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FM ARAGHCHI MEETS WITH FOREIGN ENVOYS IN TEHRAN



Iran's Foreign Minister, Seyed Abbas Araghchi, set forth the positions of the Islamic Republic of Iran on foreign-policy matters, in particular the nuclear issue, at a diplomatic briefing attended by Ambassadors and Heads of Resident Foreign Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations in Tehran.

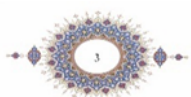
The Minister of Foreign Affairs recounted the historical course of developments concerning Iran's nuclear issue and Iran's responsible, good-faith approach over the past two decades that culminated in the conclusion of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2015. He identified the action of the United States in 2018—its unlawful and unwarranted withdrawal from the JCPOA—as the primary cause of the present state of affairs. Araghchi observed that the Islamic Republic of Iran continued to discharge its commitments even for one year after the U.S. withdrawal; however, when the European participants in the JCPOA also evaded their obligations and acceded to U.S. sanctions, the Islamic Republic of Iran was compelled to adopt a set of remedial measures pursuant to paragraph 36 of the JCPOA and to suspend its implementation of JCPOA commitments in a gradual and reversible manner.





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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

FOREIGN STUDENTS IN IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES ALMOST DOUBLED



Nearly 60,000 foreign students are currently studying in Iranian universities, compared with 35,000 students in the past Iranian academic year started on September 22, 2024.

Despite existing challenges, Iran has managed to attract students from 101 countries, IRNA quoted Saeed Habiba, the head of the Organization of Student Affairs.

The scientific capacity of the country's universities and their positive record in international cooperation are a valuable opportunity that must be seized to transform the presence of foreign students into a national discourse and strategic planning, the official said.

These students are mainly from Afghanistan, India, Iraq, and Pakistan.

Moreover, online language learning systems would be launched for applicants to take Persian language courses before entering Iran and prepare to study in universities, he added.

BRICS WELCOMES IRAN'S PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING JOINT SATELLITE DATA PLATFORM

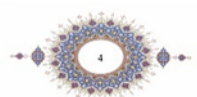
Member states participating in the 4th meeting of the BRICS working group on geospatial technologies and its application have welcomed Iran's proposal for the establishment of a joint satellite data exchange platform.

Developing a joint platform can facilitate the exchange of information and the provision of practical services. It allows all member states to upload their satellite data and benefit from a variety of services offered by each country, IRIB quoted Emran Amini, an expert with the Iranian Space Agency.

From monitoring fires and determining the area under cultivation to managing crises and facilitating exports and imports, this system can play a key role, he noted.

China, Russia, and Brazil have announced their interest in the proposal, and it is expected to be implemented as a joint strategic plan soon.

The 4th meeting of the BRICS working group brought together BRICS member states, including Brazil, China, Russia, India, Indonesia, Ethiopia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.





SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IRAN READY TO BOOST HEALTH TIES WITH QATAR



The deputy health minister, Alireza Raeisi, and the ambassador to Qatar, Ali Salehabadi, have announced the country's willingness to enhance cooperation in the health sector with Qatar.

The officials met on the sidelines of the sixth Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit held on September 30 in Doha, Qatar.

Elaborating on the health ministry's programs and priorities on mental and public health, Raeisi underlined the significance of fostering joint efforts to improve medical services.

Salehabadi, for his part, welcomed expanding joint efforts and announced readiness to facilitate interactions between the two countries.

The underlying purpose of these summits is to foster international collaboration, share best practices, and develop innovative solutions to improve mental health care systems worldwide.

IRANIAN, IRAQI UNIVERSITIES TO BOOST COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

Amirkabir University of Technology and Iraq University of Technology have agreed to enhance collaborations in the field of environment, as well as mechanical and electrical engineering, energy, and biomedical sectors.

A delegation of Iraqi officials from University of Technology in Baghdad paid a visit to Amirkabir University of Technology. The two sides agreed to develop a joint working group, hold joint educational courses, and provide sabbatical leaves. Also, prominent professors from Amirkabir University will deliver lectures in scientific events that will be held at the University of Technology in Baghdad.

Following these meetings, the two sides proposed fostering cooperation through organizing joint scientific and technological events such as AUT-Talk, Startup Weekend, and Idea Bazaar, with the participation of industrialists, professors, students, companies, and investors.



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

TEHRAN, WARSAW UNDERLINE EXPANDING SCI-TECH TIES



Iranian and Polish officials have highlighted the importance of boosting scientific, research, and technological cooperation between the two countries.

