



## Talks with Egypt, Greece and Azerbaijan in Spain

# Tehran, Cairo plan major cultural exchange on manuscripts, literature

### Arts & Culture Desk

Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Abbas Salehi, outlined plans for enhanced cultural cooperation with Egypt focused on Islamic manuscripts and literary translation during a meeting with Egyptian Minister of Culture Ahmed Fouad Hanno at the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT 2025) in Barcelona, Spain.

Salehi highlighted the vast collection of Islamic manuscripts in Iran, spanning heritage from various Muslim nations, and proposed joint projects for preservation, study, and exhibition, IRNA reported. "The 1,500th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birth offers an unprecedented opportunity for cultural collaboration," he said. The ministers also discussed translating contemporary Egyptian and Iranian works, including poetry and novels, to strengthen cross-cultural understanding.

### UNESCO cooperation, media initiatives

The meeting further explored leveraging UNESCO platforms to safeguard tangible and intangible heritage shared by the two nations.

Hanno welcomed the initiatives, noting Egypt's own significant manuscript collections and the potential to host exhibitions of Iranian works.

Both ministers agreed on expanding media cooperation and participation in each other's cultural festivals to promote mutual understanding and visibility of shared heritage.

### Iran, Greece heritage reignited

Salehi met Greek Minister of Culture Lina Mendoni to discuss the historical and cultural ties between Iran and Greece. "Culture is the driving force of nations' growth," Salehi said, highlighting opportunities for collaboration. Key proposals included joint cinema projects, academic



Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Abbas Salehi (2nd L), meets with Greek Minister of Culture Lina Mendoni (2nd R) on the sidelines of the MONDIACULT 2025 conference in Barcelona, Spain, on October 6, 2025.

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exchanges, and literary initiatives such as poetry sessions and critical publications on contemporary and classical literature.

The ministers also explored cooperative measures to combat illicit trafficking of cultural artifacts, safeguard historical sites from climate impacts, and promote handicrafts.

### Regional cultural diplomacy

In discussions with Azerbaijani Minister of Culture Adil Karimli, Salehi emphasized activating cultural centers and organizing cultural weeks to strengthen bilateral engagement. "As neighbors, we can achieve remarkable results in economic, political,



and cultural areas," he said. The two ministers covered the finalization of a film cooperation agreement and media collaboration to enhance the portrayal of both nations. Cinema, tangible and intangible heritage, and participation in international cultural organizations and festivals were also prioritized for joint action.

### Barcelona hub for regional culture

Salehi's engagements during MONDIACULT 2025 reflect Iran's strategic approach to cultural diplomacy. By focusing on heritage preservation, liter-

ary translation, cinema, and academic exchange, Iran aims to foster deeper regional ties. The discussions with Egypt, Greece, and Azerbaijan demonstrate a multifaceted approach, combining centuries-old civilizational connections with contemporary cultural collaboration. The minister's proposals are expected to lead to formal agreements and programs that will extend Iran's cultural influence, support heritage preservation, and provide platforms for collaborative creativity across literature, cinema, and the arts.

## Iran unveils five new museums, 520 rare artifacts on view

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Mostazafan Foundation of Islamic Revolution inaugurated five new museums nationwide, showcasing over 520 previously unseen artifacts. The launch coincides with the opening of the Dafineh Museum in Tehran, which now houses a rare collection of 7,500 historic manuscripts dating back 130 years. The new museums span diverse themes, including ancient art, classic automobiles, and Islamic heritage. Notably, the Millennia of Art Museum on Kish Island features more than 320 artworks spanning various historical periods, IRNA reported. Housed in the former Prime Minister's Palace, the museum occupies 900 square meters and is open to the public free of charge for two weeks. The Kish Free Zone Organization has leased the building to the Mostazafan Foundation for 15 years, with the foundation responsible for its upkeep.

In Tehran, the third museum, Artistic Vignettes, displays 78 pieces of ceramics, paintings, and tiles. The museum also offers a newly restored library with 7,500 volumes of rare books and manuscripts. The fourth museum, Artistic Ornaments, located in Ramsar, showcases 200 pieces of jewelry and decorative items dating from 3,500 BC to 500 BC. The fifth museum, Classic Cars Phase III, features 75 meticulously restored vintage vehicles, all of which are now on display.

Hamidreza Soleimani, CEO of the Dafineh Museum Group, announced plans to launch Iran's first digital museum in the coming months. He also revealed that inventory checks are underway to update the foundation's extensive collection.

The Mostazafan Foundation, a significant cultural and economic institution in Iran, was established after the 1979 Islamic Revolution to manage assets previously held by the Pahlavi regime. It operates as a charitable foundation, focusing on social welfare and cultural preservation.

