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## Saeed Khatibzadeh Appointed New Spokesman of Iran's Foreign Ministry

Saeed Khatibzadeh was introduced as the 12th Spokesman of Iran's Foreign Ministry.



Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif during a ceremony, introduced Saeed Khatibzadeh as the new spokesman of the Foreign Ministry.

Saeed Khatibzadeh had previously served as Deputy for Research Studies at Foreign Ministry's Institute for Political and International Studies.

He also served as a diplomat in Canada and Germany.

Seyyed Abbas Mousavi, the previous spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed as Iran's Ambassador to Republic of Azerbaijan.





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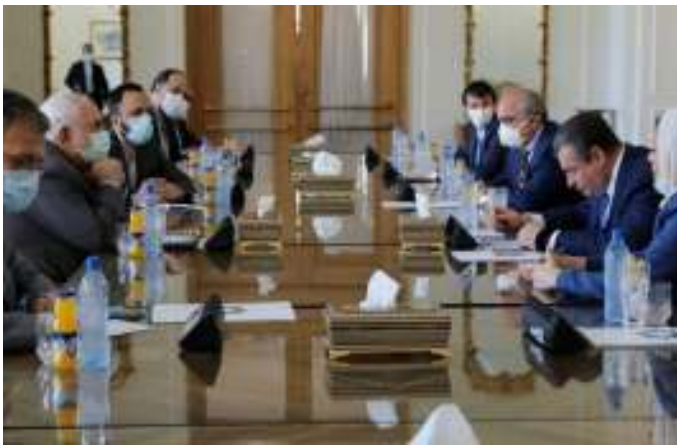
## Political-Diplomatic

### FM Zarif meets with Chairman of Russian Duma Foreign Affairs Committee

Chairman of the Russian State Duma Foreign Affairs Committee, Leonid Slutsky, met with Iranian Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, on Sunday August 2 at Iran's Foreign Ministry Building in Tehran.

Reviewing the bilateral, regional, and international issues was the main pivot of the talks.

During the meeting, Zarif said, Iran attaches great importance to promoting parliamentary relations to reach a strategic level. Slutsky stressed, his visit to Iran during the coronavirus pandemic shows the importance of the mutual relations.



Iran and Russia signed a cooperation deal 20 years ago, which in a visit to Moscow on July 20, Zarif emphasized on its extension.

Slutsky also met and held talks with Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf. Ghalibaf said the Iranian parliament (Majlis) is prepared to promote parliamentary relations with Russia. The Iranian parliament speaker said both nations need to focus on all-out relations in various fields.

Slutsky, for his part, called for maintaining cooperation among Iranian and Russian expert parliamentary committees, including political, energy and economic ones.

Both parliaments can help develop national projects and strategic cooperation, he added. The head of the Duma committee also called for promotion of cooperation in the Caspian Sea.

### Zarif Phone Talks with Lebanese and Ukrainian Officials

Following the recent explosion in Beirut, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif expressed Iran's readiness for sending emergency supplies to help the Lebanese Government meet the urgent needs in the aftermath of the human tragedy in a phone conversation with his Lebanese counterpart Charbel Wehbe.





In this regard, Hassan Rouhani, stressed in a message to Lebanese President Michel Aoun: "On behalf of the nation and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I express my condolences to you and to the people of Lebanon."



"The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in line with humanitarian actions, declares its readiness to send medical and pharmaceutical aid and to treat the injured ones and provide other necessary medical assistance. We hope that the cause of this incident will be found as soon as possible and peace will return to this city," President Rouhani added.

Zarif also held talks with Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Yevgeny Yenin in a telephone conversation in which they exchanged views on the results of a recent visit by a team of negotiators from Iran to Kiev and follow-up of the tragic crash of the Ukrainian passenger plane (Flight PS752).



During the phone conversation, the Iranian and Ukrainian foreign ministers described the recent meeting between the two countries' negotiators as positive and expressed hope that in the wake of continued negotiations and exchange of information between the two sides' authorities, the case of the Ukrainian plane crash will sooner bear result in a favorable manner for the two nations, especially the families and relatives of the victims of the tragic incident.

Zarif also voiced Iran's readiness for paying compensations to the families of the victims of the incident as a step to alleviate their grief.

The Ukrainian deputy foreign minister, for his part, voiced the Ukrainian side's readiness for the visit of the Ukrainian team of negotiators to Tehran in October to continue the talks.

