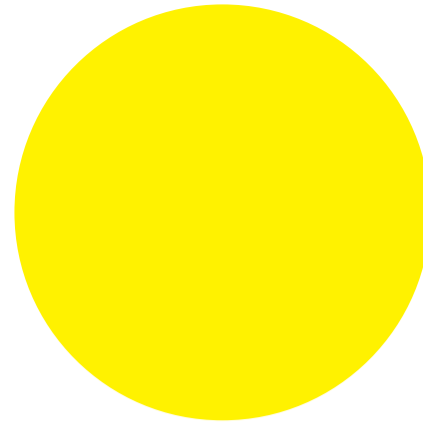


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The bodies of Mohammed and his toddler Misq Joudeh, killed in an Israeli strike lie in front of the morgue of the Al-Aqsa hospital in Deir Balah in the central Gaza Strip on October 22, 2023.

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Daily car production at 3,800: Minister



IRNA – Iranian carmakers manufacture 3,800 car per day, said Minister of Industry, Mine and Trade Abbas Aliabadi on Sunday. The stability of the car market in Iran is improving, added the minister, noting that the imports of electric cars are almost unrestricted, while priority of imports is given to public transportation and taxis.

Parliament eases cruise ship imports

IRNA – Lawmakers in the Iranian Parliament approved a bill that facilitates importing cruise ships in a bid to further develop the tourism industry. Chaired by Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, the open session of the Iranian Parliament was held on Sunday to continue the review of the 7th Development Plan. According to Article 83 of the 7th Development Plan, the necessary licenses for the import of cruise ships, recreational vessels, vehicles and special tourism equipment for investors of the private and cooperative sectors will be issued.

Output at Iran's largest hydroelectric power plant up 60%



IRNA – Iran's largest hydroelectric power plant, Karun-3 Dam, has reported a 60% increase in power production in the current water year, which began on September 23, compared to the same period last year. Hamid Salehi, the CEO of the Production and Operation Management Company of Karun-3 Dam, announced the boost in energy generation on Sunday. Speaking about the critical need for a stable energy supply during the summer, Salehi hailed the power plant's optimal performance during the current water year.

PGPIC boosts forex revenue by 19%: CEO

Economy Desk

The CEO of the Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (PGPIC) said that the firm generated \$6.2 billion in foreign currency revenues in the year to June 21, 2023, registering a 19 percent growth. Abdolali Ali-Askari also noted Sunday that during the period, the PGPIC's consolidated retained earnings rose by 64%, while its production volume grew by 5%, according to SHANA. Looking back at the company's performance in the months that have passed since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (starting March 21), he highlighted the role

that the PGPIC plays in Iran's economy and expressed hope for a booming future.

"Since March 21, we boosted our production by nearly 1.2 million tons compared to the same period last year, showing a 9.5 percent growth," he added.

Ali-Askari pointed out that 29 developmental projects worth \$12.6 billion are being implemented by the company, adding that these projects are capable of producing 21 million tons of products.

The Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company was ranked the top company in the previous Iranian year in terms of sales, export revenues, and market value, and



ranked second in terms of added value and profitability, he said.

Ali Askari also pointed out that in the ranking of the top 100 chemical distrib-

utors issued by the Independent Commodity Intelligence Services (ICIS)

international research institute, the PGPIC jumped to 27th place.

Iran-China nine-month trade surpasses \$10b

China's Customs in its latest report said the trade exchanges between China and Iran in the first nine months of 2023 (January-September) surpassed \$10 billion. The value of the trade exchanges between Iran and China in the first

nine months of the current year hit \$10.79 billion, showing a 12 percent decline compared to last year's corresponding period, the report said. Iran and China had exchanged over \$12.32 billion from January to September 2022, Tasnim

news agency reported. China's exports of products to Iran in the first nine months of 2023 registered an eight percent growth compared to the same period last year, it added. In this period, China imported \$3.29 billion worth of products from Iran, recording a 12 percent decline compared to the same period last year. China had imported over \$5.37 billion worth of products from Iran between January and September 2022. In this period, the balance of trade between Iran and China stood at \$4.21 billion, in favor of China.



Tehran to host six-nation meeting on Caucasus peace process

Foreign ministers from Iran, Turkey, Russia and Georgia will meet their counterparts from Azerbaijan and Armenia in Tehran today and discuss progress towards a peace agreement between the two South Caucasus neighbors, according to Iranian state media. IRNA quoted the Iranian Foreign Ministry as saying the six countries wanted to talk about regional issues "without the interference of non-regional and Western countries". That was an implicit reference to the United States and the European Union, whose interference in a peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan has annoyed regional

states. Russia's Interfax news agency said Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov would travel to Tehran for the meeting. "We confirm Lavrov's planned talks in Tehran on Monday," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman

Maria Zakharova told the TASS and RIA news agencies. Azerbaijan and Armenia have fought two wars in the past three decades and have so far failed to reach a peace deal despite long-running efforts by neighbors.



