

Iran U20 volleyball team down Indonesia in friendly



● MEHR

Iran U20 volleyball team defeated Indonesia in a friendly match in a straight set (25-12, 25-20, 25-17). The Iranian team is gearing up for the 2024 Asian Boys' U-20 Volleyball Championship, reported Mehr News Agency. The team has been drawn into Group B, where they will compete against China, Chinese Taipei, and Qatar. The 2024 Asian Boys' U-20 Volleyball Championship is set to take place from July 23 to 30 in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Tractor eye Croat midfielder Igor Postonjski



● TASNIM

Iranian football club Tractor has set its sight on signing Croatian midfielder Igor Postonjski. The 29-year-old midfielder currently plays for NK Varazdin, a Croatian professional football club based in Varazdin, according to Tasnim News Agency. Tractor has previously hired former Iran coach Dragan Skocic. Postonjski started his playing career in HNK Gorica in 2017 and has also played in Inter Zapresic and NK Zagorec. He will replace Iraqi midfielder Safa Hadi in the Tabriz-based football team.

Iran lose to Saudi Arabia in Asian Junior Handball Championship

Iran lost to Saudi Arabia 26-25 in the 18th edition of Asian Men Junior Handball Championship in Group 2 on Friday night. Iran, who had defeated Oman 32-19, will meet Japan in Group 2 on Sunday, reported Tasnim News Agency. The 18th Asian Men's Junior (U21) Handball Championship will run until July 27 in Amman, Jordan. The championship serves as a qualifying event for the 25th IHF Men's Junior (U-21) Handball World Championship in Poland, slated for June and July 2025. The top four teams in the ongoing competition will secure qualification spots for the World Championship.

Argentina top FIFA ranking as Iran place second in Asia

The Iranian national men's football team have remained the Asian second top team while Argentina have retained the top sport in the latest rankings released by FIFA released.

Newly crowned European champions Spain have risen five places to third in the latest FIFA rankings published on Thursday after a 2-1 victory over England in Sunday's final earned them a record fourth Euro title and their first major trophy in 10 years, Reuters said. World Cup winners Argentina held on to the top spot following their Copa América triumph, beating Colombia 1-0.

England moved up one place to fourth, leapfrogging Brazil after their underwhelming Copa América campaign.

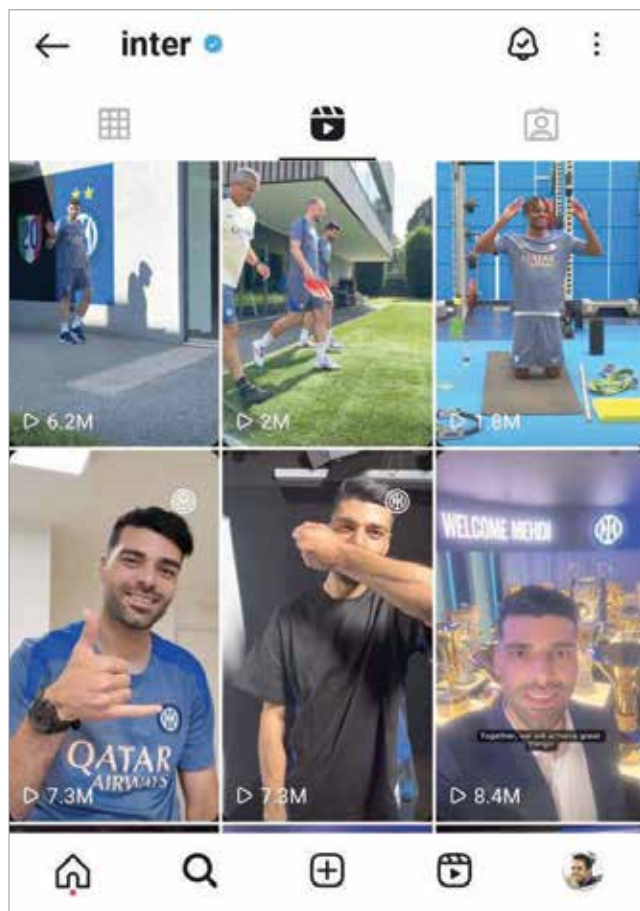
Venezuela, who reached the Copa América quarterfinals, were the most improved side in the rankings, rising 17 places to 37th, with Euro quarterfinalists Turkey jumping 16 places to 26th. The United States -- who were eliminated during the group stage at the Copa América -- dropped five places from 11th to 16th place.

