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PRESIDENT RAISI'S STATEMENT AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE 76TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



**In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful
Praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds,
and His Peace and Blessings be upon Muham-
mad and His Pure Household and His Select
Companions**

Mr. President,

At the outset allow me to extend my congratulations to Your Excellency for your election as the chair of the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Iran is the land of culture and civilisation. The land of knowledge and spirituality. The land of perseverance and independence. The Iranian people are monotheist and patriotic. They have their unique identity and love to explore the world.

For hundreds of years, our nation have safeguarded their right to self-determination and freedom against the hegemonists and have made their country the most progressive in the election-based political system in the west of Asia. The Islamic Revolution was indeed a great leap for the fulfilment of national and Islamic ideals of Iranians including freedom, independence and religious democracy.

I, as the elected President of the great people of Iran, am honoured to be their representative to convey to the world at large the message of rationality, justice and freedom which are the three most fundamental principles of the life of the contemporary man. However, those three principles that all the Abrahamic religions have in common will not be able to

attain their purpose without spirituality.

Freedom and justice as two sacred and innocent words that are too broad to define, are indeed very tough and intricate when it comes to practicing. Freedom means the right to think, decide and act for all the human beings. Peace and lasting security are tied to the administration of justice and, basically, the divine prophets emerged so that people would demand justice and exercise their rights. Justice and freedom may be achieved only when the rights of all nations are fulfilled. As a matter of fact, any violation of the rights of nations will, more than anything, endanger global peace and security.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, two scenes made history: one was on January the 6th when the US congress was attacked by the people and, two, when the people of Afghanistan were dropped down from the US planes in August. From the Capitol to Kabul, one clear message was sent to the world: the US' hegemonic system has no credibility, whether inside or outside the country.

What is seen in our region today proves that not only the hegemonist and the idea of hegemony, but also the project of imposing Westernised identity have failed miserably. The result of seeking hegemony has been blood-spilling and instability and, ultimately, defeat and escape. Today, the US does not get to exit Iraq and Afghanistan but is expelled. And, at the same time, it is the oppressed people, from Palestine and Syria to Yemen and Afghanistan, as well as the US taxpayers, who have to pay for this lack of rationality.

Today, the world doesn't care about "America First" or "America is Back". If rationality prevails in the minds of the decision-makers, they have to realise that nations' perseverance is stronger than the power of the superpowers. Over the past decade, the US has been making the mistake of modifying its "way of war" with the world instead of changing its "way of life". An erroneous path cannot be brought to fruition by merely adopting a different method.

Sanctions are the US' new way of war with the nations of the world. Sanctions against the Iranian nation started not with my country's nuclear program; they even predate the Islamic Revolution and go back to the year 1951 when oil nationalisation went underway in Iran, which in turn led to a military coup backed by the Americans and the Britons against the then government of Iran that was elected by the people. Sanctions, especially sanctions on medicine at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, are crimes against humanity.





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The Holy Quran introduces the destruction of nature and mankind as a major characteristic of the tyrants. The Islamic Republic of Iran proposes that any kind of sanction-induced restriction or disruption in the supply of good health and environment as two humanitarian issues, be declared forbidden. Moreover,

I, on behalf of the Iranian nation and millions of refugees hosted by my country, would like to condemn the continued illegal US sanctions especially in the area of humanitarian items, and demand that this organised crime against humanity be recorded as a symbol and reality of the so-called American human rights.

Despite the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran was kept from the outset to purchase and import COVID-19 vaccines from reliable international sources, it faced inhumane medical sanctions. Therefore, from the very beginning, we started to sustainably produce vaccines domestically.

In addition to peaceful nuclear and satellite technologies, Iran is the medical hub of the region and numerous Iranian physicians and scientists, such as Avicenna, shine in the history of humankind. Knowledge that is beneficial to humanity cannot be sanctioned. We ourselves have been able to produce fuel for the Tehran research reactor which makes radiopharmaceuticals for more than one million cancer patients in Iran. We have also made astonishing progress in the area of biotechnology and stem cells in spite of all sanctions. And today despite all sanctions targeting human rights, we have become one of the manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines.

Cooperation amongst the countries of the world in the realm of health and especially on vaccines is tantamount to helping the spirit of humanity and the policy based on divinity-humanity in international relations. The Coronavirus is a wake-up call for the whole world, reminding us once again that the security of all human beings are interdependent. Crises in human societies, such as violence, poverty, unemployment, moral and economic corruption, collapse of family foundations, regional wars, organised terrorism and environmental crises are all the result of inattention to the principles of rationality, justice and freedom.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The strategic thoughts of the Islamic Republic of Iran are rooted in the ideas of the founder of the



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Islamic Revolution, the late Imam Khomeini (May His Soul Rest in Peace) as well as in the genuine concepts of true Islam, i.e. rationality, prudence and pondering and have resulted in the resistance in line with the national interests of countries. Speaking about the rights of nations without speaking of the obligations of their governments cannot bring about the fulfilment of their rights, as the

independence of a nation is its freedom. The Islamic Revolution supports this kind of freedom and, hence, obstructs extremism. And this is the nature of the true strength of the Islamic Republic of Iran which does good to all.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is inspiring and, as such, the power emanating from it creates security. The security-making model of the Islamic Republic of Iran is based on forming intra-regional mechanisms through diplomacy that is pivoted on and free from outside interferences.