The first round of Iranian delegation's talks in Ukraine ended last Friday while the second round is slated to be held in Tehran in October.

### **Iran, Russia Spokespersons Hold Video Conference**

In a video meeting, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Mousavi and Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova discussed the ways to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the media sphere and countering the untrue atmosphere the Western states have created.

The two spokespersons dismissed the claims raised by the Western states that the media is impartial and independent, stressing that unfortunately the media in the West has currently turned into an instrument for psychological warfare and propagating false news against the independent countries.



Mousavi and Zakharova also highlighted the growing relations between Iran and Russia in all fields, describing the close ties between the two countries and their common stances on various issues, including the regional cooperation and the opposition to the cruel Western sanctions, as an opportunity for closer cooperation between the Foreign Ministry spokespersons of the two nations.



They also talked about other issues such as the exchange of media delegations, preparing the ground for interaction between the media communities of the two countries, facilitating the interviews that the two countries' media conduct with each other's officials, and the plans to keep holding bilateral consultations between the Foreign Ministry spokespersons of the two countries and with the Foreign Ministry spokespersons of the other friendly and like-minded nations.



### **New Omani, German Ambassadors Submit Credentials to FM Zarif**

New ambassadors of Oman and Germany submitted their credentials to Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

Oman's new Ambassador Ibrahim bin Ahmad al-Moeini and Germany's new Ambassador Hans-Udo Mutzel met with Zarif at the beginning of their mission in Iran, submitting their credentials to him.





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## Twiplomacy

### *The Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei Sympathizes with the Lebanese on tragic Explosion*



Khamenei.ir  
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We sympathize with the dear citizens of #Lebanon and stand by them in the painful tragedy of the explosion in Beirut port, which killed and injured a large number of people and caused severe damage. Patience in the face of this tragedy will be a golden page in Lebanon's honor.

### *FM Zarif Reminds of the US Infamy of Using Nuclear Weapons*



Javad Zarif  
@JZarif

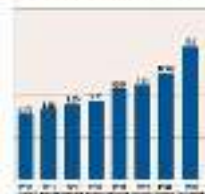
75 years ago today, the US gained the infamy of becoming the 1st and ONLY user of nuclear weapons. And against innocents.

Today, US & Israeli nukes threaten our region.

It's long overdue to end nuclear nightmare & the #MAD doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction.

#Hiroshima75

Iran's nuclear program is peaceful



### *FM Zarif Lashes Out on Western Hypocrisy*



Javad Zarif  
@JZarif

The west must cease financing and harboring terrorists. From their safe havens in US and Europe, they promote hatred, agitate & organize murder & mayhem, and shamelessly claim responsibility for the murder of innocent Iranian civilians.

Smokescreens can't obscure this hypocrisy.

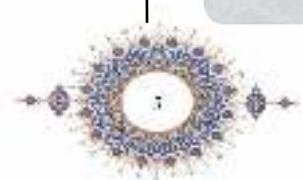
### *Iran Foreign Ministry Criticizes UAE's Normalization of Relations with the Zionist Regime*



Iran Foreign Ministry  
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"The Islamic Republic of Iran considers Abu Dhabi's shameful move to normalize relations with the fake, illegitimate and anti-humane Zionist regime as a dangerous measure, warns against any interference by the Zionist regime in the Persian Gulf region's equations, and declares that the Emirati government and the other governments siding with it must accept responsibility for all the consequences of this move,"



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**Spokesman Mousavi Reflects on the UN  
Response to the US**



S.A. MOUSAVI  
@SAMOUSAVI9

The int'l community, once again & w/ a clear voice, rejected the US reckless & futile attempt to undermine the #UNSC credibility. The #American\_regime should take a listen from its total failures & stop shaming itself at UN, otherwise it will get isolated, even more than now.



**Iran Foreign Ministry on the US Isolation in  
the UN**



Iran Foreign Ministry  
@IRIMFA\_EN



**Spokesman Mousavi on US Bankrupt Iran  
Policy**



S.A. MOUSAVI  
@SAMOUSAVI9

No difference between John Bolton, Brian Hook or Elliott Abrams; when it comes to the US #Iran policy, American officials have been bitten off more than they could chew. Same applies to Mike Pompeo, Donald Trump AND their successors.  
#BankruptUSIranPolicy



**Iranian UN Representative on UNSC Vote Against US  
Unilateralism**



Majid Takht Ravanchi  
@TakhtRavanchi

The result of the vote in #UNSC on arms embargo against Iran shows—once more—the US' isolation.