Statistics and planning:

Harnessing data for informed decision-making

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OPINION

In today's data-driven world, the science of statistics has emerged as a crucial tool for effective planning and decision-making in various fields. From businesses to governments, organizations are increasingly relying on statistical analysis to gain insights, optimize processes, and enhance outcomes. But what is the significance of statistics in planning, and how can harnessing data lead to informed decision-making? At its core, statistics is the science of data collection, analysis, interpretation, presentation, and organization. It involves applying mathematical techniques and methods to quantify and understand complex phenomena. Planning, on the other hand, is the process of defining goals, objectives,

and strategies to achieve desired outcomes. By employing statistical principles and tools, planners can make more informed decisions and develop effective strategies. One important aspect of statistics is its ability to provide a comprehensive overview of the current situation. Planning demands a thorough understanding of the present scenario, including trends, patterns, and existing challenges. Statistical analysis enables planners to examine and interpret data from various sources to gain valuable insights. For example, in urban planning, statistics can help analyze population growth, traffic patterns, and housing demands, shaping decisions on infrastructure development and land use policies. Moreover, effective planning requires accurate forecasting and predictive modeling. Statistics plays a pivotal role in

these areas by identifying trends, patterns, and relationships within data. By analyzing historical and current data, statisticians can develop models that can predict future outcomes and support decision-making. For instance, in financial planning, statistical analysis of market trends, historical data, and risk assessment enables investors to make informed decisions on asset allocation, minimizing risks, and maximizing returns. The science of statistics also enhances planning by providing objective measures of performance and evaluating the effectiveness of implemented strategies. By collecting relevant data and applying statistical methods, planners can assess the impact and success of various interventions. This feedback loop enables organizations to continuously improve their planning and decision-making

processes. For example, a health care institution can track patient outcomes, infection rates, and treatment efficacy through statistical analysis to identify areas for improvement and optimize resource allocation. Another area where statistics greatly contributes to planning is in risk assessment and mitigation. By analyzing historical data and trends, statisticians can identify potential risks and uncertainties. With this knowledge, planners can develop contingency plans, allocate resources strategically, and make informed decisions to minimize adverse outcomes. This is particularly important in fields such as project management, disaster planning, and environmental conservation. In addition to mere data analysis, statistics also facilitates effective communication and visualization of complex information.

Planning often involves presenting information to stakeholders, policymakers, or the public, and statistics can aid in making sense of vast amounts of data. Charts, graphs, and other statistical visualizations help in presenting information in a clear and concise manner, making it easier for various stakeholders to understand and engage with the planning process. Finally, statistics encourages evidence-based decision-making, reducing the reliance on intuition or personal biases. In a world where decisions often have profound consequences, using data-driven methodologies ensures objectivity and accuracy. The science of statistics helps planners make rational decisions supported by empirical evidence and minimizes the risk of making poor choices based on subjective opinions.

Mohtasham Garden, Rasht's oldest park

Nature meets cultural splendor in rain city



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Rasht is the capital of Gilan Province. It is one of the most beautiful cities in Iran. This city is the largest and most populous city on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. The seashore is about 25 kilometers from the city. If you are planning to travel to this vibrant city, one of the places you should visit is Mohtasham Garden.

Also known as the "City Park," Mohtasham Garden holds the distinction of being the oldest park in Rasht. Situated on Hafez Street, in the southern part of the city, the park is located next to the picturesque Gohar River, which was once a popular spot for fishing. Today, Mohtasham Garden serves as the main park and major recreational center for residents and visitors alike. This beautiful park was constructed during the Qajar period (1794-1925).

History

The park has its roots in the Qajar dynasty. Akbar Khan Biglarbegi, who was one of the wealthiest and most prominent individuals in Iran during Nasser al-Din Shah's reign, initiated the primary project for the park. The small and delicate saplings that were planted at that time have now grown into magnificent trees. Additionally, the interior of the garden was paved, and a splendid summer mansion was constructed in the center, which was named Kolah Farangi Mansion. Akbar Khan, who passed away in 1901, was responsible for overseeing the work carried out by his people. Following the death of Akbar Khan, his daughter inherited the garden and the summer mansion. She was married to her cousin, Sadeq Khan Akbar Mohtasham al-Mulk, and the garden was subsequently renamed Mohtasham Garden. However, during the Pahlavi era (1925-1979 CE), the government claimed the garden in exchange for outstanding tax debts. Since then, the garden has transformed into the City Park of Rasht, and has remained open to the public, inviting everyone to enjoy its beauty and tranquility.

In the past, this park was so vast that, without a guide, one could easily get lost in it. However, with the expansion of Rasht and the need for new streets, the park gradually had to be reduced in size. After the Islamic Revolution of Iran, an amusement park and the Gilan governor's office were constructed within the park, further reducing the available interior space.

Kolah Farangi Mansion

The Kolah Farangi Mansion is one of the most beautiful and captivating features of this garden, dating back to the Qajar period. It is a popular tourist attraction in Rasht, thanks to its stunning views and unique architecture. Despite being a four-story building, it appears as a three-story structure from the outside. The first and second floors each contain two rooms, while the upper floor boasts a large octagonal room with windows on all sides. These windows not only offer breathtaking views but also provide ample lighting and ventilation

during hot seasons.

Brick and wood were the primary materials used in the construction of this impressive summer building, which boasts a 360-degree balcony offering breathtaking views from every angle.

Originally designed as a residence for government officials and dignitaries, the Kolah Farangi Mansion has witnessed a diverse range of uses throughout history. It has served as a chess house, a restaurant, and even a traditional arts training center. This versatile edifice remains a testament to the rich heritage and adaptive nature of architectural marvels.

Despite its unassuming simplicity, the building's embellishments elevate its magnificence and allure to astonishing heights. The delicate wooden lion heads, meticulously carved columns, and breathtaking balcony railings are but a glimpse into the plethora of exquisite details that bedeck this time-honored edifice. Each ornate element harmoniously contributes to the overall splendor and unrivaled beauty of this historic architectural gem.

