

# Djokovic says young rivals have awoken his inner 'beast'



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REUTERS – Novak Djokovic turns 37 next year but the Serbian says his appetite for success will only increase with young challengers awakening the "beast" in him. The world number one enjoyed an extraordinary 2023 by winning three out of the four Grand Slams to take his tally to 24, two more than his great rival Rafa Nadal and four more than the retired Roger Federer. Djokovic did not have it all his own way, however, with 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz denying him a fifth-straight Wimbledon crown in a thrilling final and 22-year-old Jan-nik Sinner dashing his hopes of Davis Cup glory. "The young guys who are very hungry and very inspired to play their best tennis against me is an additional motivation," Djokovic said on CBS News program "60 Minutes". "I think they kind of awaken a beast in me." Djokovic beat Alcaraz in three of their four meetings this year - including the French Open semi-finals where the Spaniard suffered full-body cramps - but the Serb said his young rival had become a real threat. "He's as a complete of a player as I have seen in ages," Djokovic said, adding that he used his defeat in the Wimbledon final as motivation for the U.S. hardcourt swing, where he won at Cincinnati and Flushing Meadows. "It's a great opportunity for me to reinvent myself and really push harder than I ever did."

# Injured Azmoun to be out for up to three weeks

### Sports Desk

AS Roma striker Sardar Azmoun will be ruled out of action for two to three weeks after sustaining a calf injury during Sunday's 1-1 home draw against Fiorentina in Serie A, according to Sky Sport Italia. The Iranian international came off the bench with 25 minutes into the game to replace injured Argentine Paulo Dybala but had to make way for Stephan El Shaarawy on the hour mark. Roma got off to a flying start at the Stadio Olimpico Tour, taking the lead through Romelu Lukaku's fifth-minute header, only to see the Belgian's strike canceled out by Lucas Martínez Quarta in the 66th minute, two minutes after the Giallorossi's Nicola Zalewski had received his marching orders for a second bookable offence. José Mourinho's side had to finish the game with nine men after Lukaku was dismissed with three minutes left on the clock for a reckless challenge on Ivorian Michael Kouame. Azmoun's injury means the Iranian - on a season-long loan from Leverkusen - will miss the upcoming games against Cremonese in Coppa Italia, as well as massive league encounters with Bologna, Napoli, Juventus, and Atalanta. Sunday's stalemate left Roma



Roma striker Sardar Azmoun (R) challenges Fiorentina's Michael Kayode for the ball during a 1-1 draw in Serie A at the Stadio Olimpico Tour, Rome, Italy, on December 10, 2023. ALBERTO LINGRIA/XINHUA

fourth in the Italian top-flight table - equal on 25 points with fifth-place Bologna and four adrift of Milan. However, Azmoun will likely be back on the pitch in time to lead the line for the national team - alongside Porto frontman Mahdi Taremi - at the AFC Asian Cup, starting January 12 in Qatar, where the three-time champion

will be desperate to win a first title since 1976. Meanwhile, Persepolis midfielder Vahid Amiri is expected to miss the Asian Cup, according to several sources in the country, due to a groin problem. A member of the Iranian World Cup squads in 2018 and 2022, as well as the previous two Asian cups, Amiri, 35, was introduced as

a second-half substitute during a 1-1 draw at Istiklol FC in the AFC Champions League in early November - having been out for weeks with a hamstring injury - but was unlucky to leave the pitch before the final whistle with a torn groin, and will likely miss out on what would have been a final major tournament in the Iranian shirt for him.

**First Announcement**

## SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**Fars Six Cities Sanitation improvement Project**  
**Sector: sanitation**  
**Mode of Financing: Istisna'a**  
**Financing No.: IRN-0107**  
**Contract Title:**

**Lot1: Remaining Works of Procurement, Construction, Test and Commissioning of Trunk Main, Laterals & Interceptors of Zones C and D of Darab Wastewater Project**  
**Lot2: Remaining Works of Procurement, Construction, Test and Commissioning of Laterals & Interceptors of Zones E and I and L of Darab Wastewater Project**  
**NCB Reference No.: DA-SL1 & DA-SL2**

