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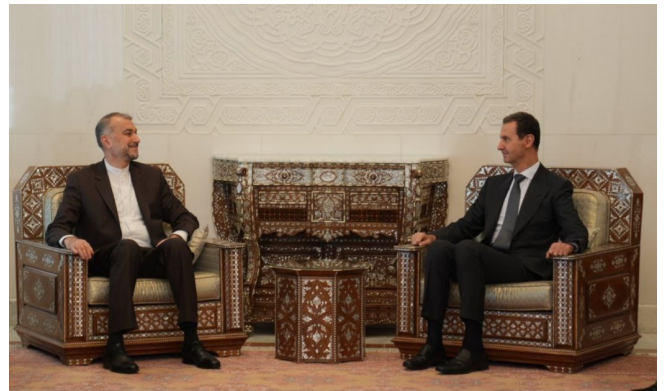
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Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian led a high-level delegation on a diplomatic mission to Lebanon and Syria, where he engaged in productive discussions with the top officials of both countries. During his visit to Lebanon, he had meetings with prominent figures such as Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament Nabih Berri, Lebanese counterpart Abdallah Bouhabib, Hezbollah Secretary General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah, Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement Ziyad al-Nakhalah, and Deputy Head of the Political Office of the Palestinian Islamic resistance movement Hamas, Saleh al-Arouri. In Syria, he held talks with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Syrian Prime Minister Hossein Arnous.

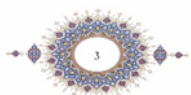




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Upon receiving an official invitation from his Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan, the Iranian FM visited Saudi Arabia for a formal visit. During his stay in Riyadh, he met and held discussions with the kingdom's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammad bin Salman, as well as his Saudi counterpart.

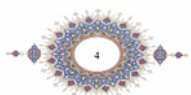
In Tehran, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian had separate meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federation of Malaysia, Zambry Abdul Kadir, the Speaker of the People's National Assembly of Algeria, Ibrahim Boughali, and Pornchai Danvivathana, Secretary-General of Asian Cooperation Dialogue.





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Hossein Amirabdollahian, the Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs, had separate phone discussions with his counterparts from Brazil, India, Spain, Oman, Qatar and Afghanistan.





Top Things Iran Is Famous For:

AVICENNA



Bu Ali Sina (Avicenna) was an Iranian physician, scientist, philosopher, astronomer, mathematician, and chemist in the 4th-century Islamic calendar. Today in the Iranian calendar is marked in his honor.

Avicenna or Abu 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 city of Bukhara in modern-day Uzbekistan, Abu Ali al-Hussain ibn Abdullah al-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 Ibn 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 and controversially 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 defenses of his theories continuing into the modern era.

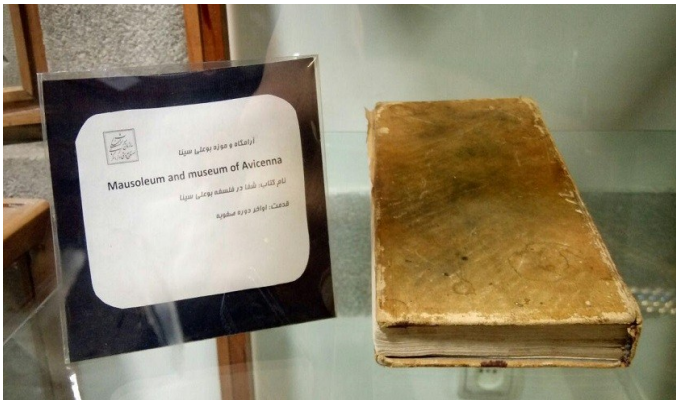
Avicenna scientific achievements

As a physician, one of Ibn 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.





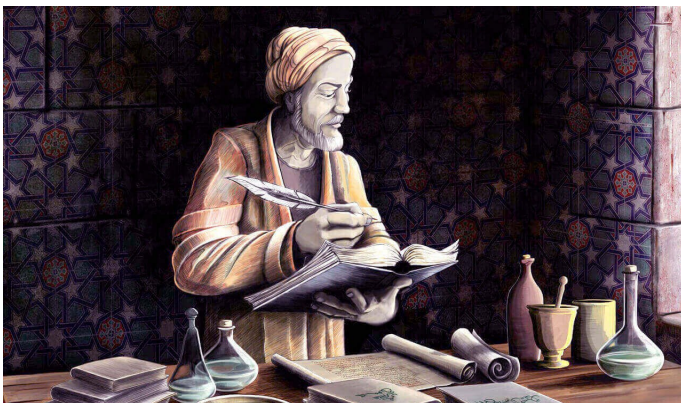
Top Things Iran Is Famous For



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, Avicenna 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-ḥāwī (Comprehensive Book).