Where recreation and beauty meet

Mohtasham Garden, Rasht's premier park, encompasses all the quintessential features one would anticipate in a grand park. Here, you can delight in a plethora of amenities designed to cater to diverse preferences. From myriad sports fields and playgrounds tailored for both children and teenagers, to immaculate restrooms, a serene prayer hall, wooden seating enclaves, public sports equipment, and captivating fountains, the park leaves no stone unturned in providing an all-encompassing recreational experience. With its wealth of facilities and enticing attractions, Mohtasham Garden is an undeniable hub of enjoyment and enchantment, guaranteed to bestow upon visitors unforgettable moments.

A city of rain and wonder

Situated in the heart of Rasht, this remarkable park welcomes visitors all year round, providing an opportunity to relish the distinct allure of each passing season. However, it is worth noting that Rasht has earned the nickname "Rain City" due to its frequent rainfall, especially during the colder months. To ensure a pleasant and gratifying visit, we highly recommend checking the weather forecast in advance. This way, you can equip yourself with suitable attire and prepare for a comfortable and delightful experience. Rasht presents a captivating array of experiences that are bound to delight you in every way. From awe-inspiring natural landscapes to captivating historical sites, the city has it all. And let's not forget about the irresistible gastronomy that Rasht proudly offers. Additionally, within close proximity, you'll find enchanting attractions like Shahr-dari Square, Rasht Grand Bazaar, and the Gilan Rural Heritage Museum, each offering its own unique charm and cultural significance.



Kolah Farangi Mansion
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Shahr-dari Square
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Palestinian death toll surges as Israel intensifies strikes on Gaza



A man reacts as he carries the shrouded body of his child, in front of the Al-Aqsa hospital in Deir Balah in the central Gaza Strip, following an Israeli strike on October 22, 2023.
● MAHMUD HAMS/AFP



A mourner carries the body of a child, during the funeral of Palestinians, who were killed in Israeli strikes, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, on October 22, 2023.
● REUTERS

International Desk

Gaza's Health Ministry said 266 Palestinians, including 117 children, had been killed by Israeli airstrikes in the past 24 hours in the enclave, to which Israel laid "total siege" after a deadly attack on Israel by Hamas resistance group on Oct. 7, Reuters reported.

The spokesman, Ashraf Al-Qudra, said that since October 7, Israeli strikes on Gaza have resulted in the deaths of 4,651 Palestinians, 40 percent of which were children. Deadly violence has also been surging in the West Bank, with at least 90 Palestinians killed in the Israeli-occupied territory in the past two weeks,

mainly in clashes with Israeli troops, AP reported. The tally includes five Palestinians killed in separate incidents on Sunday, including two who died in an airstrike on a mosque in the volatile Jenin refugee camp that Israel said was being used by fighters. Israel carried out an airstrike during a battle in another

West Bank refugee camp last week, in which 13 Palestinians, including five minors, and a member of Israel's paramilitary Border Police were killed. The intensified violence follows more than a year of escalating raids and arrests in the West Bank. Israel captured the West Bank, along with Gaza

and East Al-Quds, in the 1967 war. The Palestinians want all three territories for a future state. Over 500,000 Israelis live in settlements across the West Bank, which most of the international community considers illegal, while the territory's more than 2.5 million Palestinians live under Israeli military rule.



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Palestinians gather around the remains of a mosque destroyed in Israeli strikes, as the conflict between Israel and Palestinian resistance group Hamas continues, in the northern Gaza Strip, on October 22, 2023. REUTERS

Israel to step up bombardment

The Israeli military announced on Saturday it was stepping up its bombardment of Hamas-controlled Gaza just hours after the first aid trucks arrived from Egypt, bringing desperately needed relief to civilians in the war-torn enclave. The military said it aimed to reduce the risks its troops would face as they enter Gaza in the next phase of the war, which it launched on Palestinians after the Hamas resistance group carried out the deadliest attack in Israel's history. More than 1,400 people have been killed in Israel since the war began.

Second aid convoy enters Rafah

The Israeli regime also imposed a total blockade on Gaza in response to the Hamas attack. The Rafah crossing had been out of operation since shortly afterwards, and bombardments on the Gaza side had damaged roads and buildings. A second convoy of aid trucks entered the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing on Sunday, heading towards the Gaza Strip, according to Egyptian security and humanitarian sources at Rafah. A total of around 19 trucks carrying medical and food supplies had been inspected by UNRWA, the UN's Palestinian refugee agency, the sources said. The first convoy of 20 trucks of badly needed supplies entered Gaza on Saturday. UN officials say a higher continuous pace of at least 100 trucks a day would be required in Gaza to cover urgent needs. Before the outbreak of the most recent conflict, several hundred trucks had been arriving in the enclave daily.

'Situation is tragic'

Deprived of electricity and water under Israeli siege, Gazans in the southern town of Khan Younis said they were struggling to feed their children, forming long queues to get bread made scarcer by power blackouts and a lack of flour. "We are suffering extremely, waiting since dawn to get bread. If this continues for two more days it will be catastrophic," said Saleh Skafi, a father of four from north Gaza now sheltering in Khan Younis. "The situation is tragic." Moreover, Israel has refused to allow in fuel as part of aid shipments lest it ends up in Hamas's hands. "Without fuel, the humanitarian response will stop. There will be no water, no functioning hospitals and bakeries," said Philippe Lazzarini, head of the UNRWA. "This cannot and should not happen."

