

## Iran's actor Golpayegani dies at 72



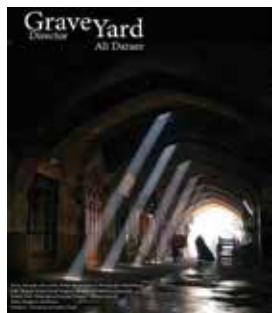
IRNA - Iranian actor and producer Mohammad-Javad Nazari-Golpayegani died at the age of 72, due to a stroke occurring during sleep.

He achieved national fame with the television series titled 'Ayene-ye Ebrat' literally meaning 'Edifying Mirror'. He also played role in cinematic films 'Mr. Luck', 'The Mercenaries', 'Weak Point', 'The Rebels', and 'The Brave Will Die Standing' as well as TV series 'Future' and 'Leaf Fall'.

He was also the producer of films including 'Fisheries', 'Weak Point', 'The Rebels', and 'The Brave Will Die Standing'.

Several artists and officials including Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Head Peyman Jebelli expressed their condolences over the death of the actor.

## Beirut festival to host Iranian 'Graveyard'



Iranian short film 'Graveyard' is scheduled to vie at the Beirut International Women's Film Festival (BWFF) in Lebanon. The film will be screened at the main competition section of the seventh edition of the event, ifilmstv.ir reported.

"Reyhaneh was the reason for her baby's death. Now, in the absence of his runaway husband, she is looking for a way to bury the baby. She deals with different hardships but eventually finds a way to get what she wants," a synopsis of the film reads.

'Graveyard' has so far won many awards and nominations at various international film festivals.

Fatemeh Sefatzadeh, Bahador Mohammadnejad, Ahmad Sharifi, Ali Yazdian, Saba Azizpour and Golnaz Zojaji star in the film.

Founded in 2017, the BWFF focuses on the theme of "Women for Leadership". The festival highlights the role of women as leader in their societies.

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## Iran's 'Henas' awarded at US festival



Iranian feature film 'Henas,' directed by Hossein Darabi, was awarded a special mention at the 20th Accolade Global Film Competition Film Festival in California, the US.

"Gripping and chilling with deft direction and memorable performances led by the exceptionally talented Merila Zarei. Well-crafted and well-paced." The jury panel announced, ILNA reported.

'Henas' had its Iranian premiere in Tehran during the 40th Fajr Film Festival.

The movie is a drama about the assassination of nuclear scientist Dariush Rezaei-Nejad.

The 35-year-old scientist was shot dead by Mossad gunmen before the eyes of his wife and little girl in front of his house in Tehran in July 2011. The movie portrays the terrorist attack through the eyes of his wife.

Established in 2003, Accolade Global Film Competition is an avant-garde worldwide competition that strives to give talented directors, producers, actors, creative teams and new media creators the positive exposure they deserve. It discovers and honors the achievements of filmmakers who produce high quality shorts and new media.

## Tunisian director hails Iranian cinema role in world



Iranian cinema plays a serious role in the world, said Tunisian director Moncef Barbouch.

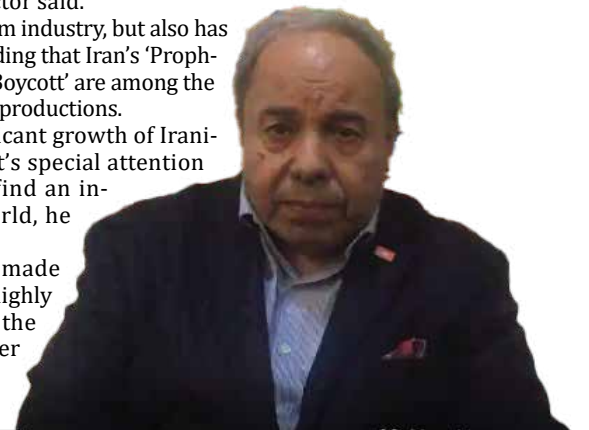
Barbouch, who is attending Iran's 17th edition of the International Resistance Film Festival, added that after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the Iranian government started to provide thorough support for its motion picture industry, ILNA wrote.

These inclusive supports made Iranian cinema stronger every day and resulted in winning awards in several international festivals, the director said.

Iran is not only successful in film industry, but also has excellent TV series, he said, adding that Iran's 'Prophet Joseph', and cinematic film 'Boycott' are among the internationally-known Iranian productions.

The reason behind the significant growth of Iranian cinema is the government's special attention to develop the industry to find an international status in the world, he reiterated.

Iran's international success made the world know that Iran is highly influential in the region and the world, the Tunisian filmmaker concluded.



## Kazakhstan to promote Bozok ancient settlement with open-air museum

ASTANA TIMES - A new open-air museum will be built at the Bozok ancient settlement site near Astana to showcase the life, history, and cultural features of ancient nomads, according to the Jibek Joly TV channel.

The Bozok settlement is a significant archaeological site that provides evidence of the formation and development of steppe civilization, including the Botai culture, the Bronze Age, the Early Iron Age, the Golden Horde eras, and the Kazakh Khanate. The

site also includes traces of nomad lifestyle exhibits and the caravan routes of the Great Silk Road.

In an interview with Jibek Joly TV channel, Bozok State Museum-Reserve Chief Research Officer Yerbolat Rakhmankulov said the Bozok settlement would become one of the primary facilities in the region.

"The traces of these four state formations were found by the researchers in the cultural layers of the settlement," said researcher Kazhymurat Tolegenuly.



Local authorities intend to build an accurate replica of the ancient settlement over an area of 21 hectares and establish a visitor center showcasing the Kazakh Khanate. The park, spanning 412 hectares, will be refurbished with an 18-meter-high

gate at the entrance and a total circumference of nine square kilometers to enclose the historical site completely.

The project plan includes the careful construction of economic and religious facilities within the territory of the ancient settle-

ment, using materials that are as similar as possible to those originally used in the settlement.

The reconstruction and construction of historical complexes will be implemented in four stages, with completion of the project expected by 2025.

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