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### DR RAISI: EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS PRIORITY OF IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY



Stating that the Islamic Republic of Iran has had a good participation in the Indian Ocean Rim Association in different periods, the President said, "Effective cooperation with regional organisations is the priority of our foreign policy". Speaking in a meeting with Salman Al Farisi, the Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association, Dr Raisi pointed out the considerable capacity of the member states of this association and emphasised planning for greater convergence of its members to increase the use of these capacities".

Raisi emphasised the need to take advantage of the capabilities of women in various parts of the Association and added, "In the years after the Islamic Revolution, women have achieved many successes in social, scientific, cultural and health fields in Iran, which can be an example and model of effective presence of women in the society".

In this meeting, Salman Al Farisi, expressed his satisfaction with his trip to Iran and meeting with the President, and said, "Iran is an active and effective member of the Association, and especially the term of Iran's presidency of the Secretariat of this Union is very significant and honourable".

### IN A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BELARUS; THE NEED TO ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF IRAN-BELARUS AGREEMENTS WAS STRESSED

Emphasising the need to speed up the implementation of the agreements reached between Iran and Belarus, the President said, "Holding joint economic meetings will be one of the signs of the determination of the two countries to develop relations".

Speaking in a meeting with Vladimir Makei, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, Dr Raisi referred to his recent meeting with the President of the country on the sidelines of the Shanghai Summit in Samarkand and emphasised on the acceleration of agreements reached.

Referring to the capacities of cooperation between Iran and Belarus, including in the field of energy, equipment and heavy machinery, the President said, "Holding joint economic meetings will be one of the signs of the determination of the two countries to develop relations".

Vladimir Makei also announced in this meeting the will of the Belarusian government to implement its agreements with Iran and said, "The roadmap for the development of interactions between the two countries has been compiled and finalised in the Joint Commission on Cooperation between Iran and Belarus, and their implementation will lead to stable growth of cooperation between the two countries".







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### IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS ARMENIAN PRIME MINISTER IN YEREVAN



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan have in a meeting discussed the latest developments in bilateral ties and the regional situation.

Amirabdollahian underlined the importance of expanding relations with neighbors, including Armenia, in the Iranian administration's foreign policy. He also reaffirmed the Islamic Republic's support for establishing permanent peace between the Republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia, resolving border disputes and stabilizing borders and the territorial integrity of regional countries. Amirabdollahian stressed the necessity of building up intra-regional economic and cultural cooperation to strengthen neighborliness.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan for his part appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran's principled stance on regional developments. He also thanked Iran for helping restore peace and stability in the Caucasus region and reaffirmed his country's readiness to further cooperate with the Islamic Republic.

### IRAN, ARMENIA FMS HOLD TALKS IN YEREVAN

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, who had visited Armenia for an official and bilateral meeting and at the invitation of his Armenian counterpart, Ararat Mirzoyian, held two rounds of talks with the top Armenian diplomat.

They discussed the most important issues related to bilateral ties between Tehran and Yerevan in different areas and also major regional developments.

Amirabdollahian pointed to the age-old relations between Iran and Armenia and stressed the significance of bolstering, promoting and redefining ties in different spheres, particularly in economic and transit cooperation.

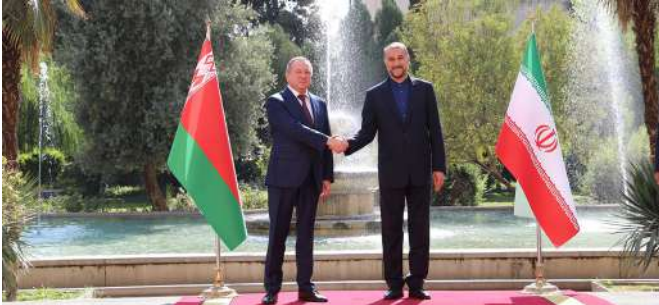
The top Armenian diplomat for his part outlined the latest developments in the region, appreciating Iran's stance on regional issues and developments. Referring to the economic cooperation between Iran and Armenia, Mirzoyian underlined the need to continue and promote this cooperation. He, in particular, described joint work in the field of transit along the North-South Corridor as important.





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### FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IRAN, BELARUS DISCUSS EXPANSION OF RELATIONS



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian held a meeting with his counterpart from Belarus, Vladimir Makei, for talks over issues related to bilateral relations in various fields.

Amirabdollahian said bilateral economic and commercial ties between the two countries were enjoying an appropriate level of growth. He described the joint economic projects on the agenda of the two countries as significant and stressed paying serious attention to those topics. The Iranian foreign minister also emphasized the importance of facilitating bilateral consular cooperation to facilitate the trips of nationals of the two countries, especially those active in the fields of economy, transportation and transit as well as students with the aim of setting the stage for promoting cooperation.