US beefing up military presence

Fears over the risk of the Israel-Hamas war mushrooming into a wider Middle East conflict rose on Sunday with the US sending more military assets to the region as Israel pummeled Gaza anew, and deadly clashes along its border with Lebanon intensified, Reuters reported. US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Washington would send more military assets to the Middle East in support of Israel and strengthen the US defense posture in the region. A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system and additional Patriot air defense missile system battalions will be sent to the region and more troops put on standby, Austin said. Washington has already deployed a significant amount of naval power to the Middle East in recent weeks, including two aircraft carriers, support ships and about 2,000 Marines.

Israel targets Syria, Lebanon

In neighboring Syria, Israeli missiles hit Damascus and Aleppo international airports early on Sunday, putting both out of service and killing two workers, Syrian state media said. Along the border with Lebanon, the Hezbollah resistance group has clashed with

Israeli forces in support of Hamas in the deadliest escalation of frontier violence since an Israel-Hezbollah war in 2006. Hezbollah said four fighters were killed in heavy exchanges of fire on Sunday, and another died of wounds sustained earlier, raising to 24 the number of its members

killed since Oct. 7. Lebanese security sources said 11 fighters in Lebanon had also been killed in the volatile border region, alongside four civilians. At least five Israeli soldiers and one civilian have been killed on Israel's side of the frontier, according to Israeli military reports.

Iran warns Mideast will 'go out of control' if Israel continues Gaza attacks



South Africa Naledi Pandor Foreign Minister (L) speaks during a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in Tehran on October 22, 2023. IRNA

International Desk

Iran's foreign minister on Sunday warned Israel and its ally the United States that the Middle East risks

spiraling out of control as a result of Israel's war on Gaza. "I warn the US and its proxy (Israel)... that if they do not immediately

stop the crime against humanity and genocide in Gaza, anything is possible at any moment and the region will go out of control," Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said at a joint news conference in Tehran with his South African counterpart Naledi Pandor.

Amir-Abdollahian likened the current situation of the region to a powder keg, saying any "miscalculation" in the ongoing conflict could result in heavy and bitter consequences for the region and the warmongers. Naledi Pandor, for her part, also referred to Israel's airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, saying that the international community should take action against the injustice towards the Palestinian people. "South Africa is steadfast in supporting Palestine

until this land is free, and this support will increase," she said. Nobody should suffer from injustice, she stated, calling for stronger efforts to assist the people of Palestine. The South African diplomat emphasized that Palestinians must own their territories and the 1967 frontiers should be recognized. South Africa supports peace and believes that the lands of Palestinians have been occupied and they have been deprived of their rights, she noted.

BiBi: Israel's savior or destroyer?

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OPINION

tough for this hawkish senior Israeli official that the Haaretz newspaper wrote, "We citizens will make sure he goes home as soon as possible."

Ever since Netanyahu and the coalition that he leads secured the election about a year ago, they were hoping to end the streak of short-lived political coalitions and unstable cabinets. Things, however, did not go the way these optimists hoped. It wasn't long until the hawkish policies of Netanyahu's cabinet pushed its dissenters into a single great entity, which resulted in the most historic show of domestic opposition to a cabinet.

Hamas's October 7 surprise attack on the occupied territories was, nevertheless, a heavy blow to BiBi's reputation and standing. It proved to many inside the occupied territories that Netanyahu and his aggressive cabinet are Israel's undoing, not its making.

Amos Gilead, former director of the Israeli Defense Ministry's Political-Military Affairs Bureau, stressed in a televised interview that the regime's intelligence services failed in predicting Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, a failure that was more dangerous than the Yom Kippur war, also known as the War of October 6, 1973.

Regarding Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, Haaretz wrote that Netanyahu is not only the one responsible for this terrible defeat but also "an existential threat to Israel". The Jewish newspaper added, "The man is done. He is unfit. He cannot lead us a single day further."

The London-based Guardian newspaper reported that Israel's military officers and former politicians consider Benjamin Netanyahu to be the one behind every failure that led to Hamas's attack. That is why they have asked him to resign. Dan Halutz, a former chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces and the commander of Hatzor Airbase, affirmed Israel's defeat by Hamas during the surprise attack on October 7.

"From my point of view, [Netanyahu] should resign now, as we speak. There are better people to handle it," he told the Guardian, adding: "He thinks that he's above God, he thinks he's the savior of Israel, and unfortunately we failed to explain that it's the other way around, that he is the destroyer of Israel."

Former Israeli intelligence official Avi Melamed also maintained that it's clear this cabinet is "dysfunctional in many aspects". "This is a sentiment expressed by many Israelis who are saying clearly this government is a disaster," he stated.

Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak, in an interview with the Observer newspaper, described the Hamas attack as "the most severe blow Israel has suffered since its establishment to date... I don't believe that the people trust Netanyahu to lead when he is under the burden of such a devastating event that just happened under his term".

Now, after days of Israel's devastating war on Gaza, Netanyahu is facing the consequences of the attacks on the Palestinian territory.

The world's public opinion, especially in the Islamic world, has become more and more against the Israeli regime and Netanyahu's policies. The normalization talks with Saudi Arabia has been abandoned and, according to Israeli reports, the economic situation of the country will collapse if the war continues for a long time.

The fighting continues to disrupt business and markets in Israel. A recent report by The New York Times said that about 360,000 Israeli reservists have left their jobs to join the war. This is a big blow to Israel. The technology industry in Israel has experienced a sudden decline. Also, the activity of Israel's Tamar gas field has been stopped due to concerns about Hamas attacks.

The continuation of war and insecurity will lead to the intensification of migration from the occupied territories.

Head of the Israeli settlement of Margalioth, in the north of the occupied territories, Eitan Davidi, has said if Israel does not change the situation, not a single person will be ready to live in the settlements.

