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RAISI AT THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANISATION (ECO) SUMMIT:
**IRAN CONSIDERS SPECIAL PRIORITY FOR
COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS**



Speaking at the 15th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) hosted by Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran considers a special priority for economic cooperation and partnership with Asian countries, especially its neighbours in South Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and the Caucasus".(28 November)

The President emphasised, "Undoubtedly, strengthening the role and position of regional organisations as facilitators of bilateral and multilateral cooperation is one of our concerns and efforts, one of the clear manifestations of which is the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)".

The President added, "In addition to enjoying the material features of power, such as the population of half a billion, the ownership of one third of the world's energy resources, the unique position for Europe-China connection with the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, the young and powerful human resources, the ECO entails a privileged identity called Islam".

Raisi stated, "We are not only capable neighbours but also inheritors and at the same time promote a genuine identity emanating from Islamic culture that is able to lead the future of humanity in the brightest state and can also promote spiritual growth and vitality through the cooperation of all".

"Over the years, good achievements and progress have been achieved in the ECO, but there is still a significant gap between the successes achieved and the real capacities and capabilities of the organisation. For example, despite high trade potentials, intra-regional trade is still less than 10%," he said.

The President stated, "The Islamic Republic of Iran, as an important country, seeks to improve the level of cooperation in ECO and to raise the rank and status of this organisation in regional and international relations. We believe that there are effective tools for the promotion of the organisation that, if the efforts of the members are shared, can ensure the well-being of future generations in addition to the material progress of the countries".

Referring to the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, the President said, "Now we need the collective intervention of member states to remove the destructive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic from the region and promote the relations and interactions between us with appropriate speed and with the help of experiences in the field of health and education and the production of medicine".





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RAISI IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN: IRAN DETERMINED TO DEEPEN COMPREHENSIVE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN



Speaking in a meeting with Pakistani President Arif Alvi during his visit to Turkmenistan, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi referred to the common grounds and vast capacities for the development of Tehran-Islamabad cooperation, and said, "The two countries not only enjoy neighbourly relations, but also have historical and cultural bonds, and the use of these capacities can contribute to the development of relations in the interest of the two nations and the progress and development of the region".

The President of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that the Islamic Republic of Iran is determined to develop and deepen comprehensive relations with Pakistan, saying, "We consider the relations and cooperation between the two countries inadequate given the potentials, and we are determined to activate these potentials".

Referring to the areas and capacities of Tehran-Islamabad cooperation in the development of border markets, transit, transportation, energy and tourism, Raisi said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran has no restrictions on the development of relations with Pakistan".

The President further stressed the need to support the oppressed nations, especially the people of Afghanistan, and said, "Twenty years of foreign presence in Afghanistan has not only not solved Afghanistan's problems, but has resulted in nothing but oppression, killing, looting and insecurity".

Raisi noted, "The Islamic Republic of Iran supports the formation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan that represents all Afghan people, ethnic groups and political groups, and we are ready to cooperate with Pakistan in this regard".

Emphasising the need for humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people, the President said, "We consider the presence of about 4 million Afghan refugees in Iran to be the result of American oppression of these oppressed people, and despite the problems and restrictions, we have welcomed them like Iranians".

The President added, "ISIL is made by the Americans and they are using it to create insecurity in Afghanistan and the region, so we must stand against it".

Pakistani President Arif Alvi also said in the meeting that Pakistan seeks to develop economic and trade relations with Iran, adding, "Islamabad attaches importance to increasing the level of relations and cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran".

President Alvi further pointed out the importance of border markets in expanding trade between the two countries and said, "The Minister of Commerce of the Government of Pakistan has travelled to these areas for the prosperity of these markets and we are ready to work with Iran to increase the value of trade between Iran and Pakistan".





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RAISI IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF TURKEY:

DEVELOPMENT OF TEHRAN-ANKARA RELATIONS BENEFITS THE TWO NATIONS, REGIONAL PEACE, STABILITY



In a meeting with the President of Turkey during his visit to Turkmenistan, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi said, "Iran and Turkey can bring economic and political relations closer to the strategic level by improving the current level of trade and exchanges".

Referring to the wide and diverse areas of cooperation between Iran and Turkey in various sectors, including energy, banking and monetary issues, and trade and commerce exchanges, Dr Raisi said, "We should facilitate the development of economic relations and in this regard, preferential tariffs can be reviewed". Emphasising the close cooperation and relations between Iran, the Republic of Azerbaijan and Turkey, the President said, "The three countries have many cultural, religious and ideological commonalities, and these relations should not be allowed to be disrupted, but should be as close as possible to disappoint our common enemies".