For his part, the Belarusian foreign minister raised topics related to bilateral relations and said the Islamic Republic of Iran and Belarus have close approaches to regional and international issues.

During the session, the two top diplomats also signed documents for cooperation between the foreign ministries of the two countries.

### IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS WITH VISITING QATARI DEPUTY FM

A delegation from Qatar's Foreign Ministry, headed by the country's Deputy Foreign Minister for regional affairs Mohammed bin Abdulaziz al-Khulaifi, met with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian in the Iranian capital Tehran.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed various bilateral issues, recent developments in regional and global spheres, issues of mutual interest between the two countries, and the growth and development of Tehran-Doha relations.

The Iranian foreign minister emphasized on the Islamic Republic of Iran's determination to develop relations with Qatar, as well as the necessity of the implementation of the agreements made during Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's visit to Doha and the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani's visit to Tehran.

For his part, Qatar's deputy foreign minister also emphasized the importance of developing bilateral relations and said promoting cooperation at the regional level is significant.





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### PAKISTANI PM'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR AFGHANISTAN MEETS WITH IRANIAN FM



Mohammad Sadiq Khan, the Pakistani prime minister's special envoy for Afghanistan met with Iranian Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian.

Khan has travelled to Tehran for consultations over the latest developments in Afghanistan.

In the meeting, Amirabdollahian extended the Iranian president's warm greetings to the president and prime minister of Pakistan and offered his own greetings to Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto. Amirabdollahian then described relations between Tehran and Islamabad as excellent and underlined the need to further expand cooperation between the two neighbors in all areas, especially regional security.

The top Iranian diplomat said the Islamic Republic of Iran considers Pakistan's security as its own security, saying Tehran is ready for any cooperation that would strengthen security in the region.

### VISITING HEAD OF IRAQI SUPREME SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS IRANIAN FM

The Secretary of the Supreme Security Council of Iraq Qasim al-Araji, who visited Tehran at the head of a high-ranking security delegation, met with Iran's Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian.

In the meeting, the Iranian foreign minister pointed to the expanding relations between Tehran and Baghdad in all fields and emphasized on the cooperation of the two countries in the field of security, including the need to deal with armed terrorists from the Iraqi Kurdistan region.

Amirabdollahian emphasized that the relations between the two countries are strategic and privileged, adding "we consider the security of Iraq as the security of Iran."

He added, "Considering the good relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq, we do not expect the Kurdistan Region of Iraq to be a haven for terrorist acts and a threat against Iran."

For his part, the secretary of the Iraqi Security Council said, "The Iraqi Constitution does not allow the activities of people and movements that threaten the neighbors."







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### IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS EB HOME



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian visited Iran's EB Home (NGO for kids suffering the Butterfly Disease).

During the visit, Amirabdollahian talked with the officials of the center and heard their concerns and the problems of the patients, especially the sufferings rooted in the cruel sanctions of the US and also met with a number of the children there.

He also, in brief comments during the meeting, condemned the sanctions on medical equipment including the bandages needed for children suffering the Butterfly Disease, saying today unilateral sanctions have become a modern tool for violation of human rights.

Amirabdollahian noted that some foreign parties are shedding crocodile tears with claims of championing human rights for the Iranian nation, and with the aim of fomenting riots in Iran.

Amirabdollahian also announced a decision by the foreign ministry to slap sanctions against a number of parties involved in imposition of sanctions against the Iranian nation and also institutions that supported the riots and unrest in Iran.

### ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, PARLIAMENTARY UNION OF THE OIC MEMBER STATES (PUIC) SIGN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT

During a meeting between Muhammad Qureshi Nias, the secretary general of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), and his accompanying delegation and Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, a headquarters agreement was inked between the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the secretariat of the PIUC.

The sides also discussed various issues such as parliamentary cooperation among the member states of the headquarters, the issue of Palestine, and Western conspiracies against Islamic countries.

Amirabdollahian pointed to the importance of the role of the parliaments of Islamic countries in the process of legislation and creating a unified process among member states.

He thanked the secretariat of the PIUC for its stance in condemning the terrorist attack in Shah Cheraq Shrine in Iran's Shiraz.

For his part, Muhammad Qureshi Nias, the secretary general of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), thanked the Islamic Republic of Iran for its aid to the PIUC and for accepting to host its headquarters.



