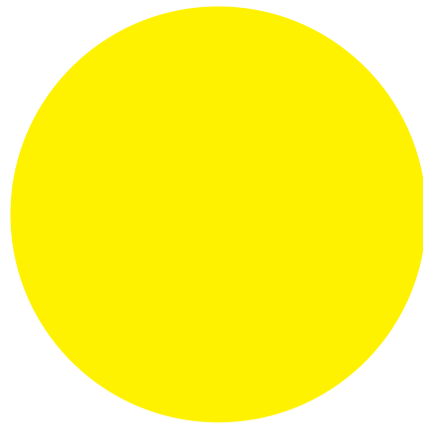


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Raeisi: Use of active diplomacy essential to increase country's national power

National Desk

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said the use of active diplomacy is essential to increase the country's national power. Addressing Iran's new ambassadors to 11 countries, President Raeisi said the government seeks to restore balance in the country's foreign policy, emphasizing the expansion of relations with neighboring, friendly and aligned countries. He said that foreign policy should increase the country's national power and, in this regard, the use of active and smart diplomacy is essential. The president referred to a recent meeting of the Lead-

er of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei with a group of Iranian Foreign Ministry officials and ambassadors, during which he explained in detail the ways to act based on the principle of dignity, wisdom and expediency. "Dignity in foreign policy means negation of the diplomacy of imploring," the Leader said in the meeting. The Leader underlined that Iranian diplomats and envoys should never pin their hopes on a specific political figure, and get carried away by others' comments and actions. "Dignity means we should not put absolute trust in others, but rather rely on our own principles," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Pointing to Iran's capacities for cooperation with many countries, Raeisi urged the envoys to do their utmost to use the country's capacities in order to expand sustainable economic and commercial relations with other countries. He also called on the new ambassadors to use the capacities of regional organizations and unions in order to expand cooperation and relations with other countries. President Raeisi also congratulated Iran's new ambassadors to Finland, Bulgaria, Kuwait, Armenia, Turkey, Mauritania, Kyrgyzstan, Bolivia, Australia, the Philippines and Sweden at the beginning of their missions, and wished them success.

A recent rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia has helped the countries in the Middle East region to put aside their differences and make efforts in order to expand their relations. Following several days of intensive negotiations in China's capital, Beijing, Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed on March 10 to resume their diplomatic ties and reopen their embassies within two months. Iran has given priority to expansion of relations with countries in the region and the new détente between Tehran and Riyadh will certainly help Iran to expand its relations with the regional countries, especially in the field of economy.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (c) holds a meeting with Iran's new ambassadors to 11 countries in Tehran on June 25, 2023. [president.ir](#)

Building trust for regional cooperation



By Hassan Beheshtipour
Expert on international affairs

During his recent tour of the four Arab countries in the region, namely Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Iranian foreign minister unveiled Tehran's new initiative to establish regional dialogue and a cooperation forum among the Persian Gulf littoral states. Of course, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian promised to disclose the details

of the plan in the future, but so much is clear that if the obstacles in the way of its implementation are removed, it would become a new model for resolving disputes and expanding cooperation, making it a laudable plan. During the past few months, the process of easing regional tensions, especially between Tehran and Riyadh, has been unfolding favorably. It seems that the countries of the region have passed the phase of holding preliminary negotiations and are moving to build trust.

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Iran advances to 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup



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Iran advanced to the FIFA U-17 World Cup Indonesia 2023 after booking its place in the final four of the AFC U-17 Asian Cup Thailand 2023. The young Persians defeated Yemen 4-2 in the penalty shootout after the last-eight tie ended 0-0 at the Thammasat Stadium on Sunday. Goalkeeper Arsha Shakouri saved two of Yemen's spot-kicks as Iran booked not only a last-four meet-

ing with either Japan or Australia but also its ticket to the FIFA U-17 World Cup Indonesia 2023. Iran, the 2008 AFC U-16 Championship winner, started the campaign with a 6-1 win over Afghanistan in Group B but was held to a goalless draw against Qatar. Hossein Abdi's team defeated South Korea 2-0 in its final group match and advanced to the quarterfinals as the first team.

Thousands of Germans rally against U.S. military hegemony

Thousands gathered in southwestern German town Ramstein to protest against U.S. military hegemony and demanded the U.S. military to withdraw from Germany. Holding banners reading "No weapon transportation to Ukraine" and "Americans go home", about 1,500 people joined in the march, Reuters reported. Many pacifists delivered speeches denouncing the U.S. military hegemony in front of the U.S. air force base in the town. "You know we have 22 wars in the world and about 200 military or armed conflicts. In the main majority of these conflicts, the United

States of America is a part of it. So, the U.S. is a key player when we are discussing a world to war or world to peace. This means, we must develop much more pressure on the United States and on NATO to go to another way, to go to a way of common security," said Rainer Braun, a pacifist. Since the conflict erupted between Russia and Ukraine, the air base in Ramstein has played an important role. The NATO-led contact group on Ukraine's defense holds meetings regularly at the base, discussing plans on providing military support for Ukraine.

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Millions of Muslims begin Hajj pilgrimage

Millions of Muslim worshippers from across the world have started the annual Hajj pilgrimage in the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, with the rituals taking place over a period of several days and culminating in Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice). Saudi authorities have described this year's event as the "biggest" Hajj pilgrimage in years, as more than two million people from over 160 countries were said to have attended the annual religious gathering. This year, the maximum age limit has been scrapped,



AFP

meaning thousands of elderly people will be among those braving Saudi Arabia's scorching heat that is projected to reach 44 degrees Celsius. Hajj pilgrimage is one of the pillars of Islam that

Muslims who enjoy financial self-sufficiency are religiously obliged to perform at least once in their lifetime. This year, the first groups of Hajj pilgrims left Iran for Saudi Arabia on May 24.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran decries Israel's exclusion from UN 'List of Shame'



SOCIAL MEDIA

TASNIM – The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman criticized the United Nations for leaving the Zionist regime off the UN "List of Shame" despite the regime's appalling human rights violations.

In a post on his Twitter account on Sunday, Nasser Kanaani said it is surprising that the Israeli regime has been left off the List of Shame despite imprisoning 160 children and keeping 600 innocent children and 600 Palestinian patients, including 30 physically disabled, under house arrest. He said the "child-murdering" Zionist regime has been excluded from the UN List of Shame, while its forces have killed 26 Palestinian children during the first half of the current year alone.

