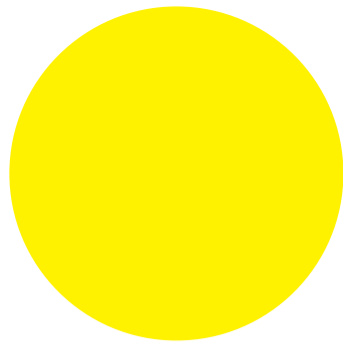


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### BRICS important role in new world order



The BRICS group possesses the necessary resources and political capacity

to conceptually redefine the United Nations' development goals post-2030, shifting from the failed policy of "sustainable development" to "responsible development." According to the International Monetary Fund's April 2024 estimates, the combined GDP of the 10 BRICS countries is 7% higher than that of the G7 nations.

With the clear trend of increasing economic power among BRICS countries, the political East, as a counterbalance to the historically dominant political West, is fully capable of advancing an agenda based on its values on the international stage. The concept of "responsible development" might replace the "failed sustainable development," emphasizing the maximum utilization of renewable resources, including intangible ones. Key aspects of responsible development include the increased share of intellectual (renewable) resources in production and consumption, such as artificial intelligence, information technology, nuclear energy, productivity enhancement technologies, and green agriculture.

Human resource capacity development, considered an infinite renewable resource for responsible development, is also emphasized. The promotion of non-material incentives such as education, science, culture, and volunteerism, recognized as social values of life, forms the concepts of responsible development while considering other civilizational features.

Given the characteristics of responsible development, this approach could become a common goal for societies and countries with diverse ideological and political perspectives. The current crisis in the unipolar world order necessitates the formation of new institutions and instruments for a new global order. Institutions like BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the Eurasian Economic Union can and should adopt innovative approaches in this arena. Politically, the establishment of a "political East" as an alternative to the existing "political West" is crucial. President Putin's recent visit to Beijing marks a significant step towards forming such a political East. Economically, BRICS countries currently play a vital role in developing transport, logistics, and financial infrastructure, food security, and access to energy resources. Complex issues like expanding mutual settlement systems and cooperation in developing technical regulations and standards are on the group's agenda.

BRICS countries may successfully shape innovative approaches in the global agenda, including within the United Nations framework. It is clear today that the UN's sustainable development goals for the 2015-2030 period will not be achieved, particularly regarding poverty, hunger, climate, and inequality in the Global South. These indicators are steadily worsening.

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Anti-Israel demonstrations across the United States have taken a new turn and are pushing forward with irresistible momentum after the occupying regime launched a merciless foray into the al-Nuseirat refugee camp in the central part of the Gaza Strip at the weekend.

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# De-dollarization of global trade favored by independent states: *Baqeri Kani*

## Iran's membership in BRICS 'lasting legacy' of Raisi

### Economic Desk

De-dollarization of global trade is the desire of all independent countries, said Iran's caretaker Foreign Minister Ali Baqeri Kani, delivering a speech at the BRICS Ministerial meeting in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod on Tuesday.

There is no independent and developing country that does not suffer from the monopoly and dominance of the dollar, the top diplomat underlined.

"The current infrastructure of the world economy is under the control of western powers in an alarming way, which have shown that they have turned the structures of the world economy into a weapon against competitors," Baqeri Kani said. Dependence of countries on US dollar for exchanges and reserves has caused the economy of many countries to fall in the control of the US, he warned, adding that if a solution is not found quickly, this will harm the economy of the countries. Establishing independent financial, banking and monetary mechanisms among the BRICS members, which are the largest energy producers and consumers among them, is a necessity to en-



sure the strategic and long-term interests of the members, he said. Emphasizing Tehran's readiness to present a resistance economy model, he said Iran announces that the time is ripe for BRICS and its allied countries to seriously study the practical model for financial, monetary and banking independence from mecha-

nisms based on the current unilateralism system. Upon his arrival at the Nizhny Novgorod-Strigino International Airport on Monday, Baqeri Kani said Iran's membership in BRICS is the lasting legacy of late Ebrahim Raisi and Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. Iran joined the BRICS group of

Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa as a full member in January 2024. On the sidelines of the event, the top diplomat also held meetings and talks with the foreign ministers of other countries, including Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Belarus, Saudi Arabia and Brazil. Meanwhile, Russian Deputy For-

ign Minister Sergey Ryabkov noted that Iran's membership in the BRICS New Development Bank will pave the way for the country's smooth accession to the structure of the bloc. The BRICS New Development Bank is a fruitful financial body that provides money through reasonable loans for infrastruc-

ture projects, Ryabkov told Iranian journalists present in the BRICS foreign ministerial meeting in Russia on Tuesday.

He said Iran and other countries that joined the BRICS bloc of emerging economies in January 2024 have made use of the current positive process of development and gained valuable experiences.

Meanwhile, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Tuesday urged the BRICS bloc of nations to take on greater responsibilities and establish itself as being inclusive to the world.