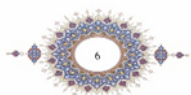
The works of Avicenna, the greatest of the medieval Persian physicians, played a crucial role in the European Renaissance. According to some researches, the views of Avicenna in diagnosis and treatment of some diseases, such as asthma is more precise and effective than the findings of modern medicine, 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 Medicine at the University of Paris.





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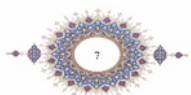
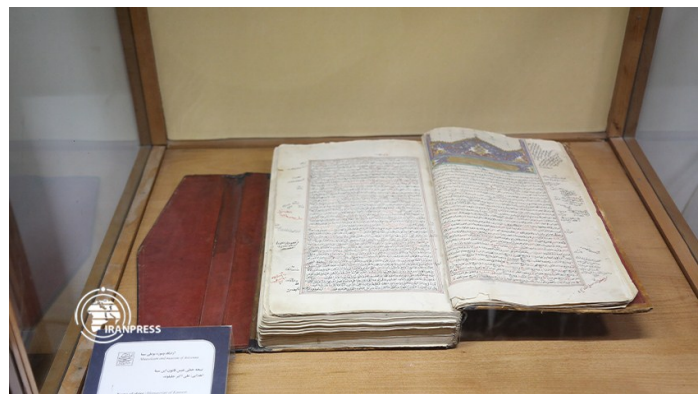
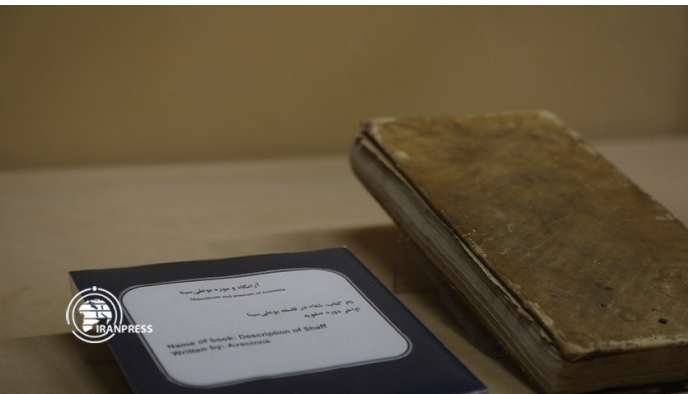
DOCTOR'S DAY; LET'S VISIT IBN SINA'S TOMB IN HAMADAN

Each year, the birth anniversary of Avicenna, also known as Ibn Sina, on August 23 is commemorated as National Doctor's Day in Iran.

Avicenna is regarded as the father of modern medicine for introducing systematic experimentation and quantification into the study of physiology and contributing to the discovery of contagious diseases.

Avicenna's Tomb is one of the world-famous sightseeing and tourist places in the center of the historical and civilizational city of Hamadan, west of Iran.

The Qaboos dome tower inspired the Tower of Tomb. It features 12 columns that symbolize the twelve pieces of knowledge of the philosopher. The place is registered in the list of national monuments. Ibn Sina is one of the most famous philosophers in Iran, and his book titled The Law is one of the most prominent medical books taught in many universities worldwide. He passed away on 22 June 1037 at the age of 58.





Society & Culture

IRANIAN STUDENT RANKS 2ND AT INTL. IFIA COMPETITION

IRANIAN FEMALE STUDENT RANKS THIRD IN IBB



A Ph.D. student at Tehran University won the silver medal at the third International Invention and Innovation Competition for International Federation of Inventors' Association (IFIA) INV Members.

The third International Ideas and Inventions Competition was held from August 20 to 22, both in person and online.

Ehsan Aghajani Rizi, a Ph.D. student in Tourism at Qeshm International Campus of Tehran University, won the world silver medal for his invention in tourism.

The gold medal of this competition went to the representative of England and the bronze medal to the representative of Japan.

The International Federation of Inventors Associations is a nonprofit organization aiming to disseminate the culture of invention and innovation, support inventors transfer technology, and establish cooperation with related organizations.

