

Middle East's largest cancer hospital opened in Tehran

Social Desk

Iran inaugurated the new Iran Cancer Institute hospital in Tehran on Tuesday, unveiling what officials described as the Middle East's largest specialized cancer treatment center, a \$685mn project designed to expand access to advanced oncology care and serve up to 200,000 patients annually. The 18-storey facility, located within Tehran's Imam Khomeini Hospital Complex, has more than 610 beds, 19 operating theatres and 60,000 square meters of floor space. Construction cost around IRR12tn tomans, equivalent to roughly \$685mn, and was completed in less than six years despite the COVID-19 pandemic, economic pressures and other operational challenges, IRNA reported. Health Minister Mohammadreza Zafarghandi hailed the opening as a major

national achievement, saying Iran's healthcare workforce had remained committed to serving patients under all circumstances. "The health team does not break. We remain ready to serve the people and fulfil the commitment we have made to God and to society," Zafarghandi said at the inauguration ceremony. He described the institute as a highly advanced referral center equipped with the full spectrum of modern cancer therapies, including surgery, chemotherapy, advanced radiotherapy, cell therapy and gene therapy. "When all other doors close because of the complexity of a disease, this center becomes a patient's final refuge and source of hope," he said. Reza Raikarami, Chancellor of Tehran University of Medical Sciences, said the hospital would provide diagnostic and treatment services for a broad

range of cancers, including pediatric malignancies, blood cancers, bone marrow disorders, head and neck cancers and other complex conditions. Recruitment of medical personnel has already begun, while additional departments will gradually enter service as staffing and operational capacity expand, he said. Raikarami added that the institute's mission extends beyond clinical care to education and research. Plans include the establishment of a National Cancer Laboratory and the development of integrated research infrastructure linking prevention, diagnosis, treatment and advanced scientific studies. Abdolrahman Rostamian, head of Imam Khomeini Hospital Complex, said the expansion would shorten waiting times and improve patient access to specialized services, including



Iran's Health Minister Mohammadreza Zafarghandi (c) cuts the ribbon to inaugurate the new Iran Cancer Institute in Tehran, Iran, June 2, 2026. ● DEAPRESS

surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and transplantation. He added that new programs in cell

therapy and home-based care were also being developed to strengthen long-term support for cancer patients.

Minister: Ghadir celebrations poised to strengthen national unity

Arts & Culture Desk

Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Abbas Salehi said on Tuesday that this year's Ghadir celebrations could open a new chapter in social unity, building on the spirit of solidarity and resilience that has emerged across the country in recent months. Speaking to Mehr News Agency in Tehran, Salehi said religious observances have long served as a powerful expression of public unity, bringing communities together around shared values and collective identity. Ghadir, one of the most significant occasions in the Islamic calendar,

commemorates the event at Ghadir Khumm where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is believed by Shia Muslims to have designated Imam Ali (PBUH) as his successor. Salehi said last year's Ghadir ceremonies demonstrated the strength of national solidarity, with people continuing to take part in religious gatherings despite security threats and challenging circumstances. He noted that the atmosphere of steadfastness and national resolve that has shaped public life in recent months could once again be reflected in widespread participation in Ghadir events.

Such ceremonies, he said, embody the same spirit of commitment and collective purpose that has characterized the nation's resilience. The minister described strengthened national unity as one of the most important outcomes of the recent period, saying it had helped bridge social and political divides and underscored the common interests shared by Iranians. Salehi expressed hope that the sense of solidarity forged during recent challenges would endure, adding that religious ceremonies such as Ghadir could further reinforce the country's social capital and collective cohesion.

Indian distributor acquires Farhadi's Cannes competition film

Arts & Culture Desk

Indian distributor Impact Films has acquired the theatrical rights to Asghar Farhadi's 'Parallel Tales,' expanding its Cannes 2026 slate with one of the festival's most closely watched competition titles. The film, Farhadi's 10th feature, premiered in competition at the 2026 Cannes Film Festival and is currently screening in cinemas across France. Produced by France, the United

States, Belgium and Italy, 'Parallel Tales' follows a novelist in Paris whose observations of her neighbors inspire a story that gradually blurs the boundary between fiction and reality, ILNA reported. The acquisition brings Farhadi's latest work to Indian audiences alongside several other Cannes selections secured by Impact Films, including films by Japanese directors Ryusuke Hamaguchi and Hirokazu Kore-eda. The drama features an ensemble cast

drawn from several generations of French cinema, including Isabelle Huppert, Vincent Cassel, Virginie Efira, Pierre Niney, Adam Bessa, India Hair and Catherine Deneuve. One of the film's notable creative partnerships is Farhadi's collaboration with acclaimed Polish composer Zbigniew Preisner, renowned for his work on Krzysztof Kieslowski's celebrated films 'Three Colours: Blue, White and Red,' as well as 'The Double Life of Véronique'.

Tehran logs 63 clean-air days in best five-year start

Social Desk

Tehran has recorded 63 clean-air days since March 21, 2026, the highest figure for the same period in five years, while ozone pollution has risen more slowly than in previous years, the Tehran Air Quality Control Company said on June 2. The capital registered 63 clean-air days and 10 days with acceptable air quality through June 1, marking its strongest start to a year since 2021, according to data from the city's air-monitoring network, ILNA reported. The figures point to a notably cleaner opening to the year for Tehran, where ground-level ozone typically becomes the dominant pollutant during the warmer



months. Monitoring data show that the seasonal increase in ozone concentrations has started later and progressed more gradually than in recent years. A comparison of hourly ozone levels during the first 10 days of June found lower concentrations than those recorded over the same period in 2025. No ozone-related air-quality readings exceeded acceptable limits in either year, though daytime levels were generally higher last year.

The company said more favorable weather conditions, including milder temperatures and increased atmospheric instability, may have contributed to the slower build-up of ozone, alongside a possible reduction in ozone-forming pollutants. Ground-level ozone is formed when pollutants from traffic and urban activities react under strong sunlight and high temperatures. Unlike the protective ozone layer in the upper atmosphere, it can pose risks to respiratory health, particularly during hot, sunny and low-wind conditions. Officials cautioned that ozone concentrations could increase in the coming weeks as summer temperatures rise and solar radiation intensifies across the Iranian capital.

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Analysis %	
%Fe Ave	68.00
%FeO	Min 24 Max 28
%P Max	0.035
%S Ave	0.5
%SiO2 Max	2.2
%Al2O3 Max	0.6
%CaO Max	0.7
%MgO Max	2.2
%Moisture Max	7.0
Blaine (cm2/gr) Ave	1100
Size ave	80%<0.15 mm

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Analysis %	
%Fe	65.50 Min
%FeO	1.0 Ave
%P	0.035 Max
%S	0.01 Max
%SiO2	3.0 Max
%Al2O3	0.7 Max
%CaO	0.7 Max
%MgO	2.5 Max
CCS (kg/p)	Ave 250
8-16 mm%	Min 90
-6 mm%	Ave 5
A.I%	Max 3.5
T.I%	Min 95
Prosity%	19-24
Reducibility%	Min 90

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