The politicization of economic issues had grown along with unilateral sanctions and technological barriers, Wang said at a BRICS foreign ministers' meeting, Reuters reported.

BRICS, which groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa and aims to counter Western dominance in the world order, has expanded by several more members after Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and Ethiopia joined at the start of this year.

Wang said the expanded BRICS should build the bloc into a new multilateral cooperation mechanism "driven by emerging markets and developing countries.

## BRICS important role ...

The latest UN Human Development Report highlights that climate conditions, the inequality crisis, and increasing political polarization have led to an unprecedented level of

complexity in human history. Moreover, the term "sustainable," implying balance, is incompatible with "development," which means moving away from balance. This highlights the importance of shifting global de-

velopment goals to "responsible development," where BRICS will play a significant role.

The 10th International Scientific-Expert Conference, Primakov Readings, held at the World Trade Center in Moscow from June 25 to 26, 2024, will focus on BRICS' role in shaping a new global economic architec-

ture, cooperation mechanisms among countries in Greater Eurasia, security in the Baltic region, the impact of contemporary crises on the future of European security, and the role of culture in international relations. Over the past decade, Primakov Readings has discussed global issues such as the risks

of returning to confrontation, post-globalization horizons, the emergence of Eurasia, the characteristics of the post-COVID world, and more. The West's flawed policy towards Russia results from a lack of understanding of the global changes in the balance of power in the 21st century. The main surprise

for our adversaries was the extraordinary resilience of the Russian economy. I can confidently say that no other economy in the world today, not even China's, could withstand such aggressive pressure. In these circumstances, Western experts seem increasingly out of touch with the realities of Russia.

## Iran imports over 12,000 passenger cars: *IRICA*

The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) said more than 12,000 brand-new passenger cars had been imported into the country since the beginning of the current Iranian year (March 20 to June 10, 2024). Providing the latest report on the status of import

of passenger cars into the country, Mohammad Rezvanifar said a total of 12,704 passenger cars had thus far been imported into the country's customs this year, as reported by Tasnim News Agency. He went on to say that 4,015 of the passenger cars had been cleared and imported into the customs

offices of the country. Rezvanifar put the value of the cars imported into the country at \$88 million. The deputy minister of Economic Affairs and Finance added that 11,122 passenger cars, valued at \$218 million, were imported into the country in the past Iranian year (March 21, 2023, to March 19, 2024).

## Gasoline imports underway under barter framework: *NIORDC*

Gasoline imports to Iran is underway under a barter framework, said the National Iranian Oil Refining and Distribution Company (NIORDC) Managing Director Jalil Salari. Speaking in a presser in Tehran on Tuesday, the deputy oil minister added that the unexpected increase in the consumption of gasoline across the country after COVID-19 era led to the stop in gasoline exports, Shana reported. During the epidemiological crisis in 2021, with the daily consumption of about

70 million liters and the production of about 93 million liters of gasoline, it was possible for Iran to export gasoline but with the increase of 20 million liters of consumption in post-pandemic era, it was not possible to export gasoline, he explained. Gasoline consumption in Iran is three times the world standard, Salari criticized, noting that if gasoline consumption is slashed by 10 percent, it will be possible to export, which will bring significant income to the country.



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# Qahan village, a spiritual oasis of sustainability



Nestled in the heart of Qom, a city in Qom Province renowned for its rich spiritual heritage and cultural significance, lies the captivating Qahan village. Often overshadowed by its more illustrious counterparts, this hidden gem beckons travelers to embark on a journey of discovery where ancient traditions intertwine with breathtaking natural landscapes, creating an enchanting and unforgettable experience.

## History and tradition

Qahan village is a tapestry woven from the threads of Iran's storied past, where history comes alive in every nook and cranny. As you wander through its quaint villages, a symphony of architectural wonders greets you, each one a testament to the ingenuity and artistry of generations past.

## Architectural marvels

Adorned with a unique blend of traditional Iranian architecture, the Qahan village showcase a harmonious fusion of mud-brick structures, intricate tilework, and elaborate carvings. From the imposing wind towers that once provided natural air conditioning to the ornate mosques and caravanserais dotting the landscape, each building narrates a story of the region's rich cultural tapestry.

## Living traditions

The heart of Qahan village beats with the rhythms of age-old traditions that have withstood the test of time. Witness the art of carpet weaving, a time-honored craft passed down through generations, with each knot representing a piece of the region's history. Moreover, locals take great pride in their culinary heritage, skillfully crafting dishes that tantalize the senses with an array of aromatic spices and flavors.

## A sanctuary of natural beauty

Beyond its cultural riches, Qahan village is a sanctuary of natural beauty where rugged landscapes and pristine environments offer a reprieve from the hustle and bustle of modern life. From the arid deserts stretching as far as the eye can see to the lush oases providing respite from the scorching sun, this region is a tapestry of contrasts that will leave you in awe.

