

Iran's director Tayyeb picked for Czech festival's jury

Iran's filmmaker and documentarian Mohammad Tayyeb was picked to evaluate the films at the European Section of the 26th International Sports Film Festival of Liberec, the Czech Republic.

Sportfilm Liberec 2023 is one of the oldest and most prestigious sports film festivals in the world. This event is held every year in the city of Liberec in the north of the Czech Republic, Mehr news agency reported.

The winners of this festival will be introduced to the Milan World Sports Film Festival, organized by the International Sports Film and Television Federation (FICTS). The headquarters of FICTS is in Milan, Italy, and more than 130 countries are members of this federation. The World Federation of Sports Films in Milan is under the supervision of the International Olympic Committee.

Tayyeb is an official member of FICTS and the secretary of the international festivals commission of FICTS. He has been the director of international affairs for three editions (11th to 13th) of the International Sports Film Festival of Iran.

The Liberec International Sports Film Festival opened on October 12 and will run for four days in the city of Liberec in the Czech Republic.



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Iran's Leader urges all-out support for Palestine

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei called for all-out support for Palestine amid an ongoing aggression by the Zionist regime against the Gaza Strip.

"All (countries) in the Muslim world have a duty to support Palestine," said Ayatollah Khamenei on Saturday in a meeting with prominent Nigerian Shia cleric Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky, and his wife and daughters, leader.ir reported.

During this meeting, Ayatollah Khamenei outlined that Islam's increasing power in the world, despite the widespread conspiracies that are taking place, is the result of the endeavors of the resistance fighters. While referring to the conditions of occupied Palestine, especially Gaza, he stated, "One of the manifestations of Islam's power today can be seen in the incidents that are taking place in Palestine."

Ayatollah Khamenei underscored, "The events that have unfolded in recent days in Palestine, especially the bombings and the martyrdom of the women, children, and men there, have wounded people's hearts. However, another part of these events have revealed the incredible power of Islam in Palestine. With Almighty God's grace, this movement that has begun in Palestine will progress



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (L) meets with Nigerian Shia cleric Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky in Tehran on October 14, 2023.

and lead to the complete victory of the Palestinians." The Leader of the Islamic Revolution explained that the formation of the Islamic system in Iran after many centuries, and the formation of a government that is based on the mindset of political Islam, is one of the aspects of Islam's power. "The Islamic Republic has be-

come stronger day by day since its establishment, and it will continue to become even stronger in the future," he said. The Leader added that Islamic activities are increasing around the world on a daily basis. "Today, the Islamic movement is expanding in different parts of the world such as Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. With

God's grace, the success of this movement will continue with greater strength." During the meeting, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution expressed his satisfaction with meeting Sheikh Zakzaky and his family, telling them, "You are the epitome of those who truly fight for the cause of God, and I hope you will continue with this en-

deavor." Sheikh Zakzaky and his wife also expressed their boundless satisfaction, while stating that the feelings they have are "indescribable." "We hope that with your prayers and the efforts and endeavors of Muslims, Islam will spread more and more every day," said Sheikh Zakzaky.

Iranian books on display at Lebanon fair



Arts & Culture Desk

The Iran Book and Literature House, based in Tehran, is taking part in the 8th Lebanon International Book Fair. Occupying a 160-square-meter pavilion, Iran is offering a collection of 1,200 titles, covering topics such as religion, resistance literature, the Sacred Defense, Palestine, classic

and contemporary literature, children's and adolescent literature, Iranian studies, arts, tourism, and academic publications, ketab.ir reported. Inside Iran's pavilion, books from 60 publishers in the country are on display. Notable publishers like Surey-e Mehr, Boostan-e Ketab, Afra, Hodhod, Beh Nashr, and Nakhl-e Sabz are also displaying,

directly offering their works to visitors. What sets the Iranian pavilion apart is that more than 80 percent of the exhibited works are available in the Arabic language, aiming to reach a wider audience. Furthermore, the Iranian pavilion at this round of the book fair distinguishes itself through its visual appeal and cultural iden-

tity. The pavilion's visual design incorporates a mixture of Iranian tradition, culture, and arts, which has been well-received by the fair's attendees. During the opening ceremony, Lebanese Culture Minister Mohammad Wisam al-Murtada extended his greetings to the resistance front and the Palestinian people. He stated, "We organized

this fair this year because our homeland is the land of thoughts and history. We emphasize that we are victorious through culture, and Beirut will remain the eternal capital of thought." The book fair which began on October 13 and will run through October 22 at the Beirut Forum, aims to allow visitors to explore a wide range of publishing offers.

Mohammad Ali Rajabi
Cartoonist



'Twenty-one Weeks Later' awarded at Korean festival

The Iranian short film 'Twenty-one Weeks Later', directed by Nasrin Mohammadpour, won the Sonje Award jointly with the Korean film 'My Dear' by Jeon Do-hee and Kim So-hee at the 28th Busan International Film Festival (BIFF), held in South Korea from October 4 to 13. Banafshe Rezaie, Leila Hosseinzadeh, Soudabeh Bahraminejad, and Parisa Asgari are the cast members of the short film, Mehr news agency reported.

Like her previous productions, Mohammadpour's 'Twenty-One Weeks Later' features women's issues. This film depicts issues pertaining to mothers. The festival attracted more than 140,000 movie lovers to the southeastern port city for the past 10 days. The 28th edition of the BIFF screened 209 films from 70 countries at four theaters, including 88 world and international premieres, its organizer said.