IFIA cooperates closely with international organizations of importance in the realization of its objectives. Established in 1968, IFIA is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and recognized as a public utility organization by the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

Kimia Ahmadi, a 17-year-old Iranian girl, ranked third in International Brain Bee (IBB) competition held virtually from July 31 to August 5.

The World Championship took place in conjunction with the American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention in Washington, DC, this year's host conference.

Chun Hei Tai, a 16-year-old student from Hong Kong was the winner of the 25th International Brain Bee World Championship. Second place went to Stanley Zhang from New Zealand and third place to Kimia Ahmadi from Iran.

A total of 31 national Brain Bee champions from across the globe took part in the competition.

Each participating student had previously won the highest level of Brain Bee competition in their country to qualify for the World Championship.

The challenging competition was conducted in two parts. All competitors completed four separate tests (written exam, neuroanatomy, neurohistology, and patient diagnosis) within a 48-hour timeframe at the beginning of the World Championship.



Shole Mashhadi; Votive food in Muharram



Shole Mashhadi is the most popular Votive food in Muharram (Nazri dish) in Razavi Khorasan.

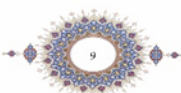
Razavi Khorasan is one of the most important religious provinces in Iran because of the existence of Imam Reza Shrine (Peace be upon him) and has a rich cultural background in all fields including food.

The people in this region cook some traditional foods exclusive of a given ceremony or event with excellent taste and smell. Shole Mashhadi is one of the most popular and delicious traditional foods of Mashhad, dates back to the Qajar era and is called Shole in the city. As a kind of Ash, Mashhad inhabitants cook Shole in religious ceremonies, in Moharram and Safar (names of two months in the Lunar calendar), mourning or happiness events and every other event they want to hold in traditional form.

Shole is a heavy and highly popular food which may be served as a main course. Shole Mashhadi is usually spicy and thick with an elastic appearance like Haleem but includes different ingredients. The ingredients of Shole are beef and boneless lamb meat, tail fat, onion, Bulgur wheat, rice, white bean, pinto bean, peas, abundant spices such as nutmeg, Hindi powder, ginger powder and cardamom powder, black pepper and salt; however, the main stuff of Haleem is wheat.

This food is so expensive and needs a long time for cooking; therefore it is not considered as a routine meal cooking at home. This local and traditional food is also cooked with different methods in other cities of Razavi Khorasan province.

In its original form, it usually serves a long with a little Gheimeh and Sangak bread, cheese and vegetables.





TRADE & ECONOMY

IRANIAN ARTIST HONORED AT KING FILM AWARDS



Iranian artist Ramin Hosseinpour won the award for the best documentary script for his video art ‘Sculpture’ at the King Film Awards, which came to an end in London.

Hosseinpour’s “Sculpture” is about the life story of Persian poet and mystic Molana Jalal ad-Din Rumi and Shams-i Tabrizi.

Hosseinpour’s video art has been previously won awards at various international festivals including 2022 Vancouver Independent Film Festival Award, 2022 Rome Music Video Award, One-Reeler Short Film Competition, International Music Video Underground, Munich Music Video Awards, Boden International Film Festival, High Tatra Film & Video Festival, Art Blocks International Film Festival, Europe Music Video Awards, Vegas Movie Awards, Accolade Competition, Europe Film Festival U.K. (EFFUK), Stockholm Gold Awards International Film Festival, Prague International Film Festival, International Izmir Short Film Festival, International Music Video Awards and Zagreb Film Festival.

CARTOONIST PAKDEL WINS PRIZE AT 50TH PIRACICABA INTERNATIONAL HUMOR EXHIBITION



Iranian cartoonist Alireza Pakdel won the main prize of the comic strip section of the 50th Piracicaba International Humor Exhibition, which was inaugurated in Brazil.

A total of 318 works by 175 artists from 30 countries have been selected for the exhibit. Along with Pakdel, three other Iranian artists are also present at the event with their works, namely Bahram Babaei, Behrang Jeddi and Marzieh Khanizadeh-Abyaneh, Mehr reported on Thursday.

All the selected works will remain on show at the exhibition in Piracicaba, a city in the state of Sao Paulo, until October 29.

Pakdel, 42, previously won the grand prize and the first prize at the festival in 2016. He was also selected as a member of the jury for the 47th edition of the event.

