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IRAN, RUSSIA TOP DIPLOMATS MEET IN MOSCOW, DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



During a meeting, top Iranian diplomat Hossein Amir Abdollahian and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov discussed bilateral relations and regional as well as international issues of mutual interest.

Emphasizing the importance of implementing the agreements reached during the visit of the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Moscow, Amir Abdolhian referred to Tehran's determination to develop all-out relations with neighboring countries, including Russia, and described it as one of the main priorities in the foreign policy of the 13th administration.

The foreign minister stressed that the process of developing relations with neighbors and Russia will be defined and continue regardless of any third party or international developments, and regardless of the outcome of the talks in Vienna.

Amir Abdollahian reviewed the latest developments in Vienna and described Russia's approach as constructive and empathetic during the past 11 months of talks and expressed confidence that this approach will continue until a good and reliable agreement is reached.

He said it is a fundamental principle that the definitive interests of the Iranian people determine the path of the Iranian Foreign Ministry and the negotiating team in Vienna. Amir Abdollahian

stressed that the ball is in America's court, and if Washington responds to the few remaining important issues and refrains from killing the time any further, the parties can return to Vienna as soon as possible to conclude the talks.

Explaining his telephone conversation with the Ukrainian foreign minister on the eve of his visit to Moscow, the Iranian foreign minister conveyed the message of the top Ukrainian diplomat requesting an end to the war and resolving issues through negotiations. Amir Abdollahian expressed Tehran's readiness to help resolve disputes between Russia and Ukraine peacefully. He announced the Islamic Republic of Iran's support for negotiations and a political settlement.

Emphasizing the principled stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran in opposing war, the Iranian foreign minister stated: We are against war anywhere in the world, be it in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria or Yemen.

Emphasizing that Iran does not consider war as a solution to any crisis or dispute and opposes it, Amir Abdolhian stated that Tehran also opposes the imposition of unilateral sanctions against Russia and considers it illegal and will try to make sure that they do not negatively affect relations between the two countries.

Referring to the need to implement the agreements reached during the recent meeting of the two presidents in Moscow, Lavrov also stressed his country's readiness to develop cooperation with Iran in all fields, especially in the economic sector.

Russia's foreign minister stressed his country's full support for the finalization of an agreement in Vienna. He said Russia, contrary to the U.S. claims, would not block the path to an agreement in Vienna and would maintain its constructive approach as part of the collective efforts until the end.

Lavrov also spoke of the war between Russia and Ukraine. Referring to the historical background of the issue, he said that Western countries, by inciting Ukraine, have crossed Russia's red lines and have caused the current developments by threatening Russia's security.



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IAEA CHIEF MEETS IRAN FM IN TEHRAN



Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, who has traveled to Tehran for technical talks with the officials of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, met with Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian. During the meeting, the Iranian foreign minister stressed the need for an independent, professional and impartial approach by the IAEA, and the importance of strengthening the agency's relations and cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran in areas beyond oversight and inspection, including supporting Iran's peaceful nuclear industry.

Amir Abdollahian also expressed hope that the negotiations and understandings between the IAEA and Iran's Atomic Energy Organization will pave the way for the implementation of agreements more than ever before.

In the meeting, Iran's foreign minister also referred to the role of the Zionist regime in creating discord and crisis and drew the attention of the IAEA director general to the regime's abuse of the mechanisms of the agency.

Amir Abdollahian expressed hope that during the visit of the IAEA chief, mutual trust and cooperation between the two sides will be further strengthened. Meanwhile, Grossi underlined a technical and professional approach and also the need for strengthening relationships, cooperation and finding creative solutions.

He also underscored the IAEA's readiness to support joint projects for peaceful use of nuclear energy and described his visit to Iran as a sign of the will to hold dialogue, find common ground, resolve issues and enhance cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the meeting, the two sides described the cooperation process between the IAEA and the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran as positive and successful.