The UN chief said in a recent report that he was "deeply concerned" by the number of Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces in 2022.

According to the report, 42 Palestinian children were killed and 933 injured in 2022 by Israeli forces. In 2021, Israeli forces killed 78 Palestinian children.

Iran seized five tons of narcotics last year



IRNA – The Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) has announced that its narcotics seizures amounted to 5.34 tons in the past Iranian calendar year (ending March 20, 2023).

According to a Sunday report, the Iranian customs officers seized various illicit drugs worth over \$165.5 million over the Iranian year, to late March.

IRICA officers carried out a series of complicated operations to discover narcotics from tankers and trucks, said the report, adding that officers had made some 101 arrests over drug trafficking over the past year.

The Iranian Customs Administration also launched a series of modern equipment in its border offices to facilitate checks and seizures related to narcotics shipments over the past year, it added.

Islamic Revolution saved Iran from moral, political decline: **Leader**

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (L) waves for a crowd comprising family members of Iranian martyrs in Tehran on June 25, 2023.

leader.ir

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei reiterated that the 1979 Islamic Revolution saved Iran from sinking into a moral, religious, and political decline, crediting the heroic sacrifices of martyrs and their families for the epic movement.

"Your martyrs changed the country's fate in one of the most critical periods of its history," the Leader emphasized on Sunday while addressing

a large crowd of family members of Iranian martyrs in Tehran, according to Press TV.

"The Islamic Revolution took place to preserve the country, which was rapidly falling into moral, religious, and political decay, and salvaged it."

The Leader further hailed the Iranian youth for defending the country during Iraqi-imposed war in the 1980s — known as "the sacred defense" — and subsequent enemy

plots to destabilize the country, saying: "Then, the enemy launched a military attack. It was the youths who resisted for eight years and saved the country. Then, our youths [firmly] stood up against various sedition efforts, various moves to foment unrest, and different sorts of enemy aggressions until today."

He underlined that the Iranian youths embraced martyrdom, including in last year's riots, to save

the country and steer its fate toward dignity.

The Leader also called on the media and Iranian artists to introduce and highlight the martyrs as role models to the young generations. He further urged the parents and spouses of martyrs to keep narrating and recounting the stories and lifestyles of their loved ones.

Ayatollah Khamenei then went on to reiterate that the memories of Iranian

martyrs should live on as they are ideal "role models" for the youth.

"The behavior of these heroes, their distinguished moral traits, lifestyles, and developments of their lives set an example for the society, especially teenagers and young people," he said.

He added that publishing the memories of the martyrs' families will have a significant impact in rightfully promoting the martyrs as true role models.

Building trust ...



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (L) holds the hands of his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud (R) and Chinese counterpart Qin Gang in Beijing, China, on April 6, 2023, to finalize a deal that would reopen embassies.

REUTERS

The Islamic Republic of Iran and some Arab countries of the region have lost their trust in each other as a result of some disagreements and misunderstandings, making the trust-building phase a necessity for resuming bilateral and multilateral cooperation. However, developing trust can only be successfully achieved and stabilized if all parties can define their common interests. In fact, common interests are defined through trust-building negotiations. Consequently, parties can create frameworks for working with each other.

The Islamic Republic of Iran already has close cooperation with Oman and Qatar, but to reach the same level of cooperation with other countries such as Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia, further trust-building talks are necessary.

What makes such talks essential is the fact that regional countries have the potential for cooperation. For instance, Iran and Saudi Arabia can have common interests in OPEC and in the field of energy. The interests of all these countries can also be advanced through the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. When trust is lacking and mis-



understandings are not cleared, both sides fail to benefit from their common interests.

Iran's introduction of the dialogue and cooperation forum can bear fruit only when the countries of the region respect

each other's interests and accept that they can compete and cooperate at the same time. To give an example, Tehran and Riyadh can well be competitors in certain areas, but this competition should not obstruct

their cooperation. As such, the continuation of talks among regional governments can reduce disagreements, resolve misunderstandings, and build further trust down the road, which, in turn, strengthens cooperation.



Mohammad Ali Rajabi
Cartoonist



Iran FM: Arming any side in Ukraine war intensifies tensions

The Iranian foreign minister has once again voiced Tehran's opposition to the Ukraine war, saying arming any party to the war will increase tensions and undermine regional stability. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian made the remarks in a phone conversation with his Danish counterpart Lars Løkke Rasmussen on Sunday, IFP reported. Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's stance on the war in Ukraine, Amir-Abdollahian once again reaffirmed: The Islamic Republic of Iran is

opposed to the war and has proposed a diplomatic solution to the crisis. Tehran believes arming any side of the parties to the war will intensify tensions and undermine regional stability.

Lars Løkke Rasmussen praised negotiations with the Islamic Republic of Iran as important and emphasized the continuation of initiatives aimed at further boosting bilateral ties in various spheres. Amir-Abdollahian and Rasmussen exchanged views about the latest status of



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bilateral ties and the ways to expand them. The Iranian foreign minister also underlined the need for constant consultations aimed at expanding bilateral relations. The two sides agreed to create a mechanism to strengthen political and consular consultations between Iran and Denmark.

Russia on path to normal life after deal ends Wagner mutiny

International Desk

Russia is slowly returning to normal life after heavily armed Russian mercenaries on Saturday night withdrew from the southern Russian city of Rostov under a deal that defused an unprecedented challenge to the Russian leadership and halted their rapid advance on Moscow.

The Moscow stock exchange, banks and financial institutions are expected to operate as usual today, Reuters quoted Russia's Central Bank as saying on Sunday.

However, Moscow's mayor had declared it a non-working day when mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin was leading his Wagner forces towards Moscow.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin had on Saturday asked people to refrain from trips around the city because of a counter-terrorism operation.

Fighters of the Wagner group returned to their bases, in return for guarantees for their safety, and the leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, will move to Belarus, according to the agreement mediated by Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko.

The mutiny was later aborted in a deal that spared Prigozhin and his mercenaries from facing criminal charges. The deal also exiled Prigozhin to Belarus.

Moscow's non-working order remains in place even though the mutiny was aborted.

"On June 26, trading and settlement on all Moscow Exchange markets will be conducted as usual, including all trading periods and instruments," Moscow Exchange said in a statement. SPB Exchange, Russia's second-largest bourse, said it would also be operating as

normal.

The central bank said banks should ensure the continuous and smooth operation of Russia's financial markets.

