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Foreign Ministers of Iran Iraq meet in Jeddah





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Iran's Foreign Minister held telephone conversations with his counterparts from Venezuela, Hungary, Russia, EU's foreign policy chief, Britain, France, and German.



Venezuelan FM



Hungarian FM



EU foreign policy chief



Russian FM



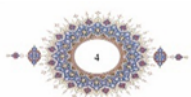
UK Foreign Secretary



French FM



German FM





IRANIAN LUMINAIRE

AVICENNA



Boo Ali Sina (Avicenna) was an Iranian physician, scientist, philosopher, astronomer, mathematician, and chemist in the 4th-century Islamic calendar. August 23 of each year in the Iranian calendar is named and marked in his honor.

Avicenna or Aboo Ali Sina was a genius Iranian scientist in the 10th-11th century AD who is world famous. The skill of this great sage in all sciences, especially medicine, was amazing and remarkable.

This great sage is considered to be the most effective figure in the science and philosophy of the Islamic world, and he had a strange talent and competence in learning different sciences from the beginning of his childhood.

Avicenna biography:

Born in 980 AD to a Persian family near the Iranian city of Bokhara (now in modern-day Uzbekistan), Aboo Ali Hussain ibn Abdullah Balkhi would go on to become one of the greatest minds of his era, profoundly influencing future scholarship in fields as diverse as medicine, philosophy and astronomy.

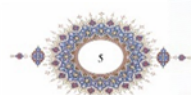
The Persian polymath Avicenna or in Persian Ebn-e Sina (980-1037 AD), is known in the West as Avicenna. By the age of eighteen, he was the court

physician to the sultan of Bukhara in old Persia. He would go on to write 450 works covering a broad range of scientific and philosophical subjects, while also having to move frequently in an empire in turmoil, trying to find benefactors and avoid being on the wrong side of conflicts.

Known as Ibn Sina in the Islamic world and Avicenna among western scholars, the polymath is synonymous with the period in Islamic history that is widely referred to as the "Islamic Golden Age". The Persian scholar's work had a far-reaching impact both in the Islamic world and later in Europe, with critiques and defense of his theories continuing into the modern era.

Avicenna's scientific achievements

As a physician, one of Ebn-e Sina's most notable contributions was his book *Al-Qanun fi al-Tibb* (The Canon of Medicine), an encyclopedia that oscillates between medical knowledge gained from the ancients and more contemporary findings by Islamic scientists.





IRANIAN LUMINAIRE



Avicenna's Canon was the main source of medicine in Europe

His influence in medieval Europe spread through the translations of his works first undertaken in Spain. In the Islamic world, his impact was immediate. In philosophy, Avicennan metaphysics became the foundation for discussions of Islamic philosophy and philosophical theology. In the early modern period in Iran, his metaphysical positions began to be displayed by a creative modification that they underwent due to the thinkers of the school of Isfahan, in particular Mulla Sadra (d. 1641).

The book was translated into Latin during the 12th century, and from there it was used as a reference text throughout European universities until the mid-17th century.

Avicenna's impact on European science

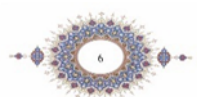
Avicenna's influence over Europe's great medical schools extended well into the early modern period. There The Canon of Medicine became the preeminent source, rather than the other book by great Iranian scientist Razi Kitāb al-hāwī (Comprehensive Book).

The works of Avicenna, the greatest of the medieval Persian physicians, played a crucial role in the European Renaissance. According to some researches, the views of Avicenna in diagnosis and treatment of some diseases, such as asthma is more precise and effective than the findings of modern medicine, or in jaundice, biliary obstruction and liver indigestion, his prescribed medicines are in conformity with the findings of new researches.

Avicenna's legacy: Pioneer of Modern Medicine

Avicenna (Ibn Sina) was well ahead of his time, and contributed to many fields ranging from philosophy to astronomy, but there is no doubt that his works have been invaluable to Medicine.