IRANIAN FM PHONE CONVERSATIONS

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian has in telephone conversations held talks with counterparts from Qatar, Russia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, the EU Foreign Policy Chief and the senior coordinator of the Vienna talks over latest bilateral and regional developments as well as the state of the Vienna talks.



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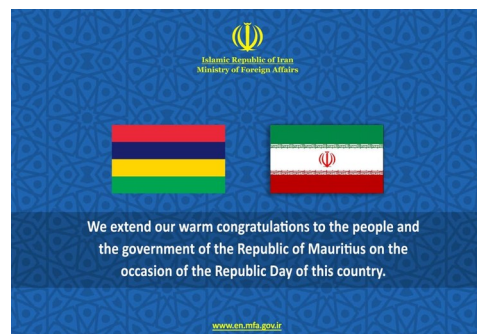
Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina (March 1)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Bulgaria (March 3)



Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Ghana (March 6)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Mauritius (March 12)





TWIPLOMACY

Iran's leader explains Elite's duty in his message to the union of Islamic students' associations in Europe

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Dear students,
Current political and military world events are a part of an expected **#HistoricTurn** in the world. Elites' short-term duty is to identify the fronts and take the right stance. Longer-term they should play a role in directing events in favor of the front of truth.

US is sinking with its all pomp and glory, Iran's leader twitter account retweets leader's 2020 saying

Khamenei Media
@Khamenei_m

In the same way that the pomp and glory of the well-known ship, the Titanic, did not prevent it from sinking, the pomp and glory of the US will not prevent it from sinking either. [Feb. 18, 2020]

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Iran FM, Amirabdollahian, proudly announced the placement of IRGC's Noor2 satellite into orbit by indigenous QasedSLV.

H.Amirabdollahian امیر عبداللہیان
@Amirabdollahian

By God's grace & endeavor of Iranian scientists & our proud IRGC, **#Noor2** satellite successfully placed into orbit by indigenous **#QasedSLV**.

No sanction can stop the great nation of Iran.

With this unwavering attitude, we can prosper in all areas of knowledge, economy & industry.

Iran FM spokesperson called the pause in Vienna Talks, a momentum for resolving remaining issues

Saeed Khatibzadeh سعید خطیبزاده
@SKhatibzadeh

Pause in **#ViennaTalks** could be a momentum for resolving any remaining issue and a final return.

Successful conclusion of talks will be the main focus of all.

No external factor will affect our joint will to go forward for a collective agreement.

Josep Borrell Fontelles @JosepBorrellF · Mar 11
A pause in **#ViennaTalks** is needed, due to external factors.

A final text is essentially ready and on the table.

As coordinator, I will, with my team, continue to be in touch with all **#JCPOA** participants and the U.S. to overcome the current situation and to close the agreement.



Nowruz traditions

NOWRUZ TRADITIONS

Nowruz is a festival that has been celebrated for thousands of years. It is a holiday that is enjoyed by people of several different faiths and as such can take on additional interpretations through the lens of religion. Nowruz is partly rooted in the religious tradition of Zoroastrianism. Among other ideas, Zoroastrianism emphasizes broad concepts such as the corresponding work of good and evil in the world, and the connection of humans to nature which was not contradicting Islamic beliefs and accordingly helped Iranians to make Islamic thoughts aligned with their ancient traditions.