It has been our policy to strive for the preservation of stability and territorial integrity of all the countries of the region. If not for the power and role of Iran alongside the governments and peoples of Syria and Iraq as well as all the selfless efforts of Martyrs Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis and General Qassem Soleymani, today ISIS would be the Mediterranean neighbours of Europe. And, of course, ISIS will not be the last wave of extremism.

The new drive to come up with Cold War-esque divisions will not help foster the security of humans by isolating independent countries. An arbitrary attitude is not the way to solve terrorism because terrorism has its roots in various crises such as identity and economy. The fact that modern lives have become devoid of meaning and spirituality as well as the spread of poverty, discrimination and oppression have helped the rise of terrorism. The increasing growth of indigenous terrorism in the West bears witness to this bitter truth. Even more bitter is the use of terrorism as an instrument for foreign policy because you cannot fight terrorism with double standards. You cannot make a terrorist group, such as ISIS, in a certain place and claim to fight it somewhere else.

After seeking the grace of the Almighty God, the solution to skirmishes and conflicts in our region lies in the following:



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Making the will of nations rule over their own destiny by referring to the results of public vote. But in order for this to materialise, two basic preconditions need to be met: 1- halting the aggressions of the outsiders and occupation, and 2-sincere cooperation of governments



to counter terrorism.

The military presence of the US in Syria and Iraq is the biggest hindrance to the establishment of democracy and will of nations. Freedom does not fit in the backpacks of soldiers coming from outside the region.

If an inclusive government having an effective participation of all ethnicities shouldn't emerge to run Afghanistan, security will not be restored to the country. And like occupation, paternalism is also doomed to failure.

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen is very worrying and the world needs to break its silence towards crimes against humanity. The solution? The speedy and unconditional stop to the Yemeni aggression, opening of channels for providing humanitarian aid, and facilitation of constructive talks between Yemeni groups.

The occupier Zionist regime is the organiser of the biggest state terrorism whose agenda is to slaughter women and children in Gaza and the West Bank. Today, an all-out blockade has turned Gaza to the biggest prison in the world. The so-called "deal of the century" failed just like any other deal forced on Palestinians. There is only one solution: holding a referendum with the participation of all Palestinians of all religions and ethnicities including Muslims, Christians and Jews. This solution was set forth by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran many years ago which is now registered as one of the official documents of the United Nations.

Mr. President,

Today, the whole world including the Americans themselves have admitted that the project of countering the Iranian people, which manifested itself

in the form of violating the JCPOA and was followed by the "maximum pressure" and arbitrary withdrawal from an internationally recognised agreement, has totally failed. However, the policy of "maximum oppression" is still on. We want nothing more than what is rightfully ours. We demand the implementation of international rules. All parties must stay true to the nuclear deal and the UN Resolution in practice. Fifteen reports released by the IAEA have attested to the adherence of Iran to its commitments. However, the US has not yet discharged its obligation, which is lifting sanctions. It has encroached upon the agreement, withdrawn from it and levied even more sanctions on my people.

The United States mistakenly believed it would render us desperate and devastated, but our perseverance has yielded results and will always do, for the smart and dynamic resistance of the Islamic Republic of Iran comes from our strategic rationality. And we don't trust the promises made by the US government.

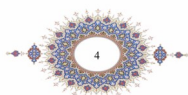
It is the strategic policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran to consider the production and stockpiling of atomic weapons as forbidden based on the religious decree by His Eminence, the Supreme Leader, and Nukes have no place in our defense doctrine and deterrence policy. The Islamic Republic considers the useful talks whose ultimate outcome is the lifting of all oppressive sanctions.

While decisively defending all its rights and the interests of its people, Iran is keen to have large-scale political and economic cooperation and convergence with the rest of the world. I seek effective interaction with all the countries of the world especially with our neighbours and shake their hands warmly.

A new era has begun.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to play its part for a better world. A world brim-full of rationality, justice, freedom, morality and spirituality.

Thank you all for your attention.





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STATEMENT BY DR. AMIRABDOLLAHIAN TO THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO COMMEMORATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION



**In the Name of God, the Most
Compassionate, the Most Merciful**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, I would like to offer my gratitude to all who endeavored in favor of the elevation of human dignity and contributed to the drafting of the DDPA.

It is regrettable that two decades after the adoption of the DDPA, the world suffers from revived forms of racial discrimination. The murder of George Floyd in Minnesota, along with international outcry against emerging Islam phobia, shows that the international community must identify major obstacles in the way of combating racism and take serious action for its elimination.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the Government of the Islamic

Republic of Iran, contrary to the former regime's close ties with certain racist entities, decided to stand alongside the people of South Africa in their noble struggle against Apartheid. That was strongly highlighted and commended during a visit to Iran by the late South African President, Nelson Mandela.

As the new Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I am honored to announce that my Nation's willpower is dedicated to the total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, including Apartheid and Zionism. These are crimes that constitute horrible atrocities, such as child killing and the creeping occupation through settlements which extends to the proximity of Al-Aqsa Mosque. Such violations amount to crimes against humanity and only by shared resolve of the international community in cooperation, solidarity and zero-tolerance in combating racial discrimination, can these crimes be countered.

