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## MFA NEWSLETTER

### ON THE SIDELINES OF THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN UGANDA

Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araqchi who was visiting Uganda to attend the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement held talks with his counterpart from Tunisia, Cuba, Venezuela and Belarus.



Meeting with Tunisian FM



Meeting with Belarusian FM



Meeting with Cuban FM



Meeting with Venezuelan FM



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Araqchi also met counterparts from Mozambique, Mali and Algeria, and conferred with the Palestinian envoy in Kampala.



Meeting with Mozambique FM



Meeting with Mali FM



Meeting with Algerian FM



Meeting with Palestinian envoy



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### IRANIAN PHYSICIAN GRABS 2024 KUWAIT PRIZE FOR CONTROL OF NCD



Majid Ghayour Mobarhan, an Iranian professor at Mashhad University of Medical Sciences, has won the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Administered by the World Health Organization (WHO), the prize acknowledges the work of well-known scientists who have made outstanding contributions to prevention, control, or research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes.

Mobarhan has received the prize for 'Predicting Cardiovascular Disease in the MASHAD Cohort Study', which is known as one of the leading health projects in Asia. Prediction of cardiovascular risk factors can help in early diagnosis, decision-making, and treatment of high-risk patients, the health ministry website reported.

He is also the founder of the International United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Center for Health-Related Basic Sciences and Human Nutrition.

### IRANIAN SCIENTIST WINS UNESCO'S MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE AWARD



Behzad Qiasi, a faculty member of the University of Tehran, has won the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Young Scientists Awards for his project titled 'Develop a sustainable hydrotourism model in Iran's Miankaleh Biosphere Reserve'.

Qiasi has a Ph.D. in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering. His project aims to restore wetlands while supporting local livelihoods. He will work with communities, NGOs, and government agencies to design eco-friendly tourism that reduces pressure on water resources. Through environmental and economic assessments, he will identify viable green jobs linked to cultural heritage and nature conservation. His project will empower local voices, especially youth and women, and produce a replicable model for other fragile wetland reserves.



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### TEHRAN, HANOI EXPLORE AVENUES TO FOSTER SCI-TECH TIES



The head of the Organization for the Development of International Cooperation in Science and Technology, Hossein Roozbeh, and the Vietnamese Ambassador to Iran, Nguyen Luong Ngoc, have discussed ways to expand scientific and technological collaborations between the two countries.

Ngoc paid a visit to the Tehran branch of Iran House of Innovation and Technology (iHiT) to become more familiar with Iran's achievements and products in the technology sector, particularly nanotechnology, IRNA reported.

During the Wednesday meeting, the Vietnamese official lauded Iran's high scientific potential in different fields like pharmaceuticals, construction, and modern technologies, and proposed establishing iHiT in Hanoi. This will expedite scientific and international interactions between the two countries, he added.

Roozbeh elaborated on Iran's technological capacities in agriculture, fishery, medicine, medication, construction, nanotechnology, and artificial intelligence (AI).

### IRAN DISCUSSES ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH TURKEY, AZERBAIJAN

Shina Ansari, the head of the Department of Environment, in separate meetings with Emine Erdogan, the first lady of Turkey, and Mukhtar Babayev, the Azerbaijani Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, explored avenues to promote cooperation in the environment sector.

On the sidelines of the global Zero Waste Forum, being held in Istanbul, Turkey, from October 17 to 19, Ansari and Erdogan underlined fostering environmental collaborations and sharing experiences.

"Promoting cooperation with neighboring countries, particularly in the environment sector, will lay the ground for regional and international peace," doe.ir quoted Erdogan as saying.

For her part, Ansari said waste management is among the top priorities of the DOE; Iran is willing to benefit from international expertise, including Turkey's successful experiences. She proposed developing ties in preserving biodiversity and protected areas.





## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### TEHRAN, BAGHDAD HOLD TALKS ON HOUR AL-AZIM WETLAND



Iranian and Iraqi officials have discussed the challenges facing Hour al-Azim wetland, located on the border of the two countries, particularly drought and spontaneous combustion.