"Terrorist groups not only cause insecurity in Afghanistan but also threaten the security of the region, so we should not allow terrorist groups such as

ISIL and the PKK to threaten the security of countries in the region," he said.

The President said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran supports the formation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan and we believe that all groups and ethnicities of the Afghan people should have a role and participation in the future of Afghanistan".

Referring to the establishment of stability and security in Syria, Ayatollah Raisi said, "We should use our capacities to create peace and security in Syria".

Ayatollah Raisi stated, "The problems of the region must be resolved by the countries of the region, and the presence and intervention of outsiders will not only not help solve the problems, but will complicate the situation".

Ayatollah Raisi also stressed the importance of stability, peace and respect for the territorial integrity of Iraq, noting, "The Islamic Republic of Iran supports and emphasises the establishment of a strong government accepted by the Iraqi people".

During the meeting, the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan also said that his country considers it necessary to develop and strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran. "We can make a leap in the relations between the two countries, especially in the economic sectors," he said. "The White House is training and arming all terrorist groups in the region, including ISIL and the PKK, and providing them with terrorist equipment and tools to create insecurity," he said.

Erdoğan said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran, Russia and Turkey can maintain security and stability in the region with the cooperation of other countries in the region".



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RAISI IN A MEETING WITH TAJIK PRESIDENT:

IRAN-TAJIKISTAN TIES TO CONTINUE TO BECOME STRONGER



Expressing satisfaction with the reunion with the President of Tajikistan after the Shanghai Summit, Dr Raisi said, "My first foreign trip as President of Iran was to Tajikistan, and this trip was the source of a change in relations between the two countries".

Raisi added, "Today's meeting is important in two ways; first, review past actions, and second, decide on future relations".

Referring to the meeting with his Tajik counterpart in Dushanbe on the sidelines of the Shanghai Summit, the President said, "That meeting was very valuable and effective and made a significant difference in the level of relations and this increase in relations between the two countries will benefit the region".

Raisi added, "Very good relations between Iran and Tajikistan in the fields of trade, culture and economy will continue strong".

"We have no doubt that relations will be developing, because the current level of trade is not

convincing, and by restoring capacities between the two countries, the level of relations can be improved many times over," he said.

Raisi invited Emomali Rahmon to visit Tehran and said, "We feel that due to the deep cultural and linguistic relations and the long history of friendship, we should cooperate and think together more than others".

Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's position on Afghanistan, Raisi said, "Our position on Afghanistan is clear. The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the formation of a truly inclusive government in Afghanistan that represents all Afghan people, ethnic groups and political groups".

The President emphasised, "The Americans were present in Afghanistan for two decades and left nothing but murder and looting for this country. In Iran, we proudly welcome about 4 million Afghans. We host the Afghans and we hope that the people of this country will decide their own future".

Raisi called ISIL a terrorist and said, "ISIL creates insecurity for the region; this group is created by the Americans. ISIL is killing on behalf of the Americans in the region. Our cooperation with you is in the interest of the security of the region and Afghanistan, and it is important in this regard".

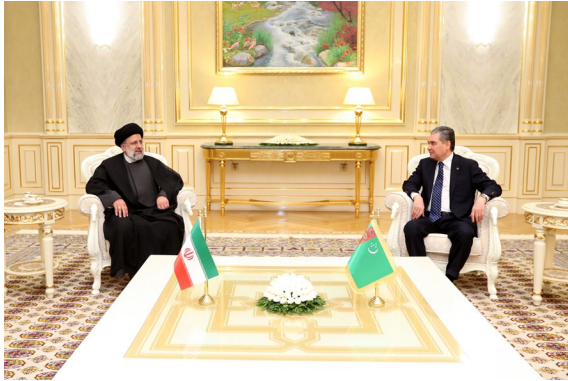
Referring to his previous meeting with Raisi, Emomali Rahmon said, "After that meeting, the level of relations between the two countries have developed and the growth of trade exchanges will multiply in the future".





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IRANIAN, TURKMEN PRESIDENTS MEET IN ASHGABAT



Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi was officially welcomed by Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov upon arrival in Ashgabat.

The Presidents of Iran and Turkmenistan met immediately after the official welcoming ceremony. Developing bilateral relations and increasing the level of trade between the two countries were among the topics discussed during the meeting.