In Iran, Avicenna is considered a national icon, and is regarded as one of the greatest Persians to have ever lived. Many portraits and statues remain in Iran today. An impressive monument to the life and works of the man who is known as the 'doctor of doctors' still stands outside the scientific museums and his portrait hangs in the Hall of the Faculty of





SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

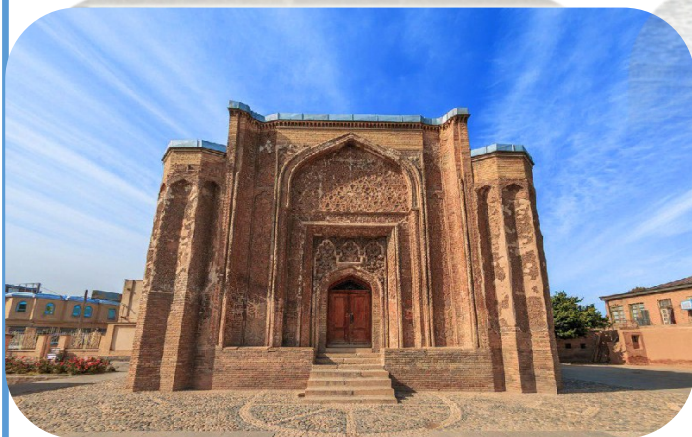
HAMEDAN, IRAN'S 3,000-YEAR-OLD CITY

CENTER OF SCIENCE, CULTURE

Hamedan, the oldest city in Iran with a history spanning over three millennia, is today one of Iran's major cities, maintaining a prominent role in the science, culture, and tourism of the country.

Hamedan is not only the first capital of early Iranian dynasties but also the birthplace of great intellectual and cultural figures like Avicenna, whose philosophical legacy continues to influence academic circles worldwide. The city is also a symbol of sacrifice and martyrdom, home to notable war heroes who keep its name alive in the media. August 23, is called "Hamedan Day" in Iran.

From Avicenna and Baba Taher to Mirzadeh Eshghi and other renowned scholars, Hamedan has been a cradle of Iran's great luminaries. August 23 is also known as Doctor Day in Iran in honor of the "Sage of the Millennium," Avicenna.



As one of Iran's five key historical and tourist cities, Hamedan continues to attract visitors and researchers alike.





SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IRAN SECURES IOAA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Iranian students have grabbed five gold medals at the 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), marking the country's second consecutive world championship.

The event was held from August 11 to 21, in Mumbai, India, attracting over 300 high school students from 64 countries. During the event, students participated in several challenging exams covering theoretical, observational, and data analysis aspects of astronomy.

The five-member Iranian team comprised Ali Naderi Lordjani, Arshia Mirshamsi Kakhaki, Hossein Soltani, Hossein Masoumi, and Hirbod Foodazi. The first three students are placed atop the whole winners.

This remarkable achievement is the result of the students' dedication, the support of their families, the tireless efforts of their coaches, and the solidarity of the country's scientific community, which has once again raised Iran's flag in the international arena, reads a statement by Iran's ministry of education.

IRANIAN INNOVATOR WINS BRICS, SCO 'SOCIAL SOLUTION OF THE YEAR'

AWARD

Reza Qavamipour, the founder of an innovative educational platform titled 'Garnet Academy', has received the BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organization Young Leaders Award in Social Solution of the Year category.

The prestigious international award was held for the third times in Kazan, Russia, from August 18 to 19, honoring representatives from nine countries including Iran, India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Russia.

Participants were selected as winners in five categories, including 'Science and Innovation: Scientific and Innovative Project of the Year', 'Social sphere: Social Solution of the Year', 'International cooperation: Public Diplomacy Project of the Year', 'Environmental issues: Eco-Initiative of the Year', and 'Media leadership: Young Media Influencer of the Year'.





CULTURE & SOCIETY

10 PHOTOS FROM IRAN WIN AT INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS 2025



The International Photography Awards (IPA) 2025 has announced the winners, with 10 photos by Iranian photographers in the list.

For selecting the winners of the 2025 Photography Competition in the professional and non-professional/student categories, a stellar international jury of renowned photography experts judged more than 14,000 entries from 100 countries.

Two Iranian photographers won 1st Place prizes in two categories: Mehrdad Oskouei for "Amidst the Rubble of Disaster" in the Analog, Film, Photojournalism category, and Arlen Keshishian for "Perspective" in the Fine Art, Collage category. Oskouei's photo is about the earthquake in a village near the city of Qazvin in Iran. A boy searches in confusion for other family members and his belongings, and school supplies, hours after his house was destroyed.

