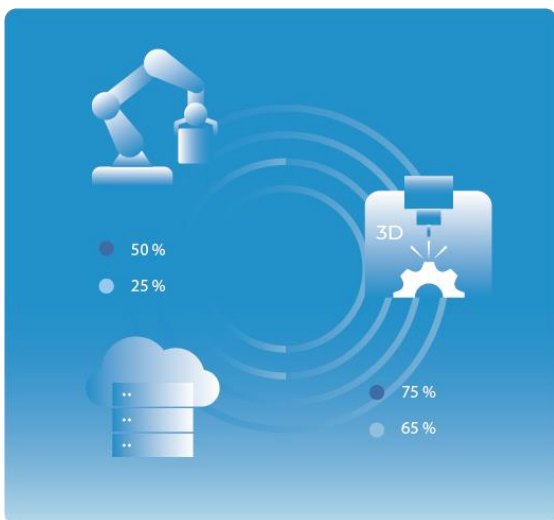
Iranian delegation attending BRICS Tech Policy training program

The first group of young Iranian professionals in the innovation sector is participating in a BRICS training program titled 'BRICS + Tech Policy Camp', which is being held in Beijing, China.

It is an international training program that focuses on science, technology park governance, and the expansion of cross-border innovation; the program targets participants from BRICS member states and other countries.



Supported by the deputy science minister of innovation and technology, and UNESCO regional center for the Development of Science Parks and Technology Incubators, the Iranian delegation consists of young managers of science and technology parks, and young faculty members of the universities have taken part in the event.



About 40 managers, policy makers, and experts in fields of science and technology from 10 countries, namely China, Iran, India, South Africa, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia, have attended the training program.

Tehran moves up in Global Startup Ecosystem Index

Tehran is home to 96 startups, making up 81 percent of all startups in the country.



Tehran has approximately 1 startup per 100,000 people. In 2025, the ecosystem recorded an annual growth rate of over 36 percent.

The city is currently ranked as the 1st strongest startup ecosystem in Iran, having remained stable since 2025. At the regional level, Tehran ranks 11th in West Asia, having moved up 2 spots since 2025.

According to Iran Innovation Zone, the achievement is the result of strengthening innovation infrastructure and developing interactions among different sectors operating in the knowledge-based economy.



The report by StartupBlink has highlighted the role of Pardis Technology Park, the country's largest technology and innovation hub, as one of the driving forces of Iran's knowledge-based economy. The park hosts hundreds of knowledge-based and technology companies, creating business development infrastructure and providing a platform for enhancing cooperation among startups, investors, large industries, and institutions.



Nanotech progress in Iran beyond scientific achievement

With over 430 companies operating in the nanotechnology sector, and more than 1,960 nanotech products receiving nanoscale certificates, the advancement of the nanotechnology sector in the country proves to be more than just a scientific achievement.

Relying on domestic capacity, nanotechnology in Iran is not merely measured by scientific rankings and published articles, but products that have been manufactured and entered the industry and the market.



The total sale of these products amounts to over 970 trillion rials (about 554 million dollars), indicating that the scientific achievement has become an economic and industrial capacity.

Nanotechnology in the country is a typical example of a successful development of a tech ecosystem.

From the very beginning, a long-term roadmap was developed to strengthen all aspects of the technology development chain, from education and research to commercialization and market development.

Over the past years, the role of Nano headquarters has not been limited to macro-policy-making, but has included fostering coordination among universities, research institutes, industries, knowledge-based companies, and supporting institutions.