During a meeting held in Iraq, Iranian officials from the Department of Environment highlighted the provision of the wetland's water rights by Iraq, the lack of which has so far dried up the wetland, leading to spontaneous combustion, releasing a large amount of air pollution and smoke, adversely affecting cities in Khuzestan province.

They also emphasized the significance of managing resources and water consumption in Tigris River to be able to supply the wetland's water rights, and prevent the intensification of fire in the Iraqi part of the Hour al-Azim wetland, and stop pollutants migration towards Khuzestan province.

Iraqi officials representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs elaborated on the amount of water in the reservoirs of dams built across Tigris River, and the severe drought in the region, pledging to secure the water rights next year.

### 'UNECE READY TO HELP IRAN IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS'

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) has announced its willingness to support the country in implementing environmental conservation programs.

UNECE Executive Secretary, Tatiana Molchan, also voiced the organization's readiness to provide technical consultation to the Department of Environment (DOE), and collaborate with the DOE in different environmental sectors.

Focusing on technical issues and utilizing international experts, UNECE plays an effective role in fields such as transboundary waters, air pollution, and waste management, Molchan added. For her part, Ansari elaborated on the critical situation of the Hamoun wetland in the southeast of the country, which has been drastically dried up over the past two decades, and called for UNECE to support restoration projects aimed at reviving the wetland, highlighting that sanctions should not impact the implementation of environmental projects that are directly connected to the local community's lives.





## TRADE & ECONOMY

### IRAN STARTS EXPORTING SMART ELECTRICITY METERS TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES



Iran has begun exporting domestically produced smart electricity meters to neighboring countries, according to Hamed Ahmadi, Director General of the Technical, Engineering and Smartization Office at the Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Company (Tavanir).

Ahmadi said the Iranian-made smart meters are built with cutting-edge technology comparable to top global standards and are manufactured by domestic knowledge-based companies.

He added that Iran has now achieved full technical maturity in this field, enabling local producers to compete with leading international manufacturers.

The official also noted that data collection and consumption analysis systems for these smart meters have been entirely designed and localized within the country, marking a significant step toward digitalization and self-sufficiency in Iran's electricity sector.

### IRAN'S SAFFRON EXPORTS SURGE 73% AS UAE TOPS BUYERS



Iran exported more than 99.5 tons of saffron, valued at over \$94 million, in the first half of the current Iranian year (March 21–September 22), marking a 73 percent increase in volume and a \$45 million rise in export value compared with the same period last year, according to data from Iran's Customs Administration.

The exports included various packaged forms of saffron weighing between 10 and 30 grams, shipped to countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Spain, China, Afghanistan, India, Germany, the United Kingdom, and others.

The UAE ranked as the top customer, importing about 29.7 tons worth \$29.1 million. Spain followed with 19.6 tons worth \$18.9 million, while China was the third-largest buyer with 12.6 tons valued at \$12.5 million. Afghanistan imported 10.5 tons worth \$10.3 million, and Germany purchased three tons worth around \$1.6 million.



## IRANIAN LUMINARIES

### HAFEZ SHIRAZI; FAMOUS POET OF LOVE



The 20th of Mehr on the Iranian calendar, which falls on October 12 this year, is celebrated annually as Hafez Day.

Iranian poet Hafez is most famous for his divan, and among the many partial English translations of this work are those by Gertrude Bell and H. Wilberforce Clarke.

Built in 1935, the tomb of Hafez was designed by a well-known French architect and archeologist Andre Godard. The tomb and its surrounding gardens are one of the greatest tourist attractions in Shiraz.

#### Life of Hafez Shirazi

Born in 1327, one of the most chaotic times in history, Khajeh Shamseddin Mohammad Hafez Shirazi is considered one of the greatest Iranian poets and mystics. The reason that he is called Hafez is the fact that he memorized

the whole Quran. He is also entitled “Lesanol Gheib”, which means the language of the unseen.

Although Hafez is considered one of the most prominent poets in Iran and even across the world, his life is shrouded in mystery. There are various ideas and comments about his life but there is no single reliable source to rely on in this regard.