During a meeting held on Tuesday, Science Minister Hossein Simaei-Sarraf and Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education, Marcin Kulasek, agreed to revive scientific and technological agreements.

The officials met on the sidelines of the 22nd annual meeting of the Science and Technology Society (STS) forum, held in Kyoto, Japan.

Also, the two officials exchanged invitations to visit each other's countries and become more familiar with universities and their scientific achievements, msrt.ir reported.

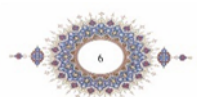
Established in 2004, the Science and Technology in Society (STS) Forum is an annual international conference held each October in Kyoto. The 2025 edition, taking place from 5–7 October, marks the 22nd Annual Meeting.

35 COUNTRIES ATTEND IRAN MED 2025

The third international medical, dental, and pharmaceutical equipment exhibition, known as Iran Med, kicked off in Tehran on Thursday with the participation of around 300 domestic and foreign companies from 35 countries.

Supported by the ministries of health and industry, as well as the Food and Drug Administration, the event will run till October 20, aiming to promote innovation, quality, and sustainability in the medical equipment supply chain.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, several specialized conferences will be held in the fields of nuclear medicine and medical equipment.





TRADE & ECONOMY

IRAN, NORWAY EXPLORE COOPERATION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY



Senior Iranian and Norwegian officials discussed expanding cooperation in renewable energy and electricity grid management during a meeting between Norway's ambassador to Tehran and the head of Iran's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Organization (SATBA).

Mohsen Tarzthalab, SATBA chief and deputy energy minister, emphasized Iran's willingness to broaden bilateral collaboration with Norway in renewable energy development, technical knowledge exchange and learning from Norway's experience in integrating renewables into the power grid.

Tarzthalab highlighted Iran's legal and financial frameworks designed to support clean energy investments, including the Energy Exchange's Green Board and various incentive models.

He said these mechanisms provide a solid foundation for joint projects with Norwegian partners aimed at improving energy efficiency and launching new renewable initiatives.

Paal Bjornstad, Norway's ambassador to Iran, outlined his country's expertise in offshore wind and solar power development, citing successful projects by Norwegian companies in neighboring countries.

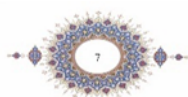
IRAN, RUSSIA , AZERBAIJAN FINALIZE ROADMAP TO BOOST TRANSIT TO 15M TONS



Iran's Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Farzaneh Sadegh, announced that Iran, Russia, and Azerbaijan have finalized a comprehensive roadmap to increase the volume of goods transiting among the three nations to 15 million tons annually. The plan, she said, marks a major milestone in efforts to strengthen regional connectivity through the International North–South Transit Corridor (INSTC).