Professor Yuval Noah Harari, a famous Israeli author and historian wrote in an article that for many years Israel has been governed by a populist strongman, Benjamin Netanyahu, who is a public-relations genius but an incompetent prime minister. He has repeatedly preferred his personal interests over the national interests, and has built his career on dividing the nation against itself. He has appointed people to key positions based on loyalty rather than qualifications, taken credit for every success while never taking responsibility for failures, and seemed to give little importance to either telling or hearing the truth.

Criticisms against Netanyahu and his policies come at a time when this regime is in a state of war, and as the flames of war subside, more voices against him will be heard from the occupied territories because people have found that he is not a savior, but the destroyer of Israel.

Ehud Olmert, the former prime minister of Israel, also said, "Netanyahu is history, he's done". Currently, he is officially serving as the prime minister, but there is very little time left until he leaves.

Tractor stunned by Shams Azar in Iranian top flight



MEHRAN NAZARZADEH/ISNA

Sports Desk

Newly-promoted Shams Azar celebrated a first victory of the Persian Gulf Pro League season, walking away with a shock 3-2 win against Tractor in Tabriz. Pouria Sarabadani gave the visiting side a surprise lead from the spot 17 minutes into game before Mohammadreza Rezaei double the advantage in the 33rd minute. Amir-Mohammad Nesaee headed home Shams Azar's third from close range two minutes after break. New signing Mehdi Abdi pulled one back for the home side with a 70-minute penalty and Ricardo Alvez's long-range effort reduced the deficit to one with eight minutes left on the clock, but it still proved too little too late as Tractor's run of four successive victories came to an end. Shams Azar is above bottom side Esteghlal Khuzestan with four points, while Tractor is third with 12 - three points adrift of Persepolis and Esteghlal. Elsewhere on Saturday, Iraqi defender Muntadher Mohammed scored a late winner to lead Mes Rafsanjan to a 2-1 win at Zob Ahan.

Taraneh Ahmadi an unlikely source of joy for Iranian sport in Hangzhou



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The decision to send full-strength volleyball and wrestling teams to the recently-finished Hangzhou Asian Games indicated Iran's determination to go all out for the top podiums in China.

The Iranian freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestlers - winner of five golds in the Games - stepped into the competitions less than a fortnight after the World Championships concluded in Belgrade, while the volleyball gold-winning run came at a cost for the country as the exhausting trip to Rio de Janeiro right after the final was followed by disappointing results at the Olympic Qualification Tournament.

The final outcome of the Games, however, did not quite turn out to be what the Iranian Sport Ministry and the National Olympic Committee (NOC) had longed for prior to the event.

The tally of 13 gold

medals across the 15 days was seven short of what the Iranians achieved in in Jakarta-Palembang 2018 - the lowest for the country since the 11-gold mark in Doha 2006.

Following below-par campaigns in certain competitions - namely football, basketball, shooting, weightlifting, and karate - the Iranian sporting apparatus may now have to pin hopes on other sports for the future events after finding glory in some unlikely sources.

While the table tennis squad ended a decades-long drought in the Games for the country with a brace of precious bronzes, there were first-ever medals in chess (gold), artistic gymnastics (silver) and mountain cycling (bronze).

Taraneh Ahmadi and Romina Sarlak were also among Iran's unheralded heroes in

Hangzhou as the former grabbed a roller skating medal - a women's inline speed slalom silver - with the latter shattering the world record of the category, clocking 4.254 seconds,



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in the preliminary round despite eventually leaving China empty-handed.

Ahmadi, however, feels lucky to have been a part of the Iranian delegation in the first place, as she was granted a berth by the National Olympic Committee only a couple of weeks before the event.

"I had a poor run at the Italian Open in June, which was the reason my name was omitted from the list of the Iranian athletes for the Asian Games," the 21-year-old girl told Iran Daily, adding: "I wouldn't have participated at the event, had it not been for my coach Ehsan Habibabadi's persistence in convincing the NOC to send me to Hangzhou."

"I vowed to return with a medal. I felt like a soldier for my country rather than an athlete at the Games village, which is why I worked my socks off to succeed," added the Iranian, who came short against Liu Chiao-hsi of the Chinese Taipei in the final showdown.

"I had competed with some of my Hangzhou opponents in a tournament in France months ago and had some decent results there, winning a team silver. I was in my best form for the Asian Games but the level of competition was truly different," said Ahmadi, also a gold medalist at the 2017 World Roller Games in Nanjing, China, who believes

the results in recent years have drawn worldwide admiration for the Iranian roller skaters.

"Everyone now thinks highly of the Iranian roller skating, which was not the case before the Asian Championships in 2016, where we won a gold and two bronzes. Our boys registered brilliant results in the time-trial chart of an international tournament in Spain - contested by some of the best in the world. All of our opponents wanted to know if we would take part at the Asian Games, which shows the high status that the Iranians possess in the sport," said Ahmadi, who hopes her success in Hangzhou will bring more atten-

tion to roller skating in the country.

The Iranian girl has come a long way to become a medalist for her home land in the greatest sporting showpiece in the continent.

"My parents were not really into sports. They bought me a piano when I was a little girl because they wanted to see their daughter become a prominent musician. But I like my skating shoes more than my piano. I used to go to a park in my childhood neighborhood in Isfahan to train roller skating, before I eventually turned pro when I was 11," Ahmadi said.

"My father is now proud of what I've achieved throughout my career. He is my biggest fan."

