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RAISI: IRAN-RUSSIA TIES ON THE PATH OF STRATEGIC RELATIONS



Bilateral cooperation in various areas of infrastructure, especially the North-South Corridor, cooperation in the field of energy and banking, and the surge in trade between the two countries were the main topics of discussion between the Presidents of Iran and Russia.

Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Referring to the influential role of Iran and Russia in the region and the world, the President said, "We have no restrictions on the development of relations with Russia, and the excellent relations between Tehran and Moscow are at the level of strategic relations and will be improved".

Raisi described the common understanding of the two countries in regional and international issues the basis for joint cooperation and said, "Iran-Russia relations are on the path of strategic relations".

Dr Raisi described maximum interaction with neighbouring and allied countries as one of the priorities of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and noted, "Strengthening bilateral cooperation between Iran and Russia will boost

the economies of the two countries and increase regional and global security".

Emphasising the inviolability of borders in the Caucasus and the national and geopolitical sovereignty of the region, the President stressed the need for cooperation for the economic development of the region, saying, "NATO influence under any kind of cover in the Caucasus and Central Asia threatens the common interests of independent countries".

The President said that the only way to reach sustainable stability and security in Afghanistan is the formation of an all-inclusive government with the cooperation of all groups and ethnicities, addressing his Russian counterpart, "We have stood against America like you since 40 years ago".

Dr Raisi called the cooperation between Iran and Russia in the fight against terrorism in Syria a successful experience and emphasised the preservation of Syria's territorial integrity, and said, "The complete sovereignty of the central government over all Syrian lands and international borders is the only way to ensure security in Syria".

He said, "The vicious circle of the substituting occupiers with terrorists and vice-versa in Syria must stop".

The President described the Astana process as a good framework for a diplomatic solution to the Syrian issue.

In this meeting, the two sides emphasised that the main problem of the world is getting far from spirituality.



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RAISI AT THE STATE DUMA OF RUSSIA:

IRAN SEEKS "MAXIMUM INTERACTION" WITH ALL COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD BASED ON INCREASING FORMATION OF A "CIVILISED GLOBAL COMMUNITY"



As one of his travel plans to Russia, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed the State Duma of Russia and stated, "The Islamic Republic of Iran seeks "maximum interaction" with all countries around the world, especially its neighbours and allies".

The full text of President Raisi's speech is as follows:

In the name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

**His Excellency Mr Volodin,
Honourable Chairman of the State Duma of Russia,
Dear representatives,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, I would like to express my satisfaction with the friendly government and nation of the Russian Federation for the warm welcome and hospitality of me and my accompanying delegation in the beautiful city of Moscow.

I seize the opportunity to congratulate the Russian nation and government on the birthday of Jesus Christ and the New Year. The people of Iran and the World of Islam respect Jesus Christ and his pure mother, Saint Mary, and based on the teachings of the Quran, believe that the most important common message of all Abrahamic religions is the spiritual development of humanity through worship of the Lord of the Worlds, which in itself promotes peace and intimacy and the emergence of God-loving and, consequently, human societies. At the same time, worshipping God always takes its meaning from avoiding obedience and worshipping any entity other than God.

I am very glad that in the programs of this trip, there was an opportunity to attend the State Duma and meet with you, the representatives of the people with the ancient culture and civilisation of Russia. In this regard, I would like to thank Mr Volodin, the Honourable Chairman of the State Duma of Russia, the Deputy Chairman of the Duma, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and other members of

the State Duma for organising this program and giving me the opportunity to speak.

As I mentioned in a cordial meeting and constructive conversation with Mr Volodin, when the Russian political delegation attended my inauguration; the Islamic Republic of Iran has the necessary will and readiness to develop and expand relations with the Russian Federation.

Today, fortunately, there are very clear horizons for cooperation between the two countries at the bilateral, regional and international levels. Strengthening Iran-Russia relations in bilateral and multilateral forms will boost the economies of the two nations and strengthen regional and international security. The abundant, yet complementary economic and trade capacities of the two countries, along with the power and influence of each of our two countries in their geographical areas, can strengthen the convergence between the regions.

The Islamic Republic of Iran seeks "maximum interaction" with all countries around the world, especially its neighbours and allies. The purpose and basis of this cooperation and interaction is the mutual interests of nations and the increasing formation of a "civilised global community". This path can be achieved through the cooperation of independent countries with high cultures and attention to the principles of "justice, morality and spirituality". Undoubtedly, the root of what human society suffers from today is the separation of politics from morality and spirituality. Violence, terrorism, the collapse of the family institution, and the spread of drugs do not come from a spiritualist mind-set. Any structure created on the basis of this segregation intensifies the suffering of humanity and, instead of promoting justice, structures oppression and creates the roots causes of domination.