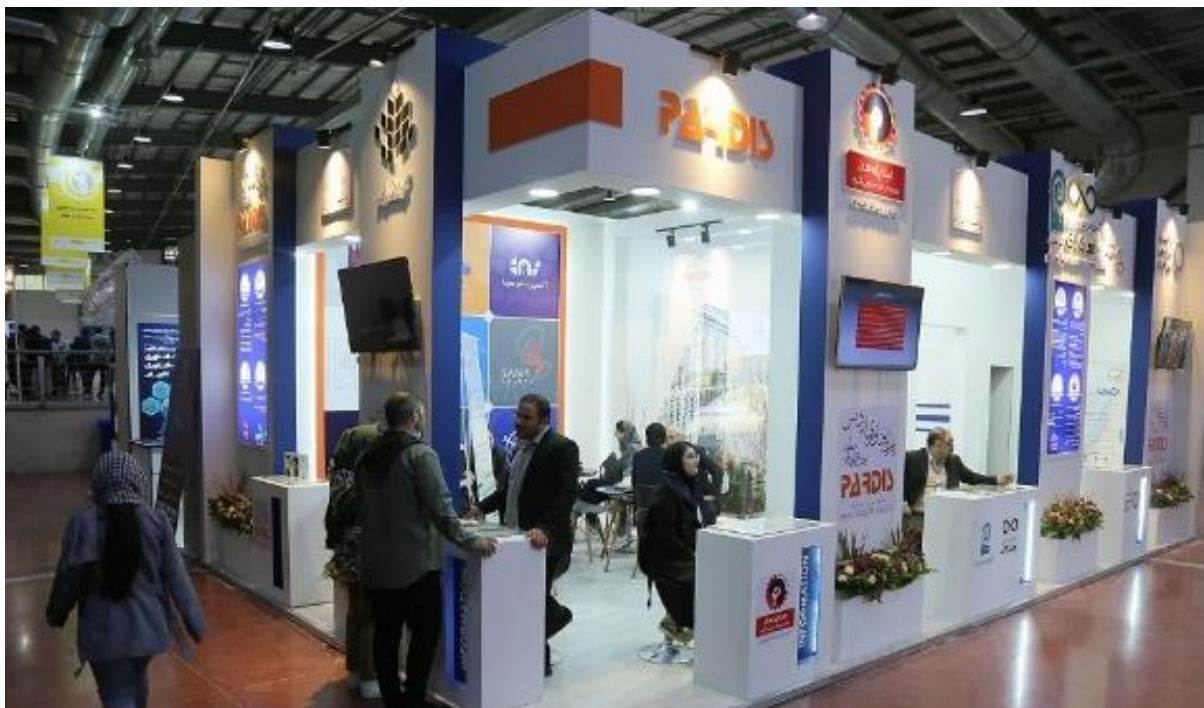
Establishing a strategic technological laboratory network, developing standards for the evaluation of Nano products, supporting start-up companies, and designing industrial programs are among the factors that help transfer nanotechnology from

laboratories to the country's industries.

Despite the 12-day war in June 2025 and the recent 40-day war, 230 products have received nanoscale certificates in the past Iranian calendar year (March 2025-March 2026), surpassing the targeted number.

Last year, the Vice Presidency for Science, Technology, and Knowledge-Based Economy and the headquarters for nanotechnology had planned to obtain nanoscale certificates for 190 products (one product per working day).

Still, the figure increased by 40, reaching 230. Currently, the total number of nanotechnology products with a nanoscale certificate has increased to 1965.



UNESCO extends activities of two specialized chairs for Iran

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has agreed to extend the activities of two specialized chairs in Iran in the fields of "Water Reuse" and "Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis."

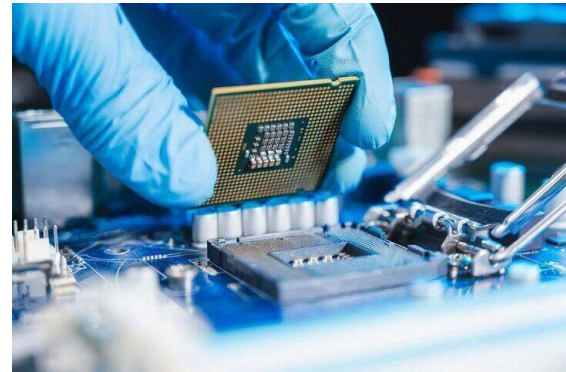


The decision was made after evaluating the performance, achievements, and future plans of these chairs and reflects the organization's positive assessment of their scientific and research activities.

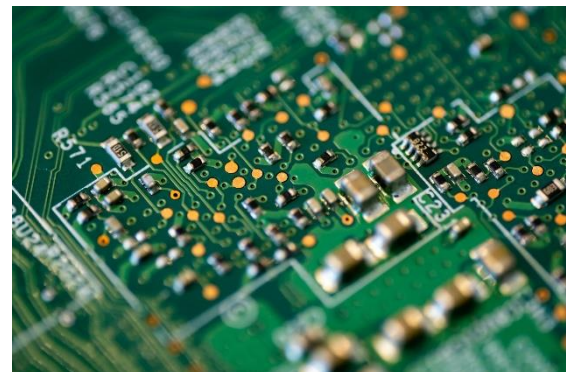


According to the announcement of the Iranian National Commission for UNESCO, the Chair in Water Reuse, headed by Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, a member of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering at the University of Tehran, has been extended for a new term.

Iran atop Islamic nations in microelectronics



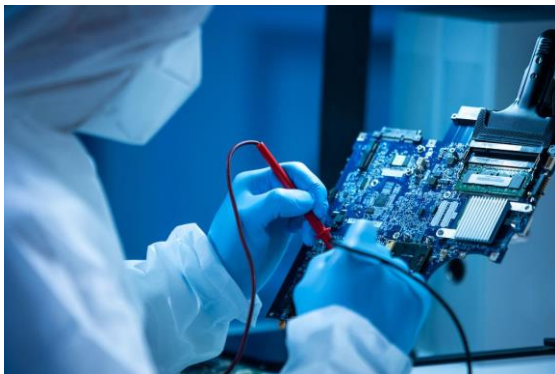
According to a recent report by the Web of Science that encompasses a twenty-year period, spanning from 2006 – 2025, Iran ranks first among Islamic countries in microelectronics technology.