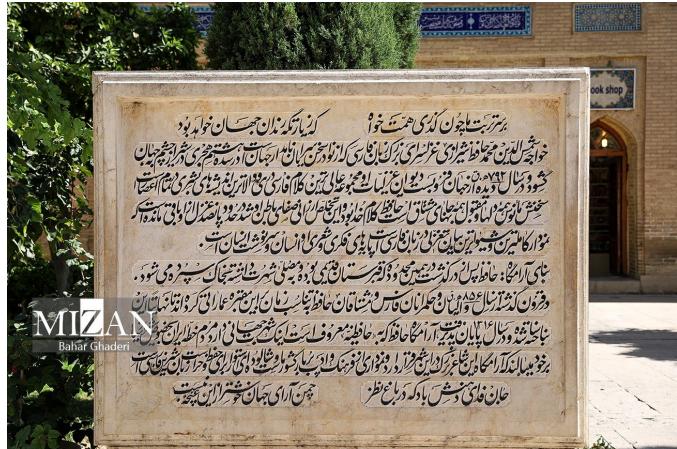
Hafez is believed to have been influenced by many authors before him like Omar Khayyam (who is also one of the most significant Iranian figures in mathematics, astronomy, and poetry). However, many critics symbolize Hafez as a bee that flies over different flowers to make the most delicious honey.





## IRANIAN LUMINARIES

### Divan-e Hafez



Hafez's famous book is *Divan* (a collection of poems). His book is very precious to Iranians so every Iranian family has it in their house. Iranian people gather to read *Divan-e Hafez* on different occasions such as Nowruz or Yalda Night.

Hafez did not compile his poetry. Some say that Mohammad Golandaam, who also wrote a preface to his compilation, completed it in 813 A.H or 1410 A.D, some 21-22 years after Hafez's death.

### Hafez and Goethe

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), the most renowned poet of German literature was deeply interested in Eastern literature and above all, Hafez poems which increasingly awakened his interest in Persian literature. The first impulse of Goethe in imitating Hafez was a framework to compose romantic poems but later the mystical aspects of Hafez's poems attracted him.

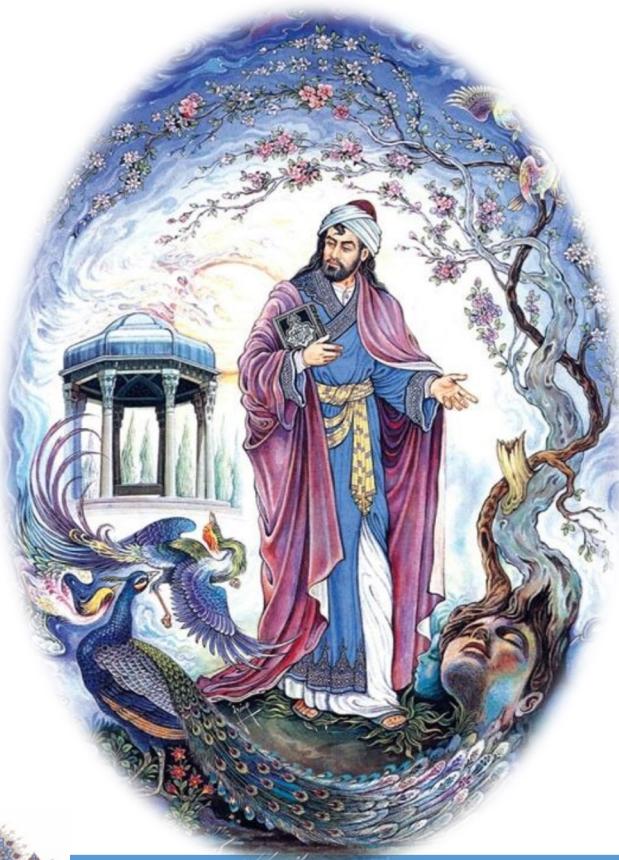
The influence of Hafez Ghazaliat (the collection of his poems/ghazals) on Goethe was so profound that he composed his collection of poems in order to imitate Hafez and named it the "West-Eastern *Divan*".

A professor of Universität Klagenfurt,

Austria, said at Shiraz University that it is not deniable that Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wouldn't have written the prestigious West-Eastern *Divan* without being inspired by Hafez. Goethe came across a translation of Hafez when he was about 65 years old, which changed his life. Hafez, as the biggest Iranian poet, had a great impact on Goethe's life, she said.