## Pezeshkian urges overhaul of drug laws to crack down on trafficking



### Social Desk

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Monday called for a sweeping reform of the country's anti-narcotics laws, urging a strategy focused on demand management and harsher penalties for traffickers.

Speaking at a meeting with members of Parliament's Legal and Judicial Committee and officials from the Drug Control Headquarters, Pezeshkian said the approach had proven effective in reducing drug use and related crime in other nations, president.ir reported.

The proposed framework would make illicit drug markets redundant by offering legal, monitored access to substances for users, while simultaneously tightening enforcement against traffickers and illegal distributors.

"This dual approach will not only curb consumption but also reduce crimes such as theft, family disintegration, and the spread of drug dealing among addicts," Pezeshkian said.

Under the new plan, all drug users, regardless of the type or intensity of their consumption, could access services in legal centers under official supervision.

The aim, he explained, is to eliminate demand for the illegal market while ensuring users are monitored and treated for addiction-related consequences.

Pezeshkian emphasized that alongside user support, enforcement would be intensified, with traffickers and illegal distributors facing tougher penalties.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (c) addresses members of Parliament's Legal and Judicial Committee and officials from the Drug Control Headquarters during a meeting on drug law enforcement and reform in Tehran on October 6, 2025.

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He described the approach as a way to both dismantle the illegal market and generate accurate data on drug use, enabling targeted interventions and treatment.

The president also addressed the broader challenge of public sector reform. He noted repeated resistance to structural changes across government institutions and called on lawmakers for support.

"We encounter numerous justifications to abandon reforms," he said. "It is unacceptable to divert resources from improving public welfare and the economy to maintain inefficient bureaucracies. Success depends on cohesion, serious collaboration, and effective synergy across all branches of government."

Officials at the meeting discussed proposed legal amendments, with Pezeshkian urging Parliament to quickly add clauses that would guarantee the implementation of the demand management strategy.

He expressed confidence that the plan would sharply reduce drug use, the social consequences of addiction, petty drug dealing among users, arrests, and prison populations linked to narcotics.



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INVITATION TO RENEWAL OF ONE STEP INTERNATIONAL TENDER

Second Announcement

AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY



**The Agricultural Support Services Company**, hereinafter will be referred as ASSC, affiliated to Ministry of Agriculture-Jihad of I.R of Iran, is considering the purchase of the below 4 items of pesticides technical materials, through renewal of one step international tender.

	Name	PACKING	Quantity/kg
1	Cartap Technical min 98%	25 or 50 kg waterproof cardboard drum	40,000
2	Propargite Technical min 90%	200 kg drum	96,000
3	Deltamethrin Technical min 98.5 %	50 kg drum	3,700
4	Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62%	200 or 250 kg drum	80,000

All of the qualified and interested companies are invited to receive tender documents from **Monday** dated **06/10/2025** until **Saturday** dated **11/10/2025** (4 working days) from our purchasing committee (located at the 9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

The bidders are requested to submit their letters of introduction, along with remittance bill of IRI. Rials 1,200,000 to ASSC's account no. 4001039704005791 with SHEBA no. IR250100004001039704005791 at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran through payment order of SATNA or PAYA with the 30-character identification code of 339039782263500650000000000008.

The bidders are requested to submit their sealed and stamped envelopes containing offers latest on **Sunday** dated **09/11/2025** until 10:00 AM to our security office located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be held on **Sunday** dated **09/11/2025** at **02:00 PM** with the presence of bidder's representative(s) at our purchasing committee (9th floor, no. 1, Fourth Alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

We would like to emphasize that the value of the bid bond amount must be only submitted by the bidders

in bank guarantee as follows:

**1- € 30506.88 for Cartap Technical min 98% equivalent to Iranian Rials 24,923,568,000.**

**2- € 36402.86 for Propargite Technical min 90% equivalent to Iranian Rials 29,740,481,280.**

**3- €10110.25 for Deltamethrin Technical min 98.5% equivalent to Iranian Rials 8,259,892,266.**

**4- € 10475.95 for Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62% equivalent to Iranian Rials 8,558,659,200.**

- The bid bond value should be in Euro or in equal value of any other foreign currencies, except US dollars, based on the exchange rate of Telegraphic Transfer on CBI's ETS website, www.fxmarketrate.cbi.ir, on 27/9/2025.

- The bidders are also permitted to submit the bid bond in Iranian Rial.

- After approval of ASSC's Financial Manager, the bidders are permitted to use their previous and definite outstanding claims as the bid bond.

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