## Desert landscapes

The desert landscapes of Qahan village are truly a sight to behold. Here, the earth showcases its raw power and beauty, with vast expanses of sand dunes that shift and undulate with the whims of the wind. Embark on a guided desert safari to witness the region's unique flora and fauna, from hardy vegetation clinging to life in harsh conditions to elusive desert animals that call this arid expanse home.

## Oasis retreats

Amidst the arid landscapes, hidden oases offer a welcome respite from the desert's intensity. These lush pockets of greenery, nourished by underground aquifers and natural springs, provide havens of tranquility where you can relax under the shade of swaying palm trees and immerse yourself in the soothing sounds of trickling water. Explore these verdant retreats to rejuvenate, as they have long served as welcoming havens for weary travelers.

## Spiritual sanctuaries and religious heritage

Qahan village is deeply intertwined with Iran's rich religious heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into the profound spirituality that permeates every aspect of life in this region. From ancient shrines and holy sites to vibrant religious festivities, this district weaves a tapestry of faith and devotion that will leave you in awe.

## Sacred sites

The Qahan village house numerous sacred sites that hold deep significance for the region's devout inhabitants. Immerse yourself in the reverent atmosphere of ancient mosques, where intricate tilework and soaring minarets transport you back in time. Visit the revered shrines scattered across the landscape, each one a testament to the enduring faith of the local people.

## Religious festivities

Throughout the year, Qahan village buzzes with a myriad of religious festivities and celebrations. From the vibrant Muharram ceremonies, where passion plays and processions honor the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (PBUH), the third Imam of Shia Muslims, to the joyous Eid al-Fitr celebrations marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, these events provide a unique chance to immerse yourself in the region's rich spiritual tapestry.

## Embracing sustainable tourism

In recent years, Qahan village has embraced sustainable tourism initiatives, recognizing the importance of preserving its natural and cultural heritage for future generations. This commitment to responsible tourism ensures that visitors can explore the region's wonders without harming its delicate ecosystems or disrupting the traditional way of life.

## Eco-friendly accommodations

When planning your journey to Qahan village, you'll discover a growing number of eco-friendly accommodations that prioritize sustainability and minimizing environmental impact. From traditional mud-brick guesthouses blending seam-

lessly with the landscape to eco-lodges harnessing renewable energy sources, these accommodations offer a comfortable and responsible way to experience the region's hospitality.

## Responsible tourism practices

Local authorities and community organizations have implemented responsible tourism practices to ensure visitors can enjoy the region's attractions while respecting local customs and traditions. Guided tours led by knowledgeable locals provide insights into the region's history and culture while promoting sustainable practices that minimize environmental impact and support the local economy.

## A journey of self-discovery

Beyond the tangible wonders of Qahan village, a visit to this captivating region offers a profound opportunity for self-discovery. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of the desert landscapes, the serenity of the oases, and the reverence of the sacred sites, embarking on an introspective journey that transcends the physical realm.

## Disconnecting from modern world

In a world filled with the distractions of modern life, Qahan village offers a sanctuary to disconnect from the digital noise and reconnect with your inner self. Embrace the stillness of the desert, where only the whispers of the wind and the rhythmic footsteps of your journey accompany you. Let the simplicity of rural life remind you of the true essence of existence, free from the superficial trappings that often consume our daily lives.

## Embracing mindfulness

As you wander through ancient villages and sacred sites, allow the timeless wisdom of the region's spiritual traditions to guide you towards mindfulness and inner peace. Embrace the teachings of local mystics, who have mastered the art of living in harmony with nature and finding balance within themselves. Through meditation, contemplation, and immersion in the region's rich cultural tapestry, embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery. Qahan village is a hidden gem inviting travelers to explore its rich tapestry of history, tradition, and natural beauty. From the awe-inspiring desert landscapes and lush oases to the ancient architectural wonders and vibrant religious festivities, this captivating region offers a mosaic of experiences that will leave an indelible mark on your soul. Seize the opportunity to disconnect from the modern world and embark on a journey of self-discovery, guided by the timeless wisdom of the region's spiritual traditions towards mindfulness and inner peace.





# Reforming int'l system on BRICS agenda



## PERSPECTIVE EXCLUSIVE

At the conclusion of the first day of the BRICS member countries' summit in Nizhny Novgorod, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a 54-point statement. This statement covers a wide range of global issues, including regional and international developments and conflicts. Ali Bagheri, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran, and senior diplomats from other BRICS member countries attended the summit. According to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, they reviewed and approved a statement previously discussed by the group's Sherpas (special national representatives) over the preceding three days. One section of the statement expressed deep and sincere condolences from the BRICS foreign ministers to the people and government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the tragic passing of Ayatollah Raisi, President of Iran, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Foreign Minister, and other companions in an aviation accident. The first day of the summit commenced with diplomats paying tribute to the late President of Iran.