Council's message: NO to UNILATERALISM.

US must learn from this debacle. Its attempt to "snapback" sanctions is illegal, and was rejected by int'l community, as was evident today.





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## Public Diplomacy

### ARTS & CULTURE

#### 3rd Iranian Film Week Opens in Japan

Held in the city of Minato, the event has been organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Iran in Japan and in collaboration with Farabi Cinema Foundation, Minato Municipality, Japan's UNI Film, Motion Picture Producers Association of Japan, and General Directorate of Cultural Cooperation and Affairs of Iranians Abroad at Islamic Culture and Communication Organization.



According to the cultural attaché of the Iranian Embassy in Japan, on the first day of the event, about 300 Japanese enthusiasts and a group of Iranians and students living in Japan watched four films (Villa Residents, 18%, Motherhood, and Azar) in full compliance with the health protocols and social distancing.

The opening ceremony was also attended by about 100 people at the Akasaka Hall in Tokyo.

During this year's edition of the event, 7 Persian films with Japanese subtitles and will be shown Villa Residents, Motherhood, Azar, a documentary on the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war titled 18%, Sweet Taste of

Imagination, Painting Pond, and So Close So Far.

An exhibition of cultural and artistic works was also held on the sidelines of the program, and some magazines and books were introduced and presented to the enthusiasts.

#### Paintings on Face Masks go on View at Tehran Gallery

Tehran's CAMA – Contemporary and Modern Art Gallery played host to a group exhibition of paintings on face masks to help encourage more people to wear face masks during the coronavirus pandemic.

Shahla Homayuni is the curator of the exhibit named "Wear a Mask" that displayed 70 masks by 70 artists.

CAMA director Mona Khosheqbal stated a number of veteran artists and young talents were asked to create their paintings on face masks to showcase at the exhibition.



Each face mask bears the signature of the artist on its reverse side hidden from the visitors.





Far Out Magazine explains about "Close-Up" by Kiarostami: Arguably the greatest filmmaker of the Iranian New Wave, Abbas Kiarostami masterfully blurs the distinctions between fiction and non-fiction, between fantasy and reality in his postmodern docudrama, Close-Up. Profoundly meta-fictional in nature, Kiarostami examines the performative roles all of us play with the precision of a surgeon and the delicate touch of a poet.



Based on true events, Kiarostami emphasizes the 'creation' part of a reconstruction that features the tragic story of an unemployed aspiring filmmaker, Hossein Sabzian. "Close-Up" is a beautiful yet unsettling cinematic psychoanalysis of an ordinary man.

"Close-Up" tells the story of the real-life trial of a man who impersonated film-maker Mohsen Makhmalbaf, conning a family into believing they would star in his new film.

Close-Up features the people involved, acting like themselves, a film about human identity, it helped to increase recognition of Kiarostami internationally.

Many critics consider Close-Up a masterpiece of world cinema; in the 2012 Sight and Sound poll, it was voted by critics onto "The Top 50 Greatest Films of All Time" list.

## Iranian Films Win Awards at Beirut Festival

Two Iranian films won awards at the 16th edition of the Beirut International Film Festival (BIFF), which was held in the Lebanese capital from October 5 to 13.



"Pale Mirrors" directed by Salem Salavati shared the best short film award with "Motorcycle" by Mohammad Alholayil from Saudi Arabia.

"Pale Mirrors" tells the story of a woman who has only 24 hours to be pregnant. This might be her last chance to be a mother but her vague future has her confused.

Iranian directors Farnaz and Mohammadreza Jura-bchian received the best director award for the documentary "Overruled" while the best documentary film award went to "Robert" by Lebanese director Ghina Abboud.



“Overruled PDF Compressor Free Version”  
is about the lives of some young Afghan refugees in Iran. They work as ball boys in tennis clubs in Tehran, so they have learned how to play tennis. But the problem is they are not accepted in this society anyway and will always remain outsiders.

### Tehran Monuments Lit Up in Solidarity with Lebanon

Lebanon's flag was projected on the Milad Tower in Tehran in solidarity with the Lebanese people over the tragic incident of Beirut explosion.



Some condolence messages are projected on the tower via a video mapping performance. Also, the lights of Milad Tower were turned off for a few minutes in order to express sympathy with the victims.