RAISI IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF UZBEKISTAN: IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITY TO EXPAND TRADE WITH REGIONAL STATES

On the sidelines of the 15th ECO Summit, Dr Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi met with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, and described the region's potential for deepening relations as a good opportunity for the two countries.

He said, "In the current global conditions, cooperation between regional countries turns many threats into opportunities, and with the active presence of countries in the region, there is

no room for foreign interference".

Raisi described the development of relations with Uzbekistan important and pointed out the volume of economic exchanges between the two countries and stressed, "The foreign ministers of Iran and Uzbekistan should draw a roadmap for long-term cooperation".

Afghanistan was another topic of discussion between the two presidents, on which both emphasised the establishment of an inclusive government with the presence of all Afghan people and ethnic groups, as well as the establishment of lasting peace and security in the country.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev also praised Iran's active approach in the region, saying, "Peace and stability in the region will be achieved with the participation of indigenous countries, and Uzbekistan welcomes any kind of cooperation with Iran".

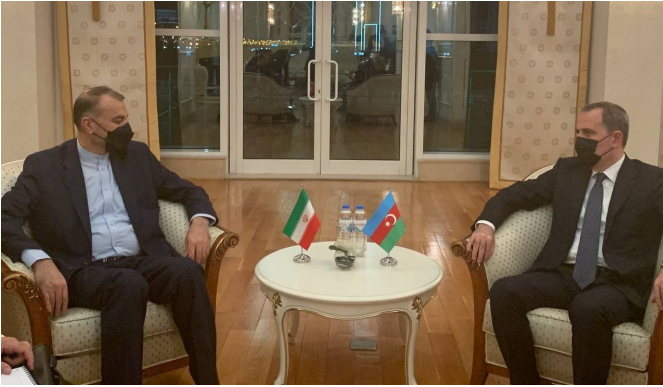
The President of Uzbekistan described the economic capacities and exchanges of the two countries as a suitable platform for the development of relations and called for an increase in the volume of trade between the two countries.





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IRAN AND AZERBAIJAN FMS MEET ON THE SIDELINES OF ECO SUMMIT



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian who was in Ashgabat along with President Ebrahim Raisi to participate in the 15th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization, ECO, met with his Azerbaijani counterpart Jeyhun Bayramov, discussing issues of mutual interest.

In the meeting, the Iranian foreign minister described cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic, cultural and media fields and also at the level of officials including presidents, foreign ministers and officials of the Joint Cooperation Commission as important. Amir-Abdollahian further said the recent visit by the deputy prime minister of Azerbaijan and the Azeri head of the Joint Cooperation Commission to Iran as positive.

Amir-Abdollahian said Sunday's meeting between the presidents of Iran and Azerbaijan shows diplomacy is on the right track.

In response to his Azeri counterpart's appreciation of the Islamic Republic's positive vote for the

election of Azerbaijan in the Executive Council of UNESCO, the Iranian foreign minister congratulated Azerbaijan on its membership in the council and underlined the need for international cooperation between two countries.

The situation of Afghan refugees following the recent developments in the country and the latest developments regarding the Vienna talks were other topics Amir-Abdollahian discussed in the meeting.

The Iranian foreign minister welcomed the three-way summit of Russia, the republic of Azerbaijan and Armenia in Suchi and described it as an important, effective and constructive move to get the region out of crisis. Amir-Abdollahian expressed hope that such trends that are based on the will and capabilities of regional countries will make progress and succeed.

Jeyhun Bayramov, Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister, also expressed pleasure with the positive developments in bilateral relations after some recent misunderstandings. Bayramov described as important the visit of Azerbaijan's deputy prime minister and the Azeri head of the Joint Cooperation Commission to Iran with the aim of making bilateral agreements operational. He further said launching joint projects between Iran and Azerbaijan with the participation of other neighbors is important and that Baku is ready for making them operational.





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IRAN, UZBEK FMS MEET ON SIDELINES OF ECO SUMMIT



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, on the sidelines of the 15th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization, met with Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov.

During the meeting, the Iranian foreign minister reviewed the relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uzbekistan in various political, cultural and economic domains, stressing the need for the expansion of ties in line with the interests of the two countries. He conveyed Iran's readiness to the Uzbek side to host the joint cooperation commission of the two countries in the near future.

Amir-Abdollahian also reaffirmed the viewpoint of the Uzbek foreign minister on the need for drawing up a roadmap for mutual cooperation and described such a move as a lead to direct and speed up bilateral cooperation.