Goethe could establish an image of the mystic terms and language of Hafez. His understating of Hafez made him compose 15 new pieces in a week. Goethe composed Western poetry with Eastern content, she added.

She said that he interwove Eastern literature and the Old Testament to make it fathomable for the people of the West, though the book had an Easter theme.





## TRADE & ECONOMY

### IRAN, JAPAN SEEK CLOSER TRADE TIES FOCUSING ON HEALTH, FOOD INDUSTRIES



Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) Head Samad Hassanzadeh met with Japan's Ambassador to Tehran Tsukada Tamaki, to explore new avenues for trade cooperation between the two nations, emphasizing non-sanctioned sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and food industries.

Hassanzadeh also mentioned Iran's renowned handwoven carpets as a potential export avenue, stressing their authenticity and craftsmanship, unlike imitations produced in other countries.

Ambassador Tamaki welcomed these ideas, calling the meeting's timing "a positive signal" despite regional and international challenges.

He emphasized that Japan remains interested in expanding non-sanctioned collaborations and sees potential in technology and human resource development.

The envoy noted that Iran has achieved remarkable progress in nanotechnology and artificial intelligence, and expressed Japan's willingness to host Iranian engineers and specialists in these areas, saying there are promising opportunities for them to work and innovate in Japan.

### TEHRAN, DUSHANBE TO EXPAND CAPITAL MARKET COOPERATION

Iran has expressed readiness to assist Tajikistan in establishing a commodity exchange and developing its securities market, the Securities and Exchange Organization (SEO) said on Saturday. During a meeting between Iran's SEO Head Hojjatollah Seyed and Tajik Finance Minister Faizuddin Qahhorzoda in Tehran, both sides called for deepening bilateral cooperation in capital markets.

Seyed noted that the two nations' cultural and linguistic affinities provide a strong foundation for closer collaboration.

"With around 60 years of experience in stock exchanges and over two decades in commodity markets, the SEO is ready to share its expertise with Tajikistan in launching commodity exchanges and implementing commodity-backed securities," he said.

Qahhorzoda said Tajikistan's economic policy prioritizes expanding partnerships with other countries, adding that cooperation with Iran in economic fields has been strong but could grow further.

He highlighted Tajikistan's steady economic growth over the past decade and welcomed Iran's support in establishing various types of stock and commodity exchanges to strengthen Tajikistan's financial infrastructure.





## TRADE & ECONOMY

### IRAN, PAKISTAN, TURKEY TO RELAUNCH CONTAINER TRAIN SERVICE IN DECEMBER



Iran and Pakistan have agreed to resume operations of the Islamabad–Tehran–Istanbul (ITI) container train in December, as part of a broader plan to boost rail connectivity and trade between the two neighbors.

The agreement was reached during meetings between Iran's Minister of Transport and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadegh and Pakistan's Ministers of Commerce, Communications, and Railways — Jam Kamal Khan, Abdul Aleem Khan, and Hanif Abbasi — on the second day of Sadegh's visit to Islamabad, the Iranian ministry said.

Pakistan's Ministry of Railways announced that both sides will draft a joint action plan to expand rail transport cooperation. They also agreed to launch the project to upgrade the Quetta–Taftan railway line next year, a key route linking the two countries.

Both nations committed to strengthening commercial and passenger rail operations and to creating a coordinated mechanism to follow up on bilateral agreements.

### IRAN, ARMENIA TO LAUNCH JOINT B2B PLATFORM TO STRENGTHEN TRADE RELATIONS

The Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) and the Embassy of Armenia in Tehran have agreed to establish a joint digital platform to connect Iranian and Armenian businesses directly, aiming to expand bilateral trade and investment opportunities.

During a meeting between Hamed Asgari, ICCIMA's deputy for international affairs, and Hayk Nazaryan, commercial attaché of the Armenian Embassy, the two sides reviewed the current level of trade cooperation and discussed practical strategies to deepen economic relations. Asgari commended the Armenian Embassy for its active role in facilitating the Iranian trade delegation's visit to Yerevan, which coincided with the Iranian president's official trip earlier this year.

Both sides agreed to launch a joint B2B matchmaking platform, which will serve as a unified and accessible digital space for companies seeking partnerships, suppliers, or clients in either market.