Dear audience,

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes initiatives, such as the establishment of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, in order to create improvements for their livelihood all over the globe.

The new challenges born out of racial discrimination add to the urgency of updating international documents to counter inappropriate procedures. The most inhumane of such challenges is unilateral coercive measures which the U.S. regime imposes against the people of Iran, Cuba, Syria, Venezuela and other independent nations. The UCMs have exposed hundreds of millions of human beings to discrimination only on account of their nationality. To those who are addicted to sanctions, I have to recall that even seven years after the adoption of the DDPA, Nelson Mandela and his party still remained on the U.S. sanctions list despite the complete demolition of Apartheid in this country.

Thank you for your attention





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AN OVERVIEW OF AMIR ABDOLLAHIAN'S INTENSIVE TALKS IN NEW YORK

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein AmirAbdollahian and his diplomatic team spent five intensive working days in New York to elaborate on Iran's new foreign policy approaches.



AmirAbdollahian held about 50 meetings with counterparts and officials from international institutions on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly meeting.

According to Foreign Minister AmirAbdollahian, the discussions with foreign dignitaries revolved around several important issues. The most important point at the talks was the need to develop international trade and economic cooperation.

Another serious topic was how to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). This issue was raised in meetings with the UN Secretary-General, a number of European foreign ministers -including those from France, Germany and Brit-

ain - and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

In addition to meeting with the President of Iraq and director of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) , AmirAbdollahian also met with his counterparts from Spain, Ireland, Belarus, Venezuela, Syria, Britain, Namibia, Turkey and Hungary on the anniversary of the Durban Declaration.

Furthermore, he met with counterparts from Italy, Denmark, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Nigeria, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Singapore, Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, and Belgium.

The top diplomat also met separately with American media and think tanks to outline the Iranian government's new policies and approaches. FM Amirabdollahian also heard the participant's views and answered their questions.





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IRAN FM STOPS OVER IN FRANKFURT TO MEET IRANIAN EXPATS



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has, on his way back from New York, stopped over in the German city of Frankfurt where he met, at the Iranian Consulate, with a number of Iranian intellectual specializing in different scientific, medical, trade and economic areas and exchanged views with them in a friendly conversation.

He elaborated on Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi's order to fundamentally solve and tackle the root causes of the problems facing Iranian expatriates and facilitate their affairs. Amirabdollahian recalled that the Iranian Judiciary chief and Parliament speaker have also emphasized that issue.

“The presence of the Iranian community in whatever place in this vast world and with whatever taste has always been very significant to Iran,” he said.

“Iranians have displayed their intellectuality as

well as scientific and cultural achievements wherever they are,” said the top Iranian diplomat.

The foreign minister highlighted the importance and necessity of Iranians' contribution to, and participation in the process of decision-making inside the country.

“In addition to the presence of Iranian political missions and consulates abroad in order to establish contacts and convey [to Tehran] the requests, proposals and initiatives of Iranian expats from all walks of life, efforts will be made to provide, through legal channels, an opportunity for the entire Iranian diaspora to designate and select individuals from among themselves that they can trust in order to play a key role in decision-making processes,” he said.

“This initiative can be instrumental in determining an executive and practical mechanism to follow up on the Iranian diaspora's requests and demands and will be effective in meeting their demands and removing their problems,” he added.

He reiterated Iran's policy of good neighbourliness and of giving priority to the region and Asia, adding Tehran's foreign policy is a balanced one and is geared to the expansion of relations with all countries.

It should be noted that some of the Iranians present in the meeting raised some points and made a few proposals the foreign minister paid special attention to. He also promised to follow up on the issues .

AMIRABDOLLAHIAN HOLDS CORDIAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF IRAN INTERESTS SECTION IN NEW YORK

In the last event before leaving New York, Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian took part in a cordial meeting with the chairman and management staff of the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He was closely briefed on the latest status of services to Iranians living in the United States and discussed the challenges and measures needed to improve the services and issued the necessary instructions.

In the meeting, which was also attended by Iran's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Majid Takht-Ravanchi, the Iranian foreign minister expounded on the policies of the 13th administration regarding Iranian expatriates.

Amirabdollahian emphasized that President Ebrahim Raeisi is definitely determined to honor Iranians around the world, resolve their problems and facilitate their relations with their homeland.

This determination is present in all pillars of the establishment and the three branches of the government to such the extent that before this trip, the respected head of the judiciary, Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i asked me to

convey the message to Iranians living in the United States that there are no obstacles for their easy movement, the top diplomat noted.

IRAN'S FM MEETS SENIOR RESEARCHERS OF AMERICAN THINK TANKS



Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian outlined Tehran's foreign policy under the new administration at a meeting with American academics and senior members of US think tanks, as part of his meetings on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

He answered their questions about a variety of issues, including the foreign and regional policy of the Islamic Republic and the future of the Iran nuclear deal.

During the meeting, the foreign minister stressed the determination of the new government of the Islamic Republic to adopt a foreign policy based on giving priority to neighbors and Asian countries. He outlined Iran's views on regional issues, including the situation in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain and other countries.

