

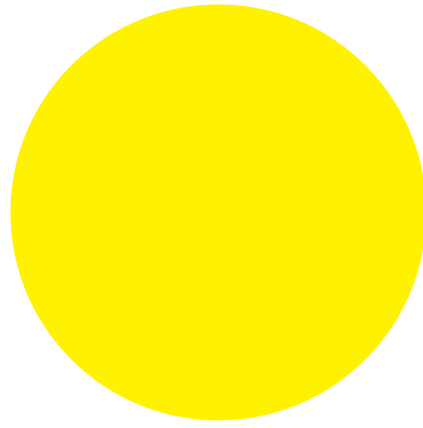
Iran Daily felicitates the birth anniversary of Imam Mahdi, the 12th Shia Imam. Out next issue will come out on Saturday.



## Two historic accounts of Mid-Sha'ban celebrations

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# Leader: Students' poisoning 'unforgivable' crime

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Iranian Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei plants three saplings in Tehran, Iran, on March 6, 2023 on the National Tree Planting Day.   
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## Raeisi, Putin discuss economic cooperation, joint projects



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin discussed possible ways to foster economic cooperation, particularly in transit, as well as joint projects. In a telephone conversation on Monday, the duo stressed the importance of enhancing bilateral cooperation. Mohammad Jamshidi, the Iranian president's deputy chief of staff for political affairs, tweeted that the two presidents reviewed economic infrastructure initiatives. Eurasian integration is the 2nd phase of Raeisi's neighborhood policy

that includes China's BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) & the North South transit corridor with Russia, Jamshidi said. He emphasized that "Iran's geo-economic growth is the objective" of the projects. The Kremlin press service said on Monday that the two presidents exchanged views about issues pertaining to bilateral cooperation in various areas, including the implementation of joint infrastructure projects, adding that they assessed the development of Tehran-Moscow relations as positive.

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## IAEA confident of Iran's cooperation



Rafael Grossi, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), attends the IAEA's Board of Governors' meeting at the agency's headquarters in Vienna, Austria on March 6, 2023.   
 ● AFP

### International Desk

Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi on Monday spoke positively on his trip to Iran, saying his meetings in Tehran "addressed the importance of taking steps to facilitate enhanced cooperation". On Saturday, Grossi returned from Tehran where he held talks with senior officials including Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi,

Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, and President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami. "These high-level meetings addressed the importance of taking steps to facilitate enhanced cooperation to expedite as appropriate the resolution of outstanding safeguards issues," head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog told the IAEA Board of Governors on Monday.

"Both sides recognize that such positive engagements can pave the way for wider agreements among state parties," he added. Grossi then stressed that following his discussions with Eslami in Tehran on Saturday, Iran agrees to allow the agency to proceed with further monitoring and verification measures "indispensable to the agency fulfilling its mission."

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### National Desk

Defense Minister Mohammadreza Ashtiani said Monday Iran does not need to purchase the Russian S-400 air defense system as the country is self-sufficient in producing such batteries. "We have achieved self-sufficiency in the area of missile defense systems," Ashtiani told a press conference in Tehran, adding Iran uses "unparalleled" systems that can meet its demands.



"At the moment, there is no need for the S-400 system because our current systems are sufficient, and the indigenous missile defense system, Bavar-373, is an extraordinary battery that many countries wish to have a sample of," he pointed out.

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## Damascus condemns US general's 'illegal' visit to 'illegal' military base

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## Golabatoon-douzi of Hormuzgan Province has a history of over 2,000 years

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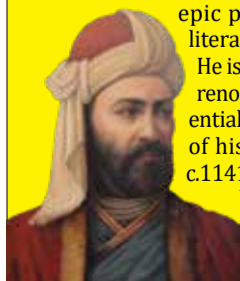
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## Iran honoring greatest romantic epic poet Nizami

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In Iran, on March 12, Nizami Day is recognized to commemorate the great Persian poet Nizami Ganjavi who is known as greatest romantic epic poet in Persian literature.



He is one of the most renowned and influential literary figures of his time. Born in c.1141 in Ganja, Azerbaijan, Nizami's poetic works continue to in-

spire and captivate readers across the globe, centuries after his passing. His vast contribution to Persian literature and poetry has made him an immortal icon in the literary world. Nizami's literary work has been instrumental in shaping the literary and poetic world of the Middle East and beyond. Nizami's legacy rests on his mastery of storytelling and his ability to craft beautiful poetry that captures the imagination and heart of his readers. His poetic style is marked by the use of rich and evocative imagery, intricate metaphors, and vivid descriptions.

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## Xi vows to boost China's manufacturing

President Xi Jinping vowed to expand China manufacturing capacity and not rely on overseas markets, state media reported Monday. Speaking at the annual gathering of parliament in Beijing on Sunday, Xi said China should be able to fend for itself. "I've always said there are two critical areas for China: one is to safeguard our rice bowl, and the other is to build up a strong manufacturing sector," Xi said, according to the state-run People's Daily. "We must rely on ourselves. We can't depend on international markets to save us."



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The comments, during a meeting with delegates representing China's economically advanced Jiangsu province, belie concerns in Beijing over an increasingly hostile international environment and lagging growth at home.

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