A caricaturist, illustrator, cartoonist and character designer, Pakdel started working on caricatures in 1994 and collaborated with many important Iranian journals including Golagha and Keyhan Caricature among others.





TRADE & ECONOMY

IRAN'S EXPORTS TO WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES INCREASED: IRANIAN OFFICIAL



The director general of the West Asia Department of the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPOI) announced the increase in exports in the first four months of this year.

Farzad Piltan, the director general of the West Asia Department of the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPOI), said that according to the customs statistics, countries of the Persian Gulf bloc, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Türkiye, in the first four months of this year, experienced 20,850,000 tons worth seven billion and 230 million dollars of exported goods from Iran.

Piltan added that exports to the countries of the West Asian region show an increase of about three million dollars in terms of value and nearly three million and 800 thousand tons in terms of weight compared to the same period last year.

"In terms of the share, Iran's exports to the West Asian bloc were about 45.4% of the country's total exports to the world, which shows an increase of about 4.4% compared to the same period last year," added the Iranian customs official Piltan.

He enlisted Iraq, Türkiye, and the UAE as the other countries for export destinations placed after China in the first four months of this year.

RUSSIAN GOODS TRANSITED TO SAUDI ARABIA THROUGH IRANIAN CORRIDOR

The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways (RAI) announced the transit of Russian goods to Saudi Arabia through the Iranian corridor.

The North-South International Corridor in the Islamic Republic of Iran provides the possibility of rail transit of goods from India and the Persian Gulf bloc to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Russia, and Eastern and Northern Europe.

There is a rail connection from Shahid Rajaei port in Hormozgan province, south of Iran, to Rasht City, Gilan province, north of the country.

Rasht-Astara railway, with 160 km, was built to make a connection to the Caucasus region, Russia, and Europe.

"A train, including 36 containers, which departed from Russia to Saudi Arabia, arrived at the Incheh borun rail border," announced the head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railway Miad Salehi.

Salehi added that the paperwork for the Russian train was done and it was sent to Bandar Abbas, a port city in Southern Iran to be transferred to Jeddah.

According to the agreement between Iran and Russia, the transit between the two countries should reach 50 million tons by 2023, while now there is only the possibility of 8 million tons of Russian goods transiting through Iran.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

58 COUNTRIES IMPORTING IRAN'S NANOTECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS

IRAN'S U-17 TEAM WIN SILVER AT BEIJING'S ROBOTCHALLENGE 2023



Iranian nanotechnology companies export their products, equipment, and services to 58 countries. The exports increased by 53 percent in the Iranian calendar year 1400 (March 2021-March 2022) compared to the preceding year, ISNA reported.

In the Iranian calendar year 1398 (March 2019-March 2020), the lowest share (7 percent) of nanotechnology products in the country's nanotechnology market was recorded.

The three countries of Iraq, Turkey, and Lebanon were the most important destinations for Iranian nanotechnology products with \$21.5 million, \$12.4 million, and \$9.3 million of imports, respectively.

By the end of the year 1400 (March 2022), a total of 280 companies were active in the nanotechnology field, and the total revenue amounted to 203 trillion rials (almost \$407 million).

In the same year, exports of nanotechnology equipment and services rose by 59 percent and 108 percent, respectively.

Iran's under-17 team, composed of 42 teens from across the country, won second place at RobotChallenge 2023 in Beijing, China.

Participating in five various leagues of the competition, the young Iranians were coached by Ma'ede Najafi, Nasrin Ashuri, Parisa Afshar, and Mohammad Hossein Naderi, with Ahmad Sami'ei as the head coach.

This year the two-day event with over 3,000 participants in 1,600 teams from 24 countries was hosted by Beijing from August 11 to 13.

The countries participating in the competition were the host country, China, in addition to Russia, South Korea, Malaysia, Turkey, UAE, Austria, Check, Poland, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, New Zealand, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Mongolia, Thailand, Nepal, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, and Ethiopia.





SPORTS

IRAN'S BODYBUILDING TEAM CROWNED AS CHAMPION IN ASIA



In the 56th International Fitness and Bodybuilding Federation (IFBB) Asian Championships, held in Beirut, Lebanon, Iran's national bodybuilding team has emerged as the champion.

The Iranian team showcased their exceptional skills and determination, securing an impressive total of 47 medals.

Following closely behind Iran, the teams from Iraq and Lebanon secured second and third place respectively.