Amirabdollahian also stated that although the new government has given priority to developing relations with neighbors and Asian countries, it will also maintain a balance in its foreign policy.



UNICEF CHIEF MEETS IRAN FM

Robin Nandy, new United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative in Iran on September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

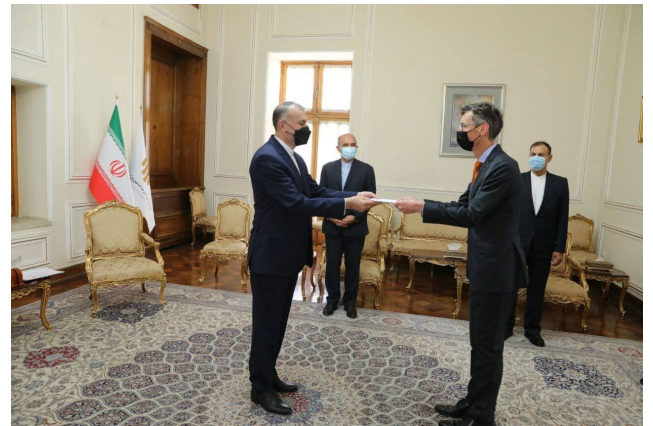


NEW IRAN UNRC MEETS AMIRABDOLLAHIAN

New United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC) in Iran Stefan Priesner on September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



AMIRABDOLLAHIAN RECEIVES HOLLAND'S AMBASSADOR



Francisco Johans Maria Molen new ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tehran on September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

NEW SPAIN AMBASSADOR MEETS IRAN FM



Ángel Losada Fernandez new ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Tehran on September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

NEW CYPRUS AMBASSADOR MEETS IRAN FM

The new ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Tehran, Andrias P. Kosopis, on September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



BELGIUM AMBASSADOR MEETS

AMIRABDOLLAHIAN



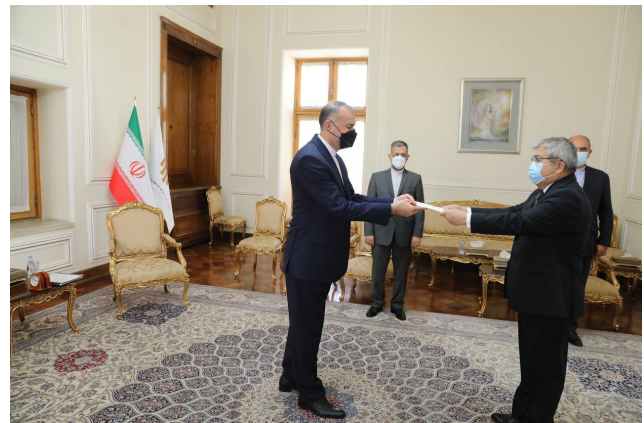
Gian Marco Rizzo new ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Tehran on Thursday, September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

FINLAND AMBASSADOR SUBMITS CREDETIALS COPY TO IRAN FM

New Finnish Ambassador to Tehran Kari Kahilodoto on Thursday, September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



KYRGYZSTAN AMBASSADOR SUBMITS COPY OF CREDENTIALS TO IRAN FM



Kyrgyzstan's new Ambassador to Tehran Tordogan Sedigov on Thursday, September 30th, 2021, met Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and submitted a copy of his credentials to him at the start of his mission in the Islamic Republic of Iran

NEW AZERI AMBASSADOR SUBMITS COPY OF CREDENTIALS TO IRAN FM

The Iranian foreign minister has expressed disappointment over the inappropriate treatment of Iranian truck drivers and the arrest of two of them by Azeri border guards.



Hossein Amirabdollahian made the remarks while receiving a copy of the new Azeri ambassador's credentials in Tehran.

While wishing the Azeri envoy success during his mission in Tehran and underlining the importance of relations between Tehran and Baku, Amirabdollahian also described as surprising and regrettable, the recent negative comments by Azerbaijan Republic's officials.

The Iranian foreign minister also said military drills by any country within its territory are a sovereign right.

He referred to the Zionist regime's recent movements near Iran's border, saying The Islamic Republic will not tolerate the Zionist Regime's presence along its borders and will take necessary measures against the regime's activities. The new Azerbaijani ambassador, for his part, underscored good and deep relations between Azerbaijan Republic and Iran as a dearly and

brotherly neighbor for his country. He also expressed hope that the recent issues will be resolved soon through consultations between officials of the two countries.