Amir-Abdollahian also reiterated Iran's readiness for cooperation with Uzbekistan for joint work with third countries for multilateral cooperation in the region and in the fields of water, transportation and transit.

Other topics discussed by Amir-Abdollahian

during his meeting with his Uzbek counterpart were the situation in Afghanistan, the flow of Afghan refugees due to the recent situation in their country, the Islamic Republic of Iran's efforts to help establish an inclusive government comprised of different ethnicities in Afghanistan, the results of talks with counterparts from other countries on the subject and explaining Iran's viewpoints and moves regarding the Vienna talks for removal of unilateral, tyrannical and illegal sanctions of the US and the Islamic Republic of Iran's seriousness in getting a good deal urgently and with good faith provided that all parties return to their obligations and imposed sanctions are removed, lack of trust in the US and Iran's close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Uzbek Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov, in turn, thanked Iran for its hospitality during his recent visit to Tehran for the meeting of Afghanistan's neighbors. He touched on mutual ties and reiterated the readiness of his country for participation in the meeting of Iran and Uzbekistan joint cooperation commission, while underlining the necessity of improving ties. Kamilov also described the Sunday's meeting between the presidents of the two countries as an indication of good neighborly ties between the two countries.

Other topics on the agenda of the talks were Amir-Abdollahian's congratulation on Uzbekistan's rotating presidency over ECO, which begins in the New Year according to the Gregorian calendar and the Uzbek foreign minister's call for using Iran's rich experience in the ECO region.



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RUSSIAN DEPUTY FM MEETS HOSSEIN AMIRABDOLLAHIAN



Mikhail Bagdanov, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister and Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the Middle East and Africa, who was visiting Tehran for talks with Iranian officials, has met with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.

In the meeting, Amir-Abdollahian referred to the recent ECO Summit in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and expressed satisfaction with the process of cooperation in the region. He called the meetings of the Iranian president with the leaders of regional countries fruitful and positive.

Iran's foreign minister thanked Russia for playing an active role in the Vienna talks, saying in this regard the Islamic Republic is attending the negotiations with a serious will to reach a good and effective agreement. Amir-Abdollahian described Tehran's cooperation with the Russian Federation on regional issues as effective and fruitful. He also declared Iran's readiness to host the summit of the Astana peace process and also the meeting of foreign ministers regarding Syria and underlined that Iran and Russia share the same view in this respect.

The top Iranian diplomat also welcomed the Russian side's offer for cooperation between the two countries in the fight against Covid-19.

Mikhail Bagdanov also said in the meeting that friendly ties between Iran and Russia are based on long-standing relations and have continued steadily and solidly.

He said Russian officials are satisfied with the level of relations between the two countries, adding, "We are interested in receiving the views of the officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding regional developments."

IRAN FM HOLDS TALKS WITH ECO CHIEF IN ASHGABAT

On the sidelines of the ECO summit in Ashgabat, the organization's Secretary General Khosrow Nazeri met and held talks with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.

In the meeting, Amir-Abdollahian congratulated the secretary general of the Economic Cooperation Organization and members of its secretariat on successfully holding the 15th summit of ECO.

The two sides described as important the achievements of the summit for the synergy, expansion and strengthening of cooperation among ECO's members.





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IRAN AND TAJIKISTAN FMS HOLD TALKS ON THE SIDELINES OF ECO SUMMIT



Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian has held talks with his Tajik counterpart Sirojiddin Muhridin as he continued his meetings on the sidelines of the 15th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization.

In the meeting, the top diplomats of Iran and Tajikistan exchanged views over different issues on the agenda of bilateral relations and over cooperation between the two countries at the regional level, particularly within the framework of cooperation among members of the Economic Cooperation Organization.

IRAN FM, KAZAKH DEPUTY FM DISCUSS TIES ON ECO SUMMIT SIDELINES

On the sidelines of the 15th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization, ECO, Kazakhstan's

First Deputy Foreign Minister Shohret Norishov has met with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian and briefed him on the trend of developments in the ties between the two countries in the political, economic and cultural fields, and presented the Kazakh side's viewpoint on the subject.

During the meeting, Amir Abdollahian also underscored the significance of cooperation in different fields between the two countries and hastening holding of the joint commission for mutual economic cooperation.

It should be mentioned that, Kazakhstan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mukhtar Tileuberdi has not taken part in ECO's summit in Turkmenistan.





Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Chad (November 28)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of suriname (November 25)



Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the Independence Day of Latvia (November 18)



TWIPLMACY

FM AmirAbdollahian's Twitter report from his meeting with IAEA Director General



H.Amirabdollahian | امیر عبداللہیان
@Amirabdollahian

In cordial, frank & fruitful talks, @rafaelgrossi & I reached good agreements on continuing cooperation. Yet, to work out a text, we need work on a few words. Agreement is possible. Politicization of technical matters is unproductive. To finalize text, a meeting to be held soon.

9:09 PM · Nov 24, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

FM AmirAbdollahian condemns the UK's decision for declaring the popular resistance movement of HAMAS a terrorist organization.



H.Amirabdollahian | امیر عبداللہیان
@Amirabdollahian

We condemn the UK's decision to declare the popular resistance movement of HAMAS a terrorist organization.

Rights of Palestinians cannot be trampled on by distorting facts.

The only political solution for Palestine lies in holding a referendum among all indigenous residents.

11:18 PM · Nov 19, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

The Foreign Minister's tweet on meeting between Iran, Turkey presidents:

The meeting between the presidents of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran was held in a cordial atmosphere.

Talks were held over expansion of ties in all areas and the removal of some obstacles. Relations between the two countries are historical and the presidents agreed over the formation of a high commission during Mr. Erdogan's visit to Tehran.



H.Amirabdollahian | امیر عبداللہیان
@Amirabdollahian

دیدار روسای جمهور ترکیه و ج.ا.ایران در عشق آباد ، در فضایی بسیار دوستانه و صمیمی انجام شد. در مورد توسعه همه جانبه مناسبات و رفع برخی موانع گفتگو و توافق شد. رابطه دوکشور تاریخی است و سران بر سر تشکیل نشست کمیسیون عالی در سفر آقای اردوغان به تهران توافق کردند.

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12:37 AM · Nov 29, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

Iranian FM Spokesperson described the "got done list" of Iran and The United States Ahead of Vienna Talks

Iran Foreign Ministry Retweeted



Saeed Khatibzadeh | سعید خطیبزاده
@SKhatibzadeh

Ahead of #ViennaTalks, US/E3:

- Issue bogus statements
- Add sanctions
- Conjure distorted narratives
- Keep mum on Israel's threats

Iran:

- Forms high-level nego team
- Calls for quick good deal & full implementation of JCPOA/2231
- Holds regional consultations

#priorities

11:04 PM · Nov 25, 2021 · Twitter for Android





Society & Culture

IRAN DONATES BOOKS TO PAKISTANI LIBRARIES



Iranian Cultural Counsellor in Pakistan donated 200 books to Pakistani libraries on Book Week.(15 -22 November)

Ehsan Khazaei, the Iranian Cultural Counsellor in Pakistan, said: "As the 29th Book Week of the Islamic Republic of Iran approaches, the Iranian Cultural Counsellor in Islamabad has donated more than 200 titles of selected books to Pakistan libraries."

Ehsan Khazaei added: "These books with different subjects of Iranology, Persian language, literature, introduction of celebrities, history, literature and poetry were donated to the National Library and seven prestigious public and specialized libraries of universities and cultural and scientific centers of Pakistan."

Iranian Cultural Counselor in Pakistan, also as a representative of the National Library of the Islamic Republic of Iran, met with the Director of the National Library of Pakistan (NLP) and donated these 200 books to supplement Iranian resources and enrich the reserves of the National Library of Pakistan.

SLOVAK PAINTER DISPLAYS HIS PAINTING AT ECO DIPLOMATIC GALLERY

The opening ceremony of the 'Picture of Imagination' painting exhibition, the selected collection of works by the Slovak painter, 'Luca Brace', in the presence of ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic centers in Tehran, was held, November 22, 2021 at the Eco Cultural Institute Art Gallery.'

The exhibition, which was inaugurated in the presence of the artist, shows a collection of 27 abstract style works of him, which was welcomed by the visitors.

Professor Sarvar Bakhti, President of the ECO Cultural Institute, said during a speech at the ceremony: "When it comes to art, the painting comes to mind unconsciously, as the first option." He also described painting as the expression of ideas and emotions.

The head of the ECO Cultural Institute further expressed hope that holding this exhibition, provide the ground for exchanges and interactions between artists from the ECO region and other countries of the world.

The Slovak Ambassador in the ceremony thanked the ECO Cultural Institute for hosting the exhibition, saying: "culture brings nations closer together."