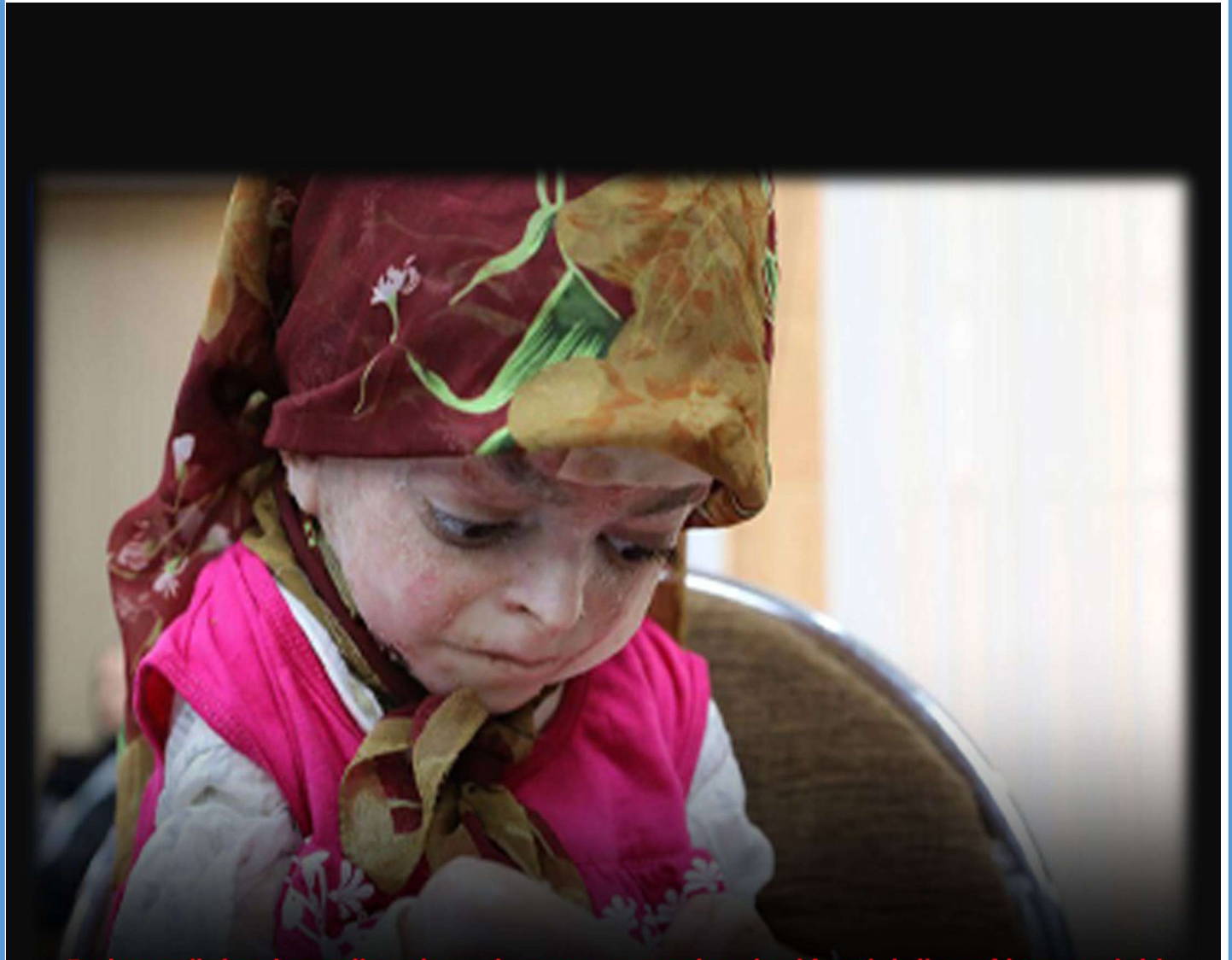


Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Turkey (October 29)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Austria (October 26)



Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the Independence Day of Hungary (October 23)



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## Top Things Iran Is Famous For

### QESHM ISLAND



Qeshm is an Iranian island in the Persian Gulf with many natural, cultural and tourist attractions. Located in the Strait of Hormuz, just 60 kilometers away from the Omani shore, Qeshm is an island with a great abundance of wildlife and plenty of unique geological formations, many of which are listed as UNESCO Heritage sites.

The largest island in the Persian Gulf, Qeshm is fringed with biologically diverse mangrove forests, attractive beaches and 60 Bandari (local) villages.

#### Historical background



According to historical records, Qeshm Island has been famous as a trade and navigation center. Its economy flourished during the Dailamite and Buyid eras, as trade vessels sailed between Qeshm Island and China, India, and Africa.