## Emphasis on respect, mutual understanding

Emphasis on Respect and Mutual Understanding  
The foreign/international relations ministers of the BRICS countries emphasized their commitment to

strengthening BRICS' strategic partnership across three main areas—political and security, economic and financial, and cultural and humanitarian relations. According to the

statement, senior BRICS diplomats reaffirmed their commitment to the group's approach of mutual respect, understanding, equality, solidarity, inclusiveness, and consensus.

Additionally, they welcomed the active participation of new members and guaranteed continued support for them in the BRICS cooperation mechanisms.

## BRICS, Ukraine crisis

The statement reiterated the national positions of BRICS members on the situation in Ukraine, as previously expressed in forums such as the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly. The members also supported proposals for mediation aimed at peacefully resolving the Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy.

## Concern over deteriorating situation in Palestine

The BRICS foreign ministers expressed deep concern about the worsening situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly the unprecedented violence in the Gaza Strip resulting from Israeli military operations, which have caused significant civilian casualties, displacement

of many Palestinians, and destruction of civilian infrastructure. The statement called for the effective implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions and UNSC Resolution 2720, and for the immediate, safe, and unimpeded delivery of essential humanitarian aid directly to

the Palestinian civilian population across the Gaza Strip. It also urged the effective implementation of UNSC Resolution 2728 for establishing a long-term and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate and unconditional release of all civilians forcibly taken captive.



## Condemnation of Israel

The BRICS foreign ministers voiced deep concern over the intensifying attacks by the Israeli regime on Rafah, which could lead to a severe humanitarian crisis. They condemned the Israeli military operations in Rafah and their direct impact on civilian life, particularly given the high density of the Palestinian civilian population in the area and the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Rafah border crossing from the Palestinian side. The ministers also reiterated their rejection of any attempts to displace or forcibly relocate Palestinians from their land and warned of the risk of spreading instability throughout the Middle East due to escalating tensions.



## Support for South Africa's complaint against Israel

The BRICS foreign ministers noted the provisional measures adopted by the International Court of Justice in proceedings initiated by South Africa against Israel and expressed serious concern over Israel's ongoing blatant disregard for international law, United Nations Charter, resolutions, and ICJ rulings. They also declared their support for full Palestinian membership in the United Nations and the establishment of a Palestinian state within the internationally recognized borders of June 1967.

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## Improving global governance

In their final statement from the June 10, 2024, summit, the BRICS foreign ministers reiterated their commitment to multilateralism, respect for international law, and the central role of the United Nations in the international system. They emphasized the importance of cooperation among sovereign nations to maintain international peace and security and promote cooperation based on solidarity, mutual respect, justice, and equality. Senior BRICS

diplomats also affirmed their commitment to enhancing and improving global governance by promoting a more accountable, effective, efficient, and adaptable international and multilateral system that is representative, legitimate, and democratic. They called for greater and more meaningful participation of developing and less-developed countries, particularly African nations, in global structures and decision-making processes.

## Support for comprehensive reforms in United Nations

The BRICS foreign ministers reiterated their support for comprehensive reforms of the United Nations, including the Security Council, to make it more democratic, effective, and efficient while increasing its representation from developing countries. From the BRICS perspective, these changes are necessary for the UN Security Council to adequately address current global challenges and support the legitimate aspirations of developing countries, including BRICS nations, to play a more significant role in international affairs.

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## Addressing international issues

Other sections of the final statement from the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting touched on international issues such as climate change, the need for developed countries to accelerate the trans-

fer of affordable climate technologies to developing countries, global health, ensuring food security and nutrition, and promoting agricultural development and women's issues.

## Support for non-discriminatory multilateral trade

The senior BRICS diplomats expressed their support for an open, transparent, fair, inclusive, equitable, and rules-based multilateral trading

system, centered on the World Trade Organization (WTO), to support countries, including the least developed nations.

## Preventing repetition of colonial exploitation

The BRICS foreign ministers emphasized that past injustices and the inhumane history of colonial exploitation, especially in mineral extraction from developing countries, should not be repeated. They called for these minerals to benefit the social and economic

well-being of the people and countries where they are found. They also agreed that countries with these minerals should participate in global value chains without discrimination and not be limited to supplying raw materials.

## Need for comprehensive reforms in global financial structure

The BRICS diplomats highlighted the need for comprehensive reforms in the global financial structure to enhance the voice and representation of developing countries in international financial institutions. They expressed support for a strong global financial safety net with a central role for a stable International Monetary Fund (IMF), based on a quota system with sufficient financial resources, and called for continued reform of IMF operations. They also emphasized the need to reform the principles and procedures of multilateral development banks to expand their lending capacities to better support developing countries in financing development needs and addressing climate change.