He added that Luca Brace's paintings represent the rich cultural heritage of Slovakia. Following the ceremony, the painter Luca Brace explained his works, emphasizing that art knows



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MASHHAD MOBILE MUSEUM OF CULTURE, PEACE OF ARRIVES IN SIERRA LEONE



The head of the museums of the Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Department of Khorasan Razavi province announced that the International Mobile Museum of Culture and Peace of Mashhad has arrived in Sierra Leone.

Mohammad-Reza Pahlavan said: "The International Mobile Museum of Culture and Peace, which is the only mobile museum in Iran, has traveled to many countries around the world and has conveyed the message of peace and friendship to different countries."

Pahlavan continued: The trip to Sierra Leone is made to teach handicrafts to the artists and teachers of Sierra Leone Arts University.

Pahlavan stated: "In this 10-day trip, three Iranian women artists will hold three to five workshops to improve employment and entrepreneurship."

CULTURAL, ARTISTIC TIES BETWEEN IRAN AND AUSTRIA ARE EXPANDING

In a meeting with the Ambassador of Austria in Tehran, Iran's Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance said: "Cultural activities should be a two-way interaction."

Mohammad Mehdi Esmaeili hoped bilateral cooperation between Iran and Austria in cinema, drama, music, and visual arts would expand.

The Austrian Ambassador to Tehran, Wolf Dietrich Heim, also said: "Culture has a special place in Austria, and in the relations between the two countries, cultural relations are more important than other relations."

Referring to Iran's historical, cultural, and artistic history, the ambassador added: "Iran is a historical and it also has a great civilization and Austria is interested in introducing the history and culture in its country."



Warm yourself with Iranian Kashke-Zard during chilly days



To kick off a perfect day during cold wintry days, Iranian Kashke-Zard acts as a booster to be energetic.

Kashke-Zard (Yellow Curd) is an Iranian plain food to cook in an hour, it is Zabol's local dish (Zabol is the capital of Zabol County, Sistan and Baluchestan Province, Iran).

Curd is full of calcium which prevents osteoporosis and it also strengthens gums.

Ingredients:

Minced meat 250g, turmeric half a teaspoon, pepper as needed, 1 tablespoon oil, yellow curd powder 2 tbsp.

How to cook:

Make minced meat into small balls and fry them in oil, then dissolve two tablespoons of yellow curd powder in two glasses of cold water and add half a teaspoon of turmeric, pepper, and gently heat and stir it constantly until gets thickens, finally, add 1 tablespoon of oil and add the meatballs to the pot and let it boil, now it is ready to serve with freshly brewed bread.

Kashke-Zard is nutritious and heavy and is it is better to be eaten at lunch.



TRADE AND ECONOMY

IRAN'S TRADE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES EXCEEDS \$28 BILLION IN 7 MONTHS



Customs Administration Spokesman said that Iran's trade with neighboring countries had reached 28 billion and 300 million dollars in 7 months.

Rouhollah Latifi, the spokesman of Iran's Customs Administration, said: "The amount of Iran's trade with neighbors in the last seven months of this year in the Iranian calendar (Starting from March 20, 2021), was 61 million 466 thousand tons worth 28 billion and 300 million dollars."

Latifi added: "During the period, 47 million 885 thousand 306 tons of goods worth 14 billion 782 million 736 thousand 454 dollars were exported to 15 neighboring countries, which was 55% of the total value of the country's seven-month exports."

Latifi talked about exports to neighboring countries, adding that Iraq, Turkey, UAE, Afghanistan, and Pakistan were the first five destinations for exporting goods.

IRAN, AZERBAIJAN TRADE INCREASES BY 22% DESPITE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: AZERBAIJANI OFFICIAL

First deputy prime minister of Azerbaijan said despite the two-year COVID-19 pandemic, the trade relations between Iran and Azerbaijan had increased by 22% in the last nine months.

Speaking at a meeting with Iran's Roads and Urban Development Minister Rostam Qasemi, the First Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Shahin Mustafayev, stated that so far, 2,000 Iranian companies have carried out successful projects in Azerbaijan.

Mustafayev, who leads the State Commission for Economic, Trade, and Cultural Cooperation of Azerbaijan and Iran, noted: "Coronavirus has had a negative impact on all countries, but Iran-Azerbaijan freight transport has not halted for a single day, and we must build new transport infrastructure, including bridges, to increase economic relations between the two countries."

Referring to the two countries' cultural, religious, and historical commonalities, he said bilateral cooperation increased.