Due to its position, Qeshm has been of high strategic importance for many centuries. In fact, the Portuguese conquered and ruled it for about 200 years and this is why, today, it still has an ancient Portuguese fortress and some streets even have Portuguese names.

#### Qeshm attractions

Qeshm Island has plenty of natural and tourism attractions, from pristine islands and untapped coral reefs to long-standing forests, high valleys to deep caves, and all the wildlife and cultural assets in between. Among eye-catching attractions in Qeshm island stand Hara Marine forests as the precious ecological mangrove tree resources, the Stars Valley, and Kharbas



cave an outstanding work of rock-out architecture.

#### Valley of the Stars

One of the most spectacular natural sites on Qeshm Island features a series of majestic gorges and canyons that were formed over centuries by erosion. Wandering amid the valley is a magical experience.

**Kharbas Cave:** The ancient village of Kharbas is located on the fork road of Qeshm - Dargahan in Qeshm Island, Hormozgan Province. Nestling in the heights of this village is historical evidence revealing architectural effects in the rocks. Some believe this to be the place of worship of the Mithraism cult or the Anahita Temple (deity of water). Overlooking the Persian Gulf, the Khorbas Cave on the Southern Iranian Island of Qeshm is partly natural, partly man-made. Khorbas cave with its odd and mysterious holes is one of the attractions of







## Top Things Iran Is Famous For

### Portuguese Castle



Of course, there is more to Qeshm island than its natural beauty. This is where Portugal comes in! There was a sea trade on the route between Europe and India and the Portuguese who were interested to dominate the area, built many fortresses and castles in this zone. The Safavid king, Shah Abbas (1571-1629) eventually put an end to the Portuguese domination after 110 years. Make sure to visit this castle during your stay on Qeshm island.

### Laft village



Bandar Laft is situated on Qeshm's "FIN" next to Hara Forest. Even though Yazd is most often thought of as the city of Windcatchers (wind towers), an ancient Persian architectural structure used to create natural ventilation, a glance at the panoramic skyline of this historical port is proof of a rivalry. Few Abanbar (Persian ancient water



reservoirs) also exist and are still used by locals today.

### Namakdan Salt Cave

Namakdan Salt Cave on Qeshm Island is one of the most attractive natural landmarks in Hormozgan province. The white streaks of salt on the exterior side of the mountain of the cave have made it stand out in the landscape.

### Qeshm's Mangrove Forest (Harra)

The next place which is highly recommended for tourists to visit is the Harra mangrove forest. Harra forest is one of the 8 mangrove forests of Iran and it covers an area of almost 2000 square kilometers. The most beautiful natural wonder that one can easily witness through the day is that with the rise and fall of the sea level during the day, the routes of the trees become submerged in water and later come out of the water and become visible.



The good news is that tourists can ride on a boating tour and travel through this forest and witness the floating trees and the unique ecosystem.

What makes Qeshm special is the existence of a variety of coastal habitats. All kinds of coastal beds such as coral reefs, rocky shores, muddy and sandy beaches, and mangrove forests can be seen in Qeshm.





## Society & Culture

### EXHIBITION OF IRANIAN CALLIGRAPHY IN NEW DELHI



On the occasion of Unity Week and the auspicious birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the beloved prophet of Islam, an exhibition of Iranian and Indian calligraphy has been held in New Delhi, the capital of India.

The exhibition of Iranian and Indian calligraphy in New Delhi with the title "Mashq Eshq" commenced and hosted those interested in Iranian art and culture for four days.

A number of Sikh and Hindu leaders, along with Indian political officials, visited the exhibition of Iranian and Indian calligraphy in New Delhi.

The art of calligraphy is one of the traditional and historical arts of the two great civilizations of the world, Iran, and India.

The exhibition has displayed a part of this beautiful art.

### TABRIZ TAJIK CULTURAL WEEK WRAPES UP

Tajik cultural week programs were held in the historic and beautiful city of Tabriz, the capital of East Azarbaijan province, northwest of Iran,

with the presence of Tajik and Iranian artists.

Cultural Week of Tajikistan in Iran, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance of Iran, the Ministry of Culture of Tajikistan, and the Embassy of Tajikistan in Tehran, was held from October 3 to 8, 2022 in Tehran, Tabriz and Shiraz, respectively.

Tajik and Turkish music performances, poetry readings by Tajik and Iranian poets, Tajik and Iranian artist meetings, Tajik painting works exhibition, and other cultural programs were held during the cultural week of Tajikistan in Tabriz.

Tajik cultural days in Tabriz were accompanied by Tajik artists attending the tomb of the famous Tajik poet Kamal Khojandi and showering it with rose petals, followed by Tajik and Iranian artists' performances.