IRANIAN JUDO PLAYER WINS A GOLD MEDAL IN IBSA 2023

Iran's -73 kg judo player won the gold medal at the IBSA World Games 2023 hosted by Birmingham, England.

The 2023 World Games is the most extensive high-



level international event for athletes with visual impairment, with over 1250 competitors from 70 nations.

Vahid Jeddi, an Iranian Judo player, defeated his opponents from Japan, Portugal, Georgia, and Kazakhstan, respectively, and reached the final game.

In the final game, Jeddi won against his opponent from Uzbekistan.

The IBSA World Games 2023 is being held at the University of Birmingham, England, from 14-27 August.

IRANIAN FOOTBALLER SETS NEW RECORD, WAITING FOR GUINNESS RECOGNITION

Mehdi Hab Darvish, the young Iranian footballer has set a new Guinness world record for passing a soccer ball with a tennis player this time.

Mehdi Hob Darvish was able to send 637 correct passes with "foot" to Amir Hossein Badi, the national tennis player of Iran, in the "Most Doubles Tennis Ball Passes" section.

This new quorum will first be registered in Iran's Book of Records, then it will be sent to the Guinness Book of Records for the global registration of record-breaking documents and images.





SPORTS

JUNIOR IRANIAN FEMALES STAND FIRST AT WORLD TAEKWONDO CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS



Junior Iranian female taekwondo practitioners have featured praiseworthy displays of spinning kicks and fast-kicking techniques at the 2023 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Iran Press/ Europe: The Iranians claimed the title for the third time in a row at the conclusion of the sports event at Hotel Hills in the Bosnian capital city of Sarajevo on Thursday evening.

The Iranian team finished first and stood on the top podium, having secured three gold medals through Rozhan Soufi, Seyedeh Kimia Mohammadi, and Hana Zarrinkamar in the W-168cm, W-172cm, and W+176cm divisions respectively.

Moreover, Kosar Ojaghloo, Heliya Ebrahimiyan, and Ayla Jalili received silver medals in the W-156cm, W-164cm and W-176cm categories.

Iran's Niloufar Safarian was also named the best women's cadet coach. South Korea followed in second place with two gold and two silver medals.

Kazakhstan rounded off the podium, having pocketed one gold and one silver medal.

Meanwhile, Iranian boys finished in the fifth slot, having collected one gold and one bronze medals.

Kazakh juniors lifted the trophy, having snatched one gold, two silver and one bronze medals.

Uzbek boys finished runner-up with two gold medals. Italy finished third, having won one gold and two silver medals.





FOREIGN MISSIONS IN IRAN

Serbian Ambassador meets Iran's Minister of Health and Medical Education at the End of Health Diplomacy Summit



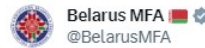
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"Belarus and Iran Discuss Implementation of Cooperation Roadmap on the margins of BRICS Summit"



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On the margins of the #BRICS summit, FM Sergei #Aleinik discussed with his Iranian counterpart @Amirabdollahian a number of topical issues on the bilateral agenda, the main of which is the implementation of the Roadmap for Cooperation, which was signed by the heads of 



"Pakistan Army Personnel Successfully Climb Iran's Highest Peak During 'Climbing for Peace' Event"



Rahim Hayat Qureshi
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Heartiest congratulations to Pakistan Army high altitude personnel having climbed Mt Damavand the highest peak in #Iran during Climbing for Peace event. @OfficialDGISPR @PakinIran #mountaineering #Damavand  



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"India's Ambassador in Tehran Meets the Iranian Motorsports Officials to Explore Collaboration Opportunities"



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Ambassador @gauravshresth met the officials of Motorcycle and Automobile Federation of Iran. Both sides discussed possible cooperation in the fields of track and circuit racing of automobiles.



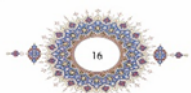


DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

IRAN'S HURAND HUB OF SUMAC PRODUCTION

Hurand County is the hub of sumac production in East Azarbaijan, northwestern Iran. 700 hectares of orchards in this county are annually cultivated with sumac.

Sumac is a reddish-purple spice derived from the dried and ground berries of the sumac plant. It is commonly used in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisines for its tangy and citrusy flavor.





THE ARBAEEN PILGRIMAGE



The Arbaeen pilgrimage is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world. It comes 40 days after Ashura, the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussein, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).





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