'England's greatest ever player': Tributes pour in for Sir Bobby Charlton

BBC - The world of football has united in tribute to Manchester United and England legend Sir Bobby Charlton, who died at the age of 86 on Saturday. Charlton, who "passed peacefully in the early hours of the morning" after being diagnosed with dementia in 2020, lifted three league titles, an FA Cup and a European Cup in a distinguished 17-year career at Old Trafford.

He also scored 49 goals in 106 appearances for the Three Lions, famously helping them win the World Cup in 1966.

"For me, [he is] England's greatest ever player," former England striker Gary Lineker told BBC Radio 5 Live.

"You can only judge players that you have seen in your lifetime and I was lucky enough to see him play when I was a young boy. He was one of my heroes, one of many people's heroes. "He was unique. Wherever

you go in the world, even if they didn't speak the language, they knew two words - Bobby Charlton." Part of Manchester United's so-called 'Holy Trinity' alongside club legends Denis Law and George Best, Charlton scored twice in a famous 4-1 extra-time win against Benfica in the 1968 European Cup final as Sir Matt Busby's team became the continent's first English champions.

He was England's record goalscorer until 2015, when Wayne Rooney surpassed the Ashington-born attacking midfielder's tally of 49.

"When you read about everything he has done in the game, how many trophies he has won, appearances he has made and goals he has scored, he could have been excused for having a little bit of arrogance about him," said former Newcastle and England striker Alan Shearer. England manager Gareth Southgate also paid a heartfelt tribute to Charl-



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ton and said: "The privilege of meeting him on several occasions allowed me to understand his personal pride and emotion

in having represented England, and simply confirmed in my mind his standing as one of the gentlemen of the game."

"The world of football will unite in sadness at losing an undisputed legend." Charlton survived the Munich air disaster in 1958

which tragically claimed the lives of 23 people, including eight of his United team-mates.

"Sir Bobby was the reason I had the opportunity to play for Manchester United," said David Beckham, who made his first-team debut for the club aged 17 after attending Charlton's soccer school. "I owe everything to Sir Bobby."

Manchester United record goalscorer Rooney, who took charge of his first game as Birmingham City manager at Middlesbrough on Saturday, said: "I'm still in shock. Coming out at half-time for the second half, we heard the news. "Winning the World Cup in '66 and the European Cup in '68 after what he'd been through with the Munich disaster - he's had a great life. He's a great, an absolute legend of the game."

"He's an iconic figure around the world," added Middlesbrough boss Michael Carrick, who spent 12 years at Old Trafford as a player.

"I was lucky enough to get to know him and feel his support and feel what Manchester United meant to him. It was a position I never took for granted."

"A huge loss for his family and for the Manchester United family and for English football, European football," said Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola, adding: "A big legend. On behalf of Manchester City our condolences to his family, Manchester United and for everyone because we have the Premier League that we have because of these type of people."

Geoff Hurst, now the only surviving member of Alf Ramsey's World Cup-winning side who scored a hat-trick in the 1966 final, took to X to pay tribute to his former team-mate, writing: "Very sad news today. We will never forget him & nor will all of football. A great colleague and friend. He will be sorely missed by all of the country beyond sport alone."

Iran loses one billion cubic meters of renewable water annually

Social Desk

Iran's renewable water resources are decreasing by approximately one billion cubic meters due to climate change, announced the spokesperson of the country's water industry.

"This pressing issue calls for the strict implementation of drought adaptation programs," said Firouz Qasemzadeh, according to Tasnim News Agency.

The spokesperson gave the statistics during the 13 International Congress on Civil Engineering.

"Statistical studies indicate that climate change and global warming result in a decrease in renewable water sources across countries," he said.

Qasemzadeh specifically noted Iran's conditions, and called for actions to mitigate the consequences of climate change and combat excessive water consumption.

During his panel on climate change and the country's water management and engineering strategies, Qasemzadeh referenced findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which suggest that each degree of global warming will lead to a minimum 20 percent reduction in access to renewable water sources for an additional seven percent of the global population.

He further emphasized that global warming will restrict access to water



resources worldwide.

"Given that Iran experiences an average temperature increase of 0.5 degrees Celsius every decade, this temperature rise alone will result in a reduction of approximately one billion cubic meters of available water resources within the country," he said.

Qasemzadeh warned that if this trend continues, coupled with the current consumption patterns in Iran, various sectors will face severe limitations.

"Failing to implement operational plans to adapt to the changing climate will only increase the pressures on water supply systems," he said, adding,

"Moreover, the continuous population growth, alongside infrastructure deterioration and insufficient investment for improvement, can further exacerbate water tensions."

Conservation tactics

Renewable water resources refer to the naturally replenished water sources, such as rivers, lakes, and groundwater that can be sustainably used without depleting their overall availability. To take care of these resources, it is crucial to adopt various practices and strategies.

First off, we need to apply measures in

terms of conservation and efficiency. It would be ideal to implement water conservation measures in households, industries, and agriculture to reduce wastage. This can include using water-efficient appliances, fixing leaks promptly, and adopting irrigation techniques that minimize water loss.

Then, watershed management comes into play. Protecting and managing the health of watersheds is vital. Watershed management involves preserving forests, wetlands, and other natural areas that help regulate water flow and maintain water quality. This can be achieved through land-use planning, reforesta-

tion efforts, and sustainable agricultural practices.

Another measure that could be taken is to harvest rainwater. We need to collect and store rainwater for various purposes, such as irrigation. Rainwater harvesting systems can range from simple rain barrels to more complex systems that capture and store runoff from rooftops.