Also in solidarity with Lebanon and the victims of Beirut explosion, the Azadi Tower in Tehran was lit up with projection mapping .



### Iran-Austria Music Event Pays Tribute to World Medical Staff

A music festival named the “Iran-Austria Music Event” was held at Tehran’s Niavaran Cultural Center to pay tribute to the medical staff around the world.

Speaking at the ceremony, the director of the event, Hessam Sakhtianchi, said that the event aimed to give hope to the musicians while it also intended to pay tribute to healthcare staff.

“I am happy that I could manage to bring together a number of professional Iranian and international musicians to watch during these hard days of battle with COVID-19,” he said.

Stefan Scholz, the Austrian ambassador to Tehran, also attending the ceremony, said that such good relations between Iran and Austria are hardly seen between other countries.



He also expressed thanks to all doctors and nurses in Iran and across the world, and said that the healthcare staff have so far saved the lives of many and some have unfortunately died and that the performance is done in their memories.

The organizer of the event, the Iranisch-Österreichische Handelskammer (Iranian-Austrian Chamber of Commerce) thanked Niavaran Cultural Center director Ebadreza Eslami for his support.



The band featured Iranian musicians, Ali Zarrabi on trumpet, Makan Khoynejad on cello, Soroush Omumi on drums, Basir Akbari on guitar and two international saxophonists, all of whom performed under the baton of conductor Forugh Fazli.

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### **Rainmaking Ritual Added to National Heritage List**

Rainmaking ritual with Chomcheh Galin doll, which is held in southwestern Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari province, has recently been inscribed on the National Heritage list.



The arid climate of Iran has always been a concern for people throughout history, which has culminated in various rituals, such as rain dances to rain prayers, across the country.

In the southwestern province of Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari, in times of drought, children cover big wooden spoons with dolls' dresses and call them Chomcheh Galin, which is considered a rain doll. While singing songs and wishing for rain, they go to the houses in their town or village to collect necessary items for cooking Ash - a traditional slow-cooked, thick soup made with chickpeas, beans, noodles, and fresh herbs. When Ash is ready, it is given to all the people, who gather together to pray for rain.

Some more seven items in the region including the skill of baking Berko bread, Kicheh Sineh-Zani

[beating the chest] ceremony, and the skill of Tarkeh-bafi, a kind of wickerwork was also added to the National Heritage list.

Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari has various unique traditions and rituals relative to the 'tribal' lifestyles. Special forms of music, dance, and clothing are noteworthy. It has considerable potential to become a vibrant tourist attraction because of its changing natural landscape.

The province is also a hub for making wool felt products, majorly of which exported abroad. It is home to some 500 crafters, in over 250 workshops, making handmade felt products.

### **Nature in Northwestern Iran; Heris County: Tourist Resort**



Natural in northwestern Iran is tourist resort. Shirlan Waterfall in Heris city is located near a village of the same name (Shirlan) and is about 12 meters high. Heris city as the capital of Heris County is located in East Azarbaijan Province, Iran.



## TRADE & ECONOMY PDF Compressor Free Version

### Iran's Quarterly Exports Through South-Eastern Border to Pakistan up 26%

The value of Iran's exports to Pakistan through the border in the southeast of the country has risen 26 percent during the first quarter of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-June 20), compared to the same period of time in the previous year.

Davoud Shahraki, the head of Industry, Mining, and Trade Department of Sistan-Baluchestan Province, in the southeast of Iran, put the worth of quarterly exports at \$131.457 million.



The official said that commodities valued at over \$528 million have been exported from Sistan-Baluchestan to Pakistan in the past Iranian calendar year, and put the value of Pakistani products imported to Iran via the province at \$162 million in the previous year.

Earlier this month, the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced that Iran's three more border points with Pakistan were reopened.

"Exports and imports through the three trade borders (in Sistan-Baluchestan) with Pakistan are fully resumed," Rouholah Latifi said.

"As of today, the three markets of Rimdan, Koohak,

and Pishin in Sistan-Baluchestan Province on the Pakistani border have been completely reopened, and trade with the country has returned to normal," the official said.

Pakistan's decision to reopen new border crossings with Iran came at a time when both sides had already reopened the Taftan (Mirjavah) border crossing seven days a week to expand border trade between the two countries.