The country's Federal Road Agency urged residents of the Moscow region on Sunday to refrain from traveling along the M-4 "Don" major expressway until 10 a.m.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has not made public comments since the deal was struck to de-escalate the crisis.

State television said Putin would attend a meeting of Russia's Security Council this coming week, without elaborating.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the deal that sent Wagner fighters back to their camps was aimed at avoiding confrontation and bloodshed.

Russia back in investors' focus

Investors were watching for ripple effects from the aborted mutiny in Russia, with some expecting a move into safe havens such as U.S. government bonds and the dollar when markets open later on Sunday. After Saturday's events some investors said they were focused on the potential impact to safe-haven assets such as U.S. Treasuries and on commodities prices, given that Russia is a major energy and grains supplier.

"It certainly remains to be seen what happens in the next day or two, but if there remains uncertainty about leadership in Russia, investors may flock to safe havens," said Gennadiy Goldberg, head of U.S. rates strategy at TD Securities in New York.

"Markets typically do not respond well to events that are unfolding and are uncertain," particularly re-



Fighters of Wagner private mercenary group pull out of the headquarters of the Southern Military District to return to base, in the city of Rostov-on-Don, Russia, on June 24, 2023. ● REUTERS

lating to Putin and Russia, said Quincy Krosby, chief global strategist at LPL Financial.

"If the uncertainty escalates, you're going to see Treasuries get a bid, gold will get a bid and the Japanese yen tends to gain in situations like this," Krosby said, mentioning typical safe-haven assets that investors buy when risks rise.

Early signs of mutiny

According to U.S. media on Saturday, U.S. spy agencies picked up signs days ago that mercenary chief Prigozhin was preparing to rise up against Russia's defense establishment, AFP reported. Intelligence officials conducted briefings at the White House, the Pentagon and in Capitol Hill about the potential for unrest in nuclear-armed Russia a full day before it unfolded, the Washington Post and New York Times reported.

Spy agencies first began tracking indications that Prigozhin and his Wagner mercenary force intended to move against the Rus-

sian military leadership in mid-June, the Post said. The Times said the information was both solid and alarming by mid-week, leading to the flurry of briefings.

Globally attention

The aborted mutiny has sparked attention globally with supporting or opposing reactions. It revived an old fear in Washington about what happens to Russia's nuclear stockpile in the event of domestic upheaval.

Images of tanks on Russian streets brought to mind the failed 1991 coup by communist hardliners that raised concerns about the security of the Soviet nuclear arsenal and the possibility of a rogue commander stealing a warhead, said former U.S. intelligence officials.

"The IC (intelligence community) will be super-focused on the (Russian) nuclear stockpile," said Marc Polymeropoulos, a former senior CIA officer who oversaw the agency's clandestine operations in Europe and

Eurasia. "You want to know who has control of the nuclear weapons because you're worried that terrorists or bad guys like (Chechen leader Ramzan) Kadyrov might come after them for the leverage they can get," said Daniel Hoffman, a former senior CIA officer who served as the agency's Moscow station chief.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday said the turmoil caused by the unprecedented challenge to the authority of Putin by Wagner fighters may not be over yet and could take weeks or months to play out. Blinken in a series of television interviews said tensions that led to the aborted mutiny had been rising for months and that the turmoil could affect Moscow's capabilities in Ukraine.

Italy's foreign minister said it had shattered the "myth" of Russian unity. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the Wagner revolt, which sparked a flurry of

high-level calls between Western leaders, exposed turmoil in Russia.

"Today, the world can see that the masters of Russia control nothing. And that means nothing. Simply complete chaos. An absence of any predictability," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address.

China, a key ally of Putin, made no initial public reference to the turmoil, eventually saying after talks with a visiting senior Russian diplomat on Sunday that it supported Russia's efforts to maintain its national stability.

North Korea's vice foreign minister, in a meeting with the Russian ambassador on Sunday, said he supported any decision by the Russian leadership to deal with the recent mutiny, North Korean state media reported. Vice Foreign Minister Im Chon-il "expressed firm belief that the recent armed rebellion in Russia would be successfully put down in conformity with the aspiration and will of the Russian people," state KCNA news agency said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

French Sunday newspaper on strike

REUTERS – France's flagship Sunday newspaper, Le Journal du Dimanche (JDD), was not published this Sunday after its staff went on strike to protest against the nomination of a new editor-in-chief who worked for a far-right magazine. The newspaper's owner, French media group Lagardere, on Friday named Geofroy Lejeune as JDD's new editor-in-chief, succeeding Jerome Begle who left for Paris Match. Lejeune is the former head of magazine Valeurs Actuelles, which has courted controversy with anti-immigrant covers and was fined for racist insult in 2022.

Russian strikes kill 11 in militant-held Syria: Monitor

AFP – Russian air strikes Sunday on Syria's northwest killed at least 11 people including seven civilians, in retaliation for deadly drone attacks blamed on militants, a war monitor said. Six civilians were killed in Jisr al-Shughur and three militants were killed nearby by Russian air strikes, Rami Abdel Rahman, who heads the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, told AFP.

Thousands of Germans ...

"It is obvious that the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is a long-planned action of the United States, which is proved by U.S. documents. The U.S. wanted to bring Ukraine into its sphere of influence long time ago. It also coerced Europe into all its military operations. The Ramstein air base is a pivot. The promises of the U.S. are hypocritical. The U.S. military here is not to protect Europe but to launch military operations all over the world," said Oskar Lafontaine, former Finance Minister.

Demonstrators criticized that the U.S.-led NATO continued to add fuel to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine by sending weapons and conducting large-scale military exercises. They called on Western countries to stop providing arms to Ukraine and resolve the crisis in Ukraine through peaceful means.

"We hope that people can re-examine the war by our demonstration as the U.S. has been violating international law through wars. We firmly believe that what brings peace is negotiations not weapons. Only diplomacy and nothing else can end the war," said Luik, organizer of the demonstration.

PA blames Netanyahu for persisting settler terrorism in West Bank

International Desk

The Palestinian Authority (PA) has held Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fully responsible for persisting terrorism by Zionist settlers against Palestinians across the occupied West Bank, saying the ongoing violence is fueled by his far-right cabinet members Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben-Gvir.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry further declared in a Saturday statement that the surge in Israeli crimes "reflects a policy adopted by the far-right Netanyahu administration, and is also a direct reflection of the campaigns of incitement to murder Palestinians, especially by extremist racists like Ben-

Gvir and his followers."