Distinguished Representatives,

The experience of an international system based on domination shows that its output was nothing but war, violence Ladies and Gentlemen,

Sanctioning nations is a common form of new domination, and countering it requires the cooperation of independent states and a collective response. Otherwise, sanctions will affect all countries, even US allies, under various pretexts. The United States claims that the sanctions are due to the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear activities. Everyone knows that these activities are legal and under the constant supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency. But the reality is that in different historical periods of Iran's development, whenever our nation has raised the banner of nationalism, independence, or scientific development, it has faced sanctions and pressures of the Iranian nation's enemies.



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Dear Representatives,

The policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, according to the fatwa of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, is that we are not looking for a nuclear weapon, and such weapons have no place in our defence strategy. America seeks to oppose the rights of our nation. Our philosophy is also clear: "We do not relinquish the rights of our nation". Those chanting, "America is back" have not yet fulfilled their obligations under the nuclear deal. We are not satisfied with anything less than our rights. The Islamic Republic of Iran is serious about reaching an agreement if the other parties are serious about lifting the sanctions effectively and operationally.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The policy of maximum interaction of the Islamic Republic of Iran with independent governments is original and will continue regardless of the developments in the international environment. The Islamic Republic of Iran is the winner of two battlefields against terrorism and the campaign of maximum economic pressure. At the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran has extensive economic potential, especially in the fields of energy, trade, agriculture, industry and technology, which pave the way for beneficial cooperation for any bilateral or multilateral interaction with different countries. In this regard, basic agreements were reached between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation, which will cause a significant leap in bilateral economic relations for the benefit of the two nations, and effective regional cooperation for the benefit of peace and stability of nations in different regions. The privileged geographical location of Iran, especially the north-south corridor, can make trade from India to Russia and Europe less expensive and more prosperous. Stabilising and



benefiting the relations between the two countries requires the expansion of cooperation in the fields of science, society, culture and media, and we are ready for the maximum development of stable and long-term relations. To this end, we believe that the relations between the two countries should be designed in such a way that, while providing mutual benefits, they are also safe from the interference of third parties.

Distinguished Representatives

Fortunately, there are good relations between the parliaments of the two countries, and the interactions that exist in the form of the High Parliamentary Commission, between various commissions and committees, as well as parliamentary friendship groups, helps a lot to develop friendly relations between the two countries, especially in the economic field, in addition to promoting parliamentary relations. We consider the role of parliaments to be very important for the development of relations between the two countries, and we welcome it, both bilaterally and multilaterally.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers and supports Russia's initiative to hold a meeting of the Speakers of the Parliaments of Iran, Russia, Turkey, Pakistan and China in the fight against terrorism.

We hope to see the promotion of relations and the benefit of the people of the two countries from the benefits of these relations and the establishment of peace and stability in the region by making the most of the capacities and continuing cooperation between the two countries in regional and international issues.

I sincerely appreciate your kind attention.



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RAISI: EXTREMISM WAS DETRIMENTAL TO MUSLIMS

Referring to the detriments of extremist to Islam, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran said, "We Muslims must be sensitive to the takfiri movement".



Speaking on January 20 during a meeting with Rawil Gaynutdin, Chairman of the Council of Muftis of Russia, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi referred to the good relations between Iran and Russia, and said, "This trip will be a turning point in economic, political and especially cultural relations between the two countries".

The President added, "Relations with the Muslims of Russia are of special importance for the Islamic Republic of Iran".

Dr Raisi pointed out, "One of the characteristics of Russia is that the followers of the divine and Abrahamic religions live together with their beliefs".

Raisi emphasised the high position of the mosque in Islam, noting, "Mosques are the centre of communication between Muslims, the centre of worship of God, a place to inform people about issues

and a place to create hope".

Dr Raisi stated, "What we should be worried about today along with atheism is the issue of extremism. Extremism and takfir are detrimental to Muslims".

The President noted, "Some people have damaged the religion of God in the name of Islam, and we must be sensitive to the takfiri movement".

Raisi added, "Our position and that of Russia in Syria was not against the infidels, but against the agent of the Arrogance and the Zionist Regime".

Dr Raisi also accepted the invitation of the Chairman of the Russian Mufti Council to visit the Moscow Grand Mosque and stressed the need to prevent deviation among Muslims.

"We understand how important your meeting with the President of Russia is, and this meeting is very important for the Muslims of Russia as well," said Rawil Gaynutdin, Chairman of the Council of Muftis of Russia.

"Your prayer in the Kremlin was very symbolic and significant, and they wrote to me from Finland that the blessing came into the Kremlin," he said.



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MEETING BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IRAN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



The foreign ministers of Iran and Russia exchanged views over bilateral, regional and international issues. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian, who has travelled to Russia along with President Ebrahim Raisi, on January 20 met with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov. The two top diplomats held talks over issues of mutual interest.

In the meeting, AmirAbdollahian and Lavrov referred to the expanding ties between Iran and Russia, saying the meeting between the presidents of the two countries shows Tehran and Moscow's seriousness about further developing bilateral relations. They also expressed hope that relevant bodies of Iran and Russia will implement the agreements reached at the level of presidents of the two countries as soon as possible.