The Armenian side welcomed ICCIMA's proposal to hold specialized business forums in Tehran and Yerevan to facilitate sector-specific cooperation, particularly in construction materials, food processing, and logistics.





## SOCIETY & CULTURE

### CHINESE SCHOLARS, STUDENTS GATHER TO HONOR HAFEZ AT PEKING UNIVERSITY



On Friday, a conference commemorating the legendary Persian poet Hafez was held at Peking University in Beijing, China.

Li Shujing, Chair of the Foreign Languages Department Council at Peking University, and Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Iran's Ambassador to China, delivered speeches at the event. A number of professors and students specializing in Persian language from various universities in Beijing and Tianjin also participated in the conference.

Li Shujing, in her opening remarks, stated: "Today's gathering on the occasion of honoring Hafez, one of Iran's greatest poets, is a meaningful and fruitful event. Hafez's poetry, with its sincere emotion, profound thoughts, and romantic imagination, has shaped not only the spirit of the Iranian nation but also inspired people worldwide."

### ARTISTS FROM 13 COUNTRIES TO ATTEND 4TH HOMAM INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The 4th Homam International Festival for People with Disabilities will be held in Tehran from October 23 to 30, with the presence of more than 200 artists from 13 countries, the festival's secretary Mohammad Reza Mashhadi said at a press conference on Saturday.

Over 400 works in the fields of visual arts, handicrafts, and music have been selected from about 3,000 submissions by disabled Iranian and foreign artists for this year's edition of the festival, ISNA reported.

"This year, the festival will host artists from Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, South Korea, Turkey, South Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Spain, Japan, Nigeria, and Iran. Lebanon will also collaborate in part of the visual arts section," Mashhadi added.



### KHORESH BAMIEH – OKRA AND BEEF STEW



In Persian, the word “khoresh” means stew and “bamieh” means okra. Khoresh Bamieh comes from the Khoozestan province in southern Iran, where it is traditionally made with tangy tamarind sauce. In other parts of Iran, however, tomato sauce is often used as a more common substitute. Some people from more northern regions of Iran use pomegranate molasses instead. The stew is usually made with a combination of beef or lamb, tomato paste, okra, onions, garlic, tomatoes, olive oil, turmeric, cinnamon, beef stock, bay leaves, salt, and pepper. The meat is browned in oil and it's then mixed with all the other ingredients except okra. The pot is covered and the dish is simmered until the meat is tender. Near the end of cooking, okra is added to the pot and cooked until soft. The stew is served warm and it's usually accompanied by rice on the side.

#### Ingredients:

meat, onion, garlic cloves, turmeric, tomato can, tomato paste, okra, lemon juice, salt & pepper, oil

### SOUTH KOREA, IRAN CELEBRATE 63 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS THROUGH CALLIGRAPHY



In a vibrant celebration of cultural diplomacy, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Tehran hosted the Korea-Iran Calligraphy Exhibition on October 23. The event, held at the Ambassador's Residence, commemorated the 63rd anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations, transforming the venue into a crossroads of artistic tradition and modern friendship.

Jointly organized with the Cultural Coordination Center under the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (CCCAD), the exhibition unfolded under the poignant theme of "Family." It served as a dynamic platform to deepen mutual understanding and expand cultural exchange, exploring the shared aesthetics of letters and lines where centuries-old artistry meets contemporary creative expression.

### THREE FOREIGN PLAYS TO ATTEND 6TH KISH INTERNATIONAL SHORT THEATER FESTIVAL

Three foreign plays will be staged in the international section of the 6th Kish International Short Theater Festival, which will kick off in Kish Island, in the Persian Gulf, on Saturday.

"Worse and the Laugh" by Aurelie Roxane Imbert from France, "The Shakespeare Maniac" by Aziz Saydut from Turkey, and "Tayraak" by Ashmal Nazir Lalwany from Pakistan are the foreign plays at the festival.

According to the Public Relations and International Affairs Department of the Kish Free Zone Organization, the festival's secretariat, with the aim of promoting new forms of theater, strengthening the identity of seaside and café performances, and supporting experimental and interdisciplinary troupes, will organize the sixth edition of this artistic event.