"The ruling Israeli coalition systematically undermines any regional and international efforts to restore the political horizon to resolve the conflict and creates more escalation in an attempt to impose the logic of military occupation," the statement added as quoted in a report by Wafa news agency.

Homes, vehicles torched

Earlier on Saturday, several houses and vehicles were set on fire by extremist Israeli settlers in the village of Umm Safa, north of Ramallah.

The report further cited local sources as saying that scores of Israeli settlers, some armed with rifles and guarded by Israeli army

forces, stormed the village and fired indiscriminately at everything they came across, including homes and vehicles, Press TV reported.

The Palestinian ministry also called on the international community to stop its double standards in dealing with international principles, resolutions and agreements signed under the auspices of world bodies.

The shooting attack on Saturday also caused damage to an ambulance. A paramedic was slightly injured by a gunshot while moving a patient in critical condition to a hospital.

Israeli soldiers and settlers have been escalating their terror attacks against Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories, in an attempt

to forcibly expel Palestinians from their lands and make way for expanding illegal Zionist-only settlements.

More than 600,000 Zionists live in over 230 illegal settlements built since the 1967 Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories of the West Bank and East al-Quds. All the settlements are considered illegal under international law. The UN Security Council has condemned in numerous resolutions the Israeli regime's settlement constructions in the occupied territories.

According to human rights groups, acts of violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinians and their property are a daily occurrence throughout the occupied West Bank.



A Palestinian covers his face during clashes with Israeli troops after Israeli settlers attack Umm Safa village near Ramallah, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, on June 24, 2023. ● MOHAMAD TOROKMAD/REUTERS

Western Iran, a haven in the summer



Walnut tress of Tuyserkhan
● mehrnews.com

Tuyserkhan

Tuyserkhan, a city in the western province of Hamedan, is located in the south of Alvand Mountain, bordered by Moradbeyg Valley in the north, Asadabad in the northwest, Malayer in the east, Nahavand in the south, and Kangavar in the west.

Tuyserkhan, the most famous feature of which is its numerous walnut trees, is the fourth largest city of the province, after Hamedan, Malayer and Nahavand.

What attracts a large number of visitors to this mountainous city is its mild climate that is mostly due to its numerous horticultur-

al fields and beautiful bubbling springs.

However, according to local residents, cutting down the walnut trees and using their wood pose a serious threat to the city's gardens.

Mausoleum of Mir Raziuddin Artimani (1570-1627 CE), Kamarbaste Tourist Park, with an area about 15,000 square meters, and Farasfaj Caravanserai are among the must-see natural and historical places of Tuyserkhan.

The tomb of Raziuddin Artimani, is located on a hill in Artiman village. The facade of the structure is of brick, and has three tall arches. Behind these arches there is an arched doorway with tile works. The structure

destinations can be recommended for summer trips in Iran, a number of which have a cool and mild weather in this season, in a way that sometimes people have to use

heating devices. The cities located in the west and southwest of Iran are among the desirable travel destinations in the summer, according to IRNA.



Kamarbaste Tourist Park, Tuyserkhan
● rahhal.com

is square in shape, with three chambers or rooms on each side. The mausoleum has four arched entrances.

Farasfaj Caravanserai, with an area of almost 4,000 square meters, is located at a distance of

23km southwest of Tuyserkhan. The monument, dating back to the Safavid era, has an amazing architectural style.

Tuyserkhan is located 472 kilometers from Tehran, and it takes 4.5 hours to reach it from the capital.

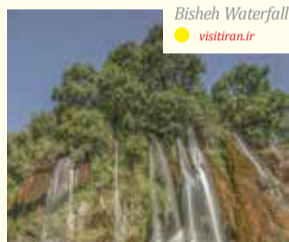
Dorud

The name of Lorestan Province is associated with waterfalls, rivers, green mountains and many other amazing phenomena.

Gahar Lake, southeast of Dorud, is known as the "Gem of Oshtorankuh". Due to the lack of a paved road, the lake is largely free from damage and pollution caused by humans. However, it draws over 70,000 tourists per year.

Thanks to the presence of tall trees and various types of bushes and beautiful flowers around Gahar Lake, this area is spectacular in the spring and summer.

Moreover, flowing in a mountainous region on the slopes of the Zagros Mountains, Bisheh Waterfall is one the most impressive attractions of Dorud, which is bordered by Sarband in the north, Borujerd in the northwest, Azna in



Bisheh Waterfall
● visitiran.ir

the east, Aligoodarz in the south, and Khorramabad in the west. Bisheh Waterfall is located 30km southeast of Dorud, in a village of the same name.



Gahar Lake
● arashbaran.org

Borujerd

Walking in the old section of Borujerd, a city in Lorestan Province, with its pleasant climate, is something that cannot be overlooked even on hot summer days.

If you are interested in ecotourism, as soon as you arrive in Lorestan Province, you can witness the striking beauties and wonderful nature of the Zagros Mountains.

Borujerd is the first city on the way from Tehran to Lorestan Province. It has numerous natural sites including Kartol Spring Well in Tudeh Zan village and Bisheh Dalan Wetland in Kapar Judaki village, as well

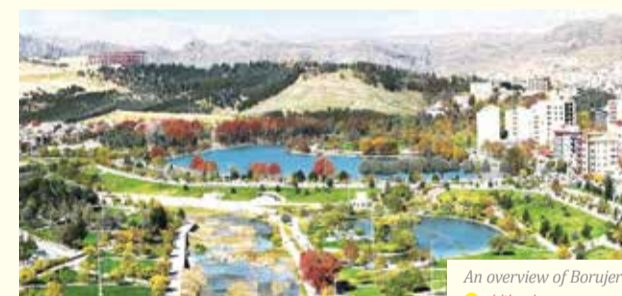
as some popular historical sites such as an old bazaar dating back to the Qajar era, and the ancient house of Ayatollah Borujerdi. The green road extending from Borujerd to Khorramabad, which lies next to the snow-covered peaks

of Oshtorankuh Mountain, captivates the eye of every viewer.

Watching this greenery next to its oak forests and rivers full of water creates an indescribable pleasure for travelers, especially nature lovers.



Bisheh Dalan Wetland, Borujerd
● IRNA



An overview of Borujerd
● visitiran.ir

Oldest mosque in Shiraz exposed to damage

Iranica Desk

The Atiq Mosque is considered to be the oldest mosque in the city of Shiraz in Fars Province. It is also among the most beautiful mosques in Iran. Also known as Adineh (Fri-

day) Mosque, Atiq Mosque is believed to have been an important and strategic center for formulating plans and making political, social and cultural decisions in the past. It also had a special status among the people of Shiraz, ISNA reported.

