

Iran registers 491 Muharram traditions, Ta'zieh remains UNESCO heritage



Arts & Culture Desk

Iran has registered 491 Muharram and Safar-related rituals on its national list of intangible cultural heritage, with UNESCO-listed Ta'zieh remaining one of the country's most prominent living traditions, a senior cultural heritage official said.

Speaking to reporters, Sima Haddadi, head of the Office for Registration and Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, said 480 are included on the representative list, while 11 are classified as requiring urgent safeguarding,

Actors perform Ta'zieh, a traditional passion play depicting the Battle of Karbala, during Muharram mourning ceremonies in a decorated courtyard in Iran.

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IRNA reported.

"Under UNESCO's 2003 Convention, intangible cultural heritage cannot be ranked by importance because the value of each element is determined by the communities that preserve it," Haddadi said. "These traditions together form a living cultural system that strengthens identity, social cohesion and cultural continuity across generations."

She said traditions with broad cultural reach include Ta'zieh, charitable food offerings and communal mourning ceremonies, each reflecting distinct local customs and methods of transmission. Ashura, observed on the 10th day of Muharram, commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (PBUH), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), at the Battle of Karbala in 680 AD and is the holiest day of mourning for Shia

Muslims.

Ta'zieh, Iran's traditional ritual passion play depicting the events of Karbala, was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010. Haddadi said UNESCO's safeguarding framework emphasizes community participation and the transmission of living traditions across generations.

Haddadi said Iran added 11 Muharram and Safar traditions from Bushehr, Isfahan, Semnan and Tehran provinces to the national register during the Iranian year that ended on March 20, 2026. The latest additions include regional Ta'zieh traditions, Nakhil Gardani processions carrying a symbolic wooden bier representing Imam Hussein's coffin, ritual drumming, traditional recitations and community observances held during Muharram and Safar.

Football tribute honors Mexico's hospitality to Team Melli

Sports Desk

Iranian football players honored Mexico's ambassador to Tehran by presenting him with a signed national team jersey in recognition of Mexico's hospitality toward Team Melli during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, in a gathering that celebrated sport as a bridge between nations.

Aref Gholami of Esteghlal, Mohammad Khodabandelou of Persepolis, and Zob Ahan captain Shayan Mosleh presented the No. 10 Iran jersey to Guillermo Alejandro Pu-

ente Ordorica after joining hundreds of supporters to watch Iran's Group G World Cup match against Belgium at Hadish Mall in Tehran on June 21.

The players thanked the Mexican government and people for their "warm and generous hospitality" throughout the tournament, describing the gesture as a tribute to the friendship forged during the World Cup.

The event brought together athletes, cultural figures, football fans and diplomats in a festive atmosphere. Pu-

ente Ordorica attended as guest of honor and dean of the Latin American Ambassadors' Group, while Venezuela's Ambassador José Rafael Silva Aponte and Nicaragua's Ambassador Ramón Alberto Moncada Colindres joined members of their diplomatic missions in cheering alongside Iranian supporters.

After the final whistle, the diplomats remained with fans late into the evening, exchanging views in a display of football's unique ability to connect people across cultures.

French scholar who opened Hafez to Francophone readers dies

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Charles-Henri de Fouchécour, the distinguished French Iranologist whose landmark French translation of the complete 'Divan of Hafez' introduced generations of Francophone readers to Persian classical poetry, died at the age of 100. De Fouchécour devoted more than six decades to Persian language and literature, producing one of the most authoritative French editions of Hafez's works with extensive commentary that made the



14th-century Persian poet accessible to readers unfamiliar with Iran's literary tradition, IRNA reported.

His fascination with Persian culture began after studying Arabic in Tunisia. Recalling a pivotal conversation with one of his teachers, he said, "If you

want to go deeper, you must learn Persian," advice that led him back to Paris, where he completed doctoral studies in Persian language and literature under renowned linguist Gilbert Lazard.

In 1968, as a researcher at France's National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), De Fouchécour traveled to Iran, where he collaborated with leading Iranian scholars including Zabihollah Safa, Iraj Afshar, Nasrollah Pourjavady, Bahaeddin Khorramshahi and Hashem Javid.

Oscar invites 12 Iranian cineastes to join voting body

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The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has invited 12 Iranian filmmakers and film professionals to join its membership, underscoring the growing international recognition of Iranian cinema as the organization continues to broaden the diversity of its global voting body.