AmirAbdollahian also spoke of problems faced by some Iranian passengers at Moscow's airport and firmly demanded his Russian counterpart take immediate action to resolve those problems.

The top Russian diplomat for his part described President Raisi's visit to Russia as an important development in bilateral ties and underlined that the way has been paved for expanding the Tehran-Moscow

relations.

Lavrov expressed hope that economic projects that are currently being implemented by Russian companies in Iran will be complete as soon as possible.

The top Russian diplomat also described joint efforts to resolve consulate problems including airport hurdles as important. He underlined the need for resolving the existing problems by relevant bodies. Lavrov noted that the key problem is that some Iranian passengers do not complete the visa application forms properly and fail to accurately declare the purpose of their visit to Russia at Moscow's airport.

The foreign ministers of Iran and Russia also discussed the latest regional and international developments and the state of the Vienna talks. AmirAbdollahian and Lavrov underlined the necessity of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in this regard.

Elsewhere in their discussions, the two top diplomats underlined the need to finalize the roadmap of relations between Iran and Russian that was put forth during the meeting between presidents of two countries.

They also exchanged views over the latest developments in Afghanistan and Yemen as well as the Vienna talks aimed at removing the anti-Iran sanctions.

The two foreign ministers said the only solution to the situation in Afghanistan is the formation of an inclusive government with the participation of all ethnic groups of the country.

As for Yemen, AmirAbdollahian and Lavrov underlined that the country's crisis can only be resolved through political means based on a ceasefire, the removal of the siege on Yemeni people and dialog between Yemeni factions.



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CHAIRMAN OF RUSSIAN STATE DUMA'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETS WITH IRAN FM AMIR ABDOLLAHIAN



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian, who was accompanying President Ebrahim Raisi during his visit to Moscow, met with the Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Russian State Duma.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral and parliamentary ties and underlined the necessity of continued consultations and cooperation between the two countries.

During the meeting, AmirAbdollahian said the official visit by the Iranian president to Moscow indicates the significance the Islamic Republic attaches to relations with Russia.

The foreign minister also touched on the meeting between the Iranian and Russian presidents and the key negotiations they held, saying the excellent ties between the two countries are moving ahead in line with their strategic relations.

Leonid Slutsky, for his part, described the parliamentary relations between the two countries as excellent stressing that expansion of strategic cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran is an important and fundamental issue for Russia.

It should be mentioned that Iran's ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali and member of the Iranian parliament's national security and foreign policy commission Ebrahim Rezaee were also present during the meeting.

IRAN FM MEETS WITH VISITING UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SYRIA

The United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen, who was in Tehran for talks and exchange of views on the latest developments in the country, has met and held talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian.

During the meeting, AmirAbdollahian thanked the special envoy for helping the national dialogue and peace and stability in Syria, stressing that the Islamic Republic of Iran sincerely works to help him succeed in following up on the process to restore peace and stability to the country.

The foreign minister reiterated the Islamic Republic of Iran's viewpoint concerning a political solution to the crisis in Syria, from the very beginning of the developments in the country, stressing that the United Nations is part of the follow-up to the political resolution in Syria.

AmirAbdollahian also said the illegal presence of American forces in Syria and also the Israeli attacks against the country disrupt the political process there, and underlined the need for the international community and the United Nations to pay attention to this issue.

The top diplomat added that one cannot navigate through the crisis in Syria correctly without attending to the issues of refugees and the sanctions imposed on the country.

During the meeting, Pedersen also described the situation in Syria as stable stressing that under the current circumstances no involved party is talking about regime change in the country.





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PRESIDENT IN A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF TOGO:

STRENGTHENING TIES WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO BE PURSUED MORE SERIOUSLY

The President stated that the establishment and strengthening of relations with the African countries is one of the priorities of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, adding, "In the new era, the process of all-inclusive development of cooperation with African countries in different economic, trade and political fields will be pursued more powerfully and with more seriousness".



Speaking in a meeting with Togolese Foreign Minister Robert Dussey, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi said that African countries have rich and talented natural resources, minerals and human resources, adding, "Tehran seeks comprehensive development of relations with African countries, including Togo, to serve the common interest of the two nations".

Stating that throughout the history, Westerners have mainly sought to colonise and exploit the

African continent, and today they are pursuing their desires and interests in various forms, noting, "The efforts of the people of this continent to maintain their independence are valuable and their success depends on the emphasis on national and cultural identity and resistance to extravagance".

The President stated, "African countries have the necessary capacities for development and prosperity, and the Islamic Republic of Iran supports the independence, progress and welfare of the African people".

The Foreign Minister of Togo Robert Dussey also stressed that his country wants to establish wide-ranging and comprehensive relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, adding, "Lomé trusts Tehran's approaches in the development process of relations, and hopes that the policies of development of economic cooperation with Africa boosts through mutual partnership".