## Increase in use of national currencies among BRICS countries

The BRICS foreign ministers underscored the importance of expanding the use of national currencies in trade and financial exchanges among member countries. They referred to paragraph 45 of the Second Johannesburg Declaration, which tasked BRICS finance ministers and central bank governors with exploring the use of national currencies, payment tools, and platforms and reporting their findings to BRICS heads of state and government.

## Preventing terrorist uses of new technologies

The BRICS foreign ministers stressed the need to strengthen mechanisms to combat the increasing use of new and emerging technologies by terrorists and their supporters for recruitment and terrorist activities. They also emphasized the importance of efforts to accelerate the implementation of resolutions for establishing a nuclear-weapon-free and other weapons of mass destruction-free zones in the Middle East. Another key point was the full implementation of Resolution 1540, which is crucial for coun-

tries to adopt effective national measures to prevent weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems, and related materials from falling into the hands of non-state actors, including terrorists.

They also stated that addressing the global drug problem is a shared responsibility that must be pursued multilaterally through effective and strengthened international cooperation, requiring an integrated, multidisciplinary, mutually reinforcing, balanced, science-based,

and comprehensive approach. Additionally, the BRICS foreign ministers reiterated their support for ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities and preventing an arms race and the placement of weapons in outer space.

They expressed concern over the growing spread of misinformation and stressed the importance of ensuring the free flow of information, public access to accurate and fact-based information, protection of human rights and

fundamental freedoms, including freedom of opinion and expression, and promoting digital and media literacy based on national and international laws.

In the final clause of the statement, the BRICS members affirmed their support for strengthening multilateralism for fair global development and security as the group's theme during Russia's presidency in 2024 and confirmed Brazil's rotating presidency of BRICS in 2025.

## Summit details, future plans

Ali Bagheri, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and senior diplomats from Russia, China, Brazil, India, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates attended the first day of the summit in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, discussing cooperation within the BRICS framework and regional and global issues. According to images released on the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Telegram channel, the Saudi Foreign Minister also attended the summit.

On Tuesday, foreign ministers from countries interested in BRICS membership or cooperation will join their counterparts from the current 10 BRICS member countries to discuss this cooperation mechanism with developing nations. According to some news sources, in addition to the 10 BRICS member countries,

Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Cuba, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Venezuela, and Vietnam were also invited to the summit.

Sergei Ryabkov, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation and Sherpa (special national representative) for BRICS, stated that the event is being held with broad participation from non-BRICS partners. Pavel Knyazev, Russia's BRICS Sous-Sherpa, said that around 20 to 25 countries are expected to participate in the Nizhny Novgorod summit.

The Nizhny Novgorod summit, in addition to the main collective meeting, is expected to be a focal point for diplomatic consultations among the foreign ministers of BRICS member and partner countries, especially since several other countries, including Turkey and Thailand, have expressed their desire to join BRICS.

This summit presents an opportunity to discuss interaction, cooperation, and the future prospects of BRICS.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, whose country holds the rotating BRICS presidency in 2024, is expected to outline the achievements of these negotiations on Tuesday evening. He previously stated that around 30 countries are seeking membership or increased cooperation with BRICS.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on June 7 that BRICS has significant potential for new countries to join as members, and Russia welcomes and will support this expansion by all possible means.

Nizhny Novgorod, formerly known as Gorky, is a city in the European part of Russia, located 460 kilometers from Moscow. It is one

of Russia's oldest commercial and handicraft cities.

The BRICS group of emerging economies was established in 2006 at the St. Petersburg Economic Forum with the participation of the economy ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. South Africa joined the group in 2010. In January 2024, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates officially joined this alliance. The annual rotating presidency of BRICS was handed over to Russia on January 1, 2024. During this period, Moscow prioritized topics in three areas: politics and security, economic and financial issues, and cultural and humanitarian relations. More than 250 BRICS events are planned in over 10 Russian cities in 2024. The main event, the BRICS Summit, will be held in Kazan from October 22 to 24.





# Persepolis in limbo over future of the bench

## Sports Desk

Persian Gulf Pro League champion Persepolis is yet to know who will be in charge of the bench for the start of the next season.

Brazilian interim coach Osmar Loss Vieira, who led Persepolis to a seventh top-flight crown in eight years earlier in the month, has been hesitating to commit his future to the capital Reds.

Now on vacation in his home country, Osmar said before leaving Iran that "family reasons" might keep him from continuing with Persepolis, though the media in Iran suggested in recent days that he could be lured by Thai champion Buriram United. The club is believed to wait on Osmar's decision until the end of the week, while some reports say Persepolis hierarchy has already been in talks with several coaches for the Reds role.

Croatian Dragan Skocic – the ex-manager of the Iranian national team – German coach Petar Segrt, who led Tajikistan to the Asian Cup last eight on its debut in February, and former Al Ahli coach Nebojsa Jovicic in Qatar,

have been named in the Iranian media as the candidates for the job, but the club is yet to confirm the news of the negotiations, insisting Osmar remains their first choice for the bench.