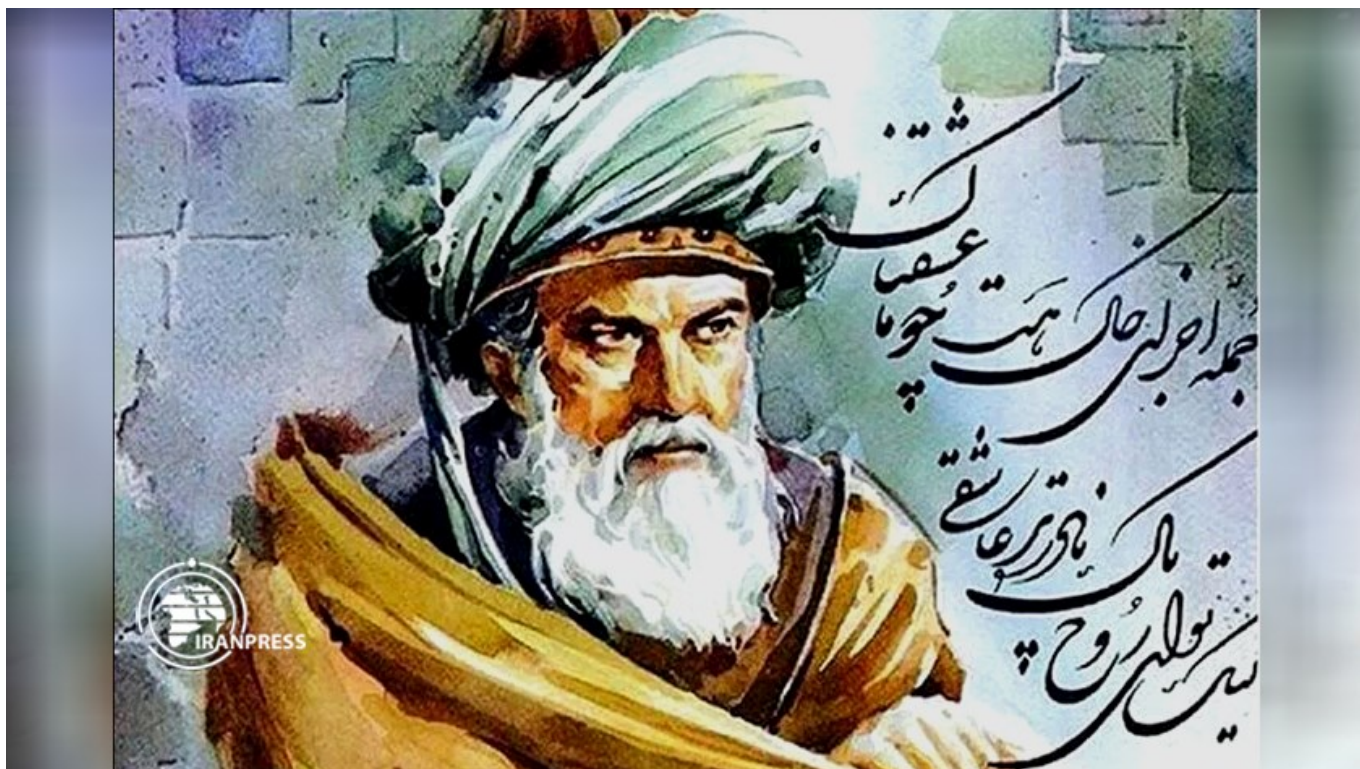
Speaking to reporters after attending trilateral and bilateral meetings in Baku on October 12, Sadegh described the gathering as “highly effective and long-awaited,” emphasizing that the new roadmap would help resolve logistical bottlenecks and enhance coordination across multiple transport sectors.

She underlined that the Rasht–Astara railway project remains the “missing link” in the corridor, and completing it is key to unlocking the full potential of the INSTC. “Land acquisition for the remaining sections will be completed by the end of this year, and we expect significant physical progress within the next three years,” she said.





IRANIAN LUMINARIES



Jalal ad-Din Mohammad Balkhi, also known as Rumi and popularly known as Molana was not only one of the greatest poets in Persian literature but is also considered one of the greatest poets and mystics of the world.

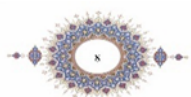
Iran is the land of numerous prominent poets; one of the most famous poets is Molana whose works are prominent among an estimated 110 million Persian speakers mostly in Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Russia, Azerbaijan Republic and Afghanistan.

In fact, Persian literature is the jewel in the crown of Persian culture. It has profoundly influenced the literature of Ottoman Turkey, Muslim India and Turkic Central Asia and has been a source of inspiration for Goethe, Emerson, Matthew Arnold and Jorge Luis Borges among others—all thanks to poets such as Molana.

Molana Biography

In 1270 AD, the famous Persian poet and mystic, Molana, was born to Iranian parents in Vakhsh, a town located on the river of the same name in Balkh, the capital of the then greater Khorasan. Vakhsh is now in Tajikistan while Balkh is in Afghanistan.

The most important influences upon Molana, besides his scholarly father Baha od-Din Valad who was connected to the spiritual lineage of the Iranian Gnostic Najm od-Din Kobra, were the Persian poets Attar Naishaboori and Sanaei Ghaznavi. He was hardly ten years old when the family had to flee Khorasan to Iraq because of the barbaric Mongol invasion.





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After a sojourn in Baghdad and travel to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, followed by a brief stay in Damascus, Molana settled in Konya in Anatolia which was under the Persianate Seljuq Sultanate of Roum. At the age of 67, he passed away in Konya, where he produced his magnum opus the “Masnavi” in the Persian language, and where his shrine is located.

In his exquisite poems in Persian, he has paid homage to the unsurpassed merits of Imam Ali (AS), the divinely decreed vicegerent of Prophet Mohammad (Peace be Upon him).

Shams Tabrizi; Molana’s mentor

Shams Tabrizi (1185–1248) was the spiritual instructor of Molana and is referenced with great reverence in his poetic collection in particular ‘Divan-e Shams-e Tabrizi’ composed in Persian (‘The Works of Shams of Tabriz’).