Condemning the West's tough sanctions against independent states and nations, the Togolese Foreign Minister stressed, "We seek joint cooperation with Iran to activate our capabilities in the mutual interest".



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TOGOLESE FM MEETS AMIR ABDOLLAHIAN IN TEHRAN



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian hosted his Togolese counterpart Robert Dussey and his entourage.

The two sides exchanged views over issues of mutual interest as well as regional and international matters.

The Iranian foreign minister welcomed Dussey and his entourage and referred to the significance of visits by officials of both countries for the purpose of expanding bilateral ties.

AmirAbdollahian then reaffirmed the determination of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to expand relations with African countries and all-out expansion of interactions and deals in all areas of mutual interest with Togo. The Iranian foreign minister also outlined the achievements of the Islamic Republic of Iran in different fields and the capabilities of Iranian companies in economic, scientific, technological and health sectors.

AmirAbdollahian underlined Iran's readiness to cooperate with other countries in those fields. Robert Dussey also thanked the Iranian side for the invitation, announcing his country's readiness to expand bilateral ties, especially regarding trade and economic issues.

Dussey enumerated fields in which Iran and Togo can cooperate like education, healthcare and energy and invited Iranian companies to participate in the development plan of his country and related projects.

IRAN,QATAR FMS HOLD TALKS INTEHRAN

Iranian Foreign Minister met and held talks with Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdul Rahman Al Thani. In the meeting, the top diplomats of the two countries discussed important regional issues and developments such as Afghanistan and Yemen as well as bilateral ties.

The Iranian foreign minister referred to the fast pace of regional and international developments, underlining the need for closer consultations between Iran and Qatar and for efforts to establish peace and stability in Yemen and Afghanistan.

AmirAbdollahian spoke over regional developments and stressed, "In recent weeks, we have witnessed a surge in military movements with regard to Yemen and such things have only led to a reproduction of war in Yemen and destroy the path to peace".

The Qatari foreign minister for his part said, "We are also worried about a new escalation of tension in the region and believe that the Yemeni crisis has no military solution and they must find a solution through dialogue and this situation is not in the interest of any parties".





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Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of India (January 26)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Australia (January 26)





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PRISIDENT CONGRATULATE TEAM MELL'S QUALIFICATION TO THE 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP



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Society & Culture

TOP GERMAN IRANOLOGIST HEIDEMARIE KOCH DIES AT 79



Prominent German Iranologist Heidemarie Koch, who wrote over 20 great books and numerous articles about ancient Iran, has passed away at the age of 79.

Koch studied mathematics as her major between 1963 and 1966. Subsequently, she worked as a teacher until 1972 in Hannover.

In 1972, she started Iranian studies at the University of Gottingen and received her doctorate in 1976. The topic of her dissertation under Walther Hinz was “Religious Conditions under Darius I with Reference to the Elamite Tablets of Persepolis”.

Koch took as her minor subjects classical archaeology, Byzantine art history and Christian archaeology.

From 1977 to 1986, she was employed by the Department of Iranian Studies and Near Eastern Archaeology at the University of Gottingen.

In 1986, at the University of Marburg, she worked on the labor administration and the economy in the Persian heartland at the time of the Achaemenids, after which she taught as a lecturer.

In 1990-91, Koch worked on research projects

funded by the German Research Foundation. Between 1993 and 94, she taught for two semesters as a substitute professor at the Goethe University in Frankfurt.

Since 1995, she was a professor of Iranian studies in the context of ancient history at the University of Marburg.

Her main subject areas were the Persian history and Persian languages of the pre-Islamic period. She laid special emphasis on the cultural and economic history, management and religion.

She utilized both written sources and archaeological remains. A second research focus was the exploration of Elam and its neighboring regions, especially in terms of the influences that they exerted on the subsequent Persian Empire.

The Persian literary monthly Bokhara honored Heidemarie for her lifetime achievements during a ceremony at the Mahmud Afshar Foundation in Tehran in 2014.

Speaking at the ceremony, Heidemarie said that she was a teacher of mathematics but became familiar with archeology when she married Guntram, who was studying archaeology at university.

Her interest in archaeology led her to study in that field and then she learned Persian and began her studies about Iran.

“It took a long time for me to travel to Iran and see Persepolis. When I was asked if what I saw was like what I read about Iran, I was happy to say yes. I visited Persepolis several times afterwards, yet still I like it,” she added.



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IRANIAN LADY SHINES IN JAPAN PARALYM ART WORLD CUP 2021



Paralympic Art World Cup 2021 was held in Tokyo with artists from 40 countries, including Iran, with the theme of "SMILE."

The Paralympic Art World Cup is an international competition for artists with disabilities to shine. Each year, it has a different theme and welcomes entries from all over the world.

The ceremony was attended by Iran's cultural attache in Japan, a member of the Japanese parliament, the mayor of Nakama in Fukuoka, a group of artists and representatives of participating countries, institutions, and sponsors, several selected artists from Japan, etc. in different categories,

Marzieh Hooshmand from Iran's Garmsar was selected as the first person with the work 'World Smile' and received a cash prize and was honored.