### Expansion of Economic Ties Discussed between Iran, Georgia

During a meeting between Iranian Ambassador to Georgia Javad Qavam Shahidi and Georgian Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Natia Turnava, the two sides explored the ways for the expansion of Iran-Georgia economic relations.

During the meeting, the Iranian ambassador stressed the need for reviving the rising trend of economic cooperation between the two countries before the coronavirus pandemic and even deepen the bilateral cooperation while observing the health protocols



The envoy expressed concern over the decrease in trade between the two countries due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Georgian minister, for her part, said that coronavirus pandemic is one of the most important



factors in rebuilding trade relations between the two countries, reiterating that returning to the successful condition of the past is also the wish of the Georgian side.

### **Iran's 4-Month Non-oil Trade Exceeds \$19b**

The value of Iran's non-oil trade during the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-July 21) stood at \$19.635 billion.

According to the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA), Rohollah Latifi, in the mentioned period Iran imported \$10.922 billion worth of goods, while exporting \$8.713 billion.



The volume of traded goods was estimated at 42 million tons, of which 30.285 million tons were related to exports and about 11.793 million tons were imported goods.

Iran's top five non-oil export destinations during this period were China with \$2.474 billion worth of exports, Iraq with \$1.965 billion, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with \$1.216 billion, and Afghanistan with \$713 million as well as Turkey with \$405 million, so the country's top five export destinations remained the same in comparison to previous months, according to Latifi.

As reported, China accounted for over 28 percent of Iran's total exports, followed by Iraq, UAE, Afghanistan, and Turkey with 22 percent, 14 percent, 8 percent, and five percent respectively.

The top five sources of imports during this period were China with \$2.806 billion, the UAE with \$2.479 billion, Turkey with \$1.178 billion, India with \$757 million, and Germany with \$493 million worth of imports.

### **Iran-Eurasia Trade Surges Despite COVID-19, US Sanctions**

Within the past seven months, Iran and Eurasia have traded slightly less than 7 million tons of commodities, worth roughly 2.5 billion dollars.

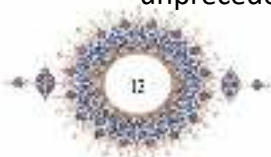
The head of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization says this is a 14-percent rise compared to the same period last year.

Out of the total trade volume, Iran exported more than 860 million dollars' worth of goods to Eurasia, while the imports stood at over 1.7 billion dollars.



By Eurasia, the Iranian official was referring to the Eurasian Trade Union, which comprises five member states of Russia, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Belarus.

What makes this significant is its coincidence with the coronavirus pandemic, which has dealt an unprecedented blow to global trade.



The groundwork for this expansion of commercial ties was laid in 2018 when Iran and the Eurasian Economic Union signed a three-year provisional agreement in Astana, Kazakhstan, for the bloc to welcome Iran into the EEU.

The arrangement was aimed at implementing free trade between Iran and the five members of the union by lowering or abolishing customs duties.

In April and amid a peak in COVID-19 cases, the EEU totally removed tariffs on imports of 11 Iranian agricultural and food products.

### **Iran, Iraq Resume Trade via Shalamcheh Border**

Exports of non-oil goods, including foodstuffs, fruits, vegetables, and meat, as well as technical and engineering services, resumed at this border on July 6, according to an agreement reached with the Iraqi side.

21,000 tons of non-oil goods worth \$95 million exported to Iraq after resuming of Shalamcheh border on July 9, after a four-month shut down due to the outbreak of coronavirus.



Before the closure of the Shalamcheh border by Iraq, more than 200 trucks were carrying a variety of domestic exported goods and 150 Iraqi trucks traveled daily at the border dock to unload and load goods.

Meanwhile, in early July, the head of Iraq's Border

Ports Authority Omar Al-Waeli announced that Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi had ordered trade exchanges with Iran to be resumed in Mandali and Shalamcheh border markets.

Al-Waeli added that accordingly, 250 shipments from Iran will enter Iraq daily for two days a week through the Shalamcheh border in Basra and Mandali in Diyala province.

Preventive measures against coronavirus should be taken in health departments of the two provinces to ensure the safety of workers and incoming goods. Only goods exchanges are permissible and passengers will not be allowed to enter the border crossings.

### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Iran Unveils 3 Artificial Intelligence System**

The Vice President for Science and Technology, Sorena Sattari has unveiled three artificial intelligence system, namely 'Saha', 'Sahab' and 'Hooshio'.