Microelectronics serves as a key infrastructure in the advancement of new technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), autonomous systems, and smart medical devices; it is regarded as one of the most fundamental foundations of the global digital and technological transformation.

Iran secures first place in all sub-branches except one.

In integrated circuits, polymer-based components, emerging devices, microsystems, and microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), Iran secures first place with 3443, 1342, 4855, and 14512 documents, respectively. Saudi Arabia ranks second with 2062, 1105, 2724, and 10423 documents, and Malaysia is placed third with 2038, 731, 2149, and 7966 documents, respectively.



In superconductor devices, Iran, with 3616 documents, ranks first, followed by Malaysia (1202 documents) and Egypt (1109 documents).

Tehran, Moscow emphasize need to boost scientific cooperation



Iranian Science, Research and Technology Minister, Hossein Simaei-Sarraf, and Russian Science and Higher Education Minister, Valery Falkov, reviewed strategies for developing scientific, educational, and academic cooperation between the two countries with an emphasis on expanding professor and student exchanges, strengthening research cooperation, and facilitating academic interactions.

In a telephone conversation, Simaei-Sarraf expressed hope that in-person meetings between the two sides will be held in Tehran and Moscow in the near future.



He also announced the upcoming holding of a meeting of the presidents of top Iranian and Russian universities in Tehran, and considered the development of Russian language chairs in Iranian universities and Persian language chairs in Russian universities as a sign of deepening scientific and cultural ties between the two countries.

Trade & Economy

Over 100 fishery projects to be inaugurated during Agriculture Week

The head of Iran's Fisheries Organization said: Simultaneously with Agriculture Week, 105 fisheries projects in 19 provinces will be put into operation with the aim of strengthening food security and creating direct and indirect employment for more than 48,000 people.



Rostampour added by implementing these projects, Iran's Fisheries Organization will take an important step towards achieving food security, sustainable development, and strengthening national authority through production, and our goal in this path, in addition to improving the livelihoods of coastal residents and producers, is to increase citizens' access to healthy and high-quality protein.

Iran's heavy oil price increases in May

OPEC's latest monthly report showed that the price of a barrel of Iranian heavy crude oil in May rose by more than \$10 compared to April.



According to ISNA, the price of a barrel of Iranian heavy crude oil reached \$115.39 in May, an increase of \$10.24 compared to the price of \$105.15 in April.



The average price of Iranian heavy crude oil from the beginning of 2026 to May was \$94.97 per barrel, compared to \$72.89 in the same period of 2025.

BRICS is Iran's strategic partner: agriculture minister

Iran's Minister of Agriculture said: BRICS is Iran's strategic partner; half of our country's agricultural imports and one-third of its agricultural exports are carried out with members of this group.



Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeljeh, on the sidelines of the first day of the BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Summit, emphasizing the extensive capacities of this group in ensuring sustainable food security, stated: The Islamic Republic of Iran, despite external pressures and unjust aggression in the form of unilateral sanctions, has succeeded in maintaining its food security by relying on domestic capabilities and adopting smart policies.



Iran's pistachio exports to Europe reach €27m in 3 months



Eurostat announced that Iran's pistachio exports to the European Union reached approximately €27 million in the first quarter of 2026.



Eurostat data shows that Iran's pistachio exports to the European Union in the first three months of 2026 have been maintained at the previous year's level despite political-military tensions. The value of Iran's pistachio exports to the EU rose from €26.7 million in the first quarter of 2025 to €26.8 million in the same period this year, indicating relative stability and even a 0.4% increase.

Iran, energy transit highway between Central Asia, Persian Gulf

Iran's geographical position can turn the country into the main energy transit route between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf – a capacity that plays a key role in the region's economy.

In today's world, energy is not merely an economic commodity but has become one of the most important tools of power in international relations. Countries that lie along the production or transit routes of energy resources can use this position to strengthen their economic and geopolitical standing. Iran, due to its unique geographical location, sits at one of the world's most critical energy points.

To the north lies a group of Central Asian and Caspian Sea states possessing vast oil and gas reserves, while to the south lies the Persian Gulf, one of the world's largest

centers of energy production and export. Iran's position between these two important regions has led many experts to call the country the "energy bridge" between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf. This position can create significant economic opportunities.

The transit of oil and gas through Iran, in addition to generating transit revenues, can help develop infrastructure, increase regional cooperation, and strengthen Iran's role in the global energy market. However, utilizing this capacity requires long-term planning, development of energy infrastructure, and expansion of cooperation with neighboring countries. In recent years, the idea of turning Iran into the main regional energy transit route has been discussed more than ever, and many experts believe this capacity has yet to be fully exploited.





Persian Cuisine



Aash-e Anar (Pomegranate soup)

Aash-e Anar (Pomegranate soup) is a beloved member of the Aash family known for its enticing and creative seasonal variations.