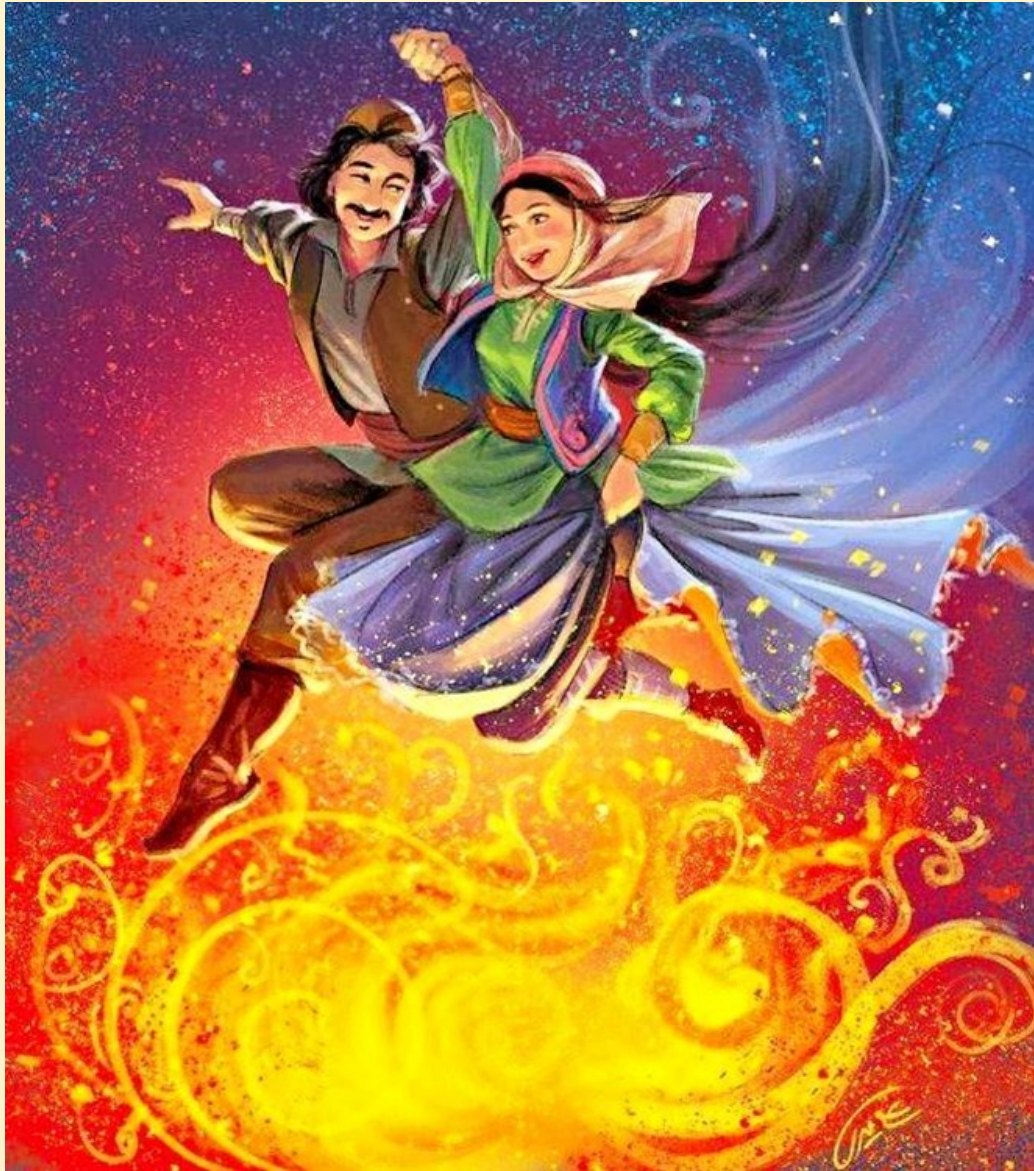


People all over the world celebrate Nowruz, but it originated in the geographical area called Persia in the Middle East and Central Asia. The distinct culture based on the language, food, music and leisure activities that developed among the many people and ethnic groups who lived in this area is known as Persian. Nowruz became a popular celebration among the communities that grew from these Persian influenced cultural areas. While the physical region called Persia no longer exists, the traditions of Nowruz are strong among people in Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada and the United States. Nowruz is a holiday that is celebrated by people from diverse ethnic communities and religious backgrounds. For the Parsi community, however, Nowruz is very special and is known as their spiritual New Year. Nowruz is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Children have a fourteen-day vacation from school, and most adults do not work during the Nowruz festivities. Throughout the holiday period friends and family gather at each other's houses for meals and conversation. Preparing for Nowruz starts a few weeks prior to the New Year with a traditional spring cleaning of the home. At this time it is also customary to purchase new clothing for the family and new furniture for the home.