The 9th-century mosque was built during the reign of Yaqub Laith Saffari, the founder of the Saffarid Empire. It was rebuilt, restored, and expanded various times thereafter. The mosque is located east of Shah Cheraq Shrine.

However, the destruction of the structure around this mosque and surrounding spaces under the guise of development projects have exposed it to serious damage.

Last year, a team of experienced restorers and cultural heritage

experts carried out a restoration project on parts of the tilework on the entrance gate of the mosque.

Shiraz is home to some of the country's most magnificent buildings and sights. It also attracts a large number of foreign

and domestic tourists every year.

Shiraz was one of the most important cities in the medieval Islamic world, and was the Iranian capital during the Zand Dynasty, from 1751 to 1794 CE.



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VNL 2023: Dutch defeat leaves Iran on the brink

Sports Desk

A five-set loss to the Netherlands in Rotterdam on Saturday summed up yet another disappointing week for Iran in the Volleyball Nations League. Inspired by prolific opposite and captain Nimir Abdel-Aziz, the home side came from behind twice to force a decider before winning the contest 16-25, 25-16, 21-25, 25-17, and 15-10.

A sixth defeat in eight games all but dashed Iran's hopes for a place in the VNL Finals.

Abdel-Aziz contributed a match-high 27 points – including six aces – with Dutch outside hitter Bennie Junior Tuinstra finishing on 20 points.

Amin Esmailnejad again topped the scoring for Iran with 21 points, while middle blockers Seyed Mohammad Mousavi and Mohammad Valizadeh chipped in 11 points apiece.

This was a third successive defeat in Rotterdam for Ataei's men, who came out 3-0 winners against Germany but suffered straight-set losses to reigning world champion Italy and USA in Week 2.

Iran will next head to Anaheim, California, for the third and final week of the preliminary round – starting with a game against Tokyo Olympic gold medalist France on July 4.

Ataei's side will then take on Bulgaria and Argentina before squaring off against Cuba in the final game in Anaheim.

The Iranian head coach, who led the team to the quarterfinals on his debut at the event last year, will



face an even tougher task in Week 3 as he will be without integral opposite Amin Esmailnejad, as well as Mohammad-Taher Vadi and Arman Salehi – after the US Embassy in Ankara refused to issue entry visas for the Iranian trio. However, the controversial decision has been met by criticism from the sport's international governing body, the FIVB, which said in a statement

after a Board of Administration meeting on Saturday that Iran's final-week results will not affect the team's spot in the World Rankings – a decisive factor in how the teams will qualify for next year's Olympic Games in Paris.

Japan flying high

Elsewhere on Saturday, Japan fended off Argentina's rally from two sets down to beat the South Ameri-

cans 3-2 (25-18, 25-22, 31-33, 22-25, 15-12) in Orléans, France – an eighth successive win for the Asian powerhouse, which finished Week 2 on top of the 16-team table.

USA marched to the victory in straight sets (25-22, 25-18, 25-19) against European giant Poland and moved up to second in the table, while Brazil ended Slovenia's five-game winning streak, beating this

year's surprise package 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 26-24, 25-21).

China defeated Germany 3-1 (23-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-21) while France eased past Canada 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-21) – only a third victory for the defending champion.

Top seven of the table will join host Poland in the VNL Finals – starting with the last-eight round on July 19 in Gdansk.

 Dutch outside hitter Bennie Junior Tuinstra hits a spike during a 3-2 victory over Iran in Week 2 of the Volleyball Nations League in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on June 24, 2023.

 FIVB

Iran's Azimi wins Yasar Dogu wrestling gold



Iran's Mohammad-Mobin Azimi (C) poses with the freestyle 92kg gold at the Yasar Dogu, Vehbi Emre & Hamit Kaplan wrestling tournament in Istanbul, Turkey, on June 24, 2023.

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Iranian wrestlers bagged a couple of medals – including one gold – on Day 2 of the freestyle contests at the Yasar Dogu, Vehbi Emre & Hamit Kaplan wrestling tournament in Istanbul, Turkey.

Three successive victories saw Mohammad-Mobin Azimi ease to the ultimate prize of the 92kg contests, which was held in a round-robin format.

Turkish wrestler Atilla Kaan Aydın settled for the silver, with his compatriot Yunus Emre Yıldız taking the bronze.

Elsewhere, Hossein Aqaei settled for a joint bronze in the 74kg weight class after suffering an 8-7 defeat against Romania's Iakup Shikhdzamalov in a thrilling semifinal.

The Romania went on to beat home-favorite Mevlüt Özdemir for the gold, while North Macedonian shared the third podium with Aqaei.

Iran had opened the freestyle campaign with double golds and a silver on the first day of the event.

Ebrahim Khari (57kg) and Mohammadreza Shakeri (65kg) walked away with the gold medals of their respective classes, while Ali Rezaei falling short against Azerbaijan's Magomed Bashir Khaniev in the 70kg final.

Iranian center-back Khalilzadeh joins Tractor



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Iranian international center-back Shoja Khalilzadeh joined Persian Gulf Pro League club Tractor. Former Persepolis defender makes a return to the Iranian top flight after spending the last three seasons with Qatar

Stars League clubs Al Rayyan and Al Ahli.

This will also be a second stint in Tractor for the 34-year-old, who played 22 games for the northwest Iranian team during a loan spell from Sepahan in the 2015-16 season.

Khalilzadeh was the third marquee signing for Tractor

on Saturday, after fullbacks Mehdi Shiri and Saeed Aqaei left Foolad Khuzestan to join the club.

The three defenders were part of the Persepolis team that beat Saudi club Al Nassr in the shootout to reach the AFC Champions League final in 2020.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Hossein Pourhamidi, who registered a remarkable 17 clean sheets for Aluminium Arak last season, ended his loan deal with the club to rejoin Tractor.

An impressive run under Spanish manager Paco Jémez in the second half of the season saw Tractor overtake Mes Rafsanjan and Golgozar Sirjan for a fourth-spot finish in the Iran league last term and book a place in the upcoming AFC Champions League.

Tractor will begin its ACL campaign with a playoff game against Emirati club Sharjah or Bashundhara Kings of Bangladesh at home on August 22, with the winner securing a berth in group stage.