IRANIAN FILM GALOO WINS BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD AT CANNES WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

The short film "Galoo" was nominated for an award at the Cannes world film festival in the categories of best film, best cinematography, and best director.

The short film "Galoo" directed by Kasra Tirsahar,

was selected and won the Best Cinematography Award at the Cannes World Film Festival, held on January 16, 2022, and lasted until January 25, 2022.

The film was also nominated for Best Picture, Best Cinematography, and Best Director, winning Best Cinematography. 219

CONTEMPORARY IRANIAN SHORT STORIES READ AT ITALIAN EMBASSY

The Italian embassy in Tehran held a reading event with the Italian magazine "Internazionale" and the Iranian "Na Dastan", at the residence of the ambassador. The event featured short stories of Iranian contemporary literature published in the latest issue of Internazionale magazine.

The event, held in hybrid format, was attended by Mohammad Tolouei, Iranian journalist and writer, director of "Na Dastan," Francesca Gnetti, editor of the Middle East section of "Internazionale," as well as translator Giacomo Longhi, writers Ali Khodaei, Mahsa Mohebbi, Bitia Malakooti, Alieh Ataei, Arash Sadeghbeigi, photographer Mozhdde Noormohammadi, and cartoonists Meysam Barza and Rambod Khanlari. The reading event is part of a series of initiatives by the Italian embassy in Tehran on Italian and Iranian literature to highlight the historical, literary ties between the two countries.





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IRANIAN, ITALIAN ARCHITECTS DISCUSS RESTORATION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS



Some of the leading experts of contemporary Italian and Iranian architecture, such as Mario Cucinella, met in a hybrid format on January 25 to talk about sustainable architecture and create opportunities for cooperation in the restoration of historical buildings.

The roundtable, organized by the Italian Embassy in Tehran in cooperation with Domus magazine, provided an opportunity to discuss initiatives to safeguard the architectural heritage of both countries.

Among the participants were representatives of Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, as well as of the cities of Teheran, Shiraz, Persepolis and Isfahan. Italian specialized associations, such as Assorestauro and Alliance of Cooperatives, have presented their own know-how and expertise in safeguarding architectural heritage and proposed ways to promote the architectural heritage and make it accessible to the wider public.

In the session dedicated to sustainability, Italian and Iranian architects discussed the new trends in contemporary architecture, focused on optimizing

the use of resources, minimizing the impact of climate change, choosing local materials, and involving, whenever possible, local communities.

The panelists have also had the opportunity to share their own experience in the field in the framework of decades-long cooperation between Italy and Iran in the field of architecture and design.

The roundtable on architecture and sustainability is part of a series of events recently promoted by the Italian Embassy in Tehran, focused on architecture and design, such as the video series "Domus Eyes on Iran" and the publication of a special monographic issue dedicated to Iran by Domus in November 2021.

ISTANBUL CULTURAL CENTER TO HOST IRANIAN FILM WEEK

The Ali Emiri Efendi Cultural Center in Istanbul, Turkey, will be playing host to an Iranian Film Week beginning on February 4.

Eight films, including director Reza Mirkarimi's "As Simple as That" and "A Cube of Sugar", will be screened during the program organized by the Iranian cultural attaché in Istanbul to celebrate the anniversary of the Islamic revolution.



FOOD DIPLOMACY

Try delicious Iranian foods:
Amazing Tahchin, a Persian Rice Cake



Apart from an amazing taste, it's a good-looking Iranian food, and that's why it's an integral item on the menu of almost every restaurant, party, or formal ceremony in Iran.

There are different versions of Tahchin all of which mainly involve layering rice and a kind of meat or vegetable. But one made with chicken is the most common and favored version of this Persian rice cake that includes rice, yogurt, saffron, egg, and chicken fillets. It is also possible to use vegetables, fish, or meat instead of the chicken fillets. Tahchin is composed of two different parts: The thin Tahdig part which includes the chicken fillets, saffron, and other ingredients at the bottom of the cooking pot and the second part which is the white rice. In restaurants, Tahchin is mostly prepared and served without the white rice part.



TRADE AND ECONOMY

IRAN, BRAZIL KEEP TRADE RELATIONS DURING SANCTIONS



Head of Iran's Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines, and Agriculture says trade relations between Iran and Brazil are maintained and increased during the sanction time.

In a seminar on the development of relations with Brazil held in the presence of business activists in Tehran, Gholamhossein Shafei stated: "Basic needs, corn, soybeans, sugar, meat, and coffee were the important part of our imports from Brazil."

"The trend of imports has decreased by 58% and exports have increased by 110%, but the trade balance between the two countries is still not acceptable," he noted.

"Petrochemical, petroleum products, and pharmaceutical equipment are other part of Iran-Brazil trade," he added.