### IRAN, UZBEKISTAN EXPLORE TRADE POTENTIAL TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC TIES



Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Iran Fariddin Nasriev met with Mohammad Ali Dehghan Dehnavi, head of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) and deputy minister of industry, mining and trade, to discuss ways to expand bilateral economic relations and develop trade cooperation between the two countries.

According to the TPO, both sides reviewed existing trade capacities and explored mechanisms to facilitate commercial exchanges.

Dehghan Dehnavi stressed the importance of expanding the list of goods under the preferential trade agreement between Iran and Uzbekistan, noting that the two sides have so far agreed on 20 items and are working to include more to boost mutual trade.

He also highlighted the use of barter arrangements as a practical tool to increase trade volume and overcome financial and banking limitations.

### TEHRAN, MOSCOW CONDUCT 80% OF TRADE IN RUBLES, RIALS AMID DEEPER ECONOMIC TIES

Over 80 percent of trade between Iran and Russia is now conducted in their national currencies, the rial and ruble, marking a major step toward financial independence and reduced reliance on third-party currencies, the head of the Russia–Iran Business Council said.

Speaking at the 22nd meeting of the International Council for Cooperation among Caspian Chamber of Commerce members, Leonid Lozhechko said Iran and Russia are taking new steps to deepen bilateral economic ties by easing trade regulations, developing infrastructure, and expanding collaboration in technology, agriculture, and the International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC).



### PAKISTAN ISSUES NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER TO BOOST BARTER TRADE WITH IRAN



Pakistan's government has issued a new executive order aimed at promoting barter trade with Iran after months of consultation and review to address the concerns of both countries' business communities, Pakistan's ambassador to Tehran, Muhammad Mudassir Tipu, announced.

In a post on X on Sunday, Tipu said: "I am pleased to announce that Pakistan has issued a new executive order (SRO) to promote barter trade with the Islamic Republic of Iran."

He explained that following an extensive and inclusive review process, many of the issues raised by Iranian and Pakistani traders have been addressed in the new regulation. The envoy expressed hope that the measure would significantly enhance the volume and diversity of trade between the two neighbors.

### IRAN LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM FOR TOURIST CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND PAYMENT CARDS AT AIRPORTS



The Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CBI) said it has begun a pilot phase of a plan to buy foreign currency from international tourists and issue "tourist cards" at the country's international airports.

According to a CBI statement, the purchases will be made at rates corresponding to transactions in the CBI's center for the exchange of currency and gold.

The initiative aims to channel foreign exchange inflows through official platforms, facilitate rial payments for tourists, and increase transparency in foreign currency transactions.

Under the pilot program, one designated commercial bank will act as the authorized operator, purchasing foreign currency from tourists and issuing tourist cards. The cards will allow holders to use their exchanged funds in rials for payments within Iran.

### IRAN'S GIRLS' HANDBALL WIN FIRST-EVER GOLD AT 2025 AYG



Iran's girls' handball team won the first-ever gold in the history of Iran women's handball.

Iran team defeated India 43-26 in their final match at the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG) in Bahrain. Iran had previously defeated China 30-25, Uzbekistan 27-24 and Kazakhstan 27-23, and Thailand 32-16.

## IRAN WIN TITLE OF 2025 IBSA ASIA-PACIFIC GOALBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Iran defeated China 4-2 to win the 2025 IBSA Asia-Pacific Goalball Championships on Tuesday.

Team Melli defeated Saudi Arabia 6-4, Australia 5-1, Thailand 5-1, Iraq 8-3, and Thailand 3-2 on their way to the final.

Iran have won the title for the third time.

In the men's bronze medal match, Thailand edged past Australia 5-4 in a nail-biting encounter that went down to the wire, earning the Southeast Asian nation a well-deserved podium finish.

Iran and China booked their place at the 2026 World Championships in China.

The championship, organized by the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, featured 17 teams from 11 countries, including Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Japan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Iraq, and Uzbekistan, New Zealand and South Korea.

## IRAN'S GIRLS' 3X3 BASKETBALL WIN SILVER: 2025 AYG



Iran's girls' 3x3 basketball team lost to Chinese Taipei 15-14 to win a silver medal on Monday at the Asian Youth Games in Manama, Bahrain.