The cultural week programs of Tajikistan in Iran were kicked off in Tehran's Abbasabad cultural tourism area and continued in the cities of Tabriz and Shiraz.







## Society & Culture

### DOME OF SOLTANIEH WORLD'S HIGHEST BRICK CONSTRUCTION



The Dome Soltanieh in Zanjan, northwest of Iran, has been registered as the largest historical dome in Iran and the highest brick one in the world.

The dome is 48 meters high with an internal diameter of 25 meters which was built on the order of Soltan Mohammad Khodabandeh from 703 to 713 AH (back to 14th century). It was build based on Seljuk architectural style.

Coated with turquoise tiles in mosaic form, the dome is known as the famous one in the world after the domes of Italy's Santa Maria Church and Hagia Sophia Mosque, respectively.

The complex has an octagonal plan, eight minarets and three parts named as the Gonbad Khaneh (dome), the Torbat Khanaeh (crypt) and the Sardabeh (cellar).

The Dome of Soltanieh was registered in 2005 in UNESCO world heritage as the seventh national monument of Iran.

The historical site hosts the foreign and domestic tourists during the year.

### PERSIAN GULF MUSEUM, WINDOW TO IRAN'S CIVILIZATION

The Persian Gulf Regional Museum is the largest in southern Iran, showcasing the country's history and civilization.

Valuable historical objects and documents from the three provinces of Bushehr, Hormozgan, and Khuzestan are kept in the historical and old Persian Gulf Regional Museum building.

The museum provides visitors with complete information about the Persian Gulf region's political, historical, and cultural developments with audio and visual guidance.

The pavilion building, library, research center, and Sabzabad mansion are essential parts of the museum, displaying a historical narrative in each part.

The Persian Gulf Regional Museum deals with the Persian Gulf region's ecology, history, and anthropology.

The attractive building of the museum provides a good feeling for history lovers, tourists, and those interested in the history of Iran with the purposeful placement of valuable objects.



## FOOD DIPLOMACY

### Tanercheh or Troncheh: A traditional food of of Sistan and Baluchestan



The province of Sistan and Baluchestan is in the southeast of Iran. In addition to a long history, unique civilization and native cultures, the four season province of Sistan and Baluchestan enjoys its interesting food diversity.

Tanercheh or troncheh is a traditional food and in fact a special kind of kebab. This famous dish of Sistan and Baluchestan is prepared in two different ways; One is skewering mutton and the other is completely grilled, both of which require a tandoor. The tandoori kebab is served alone or with pilaf. In the first method, the meat is usually chopped into small pieces and after skewering, it is placed in a grill with melted charcoal for about 45 minutes to 1 hour. In the second method, the sheep is slaughtered and after emptying the abdominal contents, it is sewn with fireproof thread and placed in the oven. After that, cover the oven with thatch and wait until it is fully cooked.





## Society & Culture

### ZANJAN MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, WINDOW TO IRAN'S HISTORY

The historical Edifice of Rakhtshooy Khaneh (House for cloth washing) is located in the historical part of Zanjan city and, as an anthropology museum, is considered one of the sightseeing and tourist places.

The most important and attractive part of the historical complex is Rakhtshooy Khaneh, which is beautifully and uniquely designed. Rakhtshooy Khaneh is a unique monument built in 1307 AH and is an only-women place where they used to wash clothes.

Two brothers named Akbar and Ismaeel built Rakhtshooy Khaneh. As Zanjan has very harsh winters, they build it there for women's convenience. The laundry section has been built with 11 columns.

Zanjan's Rakhtshooy Khaneh has been registered in Iran's national monuments list. As an anthropological museum, the historical Edifice of Rakhtshooy Khaneh attracts tourists and history lovers.

Zanjan is a city in northwest Iran, serving as the capital of Zanjan Province.







## Trade & Economy

### IRAN, SERBIA INK MOC ON AGRICULTURE



A memorandum of cooperation was signed between Iran's Moghan Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Company and the representative of Serbian agricultural companies.

The Islamic Republic of Iran and Serbia have always declared their interest in developing and consolidating cooperation in all fields, including political, economic, defense, tourism, cultural, scientific, educational, and sports, and in practice, they have taken specific and essential steps to prove their positive will.

Within the framework of the memorandum that was signed in Moghan, northwestern Iran, the Serbian side is committed to transferring advanced genetic materials in strategic crop varieties to the country, producing seeds in strategic and fodder crops, researching and introducing new varieties of wheat and barley, and cooperate in improving the cultivation pattern of Moghan region and Iran.