"There are two obstacles to exporting to Brazil," he said; "The first one is the lack of air and shipping lines, and the second is the lack of agreement to avoid additional tax."

President of the Iran-Brazil Joint Chamber of Commerce, Fakhroddin Amerian, also stated: "Iran-Brazil economic relations go back to 116 years ago and the country's trade relations with Iran were also positive during the sanctions."

IRAN, IRAQI KURDISTAN HOLD 2ND TRADE MEETING

With the efforts of the Joint Chamber of Commerce of Iran and the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, the second trade meeting of the two sides in the framework of economic transformation and development of trade was held for four days (January 18-21, 2022) in Erbil.

More than 50 Iranian manufacturing companies and 100 traders from the Iraqi Kurdistan Region attended the second trade meeting in Erbil and discussed expanding trade relations.

The meeting was held in the fields of printing and packaging, disposable goods, plastics, health, food, and supermarket products to establish a direct link between Iranian manufacturers and Iraqi businessmen and marketing.





TRADE AND ECONOMY

TEHRAN, BAKU INK MOU FOR CONSTRUCTING BRIDGE OVER ASTARACHAY



Iran and the neighbor Azerbaijan have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for cooperation in constructing a bridge over the Astarachay border river, the portal of the Iranian Transport Ministry reported.

The MOU was signed by Iranian Deputy Transport and Urban Development Minister Kheirollah Khademi and Azerbaijan's Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport Rahman Hummatov in Baku.

As reported by IRNA, the project for the construction of the mentioned bridge was commenced in a ceremony attended by Iranian Transport Minister Rostam Qasemi and Azeri Deputy Prime Minister Shahin Mustafayev.

Iran and Azerbaijan had earlier announced the total investment made in the project to be 4.7 million euros.

The construction of Astarachay bridge is going to be a positive step in completing the North-South Corridor and is expected to open a new gate for the development of all-out relations between the two neighbors.

IRAN, UZBEKISTAN INK RAILWAY CO-OP PROTOCOL

Iran and Uzbekistan have signed a protocol to strengthen cooperation in the field of rail transport and promote the use of international transit corridors passing through the two countries, the portal of the Iranian Transport and Urban Development Ministry announced.

According to Head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways (RAI) Miad Salehi, the Railway Cooperation Protocol was signed between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Establishing useful preferential tariff conditions, developing rail corridors, and regulating combined sea-rail transit are among the goals of the mentioned protocol.

Initial agreements were also reached to define new routes under the framework of the Convention on International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and plan some trial cargo transport projects through these routes.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**OVER 57,000 IRAQI STUDENTS STUDYING IN
IRAN**



English language and literature, Quran and hadith sciences, international relations, electrical engineering, and other majors with the highest number of non-Iranian students.

FEMALE IRANIAN STUDENTS RUNNER UP AT IDA 2022

Three industrial design students of Tehran's Al-Zahra University won second place in the educational toy design category of the International Design Awards (IDA 2022).

Created in 2007, the International Design Awards aims to recognize, celebrate and promote exceptional design visionaries and discover emerging talent in Architecture, Interior, Product, Graphic, and Fashion Design worldwide.

The annual IDA competition is held in five categories of Architectural Design, Interior Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, and Product Design.

Parnian Jamali, Najmeh Fanoudi, and Sajedeh Ashrafpour proposed a project called "Greene", and won the Silver rank in the educational toy design category.

Greene is designed for children aged 6 to 9 and its main goal is to bring children closer to nature and highlight togetherness. As all components of this product are durable and can be recycled or reused.

More than 57,000 Iraqi nationals are studying in Iranian universities, said Hashem Dadashpour, head of the Organization of Student Affairs, in a meeting with the Iraqi deputy science minister Hazem Baqir Tahir.

In a meeting in Baghdad, Dadashpour expressed hope to provide short-term research opportunities for students from both countries, and Iranian students will be able to gain an understanding of the scientific context of Iraq.

At the Iraqi ministry of science, we seek to implement the agreement signed by the two countries in recent years on the exchange of professors, joint research and research courses, short-term and long-term scholarships, Tahir said. Some 57,675 college students from 133 countries are studying in Iranian universities, many of whom have returned to their country with the outbreak of the pandemic.

Fifty-seven percent of the international students are studying for a master's degree, 27 percent for a bachelor's degree, and 15 percent for a Ph.D. degree, while the remaining one percent study at other levels.

Law, Persian literature, and computer engineering are the top three fields of study for foreign students in Iran, while civil engineering, business management, political science,





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WHO PRAISES IRAN FOR CONTROLLING MALARIA



Iran has not registered any native cases of malaria for three consecutive years, Tedros Adhanom Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) said, praising Iran for controlling malaria.

In the field of communicable diseases, 2021 was a historic year, and with the recommendation of the World Health Organization for the widespread use of the world's first malaria vaccine, tens of thousands of lives could be saved annually, he stated.

