

# 30 countries to attend martyred Leader's funeral

## Social Desk

More than 30 countries have requested to attend the funeral ceremonies for Iran's late supreme leader, while religious leaders and scholars from more than 90 countries have also confirmed their readiness to participate, Ali Akbar Pourjamshidian, secretary of the National Headquarters for the Funeral and Farewell Ceremonies, said in Tehran on June 30, as the government announced a multi-day program spanning Iran and Iraq.

Speaking at the Interior Ministry, Pourjamshidian said the ceremonies would be held in the coming days under plans approved by the Supreme National Security Council and coordinated with the Office of the Leader. A national organizing committee, headed by First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, has

been established to oversee the events alongside state institutions and security agencies.

He said the program would extend across Tehran, Qom, Mashhad, Najaf and Karbala, with Iraq forming a parallel national committee chaired by Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani. Iranian officials, including Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, recently travelled to Baghdad for consultations with Iraq's president, Parliament speaker and other senior officials to finalize arrangements.

He said a formal ceremony for foreign heads of state, senior officials and religious figures would be held in Tehran on July 3.

Public farewell ceremonies will begin in Tehran on July 4, followed by funeral prayers on July 5 and a procession across the capital on July 6. Ceremonies

will continue in Qom on July 7, before the body is transferred to Iraq on July 8 for official receptions and processions in Najaf and Karbala. Burial is scheduled for July 9 in Mashhad.

Iranian authorities said several public holidays have been declared to facilitate attendance, while Tehran's metro will operate free of charge and around the clock during the main events. More than 300 foreign journalists have applied for accreditation to cover the ceremonies.

Pourjamshidian also dismissed specu-



Secretary of the National Headquarters for the Funeral and Farewell Ceremonies Ali Akbar Pourjamshidian addresses a press conference regarding the funeral arrangements for Iran's Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in Tehran on June 30, 2026. ● IRNA

## Russian ethnic festival awards Iranian film



## Arts & Culture Desk

Iranian feature film 'Havar' (Poultry Farm) won the Best Screenplay award and the Special Jury Prize for Best Music at the Mari International Ethnic Film Festival in Russia, its producers said.

Written and directed by Mohammadreza Ardalani and produced by Bahman Ardalani, the film earned the screenplay prize for Ardalani, while composer Navid Hejazi received the Special Jury Prize for his original

score. International distribution is handled by Madakto Pictures, ILNA reported.

Released overseas under the title 'Poultry Farm,' the film was originally produced as Faryad (Cry), but was renamed 'Havar' before receiving its Iranian screening permit to avoid confusion with a film of the same name by veteran Iranian director Masoud Kimiai.

The Mari International Ethnic Film Festival showcases films exploring cultural identity, heritage and indigenous traditions from around the world. The latest honors add to the international profile of Iranian cinema, which has maintained a consistent presence on the global festival circuit despite limited commercial distribution abroad.

The Best Screenplay award recognized Ardalani's script, while the jury praised Hejazi's score with its Special Jury Prize, citing its contribution to the film's narrative and emotional depth.

## Iran handled 12-day war relief without seeking foreign aid



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Iran managed humanitarian relief throughout the 12-day war in June 2025 without formally requesting international assistance, while 18 countries voluntarily sent humanitarian aid, Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) chief Pirhossein Kolivand said on Tuesday as the organization signed a new cooperation agreement with the Headquarters for Executing the Order of Imam Khomeini (EIKO).

Kolivand said the IRCS mobilized rescue teams from the first hours of the conflict, carrying out search-and-rescue operations, debris removal, casualty evacuation and the recovery of victims under what it dubbed the "front line of humanity".

He said the society's operational capacity had been significantly strengthened in recent years, enabling it to respond independently during the conflict.

He said 56 IRCS medical and relief facilities were damaged in the attacks. The cases were documented as alleged violations of international humanitarian law and compiled into reports submitted to 19 international organizations, including the International Criminal Court prosecutor, the International

Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations and other humanitarian bodies.

"Our documentation was collected and transmitted on a daily basis so it could be used in legal proceedings," Kolivand said.

Alongside emergency operations, specialist teams provided psychological support, medical care and services for women and children in affected areas, while the IRCS also stepped up humanitarian diplomacy.

Kolivand said the organization issued 35 official letters and 11 public statements, maintained contacts with Red Cross and Red Crescent societies abroad and facilitated visits by UN representatives to damaged areas in coordination with Iran's Foreign Ministry.

He added that the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies had recognized the Iranian Red Crescent as a leading national society and designated it a regional hub for rescue training and disaster management.

Although Tehran made no formal appeal for foreign assistance, Kolivand said 18 countries voluntarily dispatched humanitarian supplies, which were distributed rapidly to those affected.

The cooperation agreement signed on Tuesday builds on joint work that intensified during the conflict. Officials said the two organizations expanded volunteer training, field assessments, telemedicine and psychological support. Through the IRCS's Chelsey online platform, 2,420 trained counsellors delivered more than one million minutes of specialist consultations, with the program set to continue during major national and religious gatherings.

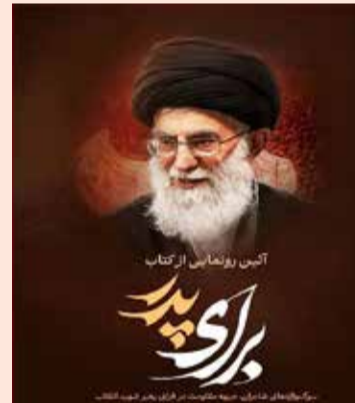
## Poets from 12 countries unveil first tribute to Ayatollah Khamenei

## Arts & Culture Desk

A poetry anthology featuring works by writers from 12 countries was unveiled in Tehran on Tuesday as the first collective literary tribute to Iran's "martyred leader", with organizers describing it as the opening chapter of a broader cultural initiative to preserve his legacy through literature.

Titled 'For Father: Elegies by Resistance Front Poets in Mourning the Revolution's Martyred Leader,' the 478-page volume brings together poems from across the Resistance Front literary community, IRNA reported.

The book was compiled by Hossein Alaeddin, with an introduction by Rouhollah Mokhtari and literary scholar Mohammadreza Sangari.



Mohammad Javad Haj Ali Akbari, head of Iran's National Council for Friday Prayer Policy, called the publication the literary community's "first gift" to the martyred leader and said it reflected an unprecedented cultural response that had emerged since his mar-


tyrdom.

"Our poets entered the field from the very first moments and fulfilled their mission," Haj Ali Akbari said. "They have rendered a lasting service to Persian poetry and literature, while strengthening the literary voice of the Resistance Front in Iran and across the region."

He described the collection as evidence of a wider "literary renaissance", saying the country's poetic tradition had responded swiftly to the national moment through verse.

The project was produced through cooperation between the Friday Prayer institution and leading Iranian poets and literary figures. Haj Ali Akbari said the initiative would continue, with a particular focus on nurturing younger writers.

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