ABDOLLAHIAN RECEIVES CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS

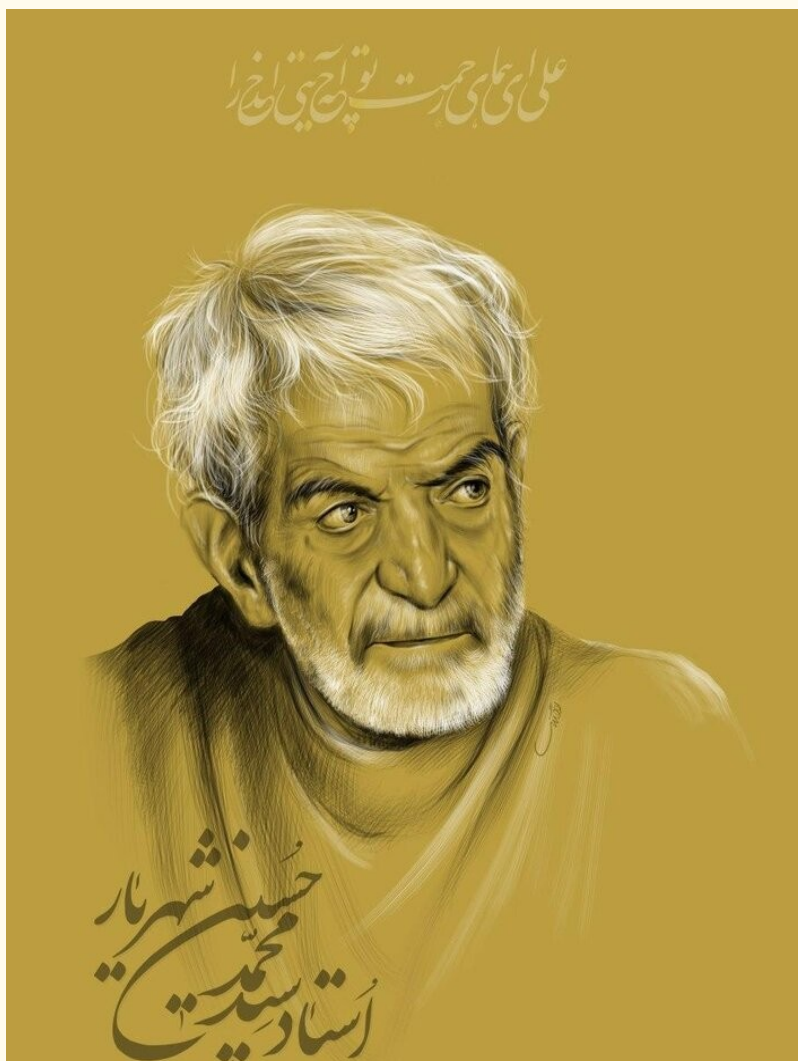
The new foreign minister of Iran, Hossein Amir Abdollahian, has received many congratulatory messages and phone calls from counterparts from across the globe congratulating him on becoming the foreign minister of Iran.

The messages and calls were done in the spirit of congratulating the new Iranian foreign minister on beginning his job as top Iranian diplomat.

The foreign minister of Iran, has also received congratulatory messages from Ethiopia, Malaysia, Benin, Tanzania, Norway, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Estonia and Georgia.



NATIONAL DAY OF PERSIAN POETRY AND LITERATURE



September 18 has been named the 'National Day of Persian Poetry and Literature' in Iran which coincide with the death anniversary of the legendary Iranian poet Shahriar.

He was the first Iranian to write significant poetry in the Azerbaijani language. He published his first book of poems in 1929, with prefaces by Mohammad Taqi Bahar, Saeed Nafisi, and Pejman Bakhtiari.

Shahriar (1906-1988) has seen the three eras of Qajars, Pahlavi, and the Islamic Republic. A more profound look into his poetry reveals his objection to injustice and narrow-mindedness.

He was a gigantic figure indeed who supported his people at critical times such as the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war when he boosted the morale of Iranian soldiers through his poems.

Shahriar was born in 1906 in Tabriz and died on September 18, 1988, in one of Tehran's hospitals and his body was transferred to Tabriz and was buried in 'Maqbarat-o Shoara' (House of Poets).

His poems are mainly influenced by Hafez. 'The Blessing Bird of Good Omen', which is about Imam Ali (AS), is his other noteworthy credit.





Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Armenia (September 21)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Guine-Bissau (September 24)



Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Mexico (September 16)

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs marks the National Day of Chile (September 18)





TWIPLOMACY

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei congratulates Iran volleyball team on winning Asian Championship



The tweet of the Supreme Leader on the occasion of the Holy Defense Week and the day of honoring the martyrs



Foreign Minister, Hossein AmirAbdollahian confirmed Iran becomes full member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization



Iranian Foreign Minister, Hossein AmirAbdollahian congratulates the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China





Society & Culture

MALI APPRECIATES IRCS FOR QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES



The Malian Health Minister Dieminatou Sangare has appreciated the services provided by the health center of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) in the African country.

She made the remarks in a meeting with the head of IRCS health center Khalil Mokhtari. Mokhtari for his part said that the health center is providing services to Malian people for 29 years and performing more than 5 types of specialized therapies.

Eye surgeries, ENT, cesarean section, and paraclinical facilities, etc. are among the services provided by this center, he added.

It is necessary for the Malian Ministry of Health to take appropriate measures to solve the problems of this center, so that the development process pace up for the benefit of the deprived, he highlighted.

IRCS services worldwide

At present, the Iranian Red Crescent Society provides medical services to people in 13 Asian, African, and Latin American countries.

Currently, some 14 medical facilities are

offering humanitarian, relief, and health services to the deprived people in 13 countries, including Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, Bolivia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Congo, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Niger, and Ecuador.