Then, we need groundwater management. With proper management of groundwater resources, as they often serve as a primary source of freshwater, we can mitigate the effects of climate change. This involves monitoring and regulating groundwater extraction to prevent over-pumping and depletion.

Other measures include pollution prevention and climate change adaptation. The latter is recognizing the impacts of climate change on water resources and develop strategies for adaptation. This may involve implementing water-efficient technologies, diversifying water sources, and enhancing storage and distribution infrastructure.

Taking care of renewable water resources is imperative for our country, and requires a collective effort from individuals, communities, governments, and industries. Through implementing these measures and adopting sustainable practices, we can ensure the long-term availability and quality of these essential resources.

'Vietnam Coffee Night' symbolizes cultural exchange



By Zohreh Qanadi
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A taste of Vietnam coffee was the theme of a gathering at the Vietnamese Embassy in Tehran on Friday night, aiming to foster bonds of friendship between the two nations.

On the occasion of National Women's Day in Vietnam – Oct. 20 – and on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Iran and Vietnam, the embassy organized "Vietnam Coffee Night" to celebrate the friendship and cultural exchange between the two nations. A delightful Iranian dinner, combined with the captivating culture of Vietnamese coffee,



with its pleasant aromas, rich flavors, and unique brewing techniques symbolized the cultural exchange between the two peoples.

In cooperation with the Iran-Vietnam Friendship Association and HTS Film Production, the embassy organized "Vietnam Coffee Night," where the documentary film, "Growth," directed by Vahid Alvandifar, was screened. The film is the story of the growth of coffee: A tale that travels from Yemen to Ethiopia and other parts of the world, showing it as more than just a beverage, but a symbol of friendship among nations.

Known for its motto of 'Independence, Freedom, and Happiness,' Vietnam stands as the second-largest producer of Robusta coffee beans globally, following Brazil.

And in Iran, although it was known as a symbol of Western culture at the beginning of the Islamic Revolution, coffee found its true place years later. The history of coffeehouses in the country dates back to the beginning of the 17th century, a time when coffee was more popular than tea. It was even known by Iranian scientists Razi (865-925 CE), and Avicenna (980-1037 CE).

Exploring trade opportunities

The Friday event, which brought to-



gether representatives and coffee traders from both sides, was hosted by Ambassador Luong Quoc Huy.

In his welcoming speech, the ambassador introduced the audience to Vietnam's coffee culture and expressed his delight at Iranians' interest in Vietnamese coffee. He also mentioned that in the first six months of 2023, coffee imports from Vietnam to Iran were worth approximately \$21 million. Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee exporter, following Brazil.

Referring to trade statistics mentioned by the envoy, the head of the Iran-Vietnam Friendship Association, Kamal Sajjadi, also saw Vietnam as the potential major coffee bean exporter to Iran. Promoting the coffee trade between



Vietnam's Ambassador in Tehran Luong Quoc Huy delivers a speech at "Vietnam Coffee Night," held in Tehran on October 20, 2023, on the occasion of Vietnamese Women's Day, to celebrate cultural exchanges with Iran.
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the two countries, he expressed the friendship association's support of this field.

Sajjadi also elaborated on the activities of the Iran-Vietnam Friendship Association that was established 20 years ago.

The proposition of the sisterhood between the capitals, Hanoi and Tehran, as well as Thailand's Can Tho city and Amol in Iran's Mazandaran Province has been among the association's cultural activities.

Honoring Vietnamese women

The ceremony coincided with the celebration of Vietnamese Women's Day. Ambassador Quoc Huy extended his appreciation for the Vietnamese wom-

en in attendance at Coffee Night by presenting them with flowers, symbolizing the gratitude of the entire nation. An old Vietnamese saying, "When the enemy is at the gate, the woman goes out fighting," shows that the role of women in Vietnam has long been linked to the struggle for independence, the first element of the motto of "Independence, Freedom, and Happiness".

On October 20, 1930, Vietnamese women, supported by the Communist Party of Vietnam, united against imperialism and formed an organization that was later known as the Vietnam Women's Union. Since then, Vietnam celebrates this day to honor the organization and Vietnamese women.

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Hepatitis infection in Iran down from 5 to 1%

IRNA – According to the head of the Iranian Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, hepatitis infection rates in Iran have significantly decreased, almost eradicating the disease throughout the country. The Association highlighted that infection rates have dropped from five percent to one

percent, with over 40 million Iranians having received the hepatitis vaccine. In fact, many cities in Iran currently report no cases of hepatitis infection. This achievement is attributed to improved access to effective medications for treating hepatitis B and C, resulting in the lowest infection levels in the country.

Iran dispatches 4th humanitarian aid to quake-hit Afghanistan

MEHR – In response to a series of devastating earthquakes in neighboring Afghanistan, Iran has sent its fourth consignment of humanitarian aid to the affected areas. Hadi Ramezani, the head of the Iranian Red Crescent Society in Taybad, announced that a 40-ton shipment was dispatched from the Dowqarun border. The aid, which includes essential items such

as food, blankets, and carpets, was collected by the residents of Taybad. It will be distributed among the Afghan people in the Zinda Jan district of Herat. Ramezani further mentioned that Iran has already sent three previous consignments, totaling over 690 tons of donated goods, to assist those affected by the earthquakes.

Tehran hosts exhibition on Palestine



IRNA - A selection of works by world Islamic artists with a focus on Palestine was held at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in Tehran on October 22.

The exhibition, featuring a curated collection of artworks by Iranian and Arab painters, was held as a side event to a major gathering of artists in support of the oppressed people of Palestine.