Having joined Persepolis as a number two to Yahya Golmohammadi for the start of the 2022/23 season, Osmar was appointed to the job following the Iranian's departure in January – much to the irritation of the majority of the Reds supporters, who hoped to welcome their legendary coach Branko Ivankovic – then in charge of the Oman national team – back to the club.

Persepolis fell to a 1-0 defeat at Iralco in Osmar's first game as the manager before he eventually won the fans over thanks to a remarkable run of 12 wins and two draws in 15 league outings – including a sensational comeback victory over Esteghlal Khuzestan in May, in which the Reds rallied from a three-goal deficit at half-time to win 4-3 right at the death and overtake archrival Esteghlal on top of the table with three games to spare.



Persepolis coach Osmar Loss Vieira is seen during a 1-0 win against Mes Rafsanjan on the final day of the Persian Gulf Pro League season at the Azadi Stadium, Tehran, Iran, on June 1, 2024.  
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## Iran U21 crowned world deaf futsal champion



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## Sports Desk

Iran defeated host Kazakhstan 7-4 to defend its title at the 2<sup>nd</sup> U21 Deaf Futsal World Championship in Astana. Amirreza Hassanzadeh bagged

four goals with Ilia Fayyaz, Pouria Saeidi, and Abolfazl Ebrahimi also on the scoresheet as Iran came out victorious in extra time after the game had finished 3-3 in normal time. Mahdi Sanei's boys had beaten

Brazil 6-1 for a place in the final showpiece, having come out on top against the South American side 5-1 in the group stage. Iran also beat Uzbekistan (5-3), Azerbaijan (14-1), and Thailand (7-1) en route to the final.



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## Iranian Labib wins Asian road cycling bronze

## Sports Desk

Ali Labib won a first medal for medal in the Asian Road Cycling Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, taking the bronze in the individual road race event.

Representing the country in the men's under-23 class, Labib crossed the finish line in 2:55:27 hours to collect 70 points in the final standing.

Jasim al-Ali clocked 2:55:27 to beat fellow-Emirati cyclist Mohammad Almutaiwei to the gold by a 40-point margin.

## Iranian girls win historic CAVA volleyball gold

## Sports Desk

The Iranian girls won a historic gold at the CAVA U18 Volleyball Championships – featuring Central Asian countries – in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Iran defeated Kazakhstan 3-1 (25-12, 16-25, 25-17, 25-16) to claim a first women's medal across different age classes in the sport for the country.

This was a second victory over Kazakhstan in the tournament for Fateh Shaban Khamseh's girls following a straight-set triumph in pool phase.

In the boys' event, the Iranian team, preparing for August's world under-17 event in Sofia, settled for a runner-up finish after a 3-1 loss to Pakistan.



● volleyball.ir

## Dutch midfielder De Jong to miss Euros with injury

BBC – Netherlands and Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong has been ruled out of this summer's European Championship through injury.

De Jong, 27, played just three times for his club after suffering an ankle injury in March.

He was included in Ronald Koeman's Euro 2024 squad despite struggling with his recovery, but has been forced to pull out

of the tournament.

On Tuesday, Atalanta midfielder Teun Koopmeiners was also ruled out after injuring himself in the warm-up before the Netherlands' 4-0 friendly win against Iceland on Monday evening.

The 26-year-old, who has 21 caps, played 51 games for Atalanta last season as they won the Europa League and finished

fourth in Serie A.

Chelsea defender Ian Maatsen, 22, who spent last season on loan at Borussia Dortmund, has been added to the Dutch squad. The Netherlands begin their Euros campaign on Sunday when they play Poland in Group D, while they also face France and Austria in the group stage. De Jong has played 54 times for his country, scoring twice.





# UN Security Council backs Gaza cease-fire resolution



Children wait for food at a camp for displaced people where they live due to the Israeli bombardment in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on June 11, 2024. **• EYAD BABA/AFP**

Hamas resistance group accepted a UN resolution backing a plan to end the war with Israel in Gaza and is ready to negotiate details, a senior official of the Palestinian group said on Tues-

day in what the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken called "a hopeful sign". But Qatari and Egyptian mediators have not received formal replies from Hamas or Israel to

the UN-backed truce proposal, an official close to the talks told Reuters, and both sides suggested on Tuesday the plan fit their clashing goals, raising doubt whether any genuine headway

towards a deal had been made, Reuters reported. Blinken met Israeli officials on Tuesday in a push to end the eight-month-old Israeli air and ground war on Gaza that has devastated the Palestinian territory, a day after President Joe Biden's proposal for a truce was approved by the UN Security Council. Biden's proposal envisages a cease-fire and phased release of captives in exchange for Palestinians jailed in Israel, ultimately leading to a permanent end to the war. On Tuesday, senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri, who is based outside Gaza, said it accepted the cease-fire resolution and was ready to negotiate over the specifics. This required a formula stipu-