Aash has always been a cornerstone of Iranian cuisine. The Persian word Aash, refers to a thick soup that typically includes a mix of beans, grains, occasionally noodles, herbs, spices, and meat.

There are nearly 50 varieties of Aash. Aash Resteh, Aash Jo, and Aash Sholeh Ghalamkar top the list, followed by lesser-known and more regional Aash dishes.

Aash Anar

When you first glance at the ingredient list for this dish, you'll quickly notice the diverse and enticing range of flavors.

This Aash blends tart and sweet elements into a savory soup, making it a fun and playful option perfect for the winter season when pomegranates are abundant.

Recipe

Prep Time: 20 minutes;

Cook Time: 80 minutes;

Total Time: 100 minutes.



Herbs

- 1 bunch fresh parsley, thick stems removed and finely chopped;
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro, thick stems removed and finely chopped;
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, finely chopped;
- 1/2 cup garlic chives or Persian Tareh, finely chopped;
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon, finely chopped.



- 1/2 cup yellow split peas;
- 3 cups water.



Meatballs

- 1 pound ground beef or lamb;
- 1/2 cup herbs mixture;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt;
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper, ground;
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric, ground;
- 2 cloves garlic, minced;
- 2 tablespoons olive oil.



Aash

- 1 large onion, diced;
- 4 tablespoons olive oil;
- 4 cloves garlic, minced;
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric, ground;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, adjust to your taste;



- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, ground;
- 1/2 cup rice;
- 4 cups pomegranate juice;
- 2 cups broth or water;
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate molasses.

Garnish

4 tablespoons pomegranate seeds;
1 teaspoon Golpar (Persian hog
weed), ground.



Instructions

herbs

Chop all the herbs by hand or in in the food processor and set aside.



Yellow split peas

Place the yellow split peas and water in a medium sized sauce pan and bring to a gentle boil, uncovered.

Lower the flame, cover and gently simmer for about 15-20 minutes or until the yellow split peas have softened, but are not fully cooked. Keep an eye on the yellow split peas as they tend to foam.

Strain and set aside.

Meatballs

Add all the ingredients for the meatballs in a large mixing bowl with the exception of the oil.



Thoroughly mix the meatball ingredients and make meatballs the size of small walnuts.

Place the oil in a large frying pan and saute the meatballs over medium heat for about 10 minutes. The meatballs should be lightly browned and have become quite aromatic. Set aside.

Aash

In a large pot, saute the onions with olive oil over medium heat for about 10 minutes or until the onions are lightly browned.

Add garlic and turmeric continue to saute for 2 additional minutes.

Add the chopped herbs and saute on medium heat for 5-7 minutes. The herbs should turn from bright green to a darker green color. If the herbs are sticking to the bottom of the pan, add a touch more oil.

Add the remaining ingredients along with the partially cooked yellow split peas and bring to a gentle boil.

Cover and cook on low heat for 30 minutes. Add the meatballs and continue to cook on low heat and covered for another 30 minutes.

Check for flavor and consistency. The Aash should be pleasantly tart with some elements of sweetness and the consistency should be that of a thick soup.

Pour the mixture into a serving bowl and garnish with pomegranate seeds and Golpar.



Notes

This Aash can easily be adapted to become a vegan friendly meal. Eliminate the meatballs and increase the yellow split peas to 1 cup cooked in 5 cups of water.





Iran Sports



FIFA Secretary General holds talks with Iran delegation

FIFA Secretary General Mattias Grafström and Iran Football Federation (FFIRI) President Mehdi Taj hold online talks after team touches down in Mexico



The discussion centered on coordination and planning to ensure Iran's smooth participation in the tournament.

“President Taj and I had a highly productive discussion, just as we did when we met face-to-face in Istanbul,” the FIFA Secretary General said. “With the team now in Mexico, FIFA will continue dialogue and collaboration with the FFIRI to ensure the team and the delegation's experience is a positive one, and they have all the conditions necessary to compete on the pitch. We look forward together to the weeks ahead.”

Iran sweep past Lebanon in the 2026 AVC Women's Volleyball Cup

The 2026 AVC Women's Nations Cup, featuring the 12 best Asian women's national teams, outside those competing in the Volleyball Nations League, started on Saturday at the Candon City Arena, an 8,000-seater in the northern Filipino city of Candon, and will finish on June 14.



Formerly known as the AVC Women's Challenge Cup, the annual international tournament was rebranded last year and will now hold its second edition as the AVC Women's Nations Cup.

In addition to vying for a prestigious continental trophy, the participating teams will aim at gaining valuable FIVB Volleyball World Ranking points and potentially at securing entry to the VNL and other top-tier competitions.

Iran women's wheelchair basketball cleared for 2026 Para Asian Games

Iran women's wheelchair basketball team have officially secured the opportunity to compete at the 5th Aichi-Nagoya Para Asian Games following approval by the Executive Board of the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Iran.