Comments on Kyrgios 'misinterpreted' as racist, Tsitsipas says

BBC – Stefanos Tsitsipas says comments he made towards Nick Kyrgios at Wimbledon in 2022 have been "misinterpreted" after they were perceived as racist on social media.

Greece's Tsitsipas said the Australian's approach to tennis was "uneducated" after he was knocked out in a fiery third-round clash.

He also said Kyrgios brought "that NBA basketball attitude" to tennis. His remarks were shown in the new series of Netflix's Break Point.

Tsitsipas, the current world number five, said there had been "an unfortunate misunderstanding that has a distorted picture of my intentions".

"It has come to my attention that some individuals have misinterpreted my comments regarding Nick Kyrgios... insinuating racism where none exists," Tsitsipas, 24, wrote on Facebook.

"I want to emphasise that I harbour no prejudice towards anyone based on their background, ethnicity, or interests. I deeply regret if my words were misinterpreted or caused offence, as that was never my intention."

He added: "My previous remarks regarding Nick Kyrgios were not



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meant to undermine his intelligence or abilities. Instead, I simply intended to express my perspective on certain aspects of his playing style, drawing comparisons to the passion and intensity often associated with basketball.

"It was an attempt to highlight the dynamic and captivating nature of his approach to the game, not a criticism of his character or capabilities."

Tsitsipas said he "deeply regrets" any hurt he may have caused and would be "more mindful" of his

words and their impact in the future.

Kyrgios won the match 6-7 (2-7) 6-4 6-3 7-6 (9-7) en route to reaching his first Grand Slam final, which he lost to Novak Djokovic.

In an incident-packed encounter, Kyrgios called for Tsitsipas to be defaulted after he hit a ball into the crowd upon losing the second set, narrowly missing a spectator.

After the match, Tsitsipas called Kyrgios a "bully" with "an evil side" while Kyrgios said Tsitsipas had "serious issues".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dutch to shut Europe's biggest gas field



AFP – The Netherlands said that it would end production at Europe's largest gas field on October 1 after years of earthquakes, despite global energy worries sparked by Russia-Ukraine war.

Wells at the massive Groningen field in the northern Netherlands will remain open for one more year in case of a cold winter but then be shut down forever, the government said.

'World economy at critical juncture in inflation fight'



REUTERS – The world's central bank umbrella body, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), called on Sunday for more interest rate hikes, warning the world economy was now at a crucial point as countries struggle to rein in inflation. Despite the relentless rise in rates over the last 18 months, inflation in many top economies remains stubbornly high, while the jump in borrowing costs triggered the most serious banking collapses since the financial crisis 15 years ago.

Amazon to raise investment in India to \$26b



CNBC – Amazon.com Inc said it will take its investments in India to \$26 billion by 2030, adding \$6.5 billion in new planned investments in an announcement made after CEO Andy Jassy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the United States.

Though Jassy gave no breakdown, the announcement follows Amazon's cloud computing unit Amazon Web Services (AWS) saying last month it will invest 1.06 trillion rupees (\$12.9 billion) in the country by the end of 2030.

26th int'l ELECOMP kicks off in Tehran

The 26th International Exhibition of Electronics, Computer and E-Commerce (ELECOMP) was inaugurated in Tehran on Sunday in a ceremony attended by Iran's Minister of Communications and Information Technology Issa Zarepour.

Speaking on the sidelines of the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition, Zarepour said that the speed of mobile internet in Iran has doubled since the administration of President Ebrahim Raeisi took office in August 2021, Tasnim news agency reported.

He referred to platforms that must be created for this purpose and said the development of communication infrastructure is one of the main platforms for the development of electronic commerce, dubbed 'e-commerce'.

"Better Future for Digital Economy" is the motto of this year's exhibition, he said, adding that the current administration has predicted a good package for ameliorating and improving the future of digital economy in the



Seventh Five-Year Economic and Cultural Development Plan.

The minister pointed to the upcoming forum of ICT ministers of member states of the Economic Cooperation Organiza-

tion (ECO) in Tehran, saying, "I asked some ICT ministers of other countries to attend the forum in order to set up an infrastructure for taking advantage of each other's capacities."

Suitable ways have been provided for domestic knowledge-based companies in order to export their products overseas, he further said. Over \$200 million worth of contracts have been

concluded with foreign companies over the past six months, said Zarepour, hoping that his ministry would pave the way for the export of other similar products overseas.

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UK exports to Iran grew by 25% in four months



● REUTERS

to April 2022.

The UK import of products from Iran in the first four months of the current year stood at £7 million (equivalent to \$9 million), which shows no considerable change compared to the same period last year.

But UK export of products to Iran from January to April 2023 hit £20 million (equivalent to \$25 million), registering a 25 percent growth.

This is while the UK had exported £16 million worth of products to Iran from January to April 2022.

According to this report, the value of trade exchanges between the two countries reached £696 million in 2022, showing a 72 percent hike compared to a year before.

The UK Department for Business and Trade put the value of the country's exports to Iran in the first four months of 2023 at \$25 million, registering a 25 percent growth compared to last year's corresponding period.

In its latest statistics, the UK Department for Business and Trade said the trade exchanges with Iran from January to April 2023 reached £27 million (equivalent to \$34 million), Tasnim news agency reported.

It shows a 17 percent hike compared to the same period last year.

According to the report, the value of trade exchanges between the two countries reached £23 million from January

NIGC: Iraq pays all gas debts to Iran



● SHANA

Iraq has paid its gas debt to Iran, announced the managing director of the National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) on Sunday. Speaking on the sidelines of a conference on retrofitting natural gas production, transmission, and distribution systems and grid, Majid Chegeni also said that Iran is holding gas negotiations with Turkey and Turkmenistan, Shana reported. The deputy oil minister added Turkey has called for extending its contract on importing gas from Iran and the two sides' talks are underway.

Touching upon importing gas from Turkmenistan, the NIGC head said Tehran and Ashgabat are holding talks.

Chinese demand for Iran oil to increase further: Analyst



● SHANA

A senior oil market analyst said demand for Iranian crude oil in China could increase to record levels this summer despite continued US pressure on Iranian oil exports.

Homayoun Falakshahi, an analyst with Kpler, a major international energy data and analytics group, said that China "will become thirstier for Iranian oil" in the coming months mainly because of a potential drop in Russian supplies.