Iran had previously defeated the UAE (21-3), Chinese Taipei (11-9), Kazakhstan (21-10), India (15-10), China (21-19), on their way into the final match.

The 3rd Asian Youth Games are taking place in Bahrain from Oct. 22 to 31.

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## GIRLS GRAB GOLD: 2025 AYG FUTSAL

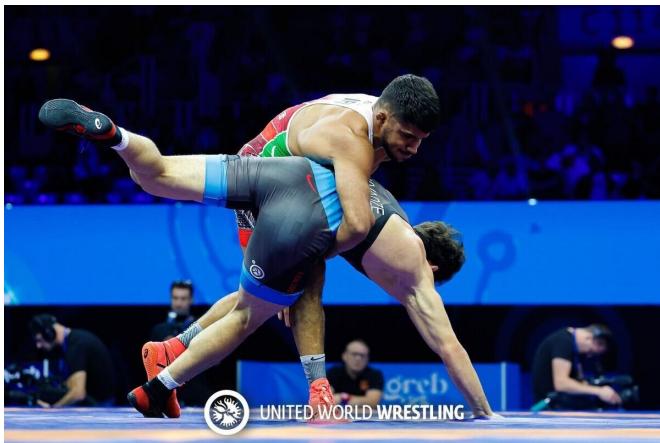


Iran's girls' futsal team defeated China 3-2 on penalties to win a gold medal in the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG). The two teams settled for a goalless draw in regular time. Earlier in the day, Chinese Taipei defeated Hong Kong 6-1 to win a bronze medal. The 3rd Asian Youth Games took place in Bahrain from Oct. 22 to 31. The Games serve as qualifiers for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi congratulated the nation on the consecutive championship victories of Iran's national girls' volleyball and futsal teams at the Asian Youth Games (AYG) in Bahrain.

Iran's top diplomat praised the determination and hardwork of the athletes, offering warm congratulations to the Iranian people, sports community, and especially to the country's young female athletes.

## U23 GRECO-ROMAN TEAM CROWNED 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONS



Iran's Greco-Roman team claimed the title of the 2025 U23 Wrestling World Championships held in Novi Sad, Serbia.

Iranian Greco-Roman wrestlers won three gold medals, one silver and two bronzes.

Iman Mohammadi claimed the title in the 72kg class, as well as two gold medals by Gholamreza Farrokhi (87kg) and Fardin Hedayati (130kg).

Sajjad Abbaspour seized a silver in 60kg and Ahmadreza Mohsennejad (67kg) and Abolfazl Mohmedi (82kg) snatched two bronze medals.

Ukraine came second with 96 points (two golds, two silvers) and Azerbaijan finished in third place with 93 points (two golds, one bronze).

## IRAN TAEKWONDO POOMSAE ATHLETES WIN THREE GOLDS: 2025 AYG



Iranian athletes clinched three gold and three bronze medals at the taekwondo poomsae event at the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG) on Thursday.

Zeynab Shahriari beat Kristen Aguila of the Philippines in the girls' recognized final with a score of 8.86. Behdad Naghiei defeated China's Gao Zixuan 8.76 to win gold at the boys' recognized. Naghiei and Shahriari also won a gold in the mixed pair recognized after defeating Thailand.

Mohammadain Habibzadeh (boys' recognized), Sana Shaygan (girls' freestyle) and Habibzadeh and Shaygan (mixed pair freestyle) claimed three bronze medals.

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## IRANIAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WIN 2025 AYG TITLE



Iran's girls volleyball team defeated Indonesia 3-2 (28-26, 20-25, 18-25, 25-17, 16-14) in the final of the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG) on Wednesday.

Iran were headed by South Korean coach Lee Do-hee in the competition. Earlier in the day, the Iranian boys had defeated Pakistan 3-0 to win a gold medal in the Games.

During the tournament, the Iranian girls' team successfully defeated Qatar, Bahrain, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia (in an earlier round), Hong Kong, and the Philippines, culminating in their final victory over Indonesia. The technical staff for the U18 team included Head Coach Lee Do Hee, Mojgan Hasanzadeh (Supervisor), Sargol Alizadeh (Coach), Maedeh Hamedi (Translator), and Razieh Doosti (Analyst).