Nowruz traditions

CHAHAR SHANBE SURI: THE FIRE JUMPING TRADITIONS



On the night of the last Wednesday of the old year Chahar Shanbe Suri, in Persian, is celebrated. During the night of Chahar Shanbe Suri people traditionally gather and light small bonfires in the streets and jump over the flames shouting: “Zardie man az to, sorkhie to az man” in Persian, which means, “May my sickly pallor be yours and your red glow be mine.” With this phrase, the flames symbolically take away all of the unpleasant things that happened in the past year. Because jumping over a fire is dangerous, many people today simply light the bonfire and shout the special phrase without getting too close to the flames.

Nowruz traditions

TAHVIL: THE EXACT MOMENT OF THE NEW YEAR



Families return home after the events of Chahar Shanbe Suri and wait together for the exact moment when the vernal equinox occurs, in Persian called Tahvil. Today people know the moment of Tahvil through searching on the Internet or looking in the newspaper. However, before these sources of information were available, families knew that the New Year was close when a special person called Haji Firooz came to the neighborhood to sing, dance and spread the news of Nowruz. Haji Firooz is usually dressed in a red satin outfit with his/her face painted as a disguise.

When the New Year is just minutes away families and friends gather together and wait for Tahvil to occur. Right after the moment of Nowruz, the family exchanges well wishes such as “Happy New Year” or “Sal-e No Mobarak!” in Persian. Next, the eldest in the family distributes special sweets and candies to everyone, and young children are given coins as presents. It is also traditional for families and neighbors to visit each other and exchange special gifts.



Nowruz traditions

ALL ABOUT HAFT-SIN: THE 7 'S' OF IRANIAN NEW YEAR



The most important activity in the celebration of Nowruz is making the haft-seen table. Haft is the Persian word for the number seven and seen is the Persian word for the letter S. Literally, the haft-seen table means a “table of seven things that start with the letter S”. Creating the haft-seen table is a family activity that begins by spreading a special family cloth on the table. Next the table is set with the seven S items. Here are some of the items and what they symbolize:

Sumac (crushed spice of berries): For the sunrise and the spice of life

Senjed (sweet dry fruit of the lotus tree): For love and affection

Serkeh (vinegar): For patience and age

Seeb (apples): For health and beauty

Sir (garlic): For good health

Samanu (wheat pudding): For fertility and the sweetness of life

Sabzeh (sprouted wheat grass): For rebirth and renewal of nature

In addition to these S items, there are other symbolic items that go on the haft-seen table, depending on the tradition of each family. It is customary to place a mirror on the table to symbolize reflection on the past year, an orange in a bowl of water to symbolize the Earth, a bowl of real goldfish to symbolize new life, colored eggs to represent fertility, coins for prosperity in the New Year, special flowers called hyacinths to symbolize spring and candles to radiate light and happiness. Each family places other items on the table that are special, for example the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, or the Shahnameh, an epic Persian story of colorful kings and princes written around the year 1000 CE.

Another important item to place on the haft-seen table is a book of poetry by the famous poet Shams ud-Din Hafez. Hafez lived in Persian lands during the 14th Century CE and wrote many volumes of poetry and prose narratives. Many Persians consider Hafez to be their national poet, and his historical status is similar to the importance of Shakespeare in the English-speaking world.

Nowruz traditions

SABZI POLO BA MAHI: THE ICONIC NOWRUZ DINNER



Annually on March 20 or 21, Iranian people celebrate the beginning of the Persian New Year, known as Nowruz. Just like other people around the world, people in Iran cook their own traditional foods, such as Sabzi Polo, to mark the arrival of spring and the beginning of their new year.

Meaning Herbed Rice, Sabzi Polo is an inseparable part of Iranian's table on Nowrouz (Persian New Year) –beginning of the spring-. It is one of Iranian's favorite foods and through your visit to Iran, tasting Sabzi Polo is a must. They typically serve it with fish but you can also serve it with chicken or meat.

