

Persian stories being told during Iran-Bosnia friendship week



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Iran-Bosnia Children Friendship Week is underway with puppet shows narrating Iranian tales for children and adolescents in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The week-long event began on March 4 and will continue until March 8. Over the course of five days, four cultural centers will host Iranian artists,

offering diverse programs that explore cultural, historical, geographical aspects, as well as heroes, traditions of wrestling, and the life story of the martyr Saeed Toghiani. Puppet shows, narrating Iranian heroes' stories, introducing Iran's animation capabilities, familiarizing participants with Iranian songs, and showcasing traditional Iranian arts through workshops on making Iranian

dolls and block printing are among the scheduled activities for this week. The book 'Two Friends,' written by Mohsen Mashreqi and translated into Bosnian by Senka Bešlić, has also been introduced to Bosnian children and adolescents. Iranian artists will perform on March 4 at the Sarajevo Center for Culture and Youth of Center, March 5 at the Persian-Bosnian College campus, March

6 and 7 at the Novo Sarajevo International Center for Children and Youth, and March 8 at the Derviš Sušić Public and University Library, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Storytelling by Samira Khaanzadi, puppet shows written and directed by Morteza Asadi Maram, and featuring the performance of Marzieh Ebrahimi are some of the highlights of the week.

Iranian book named Thailand's best cultural, historical book of year

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In a recent announcement by the Ministry of Education of Thailand, the book 'The Persian Rose in the Land of Siam' has been named the best cultural and historical book of the year in Thailand. The book, compiled by Kusuma Raksamani based on historical sources, was first published in 2000 and, due to its outstanding popularity, has been reprinted for the second time this year by the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre with new graphic illustrations, IRNA reported.

The center, affiliated with Princess Mahachakri, the daughter of King Rama IX and sister of the current king, actively engages in various cultural activities, particularly supporting the publication of valuable books. Given the significant research and valuable content of 'The Persian Rose in the Land of Siam' the institute has taken a keen interest in the book and supported its reprinting. Moreover, the book was among the top books of 2023 in the documentary category, showcasing the meticulous research conducted by the author on historical sources to establish its credibility as a reliable source in this field. Structured into four



main sections, the book explores the influence of Iranian culture, literature, and art in ancient Siamese society (old Thailand). It serves as a valid source addressing each topic, delving into the roots and presenting historical sources to substantiate its claims and effects. The book covers diverse topics such as the impact of Iranian culture on clothing, food, and cuisine, as well as Iranian literature's integration into Siamese culture. With a total of 300 pages, the book is available for purchase in Thai electronic stores and libraries, reflecting its popularity and widespread availability.

PICS OF THE DAY



Ambassadors from various countries participating in the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) summit explore Iran's historic Zarch Qanat in Yazd Province, on March 6, 2024. With a history dating back over a millennium, this Qanat spans 71 kilometers, making it the world's longest.

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Tehran, Dushanbe agree on joint medicine production

The health ministers of Iran and Tajikistan discussed bilateral cooperation in the health sector to manufacture medicines. Iranian Health Minister Bahram Einollahi met his Tajikistani counterpart, Abdullozoda Jamoliddin Abdullo, on the sidelines of the first international conference on family health in Tehran on Tuesday, IRNA wrote. During the meeting, Einollahi said a new chapter has opened

in cooperation with Tajikistan, stressing the importance of forming a joint working group for pursuing bilateral ties in the area of health and other fields. Exchanging students and professors, holding scientific conferences, and working on research projects will help promote cooperation, he underlined. He also said the Islamic Republic is ready to export medical equipment to Tajikistan, joint-

ly manufacture medicine, and exchange medical experiences with the Persian-speaking country. For his part, the Tajik minister expressed appreciation for Iran's efforts to hold such an international medical conference. Tehran hosted the first international conference on family health with the participation of health ministers from various countries on March 5 for two days.

Iran confirms release of Hirmand water towards its borders



Social Desk

The Director-General of the Department of Environment in Sistan and Baluchestan, Mohammadreza

Alimoradi, affirmed the release of water from the Hirmand (Helmand) River towards Iran, stating that it is not based on the Iran-Afghanistan water treaty. Instead, the agreement involves opening the gates of the Kamal Khan Dam to redirect water from the Godzareh Desert towards Iran. Tasnim news agency has reported that the rise in rainfall within the Hirmand River's catchment area, coupled with the

filling of the Kamal Khan Dam, has led to the release of water into Iran. A viral video on social media from last night reveals the released water reaching Jarikeh Dam at the Iran-Afghanistan border. Alimoradi confirmed the video's authenticity, noting that "This release started last night [Tuesday], and in the coming days, it will continue due to increased rainfall in Afghanistan." Responding to whether this water would flow towards the Hamoun wetlands, the official emphasized that, for now, it won't and clarified that the water would be utilized for drinking water resources.