TRADE AND ECONOMY

IRAN-BRAZIL JOINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPENS IN SÃO PAULO



The Iran-Brazil Chamber of Commerce was inaugurated in São Paulo, Brazil, in the presence of a group of Iran's parliament members, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission on Agriculture, and the deputy of the agriculture minister, and about 200 Iranian and Brazilian businessmen.

Iran-Brazil Joint Chamber of Commerce Fakhreddin Amerian said at the ceremony: "By signing the first MoC, It was agreed that by removing barriers Iran's exports facing and reducing customs tariffs, Iranian traders and producers would be able to export more goods to Brazil to increase Iran's share to one billion dollars yearly."

Mohammad Ghorbani, Iran's deputy minister of agriculture, also announced the full support of Iranian businessmen in supplying the inputs and products needed by Brazil in overseas cultivation.

IRAN, MALI SIGN MOU IN MINING

With the memorandum of understanding signed between Iran and Mali's mine sections, the cooperation between the two sides would expand.

Speaking in the ceremony of signing the cooperation agreement between the Iranian Mining Engineering Organization (IMEO) and Mali's Mining Chamber, the Chairman of IMEO said the body had the potential to cooperate in the field of exploration, extraction, and processing of minerals, exchanging university professors and students as well as investment packages.

The Chairman of Mali's Mining Chamber Pona Abdul Ayah for his part said that the country was fully ready to expand mining cooperation with Iran.

Both sides agreed to exchange the knowledge and experience of their members through arranging mineral visits, seminars, webinars, and exhibitions between Iran and Mali.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IRANIAN STUDENTS SHINE IN THE WORLD OLYMPIAD IN ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

The Iranian student team won 9 colorful medals and an honorary diploma in the 14th World Olympiad in Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The Iranian student team has won two gold, five silver, two bronze medals, and an honorary diploma in the 14th World Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad in 2021.

The tournament was held November 14th - 21st, 2021, with forty-eight countries hosted by Colombia.

Another advantage of this fuel is its functional feature, which reduces the amount of fuel consumed in each mission.

IRAN, ROMANIAN UNIVERSITIES EXPAND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS

team

The head of the University of Tehran expressed hope that a new chapter of scientific relations and joint research activities will be formed between the University of Tehran and the universities of Romania.

Mohammad Moghimi, the head of the University of Tehran, said on Monday during a meeting with Mirella Carmen Greco, the Romanian ambassador in Tehran: "The University of Tehran is ready to expand scientific and cultural relations with Romania."

The Romanian ambassador in Tehran also said: "The Romanians know Iran well. Therefore, if Romanian students become aware of the capacities and facilities of the University of Tehran, this great university can be their destination for study, especially in fields such as archeology, architecture, and also Persian literature."



IRANIAN INVENTORS SNATCH GOLD MEDAL AT IWIS 2021

A team of Iranian inventors won the gold medal at the 15th edition of the International Warsaw Inventions Show (IWIS) 2021 in Poland by presenting a scheme to produce fuel for spacecraft and supersonic jets.

The Iranian team's scheme was in the form of designing and building a highly advanced reactor system.

This fuel has a very high energy density.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

60 MILLION DOSES; IRAN'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING COVID VACCINE



World Health Organization envoy in Iran said that with the proper performance of the Iran government, there are currently 60 million doses of COVID vaccine in Iran, and this is a big task in a short period.

Jafar Hossein WHO envoy said that the supply of vaccines is an outstanding achievement, but more important is the vaccination that Iran has carried out one and a half million doses per day; in this regard, Iran is a leader in the region and the world.

Jafar Hossein noted that another outstanding achievement of Iran in providing health is vaccinating immigrants living in Iran, including Afghans; the country's health system has provided vaccination services to four million Afghan refugees regardless of their nationality.

VACCINATION OF 4 MILLION AFGHAN IMMIGRANTS, GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR IRAN: WHO REP

The representative of the World Health Organization in Iran emphasized that four million Afghan refugees in Iran, regardless of nationality

and residence status, have received vaccination services against coronavirus and this is a great achievement for Iran.

According to Iran Press News Agency, Jaffar Hussain, the World Health Organization representative and Head of Mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran, said : "Immigrants living in Iran have been a big job for the Iranian government."

Speaking at the national conference in the Razi Conference Hall of Iran University of Medical Sciences, Jaffar Hussain added: "The World Health Organization, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Iran, is studying the effectiveness of Sinopharm, AstraZeneca and COVIran Barekat COVID-19 vaccines in order to extract its effectiveness."