"Our estimate is that Russia's domestic demand will increase over summer months and this can negatively impact this country's exports, including to China," Falakshahi said in an interview with ILNA.

The comments come as statements by Iranian Oil Ministry authorities and reports from international tanker-tracking services, including Kpler, have suggested that Iran's oil exports reached an average of at

least 1.6 million barrels per day (bpd) in May, a figure not seen since October 2018 when Iranian shipments dropped to record lows because of US sanctions. Private refiners in China buy a bulk of Iranian oil shipments with estimates suggesting that nearly 1.5 million bpd of Iran's oil exports ends up in China. Falakshahi said Saudi Arabia's desire to deepen cuts to its oil exports, a policy meant to affect international

oil prices, would also allow Iran to increase its supply of crude oil to Chinese buyers in the next few months. That comes as Saudi Arabia's oil supplies to China reached 1.75 million bpd in May and has remained at the same levels in June, he said. Experts say the increase in Iranian oil exports in recent months have been a major sign that US sanctions on Iran's petroleum sector have failed for good.

Expert urges families not to eliminate toys due to cost of living



IRNA

Social Desk

A member of the Iranian Toy Manufacturers Association has urged families not to exclude children's toys from their shopping lists, despite financial pressures. Nasrin Qaraei, a member of the association's Board of Directors, emphasized the importance of considering children's preferences when purchasing toys.

The expert warned against the potential harm of depriving children of the joy of toys. "By eliminating the pleasure derived from toys, we risk stifling learning," Qaraei said. "Toys should not be imposed on a child, but chosen with their input."

Qaraei, an advocate for child development and learning through play, highlighted the global trend of "edutainment" – a blend of education and entertainment. "Entertainment is a voluntary activity that individuals engage in willingly

and enthusiastically. While enjoying it, they also learn," Qaraei explained. "The knowledge gained through play and entertainment is more deeply ingrained and enduring."

Qaraei underscored the role of play in child development and education. "The cognitive transformation that occurs during play is unparalleled," she said. "We've seen positive outcomes in parenting advice and children's education through games and entertainment." She further noted that for pre-school children, play serves as a language. "Play is the most effective tool for educating a child. Through toys and games, children can acquire essential life skills and apply them in their daily lives," Qaraei added.

Addressing the misconception that toys are exclusively for children, she stressed the need for a cultural shift. "Adults, preoccupied with daily tasks and conflicts,

often associate toys with a specific age group. To rectify this, we must broaden the cultural understanding of toys," she said.

Qaraei lamented the financial constraints that prevent families from recognizing toys as essential household items. "Unfortunately, due to the high cost of living, it's challenging to convince families to include toys in their cultural basket," she said.

She also pointed out the lack of awareness and promotion of learning through games in Iran. "There are numerous events related to toys, but government bodies and institutions could do more to organize programs that encourage the use of toys," Qaraei said.

Qaraei highlighted the need for government support to continue raising awareness about the importance of toys. She also emphasized the need for a better understanding of the psychological aspects of toy selec-

tion. "Families often opt for non-intellectual toys due to a lack of awareness. If the impact of toys on the entire family is properly communicated, it will undoubtedly influence toy selection," she said.

Qaraei also addressed the challenges facing toy manufacturers. "When manufacturers attempt to produce an effective game, they often receive feedback that the instructions are too lengthy. This suggests that Iranian consumers are reluctant to engage with complex games," she said.

The expert concluded by emphasizing the importance of family involvement in children's play. "The appeal of non-intellectual games and the lack of designated playtime for children have resulted in a decline in the use of board and intellectual games. Parents need to invest time in playing with their children, which fosters deeper bonds," she said.

IRCS rep. at Doha climate meeting: We have no choice but to adapt

Social Desk

Governments play critical role in preventing global warming, according to Iran's representative at climate conference. The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) representative, Koosha Golkaar, called for increased global commitment to climate change mitigation during the International Summit of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the Middle East and North Africa region.

Golkaar, who serves as the representative for International Affairs and Humanitarian Affairs of the IRCS, underscored the necessity of preparing for the worst-case scenario in disaster response operations. He emphasized that the scale, intensity, scope, dispersion, simultaneity, and unpredictability of climate change-induced disasters often exceed national capacities, making public education and risk adaptation crucial, Mehr News reported.

"We hope that the impact of international meetings and the adherence of governments to their commitments can reduce the speed of global warming," Golkaar said. "But we in the national organizations must prepare to face it with the participation of the people themselves, and along with the hope and efforts to prevent and reduce the effects, seek to adapt to upcoming accidents."



MEHR

Golkaar also highlighted the IRCS's efforts in climate change mitigation. The organization's volunteer arm provides aid to victims of climate-related disasters such as droughts and unseasonal floods. Meanwhile, the Relief and Rescue Organization is bolstering its disaster response operations, and the Red Crescent Youth Organization is encouraging young people's participation in environmental preservation through a system called Shetab (Acceleration).

The Iranian representative also underscored the importance of online platforms in public education on risk management. "In the online education system of the Iranian Red Crescent, we published several training courses on adapting to climate change, which were well received by the people," Golkaar said.

The international meeting on reducing the risks of accidents caused by climate change was held in Doha, Qatar, last week. It brought together representatives from Red Cross and Red Crescent societies across the Middle East and North Africa. Golkaar's participation was facilitated by the General Department of Ceremonies and International Communications of the Red Crescent Society.

In the realm of hungry ghosts: A compassionate exploration of addiction

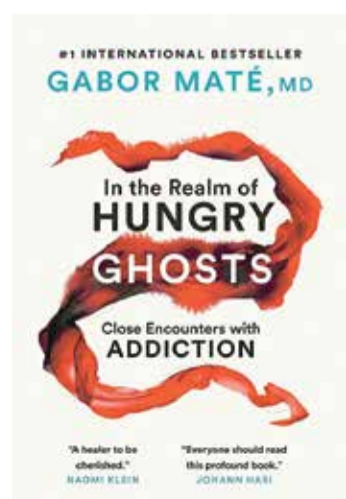


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BOOK REVIEW

As we mark International Day against Drug Abuse, it's time to delve into the heart of addiction, not as a distant observer, but as an empathetic participant. Gabor Maté's 'In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction' offers a profound and compassionate exploration of this global issue, challenging our pre-conceptions and inviting us to view addiction through a new lens. In the midst of the global observance of this specific day, Gabor Maté's well-received book stands as a beacon of understanding and

compassion in the often-misunderstood world of addiction. Maté, a seasoned physician with years



of experience working with substance abuse patients, presents a compelling narrative that intertwines personal stories, clinical insights, and cutting-edge scientific findings.