1 Fars Water and Wastewater Company has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the Fars Six Cities Sanitation improvement Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Remaining Works of Trunk Mains, Interceptors and Laterals of Darab Wastewater Collection Network.  
2 Fars Water and Wastewater Company now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for:  
**LOT1:**  
Procurement and construction of about 49 Km of wastewater collection network with diameters of 200 to 800 mm in form of trench and tunnel; Procurement and construction of about 720 m3 brick and concrete manholes; Procurement and construction of about 4000 house connections with diameters of 125 and 160 mm.  
**LOT2:**  
Procurement and construction of about 74 Km of wastewater collection network with diameters of 200 to 700 mm in form of trench and tunnel; Procurement and construction of about 900 m3 brick and concrete manholes; Procurement and construction of about 4000 house connections with diameters of 125 and 160 mm.  
3 Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures (Post-qualification Method) as specified in IsDB's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and related services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing 2019](#) ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.18 -21 setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.  
4 Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Fars Water and Wastewater Company, and email to [pmu.abfafars2023@gmail.com](mailto:pmu.abfafars2023@gmail.com) (PMU Unit) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 08:00 to 14:00 at the address given below for clarification purposes.  
5 A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable

**گهی فراخوان مناقصه**

**جمهوری اسلامی ایران**  
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**بخش: فاضلاب**  
**نحوه تأمین مالی: استصناع**  
**شماره تأمین مالی: IRN-0107**  
**عنوان قرارداد:**

**لات 1: باقیمانده کارهای تدارکات، ساخت، آزمایش و راه اندازی «خط انتقال و خطوط اصلی و فرعی زونهای C و D شبکه جمع آوری فاضلاب داراب»**  
**لات 2: باقیمانده کارهای تدارکات، ساخت، آزمایش و راه اندازی «خط انتقال و خطوط اصلی و فرعی زونهای E و I و L شبکه جمع آوری فاضلاب داراب»**  
**شماره مرجع مناقصه ملی: DA-SL1 & DA-SL2**

1 شرکت آب و فاضلاب فارس از بانک توسعه اسلامی (IsDB) بابت هزینه بهسازی بهداشت شش شهر استان فارس تسهیلاتی دریافت کرده است و قصد دارد بخشی از آن را صرف پرداخت های قرارداد باقیمانده کارهای «خط انتقال و خطوط اصلی و فرعی شبکه جمع آوری فاضلاب داراب» نماید.  
2 شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس اکنون از مناقصه گران واجد شرایط دعوت می نماید پیشنهادات مهر و موم شده خود را برای:  
**لات 1: تدارکات و ساخت 49 کیلومتر شبکه فاضلاب با قطر لوله 200 تا 800 میلی متر به شکل ترانشه و تونل، تدارکات و ساخت 720 متر مکعب منول بتونی و آجری، تدارکات و ساخت حدود 900 منشعب خانگی با قطر لوله 125 و 160 میلی متر**  
**لات 2: تدارکات و ساخت 74 کیلومتر شبکه فاضلاب با قطر لوله 200 تا 700 میلی متر به شکل ترانشه و تونل، تدارکات و ساخت 900 متر مکعب منول بتونی و آجری، تدارکات و ساخت حدود 4000 منشعب خانگی با قطر 125 و 160 میلی متر، را به آدرس ذیل ارسال نمایند.**  
3 پیشنهادات از طریق روش مناقصه رقابتی ملی (داخلی) (NCB) و به صورت پسا ارزیابی، همانطور که در دستورالعمل تدارکات کالا، کارها و خدمات مربوطه تحت تأمین مالی بانک توسعه اسلامی (نسخه آوریل 2019) مشخص شده است انجام خواهد شد. و برای کلیه پیشنهادات دهندگان واجد شرایط که در دستورالعمل تدارکات مذکور تعریف شده اند، آزاد می باشد. علاوه بر این، لطفاً به پاراگراف های 18، 19 تا 21 سیاست IsDB را در مورد تضاد منافع از آنده می دهد، مراجعه شود.  
4 مناقصه گران واجد شرایط می توانند در ساعات اداری 08:00 الی 14:00 استناد مناقصه را از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس به آدرس زیر تهیه و بررسی کنند. همچنین، مناقصه گران می توانند جهت کسب اطلاعات بیشتر به آدرس زیر مراجعه یا از طریق ایمیل [pmu.abfafars2023@gmail.com](mailto:pmu.abfafars2023@gmail.com) و واحد مدیریت پروژه تماس بگیرند.  
5 مناقصه گران واجد شرایط علاقه مند می توانند یک مجموعه کامل از اسناد مناقصه به زبان انگلیسی با ارائه درخواست کتبی به آدرس زیر و با پرداخت هزینه غیر قابل استرداد ۲۵۰،۰۰۰،۰۰۰ ریال، خریداری نمایند. روش پرداخت واریز مستقیم به حساب شماره ۱۵۲۹۱۳۶۴۰۴ بانک شهر شعبه میدان معلم (کد ۴۴۰۰۰۸۰۳۷۱۳۳) خواهد بود. اسناد باید از شرکت آب و فاضلاب استان فارس (FWWC) خریداری شود.