Under a previous policy, female athletes were eligible for selection to the Nagoya 2026 Para Asian Games only in individual events and only if they had a realistic chance of finishing fourth or higher. However, the Executive Board has now revised that policy, extending the same criterion to women's team sports.

Mehdi Taremi, Iran's star in 2026 World Cup: AFC

Asia will be represented by nine teams at the expanded FIFA World Cup 2026 which kicks off on Thursday.

It promises to be a thrilling campaign for all of the Asian sides, with each bidding to create history.



The-AFC.com highlights a key player for each of the Asian teams at the global showpiece.

Set to appear in his third FIFA World Cup, Mehdi Taremi will be a crucial factor in Iran's bid to navigate past the group stage for the first time.

Iran learn fate at 2026 IWBF World Championships



Wheelchair Basketball Canada hosted the Official Draw for the Ottawa 2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships Friday afternoon, revealing the competition groups and opening matchups that will shape the path to the podium this September.

The championships will welcome 336 athletes representing 28 teams from around the globe to Ottawa from Sept. 9–19, 2026.

Team Melli are drawn in Group D along with Morocco, Germany, and Canada.

Iran move up in FIFA rankings

Iran national football team have moved up in the FIFA World Ranking following the latest released on Thursday.



Team Melli moved up one spot into the top 20 as Asia's nine representatives get set to kick-off their challenge on the global stage. Japan remained unchanged at 18th. Korea Republic, meanwhile, are Asia's third highest ranked side at 25.



Australia (27th), Uzbekistan (50th), Qatar (56th), Iraq (57th), Saudi Arabia (61st) and Jordan (63rd) are the other Asian sides at the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Iran sweep Argentina to earn first win in 2026 VNL



Iran secured their first victory in the 2026 Volleyball Nations League (VNL) with a commanding straight-sets win over Argentina (25-19, 25-23, 25-19) early Saturday.

After suffering back-to-back defeats against Brazil and Bulgaria, Team Melli entered the match under pressure and delivered an impressive performance to keep their campaign on track.

Ali Hajipour led Iran's scoring effort with 22 points, while outside hitter Porya Hossein Khazadeh added 19 points to help the team cruise to victory.

Tourism & Nature

Imam Khomeini's ancestral house in Khomein (Markazi province)

Imam Khomeini's father-house which is located by the northern bank of the Khomein River is in the old part of the city.

This house is very famous and is being visited by many tourists.



It was built in the Qajar era. The same was constructed on the basis of Islamic and eastern architecture, with bricks, clay and wood.

It was designed in such a way so that it had narrow interconnecting corridors and two defense towers on the northern and southern sides that are interesting features.



The Imam, along with his two brothers and three sisters were born in this house, and were granted some subjects of the primary education probably in this house only.



Imam Khomeini left his house at the age of 19 in order to continue his education in Arak and then Qom.



The most important function and usage of this building was for defensive purposes. This house was built in order to defend the city gate, localities and acted as a place for refuges during the invasion of enemies, and defense against attacks, etc.

This edifice is unique for its dimension and position. The premises have four yards. None of them are in the center.

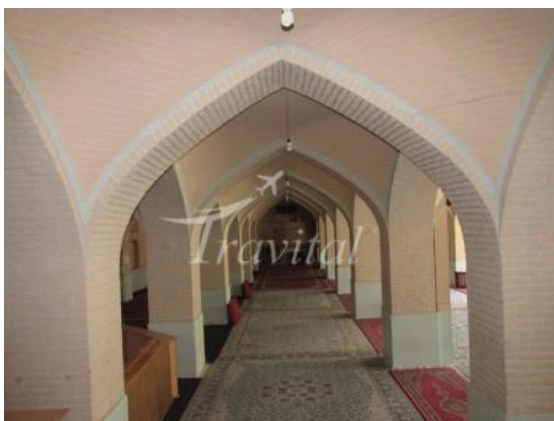
Most of the houses of this edifice were built in such a direction so that in summers the sun does not directly shine inside the houses and on the contrary in winters it does so.



This edifice consists of a facade, vestibule, corridor, yard, chambers, nocturnal area and a sentry picket.

Khomein Jame' Mosque

The antiquity of the above mentioned mosque is about one century and is located in a low-lying area alongside the bazaar.



The nocturnal area has 28 columns with a barrel shaped ceiling. This structure has certain architectural characteristics which have been preserved to date. The nocturnal area is 400 square meters in area which has been recently renovated in a beautiful manner, and is being utilized.