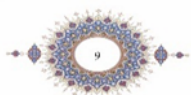
The decisive moment in Molana’s life occurred on November 30, 1244, when he met the wandering dervish holy man Shams ad-Din (Sun of Religion) of Tabriz, whom he may have first encountered in Syria.

Literary significance

Molana’s poetry is often divided into various categories: the quatrains (rubaiyat) and odes (ghazals) of the Divan, the six books of the Masnavi, the discourses, and the letters, and the almost unknown Six Sermons. Molana’s major work is Masnavi or Masnavi-ye Manavi (Spiritual Couplets) in the Persian language. Molana is better known for his six-volume Masnavi Ma’anavi which is considered by many to be one of the greatest works of Islamic mysticism.

His other famous work in the Persian language, is ‘Divan-e Shams-e Tabriz’ (the collected poems of Shams of Tabriz). Molana’s poetry has a mystic connotation, a combination that is the universal language of the human soul.

One of his masterpieces, Masnavi, the largest mystical exposition in Persian verse, discusses and offers solutions to many complicated problems in metaphysics, religion, ethics, mysticism, etc.





IRANIAN LUMINARIES



The translation of Molana's poems also revolutionized world literature. The world has heard Molana's message and has been fascinated by his lovely verses. German orientalist, Karl Hermann Ethe, says, "Whenever Rumi was filled with the love of attaining the divine mysteries, he would compose those countless blossoms of pure mystical lyrics. In terms of the beauty of language and rhythmicity of the lines, it is considered the jewel of the world literature."

Legacy

Molana's work has been translated into many of the world's languages, including Russian, German, Urdu, Turkish, Arabic, Bengali, French, Italian, and Spanish, and is being presented in a growing number of formats, including concerts, workshops, readings, dance performances, and other artistic creations. The English interpretations of Rumi's poetry have sold more than half a million copies worldwide, and Molana is one of the most widely read poets in the United States.

These cultural, historical and linguistic significance of Molana's works have made him an iconic Iranian poet, and some of the most important Rumi scholars including Foroozanfar, Naini, Sabzevari, etc., have come from modern Iran. Molana's poetry is displayed on the walls of many cities across Iran, sung in Persian music, and read in school books.

Molana's poetry forms the basis of much classical Iranian and Afghan music. Contemporary classical interpretations of his poetry are made by maestros Mohammad Reza Shajarian, Shahram Nazeri, and Ustad Mohammad Hashem Cheshti.





IRANIAN DRINKS AND BEVERAGES

Beh Limoo (Lemon Beebrush Tea)



To make Lemon Beebrush Tea, fresh or dried leaves of the plant are steeped in hot water for a few minutes, just like other herbal teas. The resulting tea has a lemony aroma and flavor that is refreshing and soothing. It can be consumed hot or iced, and is often served with a sweetener like honey or sugar.

Lemon Beebrush Tea has been traditionally used for its medicinal properties, as it is believed to have digestive, relaxing, and anti-inflammatory benefits. However, as with any herbal supplement, it is important to consult with a healthcare professional before consuming Lemon Beebrush Tea for medicinal purposes.

Overall, Lemon Beebrush Tea is a delicious and healthy alternative to traditional teas and is a great choice for anyone looking to try something new.





SOCIETY & CULTURE

IRANIAN ILLUSTRATOR NOUSHIN SADEGHIAN WINS GRAND PRIX AT THE BIENNIAL OF ILLUSTRATION BRATISLAVA



Iranian visual artist and illustrator Noushin Sadeghian won the Grand Prix at the 30th Biennial of Illustration Bratislava (BIB) in Slovakia.

Sadeghian won the top award for her illustrations in the book “Daal’s Daughter”, written by Ahmad Akbarpour, IRNA reported. Introduced to the event by the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (Kanoon), “Daal’s Daughter” had previously received several awards at international events, including the Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustration Competition (BCBF) 2022.

The book is a folk tale of Lorestan that tells the story of a girl raised by a simurgh (a benevolent bird in Persian mythology and literature), known as Daal.

IRANIAN SHORT FLICK “LIKE A SECRET” WINS AT INDIA’S PINK CITY INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

The Iranian short film “Like A Secret” by Saeed Zamanian won an award at the 12th Pink City International Short Film Festival, which was held in Jaipur, India, from October 1 to 12.

Competing with 57 other short films from around the world, the Iranian flick received the award for the Best Child Artist Female for Tarannom Ahangar, Honaronline reported.