### IRAN, PAKISTAN INK DOCUMENT TO FORM JOINT TRADE COUNCIL

Iran and Pakistan signed a document to form a joint trade council. Headed by the President of Iran's Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA), Gholam-Hossein Shafei, an Iranian private sector delegation, signed the

document during a visit to Karachi.

Promoting bilateral trade to \$5 billion is among the primary objectives of forming the joint trade council between the two neighboring states.



### IRAN, BELARUS EXPLORE WAYS TO BOOST JOINT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIONS

Iranian Deputy Minister of Industry Alireza Payman-Pak and Deputy Minister of Industry of Belarus Dmitry Kharitonchik underlined expanding trade relations and implementing joint production lines for industrial productions.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to develop trade ties and set up joint production lines for various industries, including the automobile industry, home appliances, and medical equipment.

Payman-Pak underlined Iran's readiness for launching joint auto and home appliances production lines.

For his part, the Belarusian deputy minister of industry referred to Iran's helpful economic development experiences and stated that Belarus must take advantage of Iran's high experience.





## Trade & Economy

### IRAN EXPORTS 5.5 TONS OF CAVIAR

### IRAN-AFRICA TRADE UP BY 27 PERCENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS



Head of Iran's Fisheries Organization, said: "Currently, five and a half tons of caviar are exported to 33 countries, and Iran is trying to create new markets and increase production."

Hossein Hosseini made the remarks evening and stated that his organization is eyeing new target markets to export more caviar to foreign countries.

He expressed hope that the export will double in the next three years.

Hosseini noted: "Currently, out of the 556 million dollars of Iran's exports, about five to seven percent is devoted to the export of surgeon (caviar) fish."

He emphasized that all Caspian Sea littoral states must specify their share of the reconstruction of reserves of caviar fish at sea. The deputy minister of agriculture stated that surgeon (caviar) fish is presently farmed in 22 provinces.

Iran is one of the largest caviar-producing countries in the world.

Deputy Chairman of the Iran-Africa Business Club says trade volume between the country and African countries has grown by 27% in the first half of the current Iranian year (March-September 2022).

Addressing the second meeting of reviewing trade opportunities of Iran and Africa, Ruhollah Latifi stated that the forum was intended to pave the way for promoting the private sector to boost their presence in African markets.

He noted that a new direct flight between an African country and Iran would be launched within one year.

The Iranian official highlighted that the six-month trade between Iran and Africa reached 1,437,500 tons worth 761.5 million dollars, showing a 1% rise in weight and 27% in the value of commodities.

He pointed out that Iran's export to Africa had been 1.382 million tons worth 710 million dollars, indicating 24% growth.

According to Latifi, Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Congo, Seychelles, and Egypt are the first seven countries exporting goods to Iran, while South Africa, Mozambique, Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Tanzania are the first seven countries importing Iranian commodities.





## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### IRAN PIONEER IN PREVENTING DRUG ADDICTION: UNICEF



The Chief of the UNICEF office in Iran says that Iran is a pioneer in preventing addiction and treating and rehabilitating drug addicts.

In a ceremony of opening the first Center for Health and Rehabilitation of Adolescent Girls in Khorasan Razavi held, Robin Nandy said the focus of Iran in the fight against addiction is on children and adolescents, especially young girls.

In the past years, Nandy said, UNICEF has provided support and various measures to develop and implement family- and school-based programs to prevent addiction.

He said UNICEF was ready to help the centers spread across Iran.

### IRAN, TAJIKISTAN SIGN MOU TO ENHANCE MEDICAL CO-OP

Health Minister Bahram Einollahi and his Tajik counterpart Jamaluddin Abdullahzadeh inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to expand medical and health cooperation.

In a meeting in Tehran, Einollahi stated that one of our major goals is a broad and strong

relationship with the neighboring countries, especially Tajikistan, to develop practical cooperation.

To carry out joint activities in the fields of information and knowledge exchange, control of communicable and non-communicable diseases, health insurance, medical education, medical equipment as well as cooperation with the World Health Organization, we are fully prepared, he noted.

### IRANIAN STUDENTS SNATCH GOLD IN INOVA 2022

Iranian inventors headed by Allameh Tabataba'i University professor Jalaladdin Faraji grabbed the gold medal of the 46th Invention Show (INOVA 2022) in Croatia.

The 46th International Invention Show was held on October 12-15, 2022, in Osijek, Croatia.

According to Tehran's "Allameh Tabataba'i" University, Amirhossein Payandeh, Saman Keivannia, and Fatemeh Izadi-Yazdanabadi are the members of the Iranian team that was awarded the gold medal in the category of Advertising and Tourism and the title of "Role Of Drones In Smart Tourism."







## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 52 IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES LISTED AS TOP INSTITUTIONS WORLDWIDE



According to the latest edition of the best global universities ranking released by U. S. News, 52 Iranian institutions were ranked among the best institutions worldwide.

Universities of "Tehran", "Azad Islami", "Medical Sciences and Health Services of Tehran", "Noshirvani Babol Industrial University", and "Sharif University of Technology" are the top five Iranian institutions in this ranking.

In the previous edition of this ranking system, 44 institutions from Iran were among the top institutions in the world, which have reached 52 this year.

The University of Tehran and Azad Islamic University are among the 500 top intuitions in the world, according to this ranking.

#### Academic quality

Fifty-eight universities from Iran were listed among the top universities in Asia, according to the 2022 Asia University Rankings of the Times Higher Education.

The 2022 edition of the Times Higher

Education Impact Rankings, based on universities' contributions to delivering the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), listed 27 Iranian universities.

### 1,870 IRANIANS AMONG WORLD'S TOP 2% MOST-CITED RESEARCHERS

Stanford University listed 1,870 Iranian researchers among the top 2 percent of the most-cited scientists in the world, which has grown significantly compared to past years.

Stanford University has recently published an update of the list of the top 2% of most widely cited scientists in different disciplines. Globally, 200,409 scientists fall in the top 2 percent worldwide.

This ranking, considered the most prestigious worldwide, is based on the bibliometric information contained in the Scopus database and includes more than 200,000 researchers from the more than 8 million scientists considered to be active worldwide, with 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields taken into account.

In the latest version of this ranking, with the calculation of citations in 2021, there are 1,870 researchers from Iran, which has grown significantly in the last two years compared to previous years.





## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### DEFYING US SANCTIONS, IRAN'S WORLD-CLASS TELESCOPE RECEIVES FIRST LIGHT, RECORDS DEBUT IMAGES



As the US continues to push for more sanctions to hamper Iran's scientific progress, the Iranian National Observatory (INO) says its world-class, 3.4-meter optical telescope has received its "first light" after it became operational.

INO Project Director Habib Khosroshahi announced that the National Telescope's debut images, simultaneously with its first light, were received late last month.

"It is very rare that the first astronomical images are received simultaneously with the first light, but we received an image of Arp 282, located 320 megalight-years distant from the earth with the first light," Khosroshahi said.

"In fact, if the Hubble Space Telescope was used on the earth to observe the sky and record images, perhaps the quality of its image of [Arp 282] would be the same as the image that we took with the National Telescope," he said.

He added that the second image received from the National Telescope was of NGC 23, a spiral galaxy around 173.5 megalight-years distant from

the Milky Way.

Gerry Gilmore, an astronomer at the University of Cambridge and chair of INO's international advisory board, said the project was just a dream when INO started it. "No one in Iran had attempted anything on this scale before," he said, according to Science Magazine.

"What surprises me is that the know-how came so fast," optical engineer Lorenzo Zago, a consultant and advisory board member, said. "They've been working like hell!"

Iran's National Observatory, a totally home-grown project, was inaugurated only last year. The country's astronomers faced unprecedented problems in building INO, including sanctions that curtail high-tech imports and visa restrictions limiting their travel abroad.

The Observatory is built on a mountain top in the city of Kamoo in Isfahan province in an altitude of 3,600 meters. Initial plans for launching the National Observatory had been adopted in the 1990s, but construction had stalled due to financial and technical problems.







## SPORTS

### IRAN'S HEMATIAN WINS GOLD AT ASIAN YOUTH CHESS C'SHIPS



Salma Hematian of Iran won a gold medal at the Asian Youth Chess Championships held in Bali, Indonesia.

She finished in the first place in the Standard event in the Under-8 category.

Hematian scored 7.5 points. Indian chess player Charvi Anilkumar won silver, scoring seven points and Kazakhstan's Sholpanbek Zhansaya came third with six points.

### SHOOTER ROSTAMIAN HAPPY TO WIN OLYMPICS' QUOTA

Hanieh Rostamian, Iranian sports shooter, is delighted to obtain Iran's first berth for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Iranian woman, taking part in the World Shooting Championships in Egypt, managed to win



the country's first quota for the 2024 Olympics.



### IRANIAN FEMALE ATHLETE MAKES HISTORY IN ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Iranian Track and Field female athlete won the gold medal at the Asian Field and Track Championship in Kuwait. Nazanin Fatemeh Eidian made history and claimed a gold medal, breaking the record of the women's junior 400m hurdles in Asia.