Khomein Bazaar



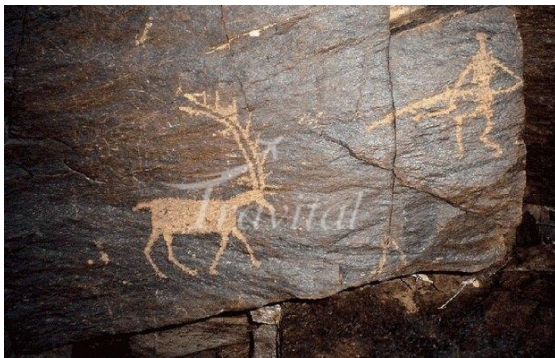
The said which lies in a hollow area, is an octagonal structure with a domed ceiling.



This structure is a remnant of the ancient bazaar of Khomein and constructed of stone. Its architecture is similar to that of other archaic bazaars of Iran.

Teimareh Epigraphs

The aggregate of engravings and impressions in the rocks of Teimareh, seem to be that of the pre-historic age, due to repetitions, lack of diversity and the kind of impressions. The number of impressions here range between 2500-3000 as recorded.

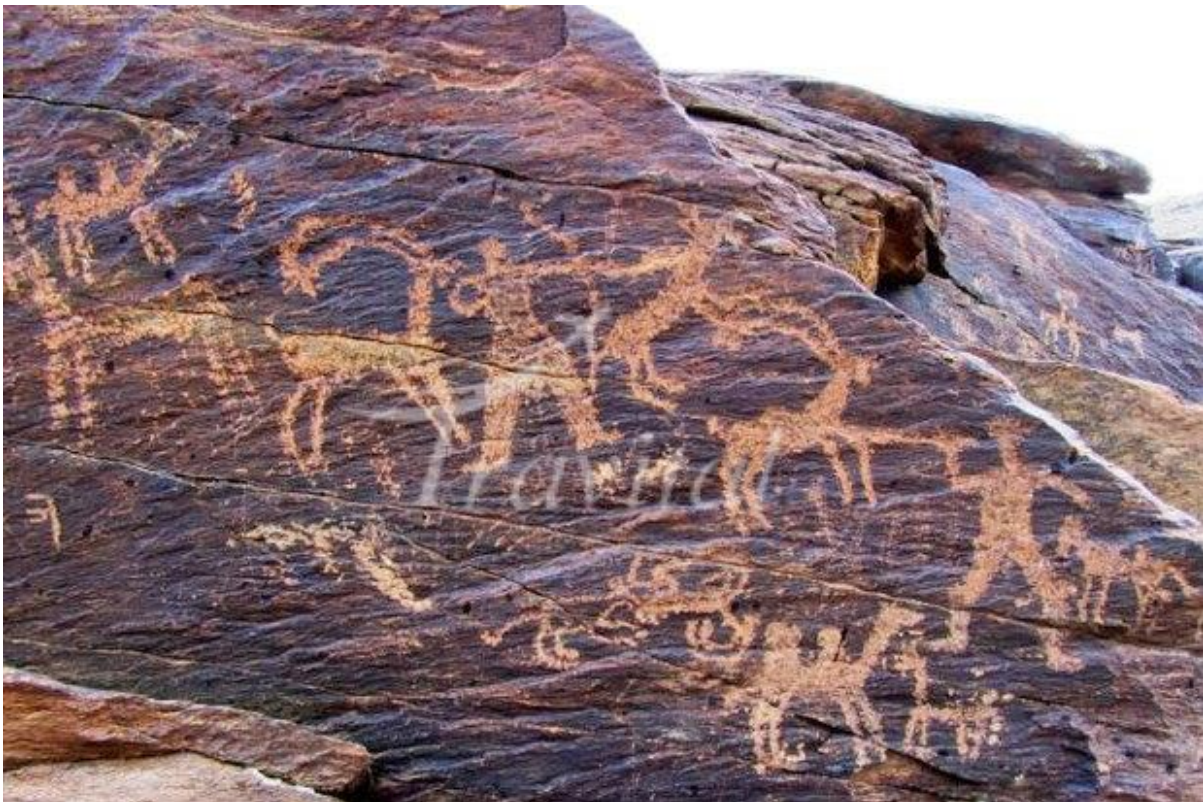


These impressions are similar to the works of hunters in the long past. The implements drawn here are bow and

arrow, lasso, fist, club, saddle spears and two headed spears, swords and so on.



The above mentioned display various kinds of animals that were hunted, which are mostly the mountain goat. Moreover, there are other engravings among the above mentioned and these are related to the recent decades. The location of one of these impressions is on the skirts of the elevations overlooking the Saed Abad village.





Salar Mohtasham Edifice

This mansion is located in Khomein and from architectural point of view is very important, in addition to being a valuable historical relic.



The style of the internal architecture and kind of materials used in construction of this edifice have totally turned it into a unique architectural phenomenon.

Its elevated ramparts and entrance are spectacular and glorious.

Considering the design and ornamentation's or the plan and the ornamentation in the vicinity reveals that this relic belongs to the late Qajar era.