During a visit to a knowledge-based company, the Vice President for Science and Technology unveiled three artificial intelligence systems, namely in-person authentication system using artificial intelligence (SAHA), first Marketplace in the filed of artificial intelligence (SAHAB) and comprehensive content database in the field of artificial intelligence (HOOSHIO).



"Artificial intelligence is countries' domain of power and authority in the near future and guarantees their national security," said Sattari.

"Iran has the largest startups in the region in various fields of ICT and biotechnology," he added, saying, "Efforts to develop artificial intelligence have begun in the country with investment in this area and are continuing in earnest."

"Iran ranks 9th in the world in terms of scientific articles and prestigious journals," he added.

He noted, "This knowledge-based company is one of the big companies in this field in the country, whose products in the field of artificial intelligence can be exported and should be given more support."

### Iranian Researcher Wins the Hydrologic Sciences Medal in 2021

An Iranian researcher has won the Hydrologic Sciences Medal in 2021 for his ingenious, groundbreaking work in impacting the field of hydrometeorology.

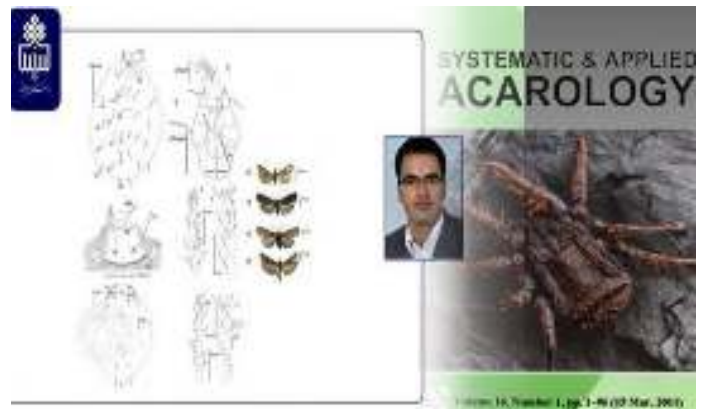


Soroosh Sorooshian, the Iranian researcher has won the Hydrologic Sciences Medal in 2021 for his ingenious, groundbreaking work on surface hydrology and the remote sensing of precipitation that has profoundly impacted the field of hydrometeorology.

The Hydrologic Sciences Medal is granted by the American Meteorological Society to researchers who make outstanding contributions to scientific knowledge in hydrology, hydrometeorology, and hydro climatology, including interactions between the land surface and the atmosphere.

Born in Kerman, Sorooshian is currently a professor at the University of California, Irvine, and a member of the American Academy of Engineering. He is a Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering and Environment at the Samuel School of Art Engineering and also Director of the Center for Hydrometeorology and Remote Sensing, Civil and Environmental Engineering at the same school.

### Iranian Researcher Discovers Two New Species of Fauna



A faculty member of Birjand University in Iran's South Khorasan province has discovered and named two new genera and species of arthropods and spiders.

Specialized in entomology, Dr. Javad No'ei is a member of Faculty of Agriculture in Birjand University. He has introduced 20 new species to the world, four of which are from Birjand. "Based on studies conducted on arthropod and spider species, two new genera called Razgthrombium and Birjandtrombella farniae have



been introduced to the world," he stated.

According to him, the first genus was discovered in Razg village, and the second in Amirabad and Rech village, both near the city of Birjand. They have been named after their place of discovery.

"Ticks belonging to the families of discovered species are among natural enemies of agricultural pests," No'ei added. "In the biological control method, some plant pests control harmful agricultural pests, and make it unnecessary to use chemical pesticides." These species are about three-tenths to six-tenths of a millimeter (300 to 600 microns) in size.

He mentioned that the discovery has been published in "Systematic and Applied Acarology", a prestigious Australian scientific journal.

## 700 Iranian War Veterans Use Domestic Prosthetic Feet



The CEO of a knowledge-based firm producing carbon fiber prosthetic feet said, "So far, prosthetic feet have been used for 700 Iranian disabled veterans and 1,000 amputations."

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the carbon-fiber prosthetic feet product at the Deputy of Science and Technology Ministry, CEO of a knowledge-based firm said, "According to World

Health Organization, Physical recovery, obtaining independence and the return of the disabled person to society are some of the goals which have been set for the use of artificial feet for people with disabilities".