The representative of the World Health Organization in Iran also said: "In Iran, good services have been provided with general vaccination, and with the arrival of vaccines and domestic products, full coverage has been provided in this regard."

Jaffar Hussain emphasized: "Iran is one of the leading countries in the region and West Asia which is capable of vaccinating publicly and





SPORTS

IRANIAN LADY WINS GOLD MEDAL IN WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS



Iran's Taekwondo fighter weighing less than 57 kg won a gold medal in the world women's competition final held in Saudi Arabia.

The first round of the World Women's Freestyle Taekwondo Championships, attended by 170 taekwondo fighters from 31 countries, started two days ago in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and ends today.

In the final of minus 57 kg, Zahra Sheydaei won a gold medal against Margarita Bliznyakova, a taekwondo fighter from Russia. After an 11-11 draw in regular time, she won the gold round.

Before that, to reach the competition's final, she first won 12-9 against the representative of Russia, then won the golden round against the representative of Croatia, and then defeated "Elena Krivichenko" from Russia with a result of 12-3.

In the semi-finals, Zahra Sheydaei defeated the representative of England 17-9 to advance to the

finals.

In recent days, Kowsar Asaseh, in the weight of minus 62 kg, and Melika Mir-Hosseini in minus 73 kg, have won 2 bronze medals for the Iranian team.

The first to third-place winners will receive 40, 24, and 14.40 points, respectively, in the Olympic rankings.

BEIRANVAND WINS GUINNESS RECORD FOR WORLD'S LONGEST THROW



Iran international goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand entered the Guinness Book of World Records for "the world's longest throw".

The 29-year-old goalie set the record during a FIFA World Cup qualifying match against South Korea at the Azadi stadium on Oct. 11, 2016.

Iran, headed by Carlos Queiroz, qualified for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Beiranvand threw the ball as far as 61 m 26mm.

He currently plays in Portuguese club Boavista on loan from Belgian club Royal Antwerp.





SPORTS

IRAN FREESTYLE TEAM 2ND IN 35TH WORLD MILITARY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP



Iran's freestyle wrestling team won 4 gold, 4 silver, and two bronze medals and gained 210 points to finish runner-up in the 35th World Military Wrestling Championship.

The 35th World Military Wrestling Championship wrapped up in the 12,000-seat hall of Tehran's Azadi Stadium.

Iran team by Morteza Ghiyasi (65 kg), Bahman Teymouri (79 kg), Mohammad Hossein Mohammadian (97 kg), and Yadollah Mohebbi (125 kg) won gold medals.

Ahmad Mohammadnejad Javad (57 kg), Mohammad Baqer Yakhkashi (61 kg), Fariborz Babaei (74 kg), and Mohammad Hossein Mirbaghban (92 kg) won silver medals.

Mohammad Mehdi Yeganeh Jafari in the weight of 70 kg and Hadi Vafaeipour in the weight of 86 kg won bronze medals.

At the end of these competitions, the Russian team won first place with 215 points, the Iranian team became the runner-up with 210 points, and Armenia came in third with 140 points.

IRAN CLIMBS 1 STEPS IN FIFA RANKINGS

Iran's national football team is 21st in the world and first in Asia in the latest FIFA ranking released.

Iran is the best Asian team in the ranking, followed by Japan (26th), South Korea (33rd), and Australia (35th).

Belgium remains at the top of the updated list, followed by Brazil and France.

The next FIFA World Ranking will be published on Dec. 23, 2021.



IRAN RUNNERS-UP AT 2021 ASIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL C'SHIPS

Iran lost to Australia in the 2021 Asian Sr Beach Volleyball Championships final.

Australia's Christopher McHugh/Paul Burnett reigned supreme with remarkable unbeaten record at 2021 Asian Sr Beach Volleyball Championships at Bang Tao Beach in Phuket, Thailand after beating IRI's Bahman Salemi/Abolhassan Khakizadeh 21-16, 21-13 in the men's gold-medal match.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics bronze medalists Qataris Cherif Younousse/Ahmed Tijan seized the bronze after beating Kazakhs Dmitriy Yakovlev/Sergey Bogatu 2-0 (21-15, 21-15) in the third-place playoff.





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Meeting between the Mayor of Tehran and the Italian Ambassador to incentivize bilateral cooperation between the cities of Iran and Italy

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SAFFRON HARVEST IN RAZAVI KHORASAN

Farmers in Torbat Heydariyeh, a city in Razavi Khorasan Province, have started harvesting Saffron, the most expensive spice in the world, in their vast farmlands.