The book's strength lies in its holistic approach. Maté reframes addiction as a continuum that permeates our society, rather than a discrete phenomenon confined to a select few. He argues that addiction is not merely a medical "condition", but a complex interplay of personal history, emotional development, and brain chemistry.

Maté's narrative is both haunting and deeply personal. He takes us into the heart of his practice, introducing us to patients who are often dismissed and marginalized. Their stories are raw, real, and at times,

heart-wrenching, but they are essential in understanding the true nature of addiction.

'In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts' is not just a book about addiction; it's a call to action. As we commemorate International Day against Drug Abuse, Maté's work reminds us of the urgent need for a more humane, evidence-based approach to addiction. His book is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the roots of addiction and the steps we can take towards healing and wellness.

His book is a profound contribution to our understanding of the complex phenomena of addiction. It's a book that doesn't just inform, but transforms, offering a compassionate perspective that is all too often missing in discussions

around substance abuse. One might argue that we are in a dire need of reflecting on the insights offered by Maté, and considering how we can apply them to create a more empathetic and understanding society.



Gabor Maté

Iran, Turkey to collaborate on translating Qur'an in four languages



Arts & Culture Desk

TASNIM - The director of Pol Literary and Translation Agency announced an agreement with a Turkish publisher for the publication of a translation of the Qur'an in four languages: French, German, English, and Russian, during the Istanbul Publishing Fellowship.

Majid Ja'fari Aqdam stated that their agency's presence at the Istanbul Publishing Fellowship resulted in several pre-contracts being signed for the publication of a translation of the Holy Qur'an in the said four languages.

He added, "It was decided that the translations would be prepared by Pol Literary and Translation Agency, and foreign publishers would publish and distribute them in Europe."

Naghmeh-Baran Orchestra to perform in Tehran



IRNA - Naghmeh-Baran Orchestra, under the baton of composer and music instructor Mohammadreza Safavi, is poised to enthrall audiences with a mesmerizing concert at Tehran's renowned Arasbaran Cultural Center.

The distinguished vocalist Ali Amir-Qassemi will grace the stage, making this captivating performance an event not to be missed. It is worth noting that admission to this extraordinary concert is completely free of charge, offering a splendid opportunity for music enthusiasts to indulge in a delightful evening.

The program will encompass a rich repertoire featuring compositions by esteemed maestros, including Hesam al-Saltaneh Morad, Ruhollah Khaleqi, Hossein Dehlavi, Ali Tajvidi, Homayoun Khorram, and Abbas Khoshdel. Prepare to be captivated as the melodies of these revered composers come alive, resonating through the halls of the Arasbaran Cultural Center, transporting audiences into a realm of transcendent beauty and profound emotion.

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Ancient artifacts on display to commemorate world registration of Shahr-e Sukhte



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Simultaneously with the ninth anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage registration of Shahr-e Sukhte, three prominent historical artifacts representing the 5,000-year-old civilization of Eastern Iran were showcased.

According to ISNA, on Sunday, in the regional museum of southeastern Iran located in the city of Zahedan, a bronze woman statuette from Shahr-e Sukhte, an ancient accounting tablet, and an intricately carved hair comb were unveiled. Shahr-e Sukhte is an archaeological site of a sizable Bronze Age urban settlement which has been witness to four eras of civilization. Also known as the Burnt City, the site was unearthed in 1915 opening its secrets to archaeologists and enabling them to unearth its magnificence to contemporary generations.

Iranian photographer wins bronze medal at Turkey's BOVER festival

Arts & Culture Desk

Ali Mohammadi, an Iranian photographer, was awarded a prestigious bronze medal at the 2023 BOVER International Photo Festival held in Turkey. Mohammadi's outstanding talent was showcased through his submission of two captivating works in the "Health in all areas of life" category, with one of his photographs receiving the esteemed bronze medal.

The festival, organized under the supervision of the International Federation of Photographic Arts (FIAP), encompassed two distinct sections: free and health. Notably, FIAP stands as the sole international organization within the photography domain officially recognized by UNESCO.

It dutifully facilitates communication and collaboration among 85 institutions and a work of nearly one million photographers continues.



Iranian documentary 'Persepolis- Chicago' to be screened in Austria



Arts & Culture Desk

Renowned Iranian filmmaker Orod Atarpour's compelling documentary,

'Persepolis- Chicago,' is set to captivate audiences at the esteemed 1st edition of the History International Film Festival, taking



place in Austria from August 9 to 15. This thought-provoking Iranian production delves into the captivating journey of the Achaemenid

tablet fragments, which offer profound insights into the economic, social, and religious dynamics of the Achaemenid Empire during the fifth century BC. These invaluable tablets were unearthed during the excavation of Persepolis, the grand ceremonial capital of the Persian Empire.

Of particular significance is the historical connection between the documentary and the University of Chicago, where, almost a century ago, archaeologists embarked on a mission to repair

and study the inscriptions etched upon these ancient tablets. The enthralling narrative of 'Persepolis- Chicago' sheds light on this fruitful collaboration between Iranian and American scholars, marking a significant milestone in the exploration of ancient civilizations.

Prior to its screening in Austria, the Iranian documentary has already garnered acclaim, having secured two prestigious awards at the Documentary TAC International Film Festival in the United States.

Saadi Foundation organizes summer school for Persian language enthusiasts

Arts & Culture Desk

In an effort to foster language acquisition and cultural immersion, the Saadi Foundation announced its upcoming Persian Language Summer School, scheduled to take place from August 14 to September 3, 2023.

Aimed at students of all proficiency levels, this comprehensive program offers a unique opportunity to enhance one's command of Farsi by fully

immersing oneself in a Persian-speaking environment for a duration of three weeks.

Designed to cater to students at every stage of their language journey, the program curated by Saadi Foundation, as highlighted by IRNA, encompasses a diverse range of activities and instructional sessions, amounting to a total of 60 hours of dedicated learning. Furthermore, to enrich the experience, the summer school also incorporates

recreational visits to notable attractions in Tehran, allowing participants to delve into the cultural fabric of Iran's vibrant capital city.

By enrolling in the Persian Language Summer School organized by Saadi Foundation, language enthusiasts can anticipate an immersive and enriching experience that promises to elevate their proficiency in Farsi while fostering a deeper understanding of Persian culture.

