



Iran's 'Guardian of the Field' scoops two awards at Minsk Listapad

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The Iranian-produced feature film Guardian of the Field, directed by Mohammad Reza Kheradmandan, claimed two honors at the 31st-edition of the Minsk International Film Festival Listapad in Belarus. The film was awarded a diploma "for deep immersion in the world of catastrophes and revelations of modern social society" and secured the Yuri Marukhin Memorial Award for Best Cinematography for its cinematographer Morteza Kafouri, ILNA reported. The film, produced by the Tehran-based Soureh Cinema Organization and shot by Morteza Ghafour, follows a village guardian's confrontation with social upheaval and crisis.

Festival officials opened the event on October 31 and closed it on November 7. Kheradmandan's work competed in the main feature film category and, alongside the dual award, helped Iran bring home multiple accolades at the Eastern European festival, media reports indicate a total haul of six to seven awards for Iranian entries this year. Commenting on the victory, producer Mehdi Faraji called the recognition "a tribute to the unseen crises that bind communities", noting that the festival serves as a "platform for global voices to reflect society's fault lines". Also, the film is being distributed domestically in Iran, where it has already drawn more than 250,000 cinema-goers.



Kish Island, Armenia eye direct flights to deepen tourism, trade ties

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Iranian island Kish and Armenia are in talks to launch a direct air link between Yerevan and the Persian Gulf tourism hub, officials said on Wednesday, after senior representatives from both sides met during the KishInvex2025 exhibition. Mohammad Kabiri, managing director of the Kish Free Trade Zone Organization, and Grigor Hakobyan, Armenia's ambassador to Tehran, discussed plans to strengthen tourism and commercial cooperation, including potential cargo routes from Yerevan to the Persian Gulf through Kish, IRNA reported. Kabiri said the two sides had held "constructive talks" focused primarily on opening a regular passenger service between Yerevan and Kish, a move he described as a "serious step" that would



require formal approvals. "Both sides expressed firm willingness to move it forward," he said, adding that tourism and trade were the two key pillars of the developing partnership. He noted that Kish, a duty-free resort island off southern Iran, aims to position itself as a gateway for regional economic and cultural exchange. "The main purpose of inviting foreign envoys to Kish is to showcase the is-

land's remarkable potential," Kabiri told reporters on the sidelines of the meeting. Hakobyan welcomed the initiative, calling Kish "a promising destination with vast facilities" and said he saw strong prospects for cooperation. The Armenian envoy proposed sending a delegation of tourism professionals and social media influencers to Kish to get a first-hand look at its attractions and business environment.

Persian Gulf University, Greece's Aegean University sign academic partnership



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Iran's Persian Gulf University in the southern port city of Bushehr and Greece's University of the Aegean signed an academic cooperation agreement in Athens to expand joint research and educational programs, according to the Iranian Embassy in Greece. The accord, finalized in the presence of Iranian Ambassador Ahmad Naderi and Cultural Attaché Hamid Reza Zarei, aims to deepen collaboration between the two coastal universities through faculty and student exchanges, joint theses, and short- and long-term academic courses. It also includes plans for cultural festivals and research initiatives backed by international grants. The deal marks a rare higher-education

link between Iran and a European Union member state, underscoring a growing interest in cross-Mediterranean academic diplomacy despite political headwinds. Ahmad Shirzadi, president of Persian Gulf University, said both institutions share "maritime and scientific commonalities" that could anchor a broader academic relationship. "This agreement will define joint missions and create constructive outcomes for both sides," he said during the signing ceremony. He urged professors and students to take "practical steps" towards implementing the deal by identifying areas of mutual strength and launching collaborative projects. Shirzadi added that his university has introduced incentive packages to encourage participation, including support for visiting scholars and access to international research funds. Founded in 1991, Persian Gulf University is one of Iran's leading centers for marine sciences and engineering, located on the northern shores of the Persian Gulf. The University of the Aegean, headquartered on the island of Lesbos, operates campuses across several Aegean islands and specializes in environmental, maritime, and social sciences.

Iran to launch int'l network for nomadic women preserving intangible heritage

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Iran plans to set up an international network to connect nomadic women preserving intangible cultural heritage across West and Central Asia, a senior official said on Wednesday, describing the initiative as a step toward "sustainable livelihoods rooted in living traditions." Iran's Deputy Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, Ali Darabi, announced the plan during a national forum on women's entrepreneurial skills among nomadic communities held at the ministry's headquarters in Tehran on November 12, IRNA reported. He said the project, approved earlier this year by UNESCO's Regional Research Center, aims to boost cross-border collaboration and knowledge-sharing among women preserving traditional crafts, oral literature, and ecological wisdom. "Through this network, women who hold intangible heritage will be able to raise their voices louder at the regional and global lev-

els," he said, calling the effort "a pioneering cultural move" that bridges policy and tradition. He added that nomadic women are not only "guardians of language, art, and ritual," but also "the invisible pillars of social and economic resilience." The new network, he noted, will foster the exchange of local expertise on sustainable crafts, traditional resource management, and adaptation to climate change, areas where indigenous knowledge offers what he called "answers modern societies still seek." Iran's nomadic population, which historically made up more than 25% of the country's people, still plays a key role in national food security and rural production. Spread across 20 provinces, 101 tribes and nearly 600 clans manage around 60% of Iran's territory, according to ministry figures. "The living heritage of nomads is not merely a relic of the past," Darabi said. "It is our compass for the future, a future where living in harmony with nature, alongside progress, becomes the most valuable legacy for our children."

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