The Academy announced that 529 artists and film executives from around the world had been invited to become members. Academy CEO Bill Kramer and President Janet Yang said the invitees had made "significant contributions to our global filmmaking community" through their dedication to the craft, Quds

ship will reach 11,319, including 10,338 voting members. The organization said its overall membership would comprise 36% women, 25% members from underrepresented communities and 22% international members, reflecting its ongoing effort to expand global representation. The invitations come ahead of the 2027 Academy Awards season, following recent rule changes that clarify the role of artificial intelligence in filmmaking while maintaining that creative authorship remains central to Oscar eligibility. The Academy has also updated its awards rules to allow performers to receive multiple acting nominations in the same year.

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TENDER NO.: 08-38-0440045

Second Announcement

The National Iranian South Oil Company (NISOC) is seeking to procure the specified goods listed in the table below through a Qualitative Evaluation Call for conducting a public tender via the Government Electronic Procurement System (SETAD). All stages of the tender process including the receipt of tender documents, submission of bidders' proposals, and the opening of bid envelopes, shall be carried out exclusively through the Government Electronic Procurement System (SETAD) portal at www.setadiran.ir. Bidders who have not previously registered must complete the registration process on the aforementioned portal and obtain an Electronic Signature certificate to participate in the tender.

Item	Material Description	Quantity
1	ROCK BITS, JET TYPE, LESS NOZZLES WITH API REGULAR TOOL JOINT PIN CONNECTION I.A.D.C. CODES: 1.1.1 OR 1.1.4 OR 1.1.5 ARE ACCEPTED IN EVALUATION MARKING: ALL SPECIFICATION OF BIT SUCH AS: TYPE, SIZE, MANUFACTURER, SERIAL, THREAD, ISO & IADC IN ACCORDANCE WITH API SPEC 7-1/ISO 10424- SHOULD BE DIE STAMPED ON THE TOP OF THE BIT LOCATION: DRILLING MOVEABLE MCAFP: DR/03/87/003 34 IN. X 7-5/8 IN.	8NO
2	ROCK BITS, JET TYPE, WITHOUT CENTER JET, LESS WITH API REGULAR TOOLJOINT PIN CONNECTION LEVEL OF INSPECTION: 2 (L.O.I.: 2) *QCP/MPS DOCUMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO REVIEW & CONF *ITP DOCUMENTS IS ESSENTIAL FOR TECHNICAL EVALUAT MARKING: ALL SPECIFICATION OF BIT SUCH AS: TYPE, SIZE, MANUFACTURER, SERIAL, THREAD, ISO & IADC IN ACCORDANCE WITH API SPEC 7-1/ISO 10424- SHOULD BE DIE STAMPED ON THE TOP OF THE BIT LOCATION: DRILLING MOVEABLE MCAFP: DR/03/85/003, 89/001, 91/001, 90/006 8-1/2 IN. X 4-1/2 IN. 26 IN., I.A.D.C. 1.1.4	60NO
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4,5,6	NOZZLES FOR DRILLING BITS COMPLETE WITH O-RING & RETAINING RINGS NOZZLES FOR DRILLING BITS ONE SET CONSISTS OF 3 NUMBERS CONNECTION SIZE AS SPECIFIED LOCATION: DRILLING MOVEABLE FOR SIZE 26 TO 34 INCH	48ST
7,8,9	NOZZLES FOR DRILLING BITS COMPLETE WITH O-RING & RETAINING RINGS NOZZLES FOR DRILLING BITS ONE SET CONSISTS OF 3 NUMBERS CONNECTION SIZE AS SPECIFIED LOCATION: DRILLING MOVEABLE FOR SIZE 14-3/4 TO 26 INCH	149ST

Vendors who intend to participate in aforesaid tenders are requested to send their "Intention To Participate" letter via fax to the following number along with their resume according to Qualitative Assessment Form no. 1, available at: www.setadiran.ir, not later than 14 days after the second announcement, otherwise, their requests for participation in the tender will be disregarded. The applicants should have relevant background in supplying the required goods and capability to provide and submit a bid bond of 31,974/67 EURO or 54,508,560,000 RIAL, in favor of NISOC.

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Brief Notice of International Two-Stage
Tender No. 1032795

It is hereby announced that Esfahan Steel Company (ESCO) intends to procure the bosh locomotive, in accordance with the required conditions and technical specifications, through a two-stage international tender. Accordingly, all the prospective bidders are kindly requested to visit ESCO's website www.esfahansteel.ir so as to obtain the tender document no later than 05.07.2026 and upload their techno-commercial offer to ESCO's website (through Sourcing Field) max. up to 06.07.2026 at 00:45 p.m. It is evident that this letter is only for notification purpose.

Yours Respectfully,
M. Shateri,
Equipment and Goods Procurement Management
Esfahan Steel Company