Keshishian's "Perspective" is a fine art photo montage collection that reflects the photographer's personal view of various subjects. The image was shot in his home studio and artistically edited to express a unique meaning.

IRAN'S ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 2026 AWARD

Nominees of Iran's Association of Writers for Children and Youth for the 2026 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) were announced on Monday.

Author Seyyed Navid Seyyed Ali-Akbar has been nominated in the category of writers, and the "Joyful Alley" (Kooche-ye Shadi) project from the city of Evaz in Fars province has been nominated in the competition for reading promoters. Both will be competing for the prestigious Swedish prize for children's literature worldwide, ISNA reported.

In a press release, the association announced that Seyyed Ali-Akbar is recognized as a young yet prolific writer with diverse experience in children's literature.

His works blend reality with imagination, humor with seriousness, and portray children and adolescents as complete individuals with independent thoughts, experiences, and their own worlds.

His stories address everyday themes relevant to children while also delving into more complex subjects such as individual differences, the need for respect and acceptance, social concerns, and the importance of human relationships.





TRADE & ECONOMY

IRAN, ARMENIA SLASH TARIFFS AS TRADE PACT DEEPENS UNDER EURASIA FRAMEWORK



Iran's Industry, Mining and Trade Minister said tariffs on 87 percent of goods traded between Iran and Armenia have been eliminated, as Tehran presses ahead with efforts to expand a preferential trade pact with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

Minister Seyed Mohammad Atabak said Iran has been formally recognized as a permanent observer in the EAEU, a status that allows the country to broaden ties with member states.

He noted that in recent years Tehran has sought to strengthen commercial links with neighbors, particularly Armenia, which he described as Iran's gateway to the Eurasian market.

Atabak said the preferential trade agreement that came into effect in May marked a significant milestone, reducing tariffs on the majority of goods traded with Armenia to zero.

IRAN, BELARUS SIGN AIRWORTHINESS COOPERATION DEAL

Iran and Belarus have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on aviation engineering and technical cooperation, which includes mutual recognition of airworthiness certification, the Civil Aviation Organization of Iran said.

The agreement was signed during President Masoud Pezeshkian's visit to Belarus as part of efforts to strengthen aviation ties.

It aims to create a framework for the export of engineering services, development of maintenance and repair centers, aircraft design and manufacturing, and the growth of knowledge-based companies.

Under the MoU, airworthiness certificates issued by either country will be recognized by the other, enabling Iranian companies to supply aircraft parts, equipment and services to international markets. Officials said the move is expected to spur economic growth and boost trade in the aviation sector.





IRANIAN DRINKS AND BEVERAGES

PALOUDEH TALEBI : A SWEET ANCIENT DRINK



Paloudeh talebi are rockmelon slushies sold by street vendors and made in homes throughout summer in Iran; paloudeh is a variation of the word faloodeh, Iran's famous rose water, lime and noodle granita. These Persian rockmelon slushies can be simply fresh rockmelon chunks blitzed up with ice and a little sugar or they can be flavored with honey, rose or orange blossom water, and/or mint. It's important to choose a really ripe rockmelon, look for one that is heavy for its size and aromatic; if it's ripe enough, you may not need to add any sugar.



FOOD DIPLOMACY

IRANIAN FOOD: KATEH-E ESTAMBOLI (PERSIAN EASY COOK TOMATO RICE)



A simple and comforting vegetarian dish made by steaming rice layered with an aromatic tomato, onion and potato mixture. A great mid-week meal option when served with fried eggs and yoghurt.

Ingredients: Vegetable oil, potatoes (peeled and diced into small cubes), onion (finely diced), garlic (crushed), turmeric, tomato purée, fresh tomatoes (chopped), ground saffron, fresh chopped parsley and coriander (optional), Salt and pepper (to season potato and tomato mixture), rice



IRAN STANDS AT 10TH PLACE IN GLOBAL ALMOND EXPORTS



Iran ranked tenth among the world's almond exporters in 2024 with sales of \$34 million, down 19 percent from the previous year, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Iran held ninth place in 2023 with \$53 million worth of almond exports, FAO figures showed.