Society & Culture



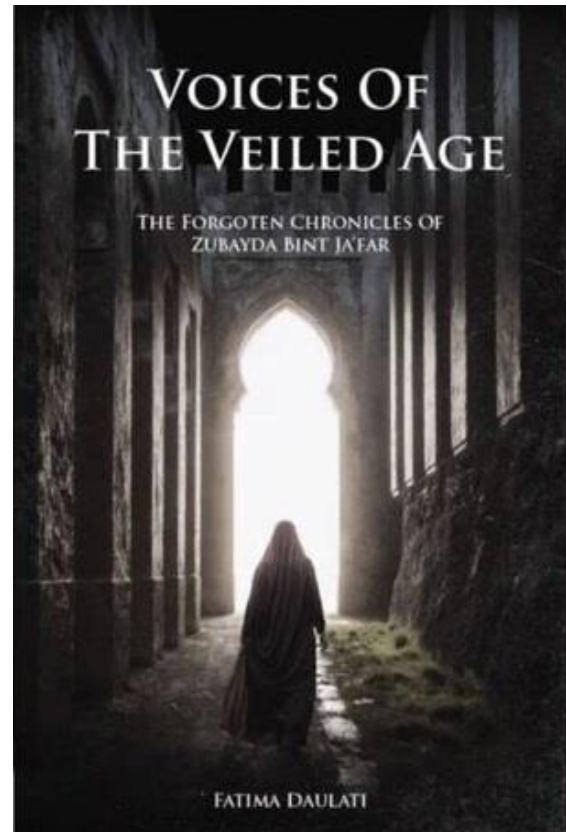
Iranian tenor Reza Fekri to perform at KotorArt International Festival

The KotorArt International Festival, held annually with the support of Montenegrin cultural institutions and under UNESCO supervision, is considered one of the most important artistic events in the Balkans and Southeast Europe, hosting prominent classical musicians from around the world.



According to the festival program, this year's opening concert, titled "TRAJANJE," will take place in the square in front of St. Tryphon's Cathedral. The program will feature Triptihon, a significant work by the renowned Croatian composer Ivan Brkanovičk.

Book on brave women in early Islam published in English



The English translation of Fatima Daulati's novel "I Will Return" has been released on the international publishing market by Lantern Publications.

Titled "Voices of the Veiled Age: The Forgotten Chronicles of Zubayda Bint Ja'far," the book has been translated into English by Sara Brown, Mehr reported.

Tehran honors winners of Trumpism art contest for defending global justice, peace

The closing ceremony of the 3rd edition of the Trumpism International Cartoon and Caricature Contest was held at Tehran's Valiasr Square on Wednesday night, bringing together cultural officials and artists to honor works that challenge global hegemony and unilateralism.



The event was attended by several prominent cultural figures and artists, including Seyyed Mohammad Naderi, head of the Revayat-e Fath Art and Cultural Organization; Ali-Asghar Jafari, deputy head of the Foundation for Preservation of Works and Values of Sacred Defense; and Mohammad-Baqer Alami, head of the Art and Cultural Organization of Tehran Municipality.

In the "Trump Caricature" section, Hadi Asadi from Iran claimed the first prize, followed by Eden Rodriguez from Germany and Antonio Santos from Portugal.

In the "Political Cartoon" category, Marcus from Brazil took the top spot, with Asier Sanz from Spain and Alireza Zakeri from Iran securing second and third places, respectively.

Ali Rahbari to conduct Mariinsky Orchestra in St. Petersburg

Renowned Iranian composer and conductor Ali Rahbari will conduct the Mariinsky Orchestra at the Mariinsky Theater in St. Petersburg, Russia, on June 19.

The event marks the fifth season of Rahbari's collaboration with the Mariinsky Orchestra, as he will lead his 28th program as conductor.



At the concert, two major works by the famous German composer Johannes Brahms, namely the Violin Concerto and Symphony No. 1, will be performed.

About four decades ago, Ali Rahbari also recorded Brahms' complete orchestral works for Naxos and released them on the global music market.

The soloist for this program will be Anna Savkina, a prominent Russian violinist. Considered one of the notable figures of the new generation of Russian musicians, she has so far won numerous awards in international music competitions.

TMoCA hosting final “Art & War” exhibition, showcasing post-war European masters’ works

The Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art (TMoCA) is hosting the fourth and final installment of its “Art & War” event series.

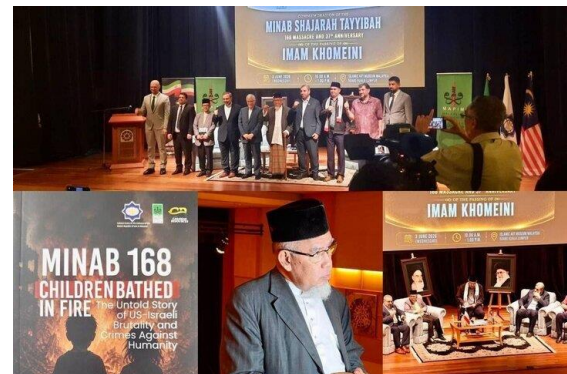


Launched on June 8, the exhibition highlights a curated selection of works from the museum’s treasured collection, focusing on the visual narratives of European artists in the wake of the Second World War, Honaronline reported.

