



Art of architecture added to Fajr festivals: *Minister*

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Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance announced the inclusion of architecture in the Fajr festivals, making it a biennial event as of this year. During a meeting with members of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance's Architecture Council on Monday, Mohammad-Mehdi Esmaili highlighted the significance of architecture in cultural events, IRNA reported. He stated that the National Document of Architecture and Urbanism has been referred to the Art Council

and is ready for presentation at the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution. Esmaili emphasized the collaboration with the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development and the Supreme Council of Urban Planning to advance discussions on architecture. He noted that the Tourism Ministry, along with cooperation from various cultural sectors including broadcasting, will play a pivotal role in this initiative. He underscored the need to

highlight historical classifications and contemporary differences in architecture, particularly between Safavid, Ilkhanid, and Seljuk periods. Esmaili added that contemporary lifestyle is significantly influenced by architectural styles, emphasizing the need for architectural aesthetics to align with cultural values. The minister concluded by address-

ing the detachment of architecture from Iran's artistic sphere and stressed the importance of reintegrating it into the field of art.

Iran, Malaysian university sign MoU



Iran and Sultan Idris Education University in Malaysia signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration in arts and culture. The Iranian cultural attaché, Habib-Reza Arzani, expressed satisfaction with UPSI's activities in the arts and offered Iran's cooperation in the global mosque art project, IRNA wrote. The MoU aims to facilitate cooperation in areas such as architectural arts and

the exchange of Iranian art professors. Additionally, on the occasion of Saadi Day, renowned Iranian poet, UPSI faculty members received Saadi's 'Golestan' book translated into Malay, and a memorial office for UPSI was inaugurated by Arzani. Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) is one of the top public universities in Tanjong Malim, Malaysia. It ranks 951-1000 in QS World University Rankings.

Iran's 'Standing with the Wolf' nominated for award at New Delhi festival

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The Iranian documentary 'Standing with the Wolf,' produced by Saeed Nabi, was nominated for an award at the Asia Environment and Wildlife Film Festival and Forum, known as CMS VATAVARAN, in Delhi, India, in 2024. Directed by Saeed Nabi and Maryam Khadivi, the film received previous nominations for the Golden Panda Award in China and the Golden Sun Award in Spain, ISNA wrote. 'Standing with the Wolf' is an environmental-social documentary that aired as part of the series "Solitude" on Iran's Channel One.

The CMS VATAVARAN International Festival, set for June in Delhi, India, is recognized as Asia's premier environmental festival. It focuses on sustainable development and offers a platform for exploring nature through cinema screenings in New Delhi. The festival's twelfth edition aims to showcase the best environmental films from around the world, highlighting stories of nature and addressing critical environmental and developmental challenges. Categories for awards at the festival include water conservation, environmental protection, wildlife conservation, climate change, adaptation and livelihood.

Despite the constant threats and setbacks, Jalali remains loyal to his mission of preserving the environment and protecting endangered species, particularly the wolf population. The film takes viewers on a rollercoaster ride as Jalali battles with hunters and poachers, using his experience and knowledge to outsmart them at every turn. But Jalali knows that education is the key to making a lasting impact, and he decides to take his cause to schools, inspiring the next generation to stand up for the environment. The documentary offers a poignant reflection on the power of education and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of



adversity. With stunning visuals and an emotive soundtrack, 'Standing with the Wolf' is an unforgettable tribute to a true environmental hero."

PICS OF THE DAY



Iranian daf (Persian frame drum musical instrument) players perform during '1000 Daf Ceremony' in Palangan, Kurdistan. The event drew a large crowd including locals, officials, and daf players from across the country.

