

Golden girl Golshadnejad revels in fulfilled mission in Cairo



Iran's Atousa Golshadnejad poses with her gold medal on the podium at the World Karate Championships in Cairo, Egypt, on November 30, 2025.

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For Iranian karateka Atousa Golshadnejad, the objective was clear as she headed to Cairo: to capture gold at the World Karate Championships. That goal was achieved on Sunday, when Golshadnejad secured her place in Iranian sporting history by winning the country's first-ever women's gold in 27 editions of the sport's flagship international event, defeating defending champion Li Gong of China 4-2 in the -61kg showdown.

The victory capped off a glorious international season for the 22-year-old Iranian, who had already captured a second Asian gold medal and a Karate 1-Premier League title earlier this year, before winning the ultimate prize at the Islamic Solidarity Games in mid-November.

"One of my primary goals was always to win gold at the World Championships," Golshadnejad told IRNA. "I wanted to be a worthy representative for the girls of my country, and now that I have done so, I am overjoyed to have brought this honor to Iranian karate." The road to the top of the podium was demanding. "The level of competition was extremely high as every weight class featured the world's top 32 competitors," she noted.

Golshadnejad opened her campaign with consecutive wins over Cameroon's Dzeu Nelly (8-0) and Uzbekistan's Sevinch Otayboyeva (2-1), then drew with Latvia's Beata Girvica (0-0) to finish atop the Pool 6 table and advance to the round of 16, where she overcame Chile's Bárbara Huaiquiman by hantei (decision).

A 5-0 quarterfinal victory over neutral athlete Maryia Azarava of Belarus was followed by a 4-1 semifinal win against Tunisia's Wafa Mahjoub in a repeat of their Islamic Solidarity Games final.

Reflecting on the final against her accomplished Chinese rival, Golshadnejad said: "I had faced her twice before — one win, one loss. A final always carries its own kind of pressure. I made a couple of early errors and gave up two points. Then I realized I couldn't just wait for her to slip up. I had to take the initiative. With crucial guidance from the head coach, I adjusted my approach, scored four straight points, and closed out the win."

That decisive voice in her corner belongs to Pegah Zangheh, a former Asian champion who also serves as Golshadnejad's personal mentor and trainer. Their partnership has fueled the Iranian athlete's trophy-laden rise.

"We have complete, mutual trust," Golshadnejad explained. "She is like an older sister to me. Even when I was behind in the final, her faith and her words gave me tremendous motivation to turn things around. I'm glad I could finally repay all her dedication and effort."

Behind the champion's determined composure on the tatami lies a deep story of family sacrifice.

"This gold belongs to my parents, especially my father," she said. "For 12 years, every single day, he drove me kilometers to the training hall, waited for hours until practice ended, and drove me home again. He always told me, 'You will become a world champion one day.' Now I've finally reached the day he envisioned. I truly owe this medal to him." Even so, Golshadnejad is conscious of the "great responsibility" that comes with her newfound status as the 'golden girl of Iranian karate.'

"I don't fixate on titles or labels. My focus is straightforward: to be a proper representative for my country and for all Iranian girls," she stated. "Iran's female karatekas have created so many proud moments in recent years, bringing genuine joy to the nation. We have been fortunate to serve as worthy representatives."

At such a young age, Golshadnejad's trophy cabinet already boasts the sport's most prestigious golds at the World and Asian Championships, as well as the Islamic Solidarity Games, with the Asian Games crown remaining the missing piece of glory in her career — one that could be achieved at Aichi-Nagoya 2026.

"I move forward step by step, with a plan," she said. "Our immediate focus is the Asian Championships. I must succeed there first, and then I will shift my full attention to the Asian Games." In Golshadnejad, Iran has found more than a champion; it has found an icon of perseverance, a testament to familial love, and a humble yet powerful voice for a generation of girls dreaming of their own golden moments on the world stage.

Women's Handball World Championship: Senegal setback sends Iran into President's Cup

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Iran suffered a third successive defeat at the IHF Women's Handball World Championship in Germany and the Netherlands, falling 30-21 to Senegal in Group B of the preliminary round. The result saw Senegal join Hungary and Switzerland in the main-round phase, while Iran will continue in President's Cup Group I, which also features Croatia, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Senegal showed determination from the first whistle to secure a main-round spot, opening with a 4-0 run and holding Iran scoreless for six minutes.

However, the momentum shifted as the midpoint of the first half approached. Senegal began making mistakes and rushing its attacks, while Iran stepped up its game. The contest remained tight for almost 20 minutes, but when Senegal pushed ahead to 13-8, it seemed the African side would close the half comfortably. Iran had other plans. The team found a way through Senegal's 6-0 defense, repeatedly reaching right wing Haniyeh Karimi, who led the charge in the first half. From trailing 12-16, Iran produced a 3-1 run to cut the deficit to 15-17 at halftime.



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Senegal entered the second half with a change in goal, as Justicia Toubissa Elbeco finally came on and immediately made an impact, saving four early shots and giving her side the platform to pull clear. Senegal first built a five-goal lead and then extended it in the 43rd minute, when Dounia Abdourahim scored for 23-17.

Iran showed fighting spirit and pushed for more, but it was clear the team lacked fresh energy—especially when trying to break through a Sen-

egalese defense that grew more aggressive as the game went on. From that point, things steadily slipped away. By the 50th minute, Senegal held a double-digit advantage at 28-18 and had effectively secured the win.

Goalkeeper Justicia Toubissa Elbeco stood tall, finishing with a 57% save rate, while 12 of Senegal's 16 players scored at least once. Karimi remained Iran's top scorer with six goals.

Iran will resume play against Croatia on Thursday.




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INVITATION TO THE RENEWAL OF ONE STEP INTERNATIONAL TENDER

Second Announcement

AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY



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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 pesticide technical material, through renewal of one step international tender.

	Name	PACKING	Quantity/kg
1	Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62% w/w	200 or 250 kg drum	80,000

All of the qualified and interested companies are invited to receive tender documents from Tuesday dated **2/12/2025** until **Monday** dated **8/12/2025** (5 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 the latest by **10:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 18, 2026** to our security office located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be held on **Sunday at 2:00 P.M., January 18, 2026** with the presence of bidder's representatives 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- € 16170.65 for Glyphosate Isopropylamine Salt Technical 62% w/w equivalent to Iranian Rials 13,379,742,080.

- 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 15/11/2025 in bank guarantee.
- The bidders are 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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