"Since 2015, we have started mass production of carbon fiber feet in this company," he said and added, "So far, carbon feet have been used by a thousand amputations as well as 700 of Iranian disabled veterans."

Referring to some move limitations of former arterial feet, he said, "We achieved our goal to provide a product being used in sports activities."

So far, Iran has taken good steps in exporting carbon fiber prosthetic feet to foreign countries like Iraq and Syria, he added.

## SPORTS

### Iran to Partake at Women Futsal World Tournament

The Football Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (FFIRI) has accepted to send Iran's women futsal team to the Women Futsal World Tournament.

The competition is scheduled to be held in Brazil in December but will likely be postponed due to coronavirus.



Iranian women's two-time Asian champions have participated in the prestigious tournament three times so far.

Iran and Japan will be Asian's representatives in the tournament.

The Women's Futsal World Tournament is an international women's futsal competition for national teams, organized by national associations and the World Futsal Association.

The first edition took place in 2010 in Spain and was won by Brazil. The tournament has known no other winners besides Brazil, after the country's victories in the first six editions.

### **Iran to Hold Four-a-side Futsal Tournament in Kish Island**

Iran football federation will hold a four-a-side futsal tournament in Kish Island, in the Persian Gulf in September.

The tournament will be held as part of preparation for the 16th edition of the AFC Futsal Championship in Turkmenistan. Kuwait, Iraq, Iran and Iran U20 are four participating teams in the event.



The four-a-side futsal tournament has been scheduled for Sept. 13 to 23. The tournament was originally scheduled to be held with participation of six teams but some teams withdrew from the event in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Iran are the most decorated team of AFC Futsal Championship with 12 titles out of 15 editions of the games.

The Persians have been drawn along with South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Thailand in Group D of the 2020 AFC Futsal Championship.

### **Iran's Hadipour Secure Position in World Taekwondo Ranking**

Iranian Taekwondo fighter Armin Hadipour has secured his 5th position in the recent World Taekwondo ranking list. Based on World Taekwondo Federation's recent Olympic ranking list, Hadipour is still standing on the 5th position.



Iranian Taekwondoka in the weight category of – 58 kg and with 270.38 points ranks 5th in the world. South Korea, Italy, South Korea and Spain ranked 1st to 4th respectively.

Earlier, International University Sports Federation (FISU) named Iranian Taekwondo fighter Armin Hadipour as the best athlete of the decade, according to the head of the karate committee of Gilan Province.

Hadipour has secured a quota for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He was one of the Iranian four-member team that had participated in the 2019 World Taekwondo Grand Prix in Moscow, and managed to get an Olympics quota by reaching the semifinals.





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### Foreign Missions in Iran

#### *Polish Embassy Mourns the Death of Khosro Sinai, Iranian Film Director*

**PLinIRAN**  
@PLinIran

We mourn Chosrou Sinai, a prominent Iranian film director, who passed away on August 1 at the age of 80. In 1983 he directed "The Lost Requiem", a documentary about thousands of Poles who found shelter in Iran during World War II.



#### *Austrian Ambassador Praises Chahar Mahal & Bakhtiari on his Visit to the Area*

**Stefan Scholz**  
@stefanjscholz

travelling to the roof of Iran, the ancient land of CHAHAR-MAHAL&BAKHTIARI, feels like a symphony reaching its finale at SHAHR-E KORD; we will respond to COVID-19 and the trade blockade with joint action in water management, organic farming, soft tourism and cultural activities.



#### *Lebanese Ambassador on FM Zarif's Visit of the Lebanese Embassy in Solidarity with the Nation*

**Hassan Abbas** @Hassan3Abbas - 27m

Today, we were honoured with a visit to the Embassy premises by HE Dr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. @IZarif



#### *Lebanese Ambassador on Zarif's Condolences and Support Over Beirut's Tragic Explosion*

**Hassan Abbas** @Hassan3Abbas - 27m

Dr. Zarif presented his condolences on the tragic incident that befell Beirut on the 4th of August, and expressed Iran's readiness to provide support in the rebuilding and reconstruction process. #Lebanon 🇱🇧 #Iran 🇮🇷 #Beirut 🇱🇧 @IZarif



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**Finnish Ambassador Pleased with Screening  
Iranian Films in Helsinki**



**Italian Embassy on Joint Iranian-Italian  
Covid-19 Webinar**



**Indian Embassy on Iran's Winner of Delhi's  
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**Italian Embassy Finds Similar Landscapes  
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**Danish Embassy on the Diplomats' Ascension to Mount Damavand**



**daniniran** This weekend our deputy Maja along with a group of Embassy colleagues climbed Mount Damavand and reached the peak successfully. It was not an easy climb but the joy of conquering the highest volcanic mountain in Asia, was what kept them moving on!