lating the total withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza and a swap of captives held in Gaza for Palestinians jailed in Israel, he told Reuters. Blinken said the Hamas statement was "a hopeful sign" but definitive word was still needed from the Hamas leadership inside Israeli-besieged Gaza. "That's what counts, and that's what we don't have yet." Israel too has yet to formally announce it has accepted the cease-fire proposal. Blinken said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had "re-affirmed his commitment" to a Gaza cease-fire proposal during their meeting in Al-Quds. Since October, Israel's air and ground onslaught in Gaza has killed at least 37,164 Palestinians. In the latest massacre in Gaza, the regime's forces in a commando raid into a crowded urban refugee camp in central Gaza killed 274 Palestinians in order to rescue four Israeli captives held by Hamas.

## Russia, Iran keep up work on cooperation pact: Kremlin

International Desk

Russia on Tuesday underlined that Tehran and Moscow are continuing work on a comprehensive cooperation agreement after Russian media reported suspension of the joint deal. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was cited by Russia's TASS news agency as saying that work on a comprehensive agreement between Russia and Iran continues but the schedule may somewhat change due to the snap presidential election in Iran. "Generally speaking, this work continues. Yet, naturally, given the current period in Tehran when preparations for a presidential election are underway, the deadlines have been slightly pushed back. Because it is the presidential election, as a rule, later staff reshuffle is possible and so on," Peskov said. "Yet overall, this does not change the situation." His remarks came hours after Russian presidential envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov said that the work on the cooperation agreement has been suspended due to issues with the Iranian side. Iran's Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali also rejected the report, saying that both countries are trying to sign the agreement in 2024.

## Iran's presidential hopefuls elucidate own programs

Iran's presidential candidates outlined their programs as election campaigns began on Monday after the Guardian Council vetted and approved six candidates to run for the June 28 presidential election. The winner of the race will succeed the late President Ebrahim Raisi who died in a helicopter crash in a mountainous area in northwest Iran on May 19. Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf on Monday underlined the need for "transforma-

tion" in all sectors of the country by means of "cybernetic management." Meanwhile, he pointed to the problems that people are facing in their livelihood, vowing to increase their purchasing power. Masoud Pezeshkian said he pursues the policy of "stability," noting that a change of direction would prevent the country from achieving the growth desired by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. "We are not going to

change the direction and the general policy is stability," the Reformist lawmaker asserted. Another presidential hopeful Amir Hossein Qazizadeh Hashemi said on Monday that the state economy should be gradually nationalized through a real privatization process. Qazizadeh Hashemi said that he is committed to the ideals of the late chief executive who died in a helicopter crash on May 19.

## Anti-Israel demos heating up across US after Nuseirat carnage

Anti-Israel demonstrations across the United States have taken a new turn and are pushing forward with irresistible momentum after the occupying regime launched a merciless foray into the al-Nuseirat refugee camp in the central part of the Gaza Strip at the weekend. Israeli military vehicles advanced into areas in the east and northwest of the Nuseirat refugee camp on Saturday morning amid the regime's heavy artillery bombardment of the coastal enclave, claiming the lives of at least 274 Palestinian civilians and wounding 698 others. Thousands of demonstrators surrounded the perimeter of the White House in a sea of fabric later in the day, saying they were drawing a red line for US President Joe Biden and calling for a cease-fire in Gaza.

The demonstrators — many of whom had arrived on buses from more than two dozen cities — marched to chants of "Free Palestine!" while holding signs that said "Genocide is our red line" and "Israel bombs, your taxes pay." The protest came after Biden said last month that he would suspend delivery of weapons to Israel if it went into population centers in Rafah. However, the White House denied that Israel had crossed Biden's "red line" with its barbaric campaign in the refugee camp, infuriating Saturday's demonstrators. "If Joe Biden's red line was a fiction ... and it was designed to make us become quiet, instead of that, we are going to become louder," said Brian Becker, a leader of the ANSWER Coalition, one of the organizers of the march. "Only we can be

the red line against genocide." In a related development, US riot police confronted pro-Palestinian protesters at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) on Monday and arrested a number of participants after forming a skirmish line and facing off with protesters who stood behind barricades. On the same day, a group of protesters gathered in front of the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco and called for an end to attacks on Gaza as they held banners that read "Zionism Kills." More than eight months into the Israeli genocide, vast tracts of Gaza lie in ruins amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water and medicine. At least 37,164 Palestinians have since October 7, 2023 been killed in the besieged territory, most of them women and children.