In “Like A Secret,” Baran, a nine-year-old girl, suffers severe trauma due to a bitter family incident and her mother's neglect.

She experiences horrifying nightmares both in her sleep and while awake, living on the edge between dreams and reality. Baran strives to find someone she can trust and confide in, someone to share her secret with.



IRANIAN CUISINE

MIRZA QASEMI



This mouth-watering local traditional Iranian food hails from the Northern regions of Iran, particularly Gilan province, known for its lush landscapes and culinary inventiveness. Mirza Qasemi is a tantalizing blend of smoked eggplants, garlic, and tomatoes, graced by the flavors of turmeric and sometimes a hint of smoky saffron. This beloved vegetarian dish often appears on Iranian breakfast tables but is a treat that can be relished any time of the day.



IRANIAN SPORTS

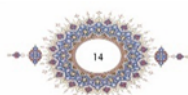
IRAN CLINCH HISTORIC 2025 WORLD WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE



In a thrilling display of power and precision, Iran's men's team emerged as the dominant force at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships, held in Førde, Norway, from Oct. 2 to 11.

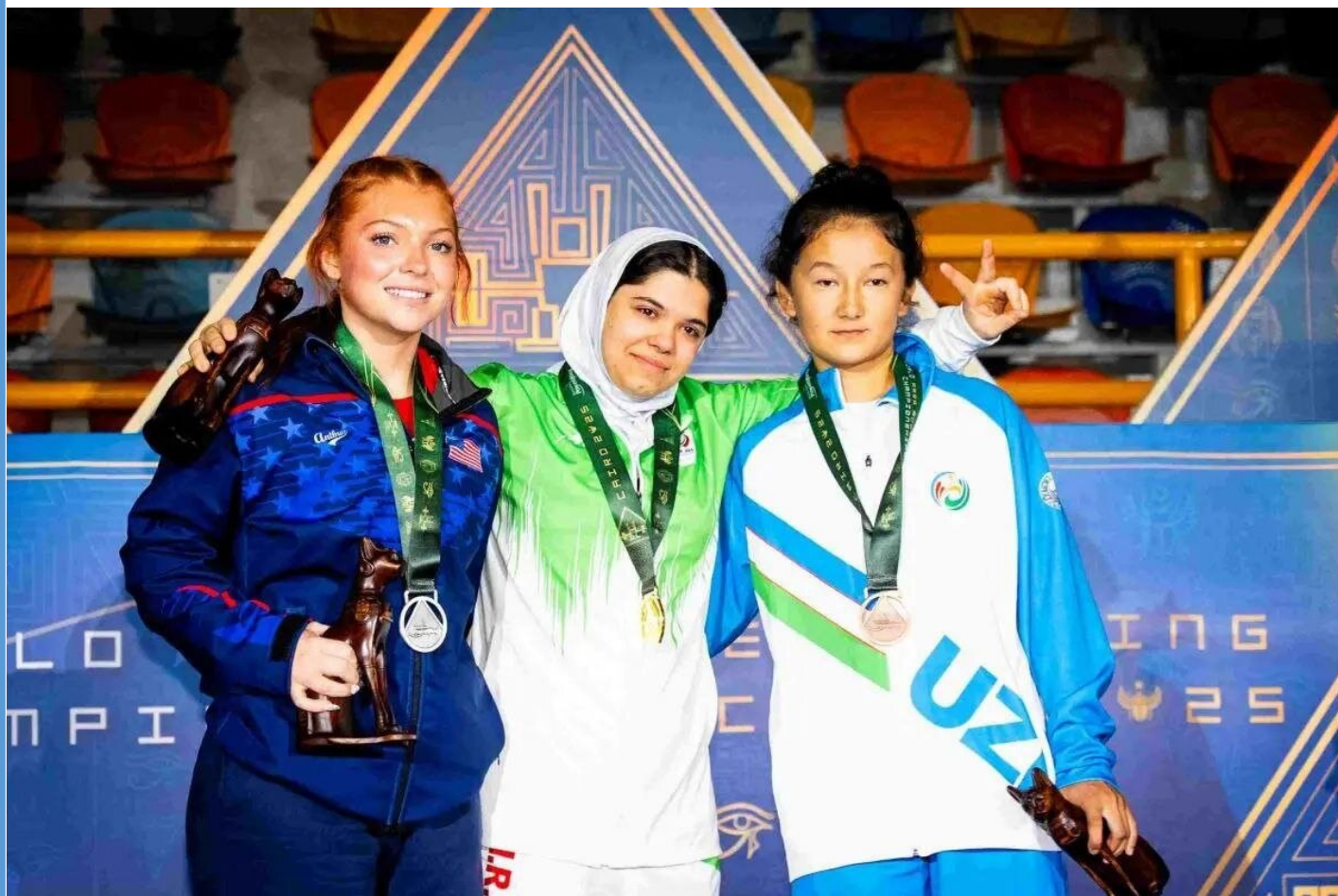
With a final tally of 387 points, Iran claimed the title for the first time since their breakout year in Anaheim 2017. The victory marked a watershed moment for Iranian weightlifting, signaling a resurgence of their program on the global stage.