The opening ceremony was attended by Iran's Deputy Culture Minister for Arts Affairs Mahmoud Salari, Director-General of Visual Arts at the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, and Acting Director of the Museum of Contemporary Arts Tehran.

The one-day exhibition showcased around 50 pieces from the treasure trove of the Museum of Contemporary Arts Tehran and the artistic community, with a central theme of resistance and occupied Palestine.

Iran's film to be screened in American festival

ILNA - The short documentary film 'The Beating Heart of the Middle East,' directed and produced by Rama Nami, is scheduled to have its international debut at the fourth Inner City Short Film Festival in the United States.

In the 18-minute documentary, Nami's research and visual storytelling portray various facets of Dubai.

The film's poster was designed by Bahareh Sabaghi.

This festival, focusing on topics related to urban life and city culture, will take place on November 4 in Los Angeles, the United States.

The Inner City Short Film Festival is all about storytelling and the documentation, exhibition, collection, preservation and study of the stories not only the filmmakers will share, but every awardee, presenter, viewer and participant will share.



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Unparalleled fashion, architecture in the world

Iranian ethnic groups' attire influenced by architecture



The picture shows the press conference of the first International Festival of Fashion and Architecture held in Tehran on October 22, 2023. **IRNA**



By **Sadeq Dehqan**
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The authenticity and diversity of Iranian fashion and architectural patterns around the world are unique, said a fashion and architecture designer.

Mehran Aryaei-nia underlined the influence of various Iranian ethnic clothing on the nation's rich architectural heritage, creat-

ing a remarkable combination of designs and patterns that cannot be found elsewhere.

The organizer of the first International Festival of Fashion and Architecture, Aryaei-nia, told Iran Daily.

He pointed out how, globally, fashion and architecture have great influence on each other. This combination is particularly evident in the attire of different Iranian ethnic groups, where elements of ancient architecture,

such as those from the Achaemenid period and Persepolis, can be seen, for example, in Bakhtiari tribal clothes.

Aryaei-nia further emphasized that while numerous examples of this combination exist, there has been limited attention to exploring the connection between Iranian ethnic attire and architecture.

"Hence, we came up with the idea that the first-ever International Festival of Fashion and

Architecture will be held in Iran and the world. This festival will shed light on this unique intersection, showcasing the most talented designers," the artist noted.

Aryaei-nia noted that the festival's call for entries has been open for nearly a month at both the national and international levels. Designers from 11 different countries have already announced their participation in this upcoming event, scheduled for early spring next year.

He stressed that designers have been granted significant creative freedom to present their designs. Consequently, the jury panel will award the best and most beautiful designs. Particularly, creations that best showcase the mixture of fashion and architecture will receive additional recognition.

Marjan Delkha, an international fashion and clothing designer and one of the jury members of the first International Festival of Fashion and Architecture, explained the festival's objective to display Iran's rich culture in the fields of fashion and architecture.

Delkha noted that fashion and clothing worldwide are being influenced by both local and international cultures.

She added that there has been a lack of effective display of Iranian designs, even within the

country. Consequently, Iranian society has been heavily influenced by Western clothing, even in remote regions and small towns.

Considering Iran's historical wealth in the arts of fashion and architecture, the country has the potential to become a global reference point in these fields, she explained.

Delkha noted that designers worldwide are increasingly incorporating Iranian ethnic attire into their designs and proudly attributing them to Iranian culture.

Hassan Zamini, the secretary of the festival's Photography Section, emphasized the potential of using various historical periods of Iranian clothing as inspiration for contemporary fashion.

He stressed that numerous beautiful ethnic clothing designs are available, but they haven't been thoroughly explored and integrated into new design work.

Zamini further called for preserving and promoting authentic Iranian architectural patterns. He expressed concern that contemporary Iranian architecture often does not comply with the nation's cultural heritage, so that we see the use of Roman and composite facades instead of the exquisite beauty of Iranian tilework and brickwork, which could enhance the authenticity of Iranian buildings.



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Historical trench unearthed in Denizli's Tripolis

Researchers discovered a 200-meter-long trench, which has been determined to be dug by the Greek soldiers during the period of the Turkish War of Independence, at the excavation studies in the ancient city of Tripolis in the southwestern province of Denizli.

Situated atop a commanding hill within the ancient city, this zigzag-shaped trench boasts a width of 1-1.5 meters and had 104 meters of its length unveiled for closer examination. Researchers estimated that this trench was utilized by the Greek forces, who advanced from the Alaşehir district of Manisa on July 5, 1920, to occupy the villages under the jurisdiction of Denizli's Buldan district, only to later retreat from the region due to the Great Offensive, which resulted in Turkish victory, hurriyetdailynews.com reported.

Detailed scrutiny of the trench revealed an array of artifacts, including bullet casings, rifle fragments, as well as canned

sardines and beef imported from Portugal and Uruguay. Notably, at the center of the trench, researchers unearthed a rectangular, stone-constructed barracks measuring approximately 21 square meters.

This structure is believed to have served as a shelter for those who manned the trench, with the capacity to house approximately eight to 10 individuals and was ingeniously positioned behind the trench's defensive lines, ensuring both tactical cover and proximity.

"Indeed, these findings offer a tangible connection to the historical events that unfolded in Denizli between 1920 and 1922. While there exists a substantial body of written records pertaining to this era, these archaeological excavations yield invaluable material evidence. Moreover, the timing of this discovery coincides with the exuberant celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Turkish Republic, making this archaeological dig even more momentous," he added.



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