**First Announcement**

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## 'Glory of Ancient Persia'

# Zarghami: Iran, China pillars of global civilization

### Arts & Culture Desk

Ezzatollah Zarghami, Iran's Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, will open the 'Glory of Ancient Persia' exhibition in Shanghai, China. Zarghami, who is visiting China for the exhibition's inauguration, discussed the importance of the "Dialogue of Civilizations" initiative proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping. In a post on his Telegram channel, Zarghami shared experiences from his visit to the National Museum of China in

Beijing, ISNA wrote. He highlighted the museum's extensive collection, which spans from the Paleolithic era to contemporary times, and praised its significant expansion completed in 2011. Zarghami also emphasized the necessity of recognizing civilizations for true dialogue, a concept he noted Western nations often dismiss. He remarked that Iran and China are crucial pillars of global civilization and expressed optimism about future cultural and tourism

collaborations between the two nations. The 'Glory of Ancient Persia' exhibition will officially open in Shanghai on June 12. The exhibition features 211 historical artifacts and five meticulously recreated objects spanning from the Iron Age to the Safavid period, offering a glimpse into over 3,000 years of Iranian culture and art. The items on display include metalwork, ceramics, and precious stones, showcasing the rich history and craftsmanship of ancient Persia.



**Mohammad Ali Rajabi**  
Cartoonist



## Brazilian artist's works on display in Tehran

A new exhibition titled 'The Sovereignty of Art Revolution and the Revolution of Art Sovereignty' by anti-Zionist Brazilian artist João Abido Galvão opened at Tehran's Holy Defense Museum. The exhibition, running from June 11 to 24, features 20 pieces of fabric art critiquing imperialism and Zionism, IRNA reported. Galvão has donated his works to Tehran's Holy Defense Museum. The exhibit

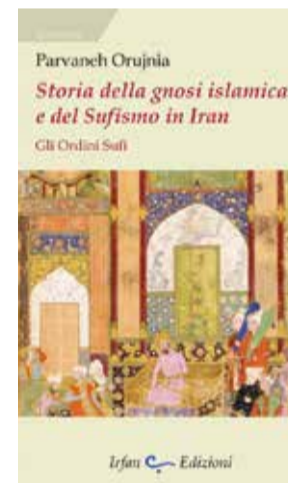
highlights the longstanding connection between art and politics, reflecting how artists have historically used their work to comment on political and social conditions. The impact of artistic movements on the works of revolutionary artists is undeniable. One prominent artwork during the Russian Revolution era is 'Beat the Whites with the Red Wedge' by El Lissitzky, which premiered in 1920.



## 'History of Sufism, Islamic Mysticism in Iran' published in Italy

The book 'History of Sufism, Islamic Mysticism in Iran', written by Parvaneh Orujnia, was translated and published in Italy. This project was a collaborative effort between the cultural attaché of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Italy and the Center for Translation and Publication of Islamic Teachings and Humanities of the Islamic Culture and Communication Organization of Iran, IRNA reported. Parvaneh Orujnia, born in Tehran in 1962, holds

a Master's Degree in religions and mysticism and a Ph.D. in Islamic mysticism from the University of Tehran. She has authored numerous books on the subject. The book was translated by Mahdi (Giuseppe) Aiello, an Italian Shia Muslim and philosophy graduate. Aiello has published over a hundred books on Islamic teachings. The Italian publisher IRFAN, known for its long-term collaboration with the Iranian cultural attaché in Italy, released



the book, which includes an introduction by Mohammad Taghi Amini, the cultural attaché. The book explores the history of Islamic mysticism and Sufism in Iran from the sixth and seventh centuries to the present day. This publication aims to enhance the understanding of Islamic mysticism and Sufism among Italian researchers. The original Persian version was first published in June 2016 by Iran Cultural Studies Publications.

## Iran's Treasury of Nat'l Jewels reopens to public



The Treasury of National Jewels, home to Iran's most dazzling gemstones and jewelry, reopened to the public after a period of renovations. The reopening ceremony, held on June 10, marked the resumption of regular visiting hours.

The treasury is now open from Saturday to Tuesday, according to IRNA. Experts at the museum will be on hand to answer visitors' questions and provide detailed information about the historical periods, construction, and materials of the treasures on display.

The current treasury was built in 1955 and officially opened in 1960, coinciding with the establishment of the Central Bank of Iran. The collection remains under the bank's protection.

## Iran, WHO to form joint working group to eliminate hepatitis C

### Social Desk

Iran and the World Health Organization (WHO) are set to form a joint working group aimed at eliminating hepatitis C. This decision was made during a meeting as part of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva, according to Iran's Ministry of Health and Medical Education, IRNA wrote. Hossein Farshidi, Iran's Deputy Minister of Health and Medical Education, and Jérôme Salomon,

WHO's Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases attended the meeting. During the meeting, Salomon congratulated Iran on its strong commitment to eradicating hepatitis C. He praised Iran as a role model for other countries in controlling the disease and assured the global body's support for Iran's efforts. Hepatitis is a liver inflammation caused by various infectious viruses and

noninfectious agents, leading to a range of health issues, some of which can

be fatal. The main strains of the hepatitis virus are types A, B, C, D, and E.