Alireza Moeini in 94kg weight class and Alireza Nasiri in 110kg won two silvers in total for Iran. Moeini also won a gold medal in the snatch as well as two silvers won by Nasiri (110kg), Ali Ali-pour (94kg) in clean and jerk, and a bronze medal by Ali Davoudi (+110kg).



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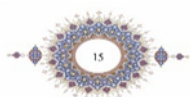
Cairo 2025: Iran seize first ever women world champion



Atiyeh Sadat Hosseini makes history winning Iran's first-ever women's gold in World Para Powerlifting Championships, triumphing in women's up to 61kg category.

This was the largest ever Rookie & Next Gen World Championships with 120 athletes (36 female and 84 male athletes), aged 20 or younger, competed in 19 events spanned over two days for the first time.

This will be followed by the Elite World Championships, taking place from Oct. 11 to 18 — marking the first time the event is being hosted not only in Egypt but also in Africa. It is also among the biggest championships ever staged in Egypt, following the African Open Championships in 2022 and the World Cups in 2023 and 2024.



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IRAN CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF 2025 ASIAN PAHLEVANI WRES- TLING



Iran won the title of the 2025 Asian Pahlevani Wrestling Championship on Friday.

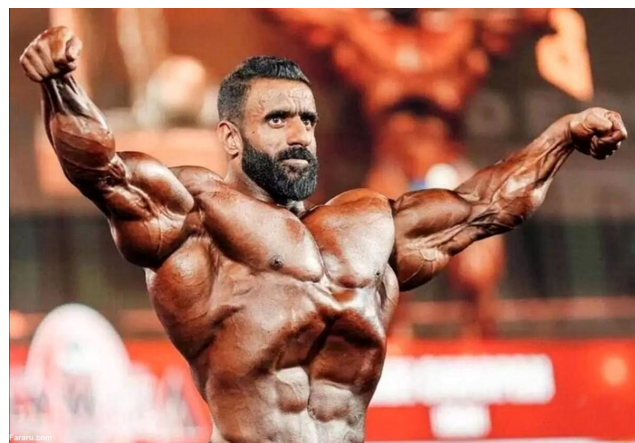
The Iranian wrestlers won four gold medals as well as a silver medal.

Mehdi Veisi claimed the gold medal in the 60kg weight class after defeating his Indian opponent. Rahman Rahimpour seized the second gold, beating his Indian rival in the 70kg. Abdollah Sheikh Azami won the gold in the 80kg, defeating a wrestler from Kyrgyzstan. And Alireza Sahraei claimed Iran's fourth gold in the 90kg by beating his Kyrgyz opponent.

Also, Mostafa Najafi lost to Iraqi wrestler in the final bout of +90kg.

The competition took place in Urmia, Iran with participation of 180 wrestlers from 17 countries.

HADI CHOOPAN COMES SECOND AT 2025 MR. OLYMPIA



Hadi Choopan of Iran became runner-up at the 2025 Mr. Olympia Men's Open Bodybuilding.

Choopan was chosen as 2025 Mr. Olympia People's Champion Winner.

American bodybuilder Derek Lunsford became a two-time Mr. Olympia champion, besting a field of fellow past champions, including last year's winner, Samson Dauda.

2025 Mr. Olympia Results and Payout

Derek Lunsford (First Place, \$600,000)

Hadi Choopan (Second Place, \$200,000)

Andrew Jacked (Third Place, \$100,000)

Samson Dauda (Fourth Place, \$40,000)

Martin Fitzwater (Fifth Place, \$30,000)

It was the 61st edition of the Mr. Olympia concluded at Resorts World Theater in Las Vegas, NV.



DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

IRAN'S ARMENIAN CHRISTIANS HONOR ST. GEORGE IN TEHRAN

The commemoration of St. George was held at St. George Church, located on Vahdat-e Eslami Street in Tehran.