Same as so many other delicious Persian foods like Albaloo Polo and Khoresht Bamieh, it is symbolizing prominent elements of Iranian culture. The herb used in the food is a great representative of rebirth and the fish is symbolizing life for Iranians. So, in case you want to get closer to Persian Culture, it might be a good idea to cook Sabzi Polow with Mahi on March, 20.



Nowruz traditions

THE FINAL DAY OF NOWRUZ: SIZDEH BEDAR

The haft-seen table remains in the family home for thirteen days after the beginning of Nowruz. The thirteenth day is called Sizdeh Bedar, which literally means in Persian “getting rid of the thirteenth.” The celebrations that take place on Sizdeh Bedar are just as festive as those on the first day of Nowruz.



On this day, families pack a special picnic and go to the park to enjoy food, singing and dancing with other families. It is customary to bring new sprouts, or sabzeh, grown especially for this occasion. At the park, the green blades of the sabzeh are thrown on the ground or in a nearby river or lake to symbolize the return of the plant to nature. Sizdeh Bedar marks the end of the Nowruz celebrations, and the next day children return to school and adults return to their jobs.



SOCIETY & CULTURE

HAMEDAN, ANCIENT CIVILIZATION, CELEBRATES IRANIAN NOWRUZ



Hamedan welcomes the 'Tourism route of Iranian history and civilization on Nowruz World' with, the Secretary of National Commission for UNESCO in Iran, attending.

Nowruz is the Iranians ancient spring holiday that dates back to more than 3,000 years ago.

The ceremony was held in Hamedan, west of Iran on Mar.15, 2022.

The "Tourism route of Iranian history and civilization on Nowruz World" ceremony holds to introduce Iran's sightseeing and attractive sights.

Attending the ceremony, the Secretary of the National Commission for UNESCO in Iran says Hamedan is the historical gateway of the country's civilization and hope next month will be registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Iran.

According to Hojjatollah Ayoubi, the purpose of the trip is to introduce the beauties, culture, art, and science of ancient Iran to the world.

Commenting on the significant characteristics of Ibn Sina (Ave Sina), he added: "Every year in the world, prizes in ethics and science are awarded to the well-known Iranian scientist."

DAY OF NIZAMI GANJAVI CELEBRATED IN BERLIN

Commemorating Day of Nizami Ganjavi, a ceremony entitled "Nizami Ganjavi, a pioneer in storytelling," was held in the German capital Berlin with the cooperation of the Iranian House and embassy.

Jamaluddin Abu Mohammad Elias ibn-Yūsof ibn-Zakkī, also known as Nizami Ganjavi, was an Iranian poet and novelist living in the 12th century.

Makhzanat al-Asrar, Haft Peykar, Khosrow and Shirin, Sharafnameh, Leily and Majnoon, and Divan Hakim Nizami are famous works of the Iranian poet which all are in Farsi.

Nizami Mausoleum is considered the symbol of Ganja. It is located at the entrance of Ganja in Ahmedli village on the east part of Ganja in the west of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Mahmoud Farazandeh, the Iranian ambassador to Germany, said at the beginning of the meeting, which was held in person and virtually with a group of Iranian Iranologists and intellectuals.

The poet is one of the few ones who were able to show pre and post-Islamic Iran in his works.

March 12 is the day of commemorating Nizami in the Iranian calendar, and the National Commission for UNESCO-Iran awards the Hakim Nizami Prize to selected figures of culture and art in various fields.





SOCIETY & CULTURE

IRANIAN NOWRUZ, FLAGSHIP OF INT'L SPRING FESTIVAL IN PAKISTAN



The International Festival of Culture and Spring, hosted by NUML University of Pakistan, opened in Islamabad on Monday with the participation of various countries, including the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the 'Nowruz and Iranian Civilization' pavilion was enthusiastically welcomed by the participants.