Mount Damavand registered as a national monument, is the highest peak in Iran and the highest volcano in Asia and Middle East with an altitude of 5 610 meters. Damavand is a symbol of power and stability in Iran's culture and has been featured heavily in Persian poetry and literature.

**Norwegian Embassy on the Diplomats' Ascension to Mount Damavand**



**norwayiniran** Last Saturday our colleague Johannes reached the peak of Mount Damavand! With good support from colleagues from Denmark 🇩🇰 and the Netherlands 🇳🇱 as well as excellent Iranian 🇮🇷 guides, he conquered the highest summit in Iran and the Middle East.

**Australian Ambassador on Anti – Drug Cooperation with Iran**

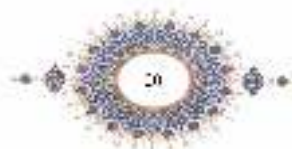


Every country faces the challenge of the harmful effects of illicit drugs. Australia has a 10-year National Drug Strategy to prevent and reduce drug-related harm in Australia. Ambassador Sachs recently visited the Iranian National Centre for Addiction Studies (INCAS) and had a constructive dialogue with Dr Rahimi, Director of the Centre, including learning about long standing collaboration between Australia and Iran on this important matter. Australia is a strong supporter of international cooperation and also works closely with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to combat drug trafficking. #AustraliainIran

**Dutch Ambassador on the Diplomats' Ascension to Mount Damavand**



**nliniran** Iran at its best: NL embassy made the stunningly beautiful hike all the way to one of Iran's most amazing landmarks: Damavand summit! 🏔️ Did you know that mount Damavand is the highest mountain in all the Middle East and a possibly active volcano? It's 5610m above sea level! 🇳🇱 🇮🇷





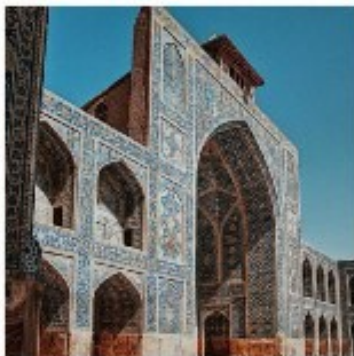
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## Discover Iran; The Tourist Experience

IndraFeb Mosque #22: Shah Mosque, Isfahan, Iran  
#1day1mosque challenge .

I used to have a theory, after seeing many old cities in Italy, other old cities in other countries are becoming less interesting. .

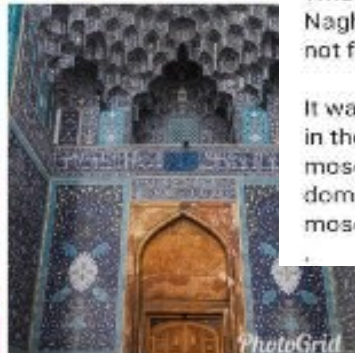
I might be able to say it in context of mosque. After seeing all the breathtaking mosques in Iran, other mosques in other countries are somehow less interesting.



The Shah mosque is regarded as one of the masterpieces of Persian architecture in the Islamic era. The Royal Mosque is registered, along with the Naghsh-e Jahan Square, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its construction began in 1611, and its splendour is mainly due to the beauty of its seven-colour mosaic tiles and calligraphic inscriptions.

What also interesting is this mosque is located in Naghsh e Jahan square. The square was constructed not facing the Mecca, while the mosque is. .

It was built that way in purpose, so anywhere you stand in the square, you can see the beautiful dome of the mosque. If the square is also facing Mecca, then the dome will be concealed by the enormous gate of the mosque itself.



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vanessa\_gypsygirl Looking back fondly always helps me to look forward optimistically. All those lovely little memories etched in my mind, often recalled by an image taken that day, that moment. This is one of those!



indrafef Standing in awe of the Tachara or the Palace of Darius the Great in Persepolis, the Capital of the Persian Achaemenid Empire, the greatest empire the world had ever seen at that time, 550 BC - 330 BC.