The IRCS polyclinic center includes various departments such as laboratory, pharmacy, radiology and physiotherapy, and general practitioners along with obstetricians, gynecologists, internal medicine, pediatrics, ophthalmologists, and dentists

400,000 FOREIGN NATIONALS LIVING IN IRAN VACCINATED

Iran has vaccinated 400,000 foreign nationals against coronavirus, Karim Hemmati, head of Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) said.

Registered foreign nationals are vaccinated just like Iranian nationals, so far, more than 400,000 of whom have been vaccinated, he stated.

It was decided to issue a temporary identity card for undocumented foreign nationals, for which the International Credit Federation has considered an amount of budget, Hemmati noted.





Society & Culture

IRANIAN PHOTOGRAPHERS WIN AWARDS AT GLOBAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNION CONTEST

Iranian photographers Pardis Maaleki and Mardin Ahmadi have been honored with awards at the second edition of the GPU Under 25 Photo Competition.

This contest has been established by the Global Photographic Union (GPU) to offer an encouraging opportunity for young photographers to show and share their creativities and interact in this social opportunity, by connecting with one another from all over the world.

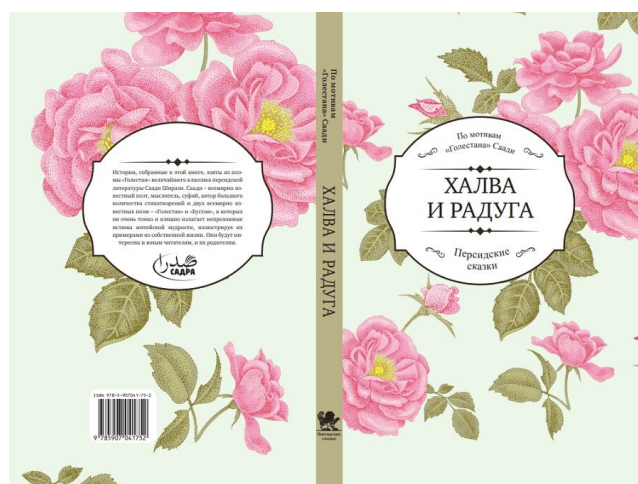
The jury honored Maaleki in the categories Open Color and COVID-19.

Her “Desert” showing a desert scene won the GPU Silver Medal in Open Color, while her “Nurses” depicting two Iranian health workers in a hospital during the pandemic won the same award in the COVID-19 category.

Ahmadi received the GPU Ribbon in the Mobile Photos section for his photo “Remains of Autumn”, which shows a single tree with few yellow leaves in a plain blanketed in snow.



STORIES FROM SADI'S GULISTAN PUBLISHED FOR RUSSIAN CHILDREN



Stories from Persian poet Sheikh Muslih od-Din Sadi Shirazi's masterpiece Gulistan (The Rose Garden) have been published for children in Russian in Moscow.

The collection entitled “Halva and Rainbow” has been released by Sadra Books in collaboration with the Ibn Sina Foundation and Khayyam Cultural Center, the publisher has announced.

Stories selected and streamlined by Iranian children's writer Farhad Hassanzadeh have been translated into Russian by Svetlana Tarasova.

The collection, which contains 18 stories, has been edited by Professor Natalya Prigarina of the Department of Oriental Written Sources at the Journal of the Institute of Oriental Studies.

As one of the greatest figures of classical Persian literature who lived during the 13th century CE, Sadi is famous worldwide for his Bustan (The Orchard) and Gulistan (The Rose Garden), which have been translated into many languages.



“PARIZAD” SELECTED AS BEST DOCU AT FESTIVAL OF NATIONS



The 48th edition of the Festival of Nations, an international short film festival in Austria, has picked “Parizad” by Iranian filmmaker Mehdi Imani Shahmiri as best documentary.

The film is about Aunt Keshvar, a lonely rural woman who weaves an unknown and nearly forgotten fabric named “Geleej”. She shares information about the role of Geleej in the daily life of the villagers and legends about her homeland.

Earlier last week, it won the award for best short documentary at the 16th Kazan International Muslim Film Festival in Russia.

The Festival of Nations took place from September 9 to 14 in Lenzing, Upper Austria.

“BANDAR BAND” HONORED AT BATUMI INTL. ART-HOUSE FILM FESTIVAL

Iranian movie drama “Bandar Band” has been awarded an honorable mention at the Batumi International Art-House Film Festival (BIAFF) in Georgia.

Directed by Manijeh Hekmat, the film is

about some Iranian women singers who are going to enter an unofficial competition in a coffee shop in Tehran.

The film, which has been purchased by Canadian distributor Mongrel Media, was named best film at the 26th Kolkata International Film Festival, which took place in the Indian city in January.



IRANIAN FILMS SHINE AT ITALIAN FESTIVAL, WINNING FOUR ACCOLADES

Iranian cinema received four awards at the 24th edition of Religion Today Film Festival, held in Trento, Italy.

The Iranian short documentary, ‘Holy Bread,’ directed by the late Iranian filmmaker Rahim Zabihi, received the Best Documentary Award, reported religionfilm.com.

‘I Won’t Remain Alone,’ by Yaser Talebi, won the Best Short Documentary Award and Keivan Majidi’s ‘The Blue Girl’ received the award of the Jury Forum Trentino for Peace and Human Rights Section.