The opening ceremony of the two-day International Cultural Festival on the eve of spring and the ancient celebration of Nowruz today with the presence of General Mohammad Jafar, Rector of the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), foreign diplomats including Ehsan Khazaei, Cultural attache of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Hamaneh Karimikia, Head of Public Diplomacy and Media of Iran Embassy in Islamabad, Dr. Safer Awan Head of Persian Language and Literature Department of NUML University, the Academia; The professors and students of the mentioned university were held.

The ceremony began with the visit of the Rector of NUML University and foreign guests to the booths present, including the booth of Nowruz and Iranian civilization, and then several happy programs and traditional music were performed. Khazaei, Iran's cultural attache in Pakistan, welcomed the president of NUML University and other foreign guests to its pavilion and briefed them on Iranian civilization, customs, and traditions, especially the ancient celebration of Nowruz. Many Pakistani and international students from different countries, professors, and those interested in Iranian civilization welcomed the Nowruz pavilion with local and national culture, tourist attractions, the introduction of Iranian food, and souvenirs.

In the Nowruz pavilion of Iran, which has been set up for two days by the efforts of the Iranian Cultural Council in Islamabad, pictures of popular celebrations during Nowruz with handicrafts were also displayed.

On the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the International Culture Festival, several art groups from different countries performed cultural and traditional programs.

Ehsan Khazaei, the Cultural attache of the Iranian Embassy in Pakistan, said at the ceremony: "On the eve of spring and Nowruz, we congratulate this ancient event and common heritage to the people of Nowruz region, especially the two friendly and brotherly countries of Iran and Pakistan, as well as all Persian speakers in the world."

He added: "Countries in the region, including Persian-speaking countries, celebrate Nowruz celebrations with special enthusiasm."

Explaining in detail how Nowruz celebrations are held in Pakistan, Khazaei added: "Our country's cultural advisor in Islamabad, with the cooperation of some cultural figures and literary groups, will hold special celebrations and ceremonies during Nowruz."

Noting that the spring and Nowruz celebrations are a common element between Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and some other countries, he added: "The display of Iranian customs and culture in Pakistan and countries that are familiar with the Persian language is very welcome and accompanied by students and Muslim people of these countries."

Dr. Hamaneh Karimi-Kia, Head of Public Diplomacy and Media section of Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, referred to the Festival as an opportunity to introduce Iran's rich culture and civilization, especially the Nowruz tradition. She added that Iran and Pakistan have many cultural commonalities, which today we celebrate.





TRADE AND ECONOMY

IRAN READY TO BUILD DAMS, POWER PLANTS FOR ARMENIA

IRAN'S EXPORTS TO SCO MEMBERS RISE 41%



Iran has expressed readiness for conducting various infrastructure projects including dams, roads, and power plants in Armenia, the portal of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) reported.

The announcement was made during a meeting between Iranian Industry, Mining, and Trade Minister Reza Fatemi-Amin and TPO Head Alireza Peyman-Pak with Armenian Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Gnel Sanosyan.

In this meeting, while expressing the capabilities of Iranian companies in the field of technical and engineering services, Peyman-Pak expressed the readiness of Iranian companies for providing power plant services as well as the supply of fuel including gasoline and diesel to Armenia.

As reported, during the meetings the two sides also discussed cooperation in other areas including transportation, mining, and transit.

Peyman-Pak further suggested that Iran and Armenia could also cooperate in the mining sector since Armenia has large copper and molybdenum mines and exports the minerals in the form of concentrate to other countries.

According to the official, considering high gas prices in Armenia it is not economically justifiable to melt minerals and create products with more added value, so Iranian companies that have bioleaching technology can cooperate with Armenia in this regard to jointly produce copper ingots using the mentioned technology that does not require heat and melting.

The value of Iran's exports to the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) increased 41 percent in the first 11 months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2021-February 19, 2022) as compared to the figure for the previous year's same period, the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced.

According to Ruhollah Latifi, Iran exported 40,642,272 tons of goods worth more than \$18.295 billion to the SCO members in the mentioned period, IRICA reported.