Titled “Nine Artworks by Post-War European Painters,” the exhibition showcases nine significant paintings displayed in the museum’s lobby.

It invites audiences to reflect on the lasting legacy of World War II—a conflict so expansive that its impact on political thought, philosophical currents, individual and international rights, and the trajectory of aesthetics remains an undeniable force in the subsequent decades.

“Minab 168: Children Bathed in Fire” unveiled in Malaysia



The first English-language book documenting the tragic and inhumane attack on the Shajarah Tayyebah Elementary School in Minab, which resulted in the martyrdom of 168 students and teachers, was officially unveiled in the Malaysian capital.

The book titled "Minab 168: Children Bathed in Fire," authored by Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid, President of the Malaysian Consultative Council of Islamic Organizations (MAPIM), was launched with the support of the Cultural Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Malaysia.

“Bombs for Peace” exhibition in Sydney pays tribute to martyred children of Minab, Gaza

The “Bombs for Peace” exhibition, organized by the Benevolent Iranian Women Association of Sydney in collaboration with the Iranian Friends of Palestine and Families for Palestine, took place from June 5 to 7 in Sydney, Australia.

In response to the open call for submissions, the organizers received a remarkable collection of artworks from across Australia—including Sydney, Melbourne, Lismore, and Newcastle—as well as international contributions from Gaza, Palestine, and Iran.

The exhibition showcased a diverse range of artistic works, including paintings, collages, video art, documentary photography, and drawings created by children who have endured the horrors of bombing and warfare within their own communities.

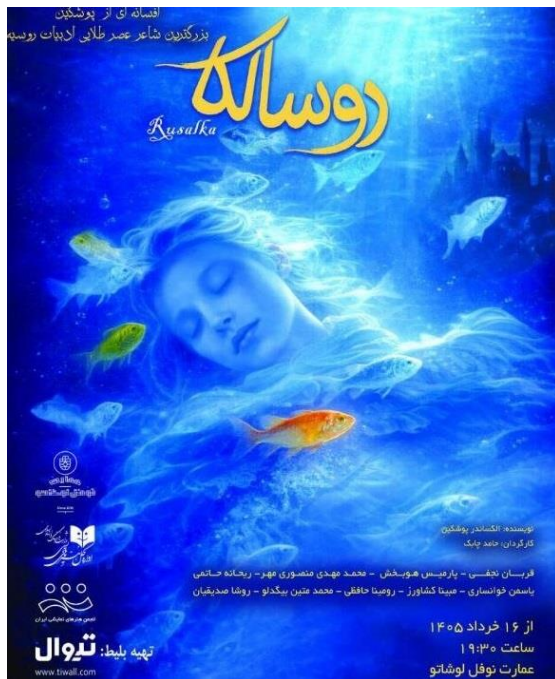
A special section of the exhibition was dedicated to the humanitarian tragedy at Shajareh Tayyebah School in Minab and the school’s martyred students.

One of the featured works in this section was a creative typographic interpretation of the school’s name, “Shajareh Tayyebah.”



“Rusalka” on stage at Nofel Loshato Theater

Nofel Loshato Theater in Tehran is hosting “Rusalka,” an opera in four acts, six tableaux, by Alexander Dargomyzhsky, composed during 1848-1855, adapted from Aleksandr Pushkin's incomplete dramatic poem of the same name.



Hamed Chabok has directed the 60-minute play, which has Ghorban Najafi, Parmis Hubakhsh, Mohammad Mehdi Mansouri Mehr, Reyhaneh Hatami, Yasaman Khansari, Mobina Keshavarz, Romina Hafezi, Mohammad Matin Bigdelou, and Rosha Sedighian.

Nofel Loshato Theater is located at No. 18, Razi St., Nofel Loshato St., Hafez Ave.

15th Intl. 100-Second Film Festival opens call for entries



The organizers of the International 100-Second Film Festival have officially released the call for submissions for its 15th edition, inviting filmmakers and visual artists from across the globe to participate in a unique cinematic challenge that blends brevity with storytelling.

Under the direction of Mohaddeseh Pirhadi, the 15th edition will center its thematic focus on three primary categories including "Battle for the Future," "Battle for the Children of the World," and "Battle for the Homeland."

These themes are designed to provoke thought on the precarious nature of the future, the urgent need for the protection and rights of children globally, and the enduring spirit of patriotism and national identity.

The festival is renowned for its stringent time constraints, which challenge creators to deliver a complete and impactful narrative within a very limited window.

Events & Occasions

Eid Ghadir Celebrated in Night Rallies





Imam Khomeini and Imam Khamenei
The great architects of a growing, stable, and powerful
Islamic Republic of IRAN