He further noted that China and El Salvador were recognized as “malaria-free” countries by WHO last year, and Iran has not registered any indigenous cases of malaria infection in the country over the past three years, IRNA reported on Tuesday.

According to the World Health Organization, a country that has not had a local case for three years is eligible for a malaria eradication certificate.

Among the 22 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region, the largest country that has been able to eliminate malaria so far is Iran. Many countries, such as the UAE, have achieved this goal, but they are very small and sparsely populated compared to Iran.

IRAN, ARMENIA TO ENHANCE HEALTHCARE CO-OP

Iranian Ambassador to Armenia, Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri, discussed expanded cooperation in the healthcare sector in a meeting with Armenian Healthcare Minister, Anahit Avanesyan, in Yerevan.

Pointing to the importance of promoting mutual understanding between the two countries, especially the existing capabilities in the production of medicine and medical equipment, Zohouri highlighted expanding bilateral partnership in the field of health and treatment, ISNA reported.

“The big potential of the Armenian-Iranian partnership in pharmaceuticals is obvious. We constantly consider the opportunities to mutually engage the Iranian-made medicine into the Armenian market,” Avanesyan said.

Investment programs, development of healthcare tourism and regional cooperation in the health sector, educational programs, and exchange of experience were discussed during the meeting.



IRAN; 1ST ASIAN FOOTBALL TEAM TO PROCEED TO QATAR WORLD CUP

2022





SPORTS

IRAN BEAT IRAQ TO QUALIFY FOR 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP



The Iranian national football team won the match versus the Iraqi national team (1-0) in the seventh week of the 2022 Qatar World Cup qualifiers, enjoying the opportunity to proceed to the Qatar World Cup 2022.

The head coach of the national football team of Iran said earlier that his team could win against the Iraqi national football team.

The Iranian national football team played against the Iraqi national team in the seventh week of the 2022 World Cup qualifiers today (Thursday) at 18:00 Tehran time at Azadi Stadium.

After an extraordinary performance in its last six matches in the qualifying round of the World Cup, the Iranian national football team has been able to have six wins and one draw.

Iran went to Iraq in its seventh match and hopes to win another game like the one that ended in a 3-0 victory to celebrate the 2022 World Cup in front of the spectators at Azadi Stadium. The first half of the game ended 0-0 with no goal and the second half ended 1-0 in favor of the Iranian national football team.

IRAN FASTEST MAN RANKS 3RD IN FRENCH INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iran's fastest man came third in the French Indoor Athletics Championships.

Hassan Taftian, the fastest man in Iran, finished third in the French Indoor Athletics Championships with a record of 6.76 seconds in 60 meters section.

Taftian has left for France to hold his training camp and participate in several training competitions in order to participate authoritatively in the 2022 IAAF World Indoor Championships and is going through the preparation stages.

The 2022 IAAF World Indoor Championships will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, from 18 to 20 March 2022.





SPORTS

IRANIAN WOMEN TENNIS PLAYER SAFI MAKES HISTORY



Iranian tennis player Meshkatolzahra Safi defeated Australian tennis player Anja Nayar at the 2022 Australian Open Junior Championships in two consecutive sets.

At the 2022 Australian Open Junior Championships, Meshkatolzahra Safi competed against the Australian tennis player, ranked 352nd in the World Tennis Federation, and defeated her opponent 6: 3 and 6: 4 in 2 consecutive sets.

In the next round of the tournament, Safi will compete with tennis players from Belgium and Kazakhstan.

The history of the Iranian tennis player has been reflected in the world youth rankings and her participation in the Australian Grand Slam.

The 17-year-old is ranked No. 87 in the girls' rankings following a highly productive 2021, during which she claimed ten junior titles across both singles and doubles.

The World Women's Tennis Association published a photo of Al-Zahra Safi's problems on its social page and wrote: "Get acquainted with Al-Zahra Safi's problems. The first Iranian player is among the top 100 players in the world youth ranking and competes in Australian tennis competitions."

Safi is the first player from Iran to be ranked within the top 100 of the junior world rankings and, while her appetite and desire means her ambition stretches way beyond such a statistic, it is certainly a milestone worth marking.





SPORTS

ICE CLIMBER SAFDARIAN PROUD OF DOING A GREAT JOB



Iran's Ice climber, Mohammadreza Korouyeh Safdarian, says breaking the dominance of Russia in the world's Ice climbing has been a great job done with his and his countryman Mohsen Beheshti Rad.

Safdarian snatched Iran's second gold medal at International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) Ice Climbing World Championships in Saas-Fee. Beheshti Rad claimed the country's first gold medal in the men's speed final.

“We did a great job in terms of what we achieved in Switzerland,” said Safdarian in his interview with Tehran Times.

“The demanding level of the tournament made it difficult for every ice climber to top the podium. The Russian climbers always are among the best, but Mohsen and I could break their dominance and end their reign in the competitions,” he added.

Having finished fifth in the men's speed contest, Safdarian managed to stand first, achieving a gold medal in the overall results.