Eidian ranked first in the Asian tournament in the women's 400m hurdles, ending in 1.01.03.

### IRAN BECOMES RUNNER-UP AT CAFA CHAMPIONSHIP

Iran became the runner-up at the CAFA U-15 Championship 2022.

The Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) Championship is an international football competition for the member nations of the Central Asian Football Association. Shadi Mahini's girls





## SPORTS

### IRAN GRECO-ROMAN TEAM CHAMPIONS OF U23 WORLDS



Iran Greco-Roman team won the U23 World Championships Wednesday night.

Hassan Rangraz's team won the team title with 138 points, 37 points more than second-placed Georgia.

Turkey jumped over Azerbaijan to finish third with 93 points.

Iranian wrestlers claimed three gold and three bronze medals in the competition underway in Pontevedra, Spain.

Danial Sohrabi won the gold medal of Iran by winning the 67kg weight class.

Pouya DadmarzIman at 55kg and Mohammadi at 63kg had also won two gold medals.

Aliakbar Yousefi (130kg), Amir Abdi (72kg) and Ali Abedi (97kg) won three bronze medals.

### IRAN FREESTYLE WRESTLING TEAM ENDS UP RUNNER-UP AT U-23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iranian freestyle U-23 wrestling team finished runner-up in the 2022 World Wrestling Championships 2022.

Iranian freestyle wrestlers bagged four gold and one silver medal in the competition held in Pontevedra, Spain.

Georgia won the team title with 141 points.

Iran finished second with 134 points, while the US managed to get third with 112 points.

Iranian U-20 freestyle wrestlers Amir-Hossein Firouzpour and Amir-Reza Masoumi bagged a U-23 world title to their respective age-group gold medals. Mohammad-Sadeq Firouzpour collected the third gold by overpowering Khadzhimurad Gadzhiyev from Azerbaijan, 5-2, at 74kg weight class. The fourth gold was bagged by Masoumi, who defeated Solomon Manashvili of Georgia, 13-2, in the 125kg final.







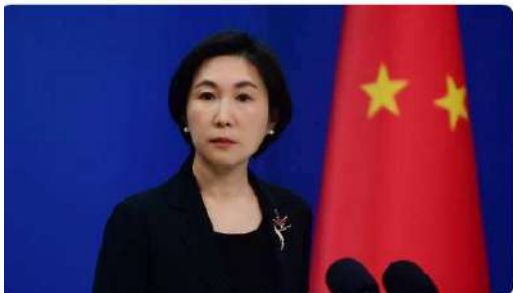
## FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

Condemning ChahCheragh terrorist attack, China voices support for Iran in countering terrorism



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Pakistani ambassador recalls his visit to ChahCheragh holy shrine, saying the terrorist attack was an affront to humanity



ShahChiragh is one of holiest shrines in #Iran. Recall my visit in Dec '21 with friends & family. #Iranian #Muslim #Islamic & ppl frm across world visit there to pay respects & prayers. For #Terrorists to attack there is affront to humanity everywhere @rasmou @IRIMFA\_EN #



Upon arrival in Iran's Bandar Abbas port, India's First Training squadron ships were received by Iranian Navy



First Training Sqdn Ships @indiannavy ships Tir, Sujata & @IndiaCoastGuard ship Sarathi entered Bandar Abbas port for Long Range Trng Deployment on 13 Oct 22'. The ships were received ceremonially at Shd Bahonar Port by IRI Navy's First Naval District & Naval Attaché from E/I



Expressing sorrow, Japan embassy strongly condemns terrorist attack in the ChahCheragh holy shrine



ما از تلفات جانی ناشی از حمله تروریستی در حرم شاهچراغ شهر شیراز در 4 آبان ماه عمیقاً متأثر و غمگین شدیم. ما این حمله تروریستی را به شدت محکوم می کنیم.

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The hearts of #Iranian these days are with martyrs' families & the symbol of this empathy is the Love & sympathy for #Artin. An innocent child who witnessed the loss of his father, mother and 11-year-old brother in this deadly crime with innocent and childlike eyes.







## FUNERAL CEREMONY OF SHAH CHERAGH MARTYRS IN SHIRAZ

The funeral ceremony of Shah Cheragh terrorists attack martyrs was held on Saturday in Shiraz with the participation of Iranian people.

On Wednesday (October 26) a terrorist armed with a machinegun opened fire on the pilgrims and evening prayer worshippers at the Shah Cheragh holy shrine in Shiraz, martyred 15 innocent people, including some women, children, and elderly folks, and seriously wounding dozens.







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Saragah village near Talesh in Gilan province, north of Iran, and with a beautiful lake, is one of the attractions of the province.