But in Asia, Japan remained the best team in 17th place followed by Iran in the 20th spot.



● IRNA

Mehdi Taremi sets record in cyber space



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According to statistics from Inter Milan's official Instagram page, Mehdi Taremi has garnered the most likes and views in less than a week since joining the football team.

From July 14, 2024, when Taremi officially signed his contract with Inter, until Friday evening, Inter Milan has released 54 posts, 20 of which feature photos and videos related to him, IRNA reported on Saturday.

The figures show that 37% of Inter's Instagram posts over the last six days were dedicated to this Iranian forward. Notably, on the day Inter confirmed Taremi's signing, nine Instagram posts featuring photos and videos of him

were released on the club's page, setting a new record for likes and views on Inter's page.

On July 14, 2024, Inter confirmed the signing of Taremi on a three-year contract following his departure from Porto.

Taremi made 182 appearances for Porto after joining in 2020, scoring 91 goals and enjoyed a distinguished four-year spell at the club, winning the Primeira Liga, two Portuguese Super Cups, three Portuguese Cups, and the Portuguese League Cup.

Taremi is the third player to move to San Siro this transfer window, joining Piotr Zielinski and Josep Martinez at the club.

France recalls contaminated Olympic water bottles

French authorities have recalled Olympics-branded water bottles for children containing excessive levels of endocrine disruptor Bisphenol A, a week ahead of the Paris Games' opening.

The reusable bottles made by the Vilac company have "levels of Bisphenol A not in line with regulations" on products designed for contact with foods, government website Rappel Conso (Consumer Recall) said, AFP reported.

The white-coloured flasks with beige, blue or red tops are branded with the Olympic rings, the Paris 2024 mascot or the Olympic flame.

People who have bought them should return them to the place of purchase, authorities said.

The bottles were sold in France from late August last year until the beginning of June.

Bisphenol A, once widely used in making food containers, has been banned in France since 2015.

Labelled an endocrine disruptor by France's food safety agency Anses, it is believed to be linked to health problems including breast cancer and infertility.

The Paris Olympics were affected by the global IT outage on Friday, with organisers temporarily unable to hand out accreditations to athletes and officials arriving for the Games.

Airlines, banks, TV channels and other business across the world have scrambled following one of the biggest computer crashes in recent years, caused by an update to an antivirus programme.

"Like a lot of organisations, we suffered this global Microsoft outage," chief organiser Tony Estanguet told reporters, a week before the opening ceremony of the Olympics.

By 5 p.m. (1500 GMT) Friday, the organising committee said its operations were "now running



● AFP

normally", with the evening hours at its accreditation centre extended to help clear a backlog of demands.

Thousands of athletes have begun flying into the French capital ahead of the July 26-August 11 event, while the organising committee is also distributing badges and uniforms to 45,000 volunteers.

The IT problems did not affect Paris airport operator ADP, but "the arrival of some delegations has been impacted by delays to their flights," the organising committee added.

Paris is putting the finishing touches to preparations for the first Olympics in the French capital in a century.

The venues are on track, the weather has brightened up after months of rain, and the water quality in the Seine has improved, making outdoor

swimming events in the river possible after months of suspense.

New data released on Friday showed the river was clean enough to swim in on six out of seven of the last days.

"We weren't necessarily expecting an IT outage a few days before the start of the Games," Estanguet said.

Security is already tight across the capital, with much of the central areas of the city near the Seine fenced off, with vehicles and everyone except local residents banned from entering.

Trade groups representing Paris shops, restaurants, bars and clubs complained on Friday that they were facing an "unprecedented slump in business and footfall", blaming in part the "heavy security measures".