## IRAN'S BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM CHAM- PIONS OF 2025 AYG



Iran swept past Pakistan in straight sets (25-21, 25-23, 25-23) to win a gold medal at the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG) on Wednesday.

The Iranian girls have also qualified for the final match.

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# IRANIAN SPORTS

## MARZIYEH JAFARI NAMED 2025 AFC WOMEN COACH OF THE YEAR



History was made at the AFC Awards Riyadh 2025 on Thursday as Marziyeh Jafari became the first-ever AFC Coach of the Year (Women) winner from Iran.

An esteemed name in the Asian coaching landscape, Jafari was honored for successfully leading Iran through the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 Qualifiers, sealing a second consecutive appearance at the Continental showpiece after their debut in 2022.

## IRAN RUNNERS-UP AT 2025 ASIA RUGBY WOMEN'S SEVENS TROPHY



Iran finished runners-up at the 2025 Asia Rugby Emirates Women's Sevens Trophy.

Iran defeated South Korea (25-9), Uzbekistan (12-5), Lebanon (34-0) and Jordan (39-0) and secured their berth in the final.

## IRANIAN MMA ATHLETES CLAIM FOUR GOLDS AT 2025 AYG

Four Iranian athletes claimed gold medals at the Mixed Martial Arts of the 2025 Asian Youth Games (AYG).

In the Girls' 60kg Traditional MMA, Tiam Dehpahlevan defeated Mongolia's Ulziitnaran Bat-Erdene to win the gold medal.

Amirmohammad Hatamian seized a gold in the Boys' 60kg Traditional MMA. He defeated Travis Ratcliff from the Philippines in the final match.

In the Boys' 80kg Traditional MMA final, Amirmahdi Vazifed defeated Kazakhstan's Nurtileu Otegen.

Vania Fathalipour also grabbed a gold medal in the Girls' 55kg Modern MMA, beating her Japanese rival Atushi Takada.





## DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

### “HASHT BEHESHT PALACE OF ISFAHAN: PERSIA’S ARCHITECTURAL GEM”

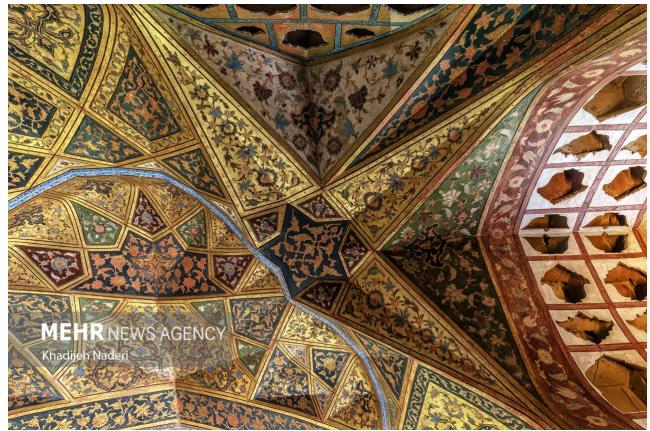
Hasht Behesht Palace in Isfahan is a stunning example of Safavid architecture, known for its beautiful eight-sided design, intricate decorations, and rich Persian history.



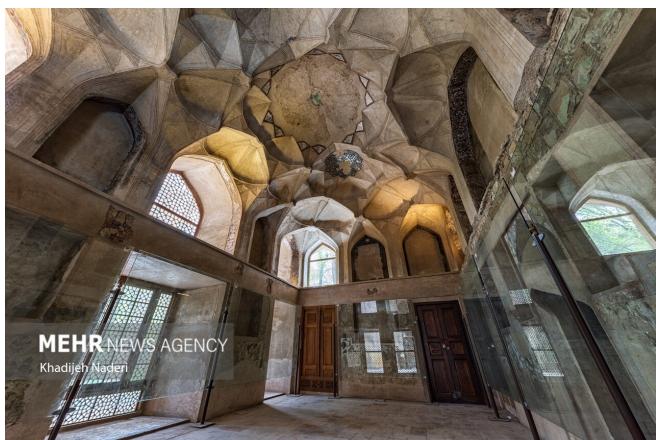
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