Iran and the SCO member countries traded over 48.903 million tons of commodities worth more than \$32.712 billion in the said 11 months, Latifi stated.

The value of the total trade between the two sides in the said time span also increased by 31 percent year on year, he added.

Iran has cross-border trade with 11 key member states and observer states of the Shanghai Agreement, including China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, and Belarus, among which the largest volume of exports was to China which was \$12.634 billion, the IRICA spokesman stated.

Afghanistan with \$1.655 billion, India with \$1.634 billion, Pakistan with \$1.129 billion, and Russia with \$439 million were next in terms of imports from Iran, the official said.

As for other SCO members, exports to Uzbekistan stood at \$368 million, to Kazakhstan at \$165 million, while the imports by Tajikistan reached \$79 million, by Kyrgyzstan were \$74 million, and the value of exports to Belarus stood at \$16 million.

According to Latifi, China, Russia, India, Pakistan and Uzbekistan were the top five sources of imports for Iran among SCO members.

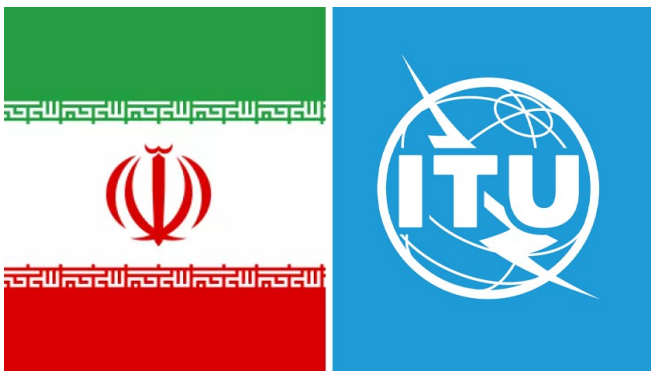




SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ITU APPOINTS IRAN AS VICE-CHAIR FOR STANDARDIZATION

The Islamic Republic of Iran was appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Telecommunication Standardization Study Council Working Group No. 11 at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).



The International Telecommunication Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for all matters related to information and communication technologies. It was established on 17 May 1865 as the International Telegraph Union, making it the oldest UN agency.

The Study Council Working Group No. 11 examines signaling requirements, protocols, equipment testing specifications, and fake products.

Arezoo Oroujlu is the representative of Iran in ITU's Working Group No. 11.

The Sixth World Telecommunication Standards Association (WTSA) was held in Geneva, Switzerland, with the participation of representatives from 146 member countries of the ITU.

IRANIAN MARINE RESEARCHER WINS HUMBOLDT AWARD

A marine science researcher from the Iranian National Institute for Oceanography and Atmospheric Science won the award of Germany's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Farzaneh Momtazi managed to receive a one-year scholarship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for her work on the impact of climate change on the distribution of bipeds in the Persian Gulf.

This is the first time an Iranian researcher has won this zoology and marine sciences award.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a foundation established by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany. It promotes international academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from Germany and abroad.

The Foundation grants more than 700 competitive research fellowships and awards every year, primarily to academics from natural sciences (mathematics included) and the humanities.



IRAN'S FEMALE FOOTBALL TEAM RANKS 1ST IN CAFA



The Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) Women's Futsal Championship ended in Dushanbe with the victory of the Iran women's national team.

Iran's team won the third match against Kyrgyzstan.

As a result of the tournament, the Iranian women's team won gold medals, achieving five victories and drawing only one match, gaining 16 points out of 18 possible. Silver medal went to Uzbekistan (13 points), and the team of Kyrgyz Republic (4 points) – bronze.

Vice-President of the Football Federation of Tajikistan Dilshod Jurazoda and Secretary-General of the Central Asian Football Association Ulugbek Karimov took part in the closing ceremony, awarding the winners and prize-winners of the CAFA-2022 Futsal Championship among women's national teams.