The report noted that global almond trade is concentrated in a handful of countries.

The United States, Australia, Spain, Turkey and the Netherlands accounted for about 91 percent of total export value.

Analysts say the dominance of large exporters and the limited number of import destinations make competition difficult for producers such as Iran.

IRAN TARGETS \$4.5B IN TECHNICAL-ENGINEERING SERVICES EXPORTS BY MAR. 2026

Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) is aiming to boost exports of technical and engineering services to \$4.5 billion by the end of the current Iranian year (late March 2026), an official said on Monday.

Sohrab Salimi, acting head of TPO's Office for Knowledge-Based Products and Engineering Services, said most of these exports occur in the second half of the year, making the target achievable.

He noted that Iranian contractors have built a presence in international markets over the past 32 years, competing alongside major firms from the United States, Canada, Germany, China and Turkey.

Despite fluctuations in export levels, Salimi said government incentives over the years have helped expand Iran's role in this field.



IRANIAN SPORTS

TWO IRANIAN REFEREES SELECTED TO OFFICIATE AT 2025 WOMEN'S FUTSAL WORLD CUP

The International Football Federation (FIFA) has announced that Iranian referees Zari Fathi and Gelareh Nazemi will officiate at the inaugural Women's Futsal World Cup 2025, set to take place in the Philippines.



IRAN STILL FIFTH IN FIFA FUTSAL MEN'S WORLD RANKING



Brazil, Portugal, Morocco, Iran, Costa Rica and New Zealand continue to lead their respective confederations in the FIFA Futsal Men's World Ranking.

Brazil remain top of the Ranking, while Uzbekistan, Belarus, Vietnam, Belgium, Hungary, Germany, Moldova, Bahrain and Sweden have risen.

FIFA Futsal World Cup holders Brazil remain top, followed by Portugal, Spain, Argentina, and Iran.

IRANIAN TENNIS PLAYER YAZDANI RUNNER-UP IN M15 PIROT

Ali Yazdani of Iran finished in second place at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) M15 Pirot.

IRAN PAIR WIN 10M AIR PISTOL MIXED BRONZE IN 2025 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Iran's Haniyeh Rostamiyan and Vahid Golkhandan claimed a bronze medal at the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the 2025 Asian Shooting Championship.

The Iranian pair defeated Vietnamese duo 16-8 in the bronze medal match.



IRAN CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION IN JUNIOR GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING



Iran's team of Greco-Roman wrestling clinched the champion title for the sixth time at the Junior World Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships in Bulgaria, earning 117 points through 1 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

IRANIAN SPORTS

IRAN WINS BRONZE AT FIBA ASIAN CUP 2025



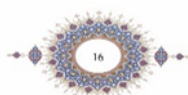
Iran's national team clinched third place at the Basketball Asia Cup after edging New Zealand 79–73 in the bronze-medal game in Saudi Arabia, marking Iran's return to the continental podium after an eight-year gap.

Veteran forward Arsalan Kazemi anchored the effort with 16 points, 15 rebounds and two timely triples, while Mehdi Jafari shone brightest with a game-high 22 points, 5 assists and 5 three-pointers. Guard Sina Vahedi added 19 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists as Team Melli finished with a 5-1 record and the bronze medals.

For New Zealand, Flynn Cameron fought to the end with 18 points and relentless rim attacks, while Mojave King contributed 13 points and 4 rebounds.

For Iran, the result marked a proud return to the FIBA Asia Cup podium, cementing their status among the region's perennial powers. After falling to defending champions Australia in the Semi-Finals, Team Melli responded with resilience to finish third overall.

With this win, Iran can leave Saudi Arabia satisfied with hardware in hand and high spirits restored. For Coach Sotirios Alex Manolopoulos' squad, the third-place finish offers a reminder of their pedigree, and a platform to build upon for their new generation.





DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

PERSEIDS IN CHAHARMAHAL AND BAKHTIARI PROVINCE

Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari Province, in western Iran, attracts stargazers as the Perseid meteor shower peaks from August 11 to 14 each year, when this spectacular event offers a dazzling display of 100 to 120 meteors per hour, easily visible to the naked eye.