The Film for Our Future Award went to ‘Congenital’ by Saman Hosseinpour and Ako Zandkarimi.



**NATIONAL DAY OF RUMI, GREATEST IRANIAN POEM:
IRAN PAYS HOMAGE TO SHAMS, MASTER OF PERSIAN POET MOWLAVI**



The land of Iran has long been the cradle of mystical thought and enlightenment reflections. Thus, over the centuries, countless names have flourished in the field of mysticism and Sufism. One of these great figures is the famous Jalaluddin Mohammad Balkhi, who is known as Mowlana in Persia and as "Rumi" in West.

The most famous Sufi mystic and poet in the Persian language, Rūmī, in full Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī, known in Persia as Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad Balkhī (also simply called Mowlana or Mowlavi - an honorific meaning “our master”) was born c. September 30, 1207, Balkh of Afghanistan on the eastern edge of the Persian Empire of that time—died December 17, 1273, Konya [in current Turkey]). Rumi is globally renowned for his lyrics and for his didactic epic *Masnavi-e Ma'navi* (“Spiritual Couplets”), which widely influenced mystical thought and literature throughout the Muslim world. After his death, his followers were organized as the Mowlawiyeh order.

One of the best-known works of Mowlavi is *Diwan-i Shams-i Tabriz* which is named in honor of his master Shams. The major work is a collection of poems, including couplets, quatrains and ghazals, a form of poetry.

Shams-e Tabrizi (1185–1248) was the spiritual instructor of Mowlana Jalal al-Din Balkhi (Rumi) and is referenced with great reverence in Rumi’s poetic collection in particular ‘*Diwan-e Shams-e Tabrizi*’ (“The Works of Shams of Tabriz”).

Tradition holds that Shams taught Rumi in seclusion in Konya for a period of forty days before fleeing for Damascus. The tomb of Shams was recently nominated to be a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

September 29th and 30th in Iran are named as the day of commemoration of Shams Tabrizi and Rumi, respec-





TRADE AND ECONOMY

'SCO MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES IRAN WITH GREAT TRADE OPPORTUNITIES'



Head of Iran-Russia Joint Chamber of Commerce has said Iran's membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is going to be a great opportunity for Iran to expand trade with the members.

According to Hadi Tizhoush Taban, the SCO member states account for 40 percent of the world's population and 28 percent of the world's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and Iran should benefit from the opportunities that permanent membership in this organization will provide for facilitating trade.

Tizhoush Taban further noted that the permanent membership of Iran in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization can also provide the necessary basis and requirements for the implementation of the 25-year strategic agreement between Iran and China.

He stressed that given the current situation in the country, joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is a golden opportunity for the Iranian economy, noting that the country's economy needs more than ever to develop non-oil exports in order to be able to compensate for the decrease in oil revenues and on the other hand, to increase the gross domestic product.

The Islamic Republic of Iran was officially accepted into the SCO on September 17 during the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the organization.

ITALIAN EMBASSY HOSTS ENERGY TRANSITION, ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR

The Italian Embassy in Tehran hosted on Monday a bilateral seminar on energy transition and the environment. The event was organized in cooperation with the Italian Trade Agency and The European House Ambrosetti.

Placed along an ideal itinerary going from Ambrosetti's Cernobbio Forum and in anticipation of the 7th edition of the ROME MED DIALOGUES scheduled this coming December, the event brought together, in a hybrid format, partly online and partly in presence, representatives of Iran's Presidency of the Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Energy, members of the private sectors from both countries, analysts from international think tanks and research centers. Over 600 Italian and Iranian companies have also followed the event online.

On this occasion, Italy's objectives as co-President of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) as well as of the G-20 Group were highlighted, particularly through the screening of the speech delivered by Italy's Minister for environmental transition Cingolani at the latest edition of the Cernobbio Forum.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IRAN ADVANCES IN GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2021

Iran has improved its ranking in the latest Global Innovation Index (GII), moving up seven positions to 60, the 2021 report showed.



The 2021 edition of the Global Innovation Index presents the latest global innovation ranking of 132 economies, relying on 81 different indicators. While tracking the most recent global innovation trends in the new Global Innovation Tracker, this edition also focuses on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on innovation.

This year, the classification of countries by region and income level is also presented, and Iran is 13th among the middle and upper-middle-income countries and the second among the countries of the Central and South Asian region, after India.

Innovation in Iran developed rapidly in 5 years

Knowledge-based companies and creative startups have grown over the past five years, and Iran has risen 45 places in the Global Innovation Index.

The GII in Iran from 2015 to 2019 has risen from 106 to 61 with continuous improvement, showing

45 steps growth.

Between 2014 and 2017, exports of knowledge-based goods grew by a factor of five, before slumping in 2018 after the U.S. withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (2015), commonly referred to as the nuclear deal, and re-imposed sanctions.

The report states that innovation in Iran has developed rapidly over the past five years, and by the end of last year, 49 accelerators and 113 innovation centers had provided services to startups with the participation of the private sector.

IRAN BECOMES WORLD'S 20TH BIGGEST AUTO PRODUCER

Iran currently stands in 20th place among the world's top automobile manufacturers producing 821,060 vehicles by the end of 2019, according to the Organization International des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), worldpopulationreview.com reported.