IRAN'S BEHESHTI RAD WINS GOLD MEDAL AT ICE CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iranian athlete snatched the gold medal at Switzerland's UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships 2022.

Mohsen Beheshti Rad, grabbed a gold medal in the men's speed final at the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation's Ice Climbing World Championships in Saas-Fee.

Beheshti Rad was only the seventh-best qualifier earlier in the day, and after the first effort of 8.65sec in the final, he built on that with a 7.17 in the second and then a winning 6.90 on the third attempt at the Ice Dome in the Swiss resort.





IRAN CROWNED CAFA WOMEN'S FUTSAL CHAMPIONS



Iran claimed the title of the CAFA Women's Futsal Championship 2022. Iran defeated Tajikistan 9-0 and won the inaugural edition of the tournament.

Fereshteh Karimi (three goals), Sara Shirbeigi (two goals), Nastaran Moghim, Sahar Papi, Nesa Ahadi and Mahsa Alimadadi scored for the Iranian team.

Iran won the competition, grabbing 16 points out of six matches. The four-team competition was held at the Dushanbe Multi-functional Sports Complex from Jan. 21 to 28.

Tajikistan, Iran, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan competed in the tournament. The teams played each other twice. The Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) is an association of the football playing nations in Central Asia.



SPORTS

20 IRANIAN WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN BRAZIL DEAF OLYMPICS



Iran's Deaf Sports Federation will dispatch 20 female athletes to the 2022 Brazil Deaf Olympics.

Iran Press/ Iran News: The Iranian deaf women athletes won the first gold medal in karate at the 2013 Olympics in Bulgaria, the first gold medal in Taekwondo in 2017 in Turkey's Samsun, and snatched the silver medal in shooting in the same year (2017).

The vice-chairman of the Deaf Sports Federation for women's sports, Zahra Davoodi, said on Saturday that the athletes will be sent to Brazil to take part in taekwondo, karate, shooting, and athletics.

In another development, the Iranian girls' futsal team, which had participated in the Central Asian Football Association's (CAFA) tournament, won the championship title of the competitions on Friday.

In the final stage of the competition, Iran defeated his rival, Tajikistan, 9-0, and won the championship title.

IRANIAN WOMAN TO REFEREE IN CAFA 2022

An Iranian female referee will whistle at the CAFA 2022 Women's Futsal Championship.

Zahra Rahimi, an Iranian female referee, will whistle the CAFA 2022 Women's Futsal Championship, scheduled for January 18 to February 29.

Tajikistan will host the CAFA 2022 Women's Futsal Championship in its capital Dushanbe, and other teams from Iran, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan are scheduled to join the competition.

Accordingly, the Central Asian Football Confederation invited two referees and a referee observer. Zahra Rahimi is one of the two referees invited to join the CAFA Women's Futsal Tournament in Tajikistan.





FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

FIFA congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



FIFA World Cup
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Russian embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



Russian Embassy, IRI
@RusEmbran

Congratulations to the 🇮🇷 Iranian national team on qualifying for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar!



We wish you continued success!



Italy embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



Italy in Iran
@ItalyinIran

⚽ Our warmest congratulations to the #Iranian national football team on its win in today's match & well deserved qualification for @FIFAWorldCup Qatar 2022! 🌞



France embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



France en Iran
@FranceenIran

Forte ambiance dans les tribunes pour le match Iran-Irak aujourd'hui. Bravo particulièrement aux tribunes des femmes pour avoir animé ce match. Les valeurs du sport, c'est la participation de tous et toutes. Bravo à l'équipe d'Iran pour sa victoire !

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FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

Austrian embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup

Austrian Embassy Tehran
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Heute haben ALLE gewonnen. Die iranische Jugend, der iranische Fußball und auch die iranischen Frauen.
Wir gratulieren herzlich zur WM-Qualifikation



Pakistan embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



Pakistan Embassy Iran
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Embassy of Pakistan, Tehran felicitates people of #Iran on winning football match against Iraq and qualifying for #FIFAWorldCupQatar2022.

British embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



Simon Shercliff
@SimonShercliff

Tabrik! Many congratulations to Iran's football team on qualifying for the Qatar World Cup. Can we look forward to Iran 🇮🇷 vs England 🇬🇧 in the draw...?



Slovenia embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



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FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

Sweden embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



Germany embassy congratulate Team Melli's qualification to the 2022 FIFA World Cup



CAFA congratulate the title of the CAFA Women's Futsal Championship 2022



Swiss embassy congratulate Iranian ice climber for snatching Iran's second gold medal





DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

UNKNOWN PEARL OF PERSIAN GULF

BANDAR ABBAS, Jan. 16 – Consisting of a large living coral, “Lavan” and “Shidvar” islands have a beautiful environment. They are also rich in vast oil and gas resources. They are habitats for deer, snakes, seabirds and eagle-nosed turtles.