As a result of the tournament, the 'Fair Play' prize was awarded to the Iranian team; a special prize was awarded to Tajikistan. The competition's best scorer was Maftuna Shoyimova from Uzbekistan, with nine scored goals. And the tournament MVP award was given to the leader of the Iranian national team Fereshteh Karimi, who was recognized



SPORTS

IRANIAN REFEREES TO JUDGE 2022 ASIAN FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Asian Football Association (AFC) invited two Iranian referees to judge the 2022 Asian Futsal Cup competitions.



The 2022 Asian Futsal Cup qualifiers will be held from April 1 to April 16, 2022, in Kyrgyzstan.

Zari Fathi and Ebrahim Mehrabi Afshar are the two referees invited by the AFC to judge the competitions.

IRANIAN ATHLETE WINS INT'L SQUASH COMPETITIONS

Iranian athlete, became the champion of Tehran's fourth international squash tournament.



In the final match of the fourth international squash tournament in Tehran, Alireza Shamli and Sepehr Etemadpour competed against each other. After

an attractive competition, Shamli managed to defeat his opponent 3-0 and become the champion of the competition.

The joint third place went to Samiullah Ghasedabadi from Iran and an Indian athlete.

The tournament with a prize of \$ 3,000 was held for three days with the participation of athletes from Iran, Iraq, and India at the Heydarnia Sports Complex in Tehran.

IRANIAN FEMALE REFEREE TO JUDGE 2022 WORLD SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP



The judging committee of the World Canoeing Federation appointed the Vice-President of Iran's Canoeing Federation for women as the referee of the world championship competitions.

The 2022 World Slalom Championship will be held from July 26 to 31, 2022 in Augsburg, Germany, and Katayoun Ashraf from Iran will be the referee to control the equipment of these competitions.

Referees from Germany, Belgium, Spain, Argentina, Australia, the Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, the United States, and the United Kingdom will judge the competitions.



SPORTS

IRANIAN MEN TAEKWONDOKAS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

World Taekwondo President's Cup

Tehran, Iran
March 10-14, 2022

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The Iranian male taekwondokas stood first in the fourth World Taekwondo President's Cup for the Asia region.

The 4th round Taekwondo President's Cup competitions are hosted by Iran where 193 taekwondokas are participating from Afghanistan, India, Azerbaijan, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Turkey, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and the team of refugees. With five gold, one silver, one bronze, and a total of 712 points, the Iranian athletes stood first.

Uzbekistan achieved runner-up with one gold, one silver, three bronze, and 261 points, while Jordan won third place with two gold and 260 points.

Earlier, Iranian women taekwondo fighters had won the fourth round of the World Federation Taekwondo Cup in Tehran. Iranian female athletes achieved five gold three bronze medals with 697 scores and were announced as the champions.

Jordan attained one gold, one silver, and one bronze with 203 scores and stood in runner-up place; Uzbekistan grabbed one gold, two bronze medals with 173 scores, and stood in 3rd place.



FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

We are preparing for Nowrouz, says the Netherlands Ambassador to Iran



Italian embassy in Tehran hold the 5th round of intercultural talks



Italian embassy in Tehran planting an olive tree as a symbol of peace and friendship between two nations



Azerbaijan Embassy in Tehran highlights Iranian President's congratulating Aliyev on the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between two countries





DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

SPRING IN SHIRAZ ATTRACTS TOURISTS ON VERGE OF NOWRUZ

Shiraz, the capital of Fars province, is one of the most visited tourist cities in the south of Iran and now, with the ancient Nowruz is approaching, spring is showing itself in the city.

With the coronavirus pandemic being contained in Iran, the grounds have been prepared for the presence of tourists in Shiraz, southern Iran, These days, the travel of tourists from different parts of Iran and the littoral countries of the Persian Gulf to Shiraz has put spring passion on the face of this tourist city.

With the increase in vaccination speed in Iran and the injection of booster shots, tourists are traveling to the attractive areas of Iran, including Shiraz, with more confidence.

Exclusive video of Iran Press News Agency shows the touristic attractions of Quran Gate, Eram Garden and Karimkhani Citadel, and Shapouri Mansion in Shiraz.