Three major Iranian carmakers, namely Iran Khodro Company (IKCO), SAIPA Group, and Pars Khodro, manufactured 345,392 vehicles during the first five months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-August 22).





SPORTS

IRAN ADVANCE TO 2022 AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP



Iran defeated Jordan in penalty shootout to book a place at the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup.

Following a goalless draw at the Bunyodkor Stadium in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Iran defeated Jordan 4-2 on penalties in Group G.

Maryam Irandoost's girls had already defeated Bangladesh 5-0 in the group and qualified for the final round with six points.

Iran's women's football team have booked their place at the AFC Women's Asian Cup for the first time.

The result, a milestone for Iranian women's football, also keeps them alive in the race for a spot in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

The AFC Women's Asian Cup will be held in India from Jan. 20 to Feb. 6 2020.

IRAN THE BEST ASIAN TEAM IN FIVB WORLD RANKING



Iran are the best Asian volleyball team in the FIVB World Ranking.

The Iranian team sit in the 10th place in the world, a place above Japan.

Brazil sit top of the table, followed by Poland, Russia, France and Italy.

According to volleyball's world governing body FIVB, the new dynamic ranking system will respond in real time after each competition day.

NAZEMI CHOSEN FOURTH OFFICIAL AT FUTSAL WORLD CUP FINAL

Iranian female official Gelareh Nazemi has been chosen as fourth official in the 2021 FIFA Futsal World Cup final match.



The final will be held between Portugal and Argentina on Sunday.

IRANIAN WOMAN REKABI WINS FIRST EVER MEDAL AT IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Elnaz Rekabi from Iran became the first country's woman to win a medal at the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Championships.

She won the bronze medal at the Women's Combined. "I am very happy to win the medal because the best climbers in the world have participated in the competition and I didn't think I could win the medal," Rekabi said.

Rekabi, nicknamed spider woman, started climbing in her youth when her brother had become an Asian vice champion in competitive climbing at a competition in Zanjan, a city in northwestern Iran.

The final stage of the 2021 International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Championships commenced in Moscow, Russia on Sept. 16 and brought 167 athletes (70 women and 97 men) together.





FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

National Day of Persian Poetry and Literature celebrated in Swiss Embassy

Swiss Embassy Iran @SwissEmbassyfr

Around the Persian Literature and Poetry Day, the Swiss community in Tehran brings poetry to this page. Keep watching.

شعر خوانی همکاران سوئیسی در این صفحه به مناسبت روز شعر و ادبیات پارسی . مارا دنبال کنید ..

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French Embassy congratulates Iran volleyball team on winning Asian Championship

France en Iran @FranceenIran

به تیم ملی والیبال ایران که در تاریخ 28 شهریور به قهرمانی آسیا دست یافتند تبریک می گوئیم.

Félicitations à l'équipe iranienne pour avoir remporté le 1^{er} championnat d'Asie de volleyball le 19 septembre

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French Embassy congratulates Iran's advance to 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup

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آفرین به #تیم_ملی_فوتبال_زنان که مجوز حضور در جام ملت های آسیا را دریافت کردند. برای آنان آرزوی موفقیت می کنیم و بی صبرانه منتظریم که در آینده بازی این تیم را در مقابل تیم فرانسه ببینیم !

Bravo aux footballeuses iraniennes pour leur qualification à la Coupe d'Asie

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Russian ambassador met Iranian Oil Minister

Russian Embassy, IRI @RusEmblIran

Amb. Jagaryan met with Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji. Conversation took place in a friendly atmpsp. Current state and prospects for the development of bilateral cooperation were discussed . Amb. conveyed to Minister invitation to @rusenergyweeken (October 13-15, 2021, Moscow)

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FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

UNFPA congratulates Iranian Women's National Football Team qualifying for AFC Asian Cup



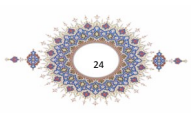
Italian ambassador inaugurated personal art exhibition of the Iranian- Italian artist



Iranian and Italian FM's met in New York at the sidelines of the Session of the General Assembly



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True heroes never die. They are forever in our hearts and minds!



One sacrifice to raise hopes from ashes. That's the story of Ali Landi who will be remembered not for just what he did, but for what he taught.

Ali Landi (born 2006 in Izeh – died September 23, 2021 in Isfahan), was an Iranian teenager who died of a severe burn which he suffered when trying to rescue two elderly women from a building fire. The two women were saved but he suffered third degree burns, and finally died on the evening of September 23, 2021, due to an infection in blood and severe respiratory problems.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran in a message extended His condolences to the bereaved family of Ali Landi, the adolescent hero of Izeh, Khuzestan Province, southern Iran.

Earlier, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi also extended his condolences over the death of Ali Landi, calling him Iran's national hero whose life story could be a source of inspiration for the next Iranian generation.



DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

GRAPES HARVESTING IN KHONDAB

As the summer ends and autumn starts, grape growers in Khondab County in Markazi Province in central Iran begin picking the fruit and put them in the sun to dry them to become raisins. .(Photo credit: MEHR News Agency)

