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## MFA NEWSLETTER

### DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS

Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araqchi held telephone conversations with his counterparts from Turkiye, Qatar, Russia, Pakistan and Afghanistan as well as the Director General of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern, bilateral ties as well as regional and international developments.



Phone conversation with Director General of PGCC



Phone conversation with Turkish Foreign Minister



Phone conversation with Qatari Foreign Minister



Phone conversation with Russian Foreign Minister



Phone conversation with Pakistani Foreign Minister



Phone conversation with Afghanistan Foreign Minister





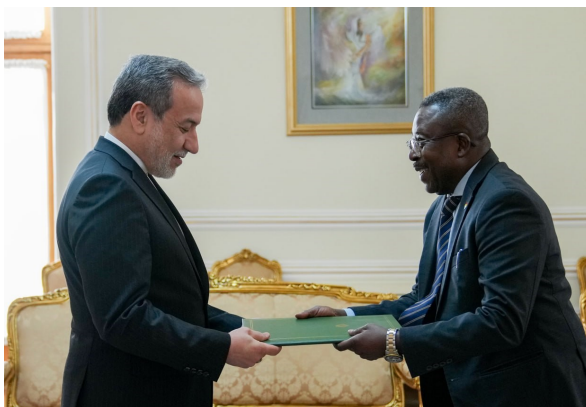
## MFA NEWSLETTER

### NEW AMBASSADORS FROM AUSTRIA AND GHANA

Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araqchi received credentials of the new ambassadors of Austria and Ghana. Mr. Araghchi also held a farewell meeting with the outgoing UN Resident Coordinator at the end of his assignment in Iran.



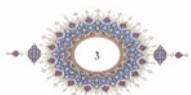
New Ambassador of Austria Submits Credentials



New Ambassador of Ghana Submits Credentials



Outgoing UN Resident Coordinator Bids Farewell to FM







## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### IRANIAN STUDENTS CLINCH GOLD MEDALS IN ISIF 2025



Iranian students have secured three gold medals and a special award in the International Science and Invention Fair (ISIF) 2025, ranking them among the top innovators worldwide.

Organized by the Indonesian Young Scientist Association (IYSA), the competition was held in Bali from November 12 to 15.

Iranian students competed in various fields, including biotechnology, educational technology, artificial intelligence, mathematics, engineering, chemistry, and nanotechnology.

Raman Nafarieh won a gold medal and a special award in biotechnology. The team, comprising Radin Abbasi and Sam Rashidi, clinched a gold medal in engineering. Moreover, Matin Hayati won a gold medal in educational technology and artificial intelligence.

The ISIF 2025 brought together a total of 800 teams from 24 countries, including China, the U.S., Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Canada, Turkey, Luxembourg, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

Iran grabbed five gold medals and two special awards in the ISIF 2024.

### IRANIAN, UZBEK UNIVERSITIES AIM TO EXPAND HEALTH CO-OP

Shiraz University of Medical Sciences and Tashkent State Medical University have explored ways to enhance scientific, research, and educational cooperation, as well as health tourism between the two universities.

An Iranian delegation led by Hossein-Ali Amiri, the governor general of Fars province, paid a visit to Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The delegation visited Tashkent State Medical University, hospitals, and universities in Termez and Surkhandarya, as well as pharmaceutical and food industry companies, and clinics.

During a meeting between the chancellor of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Seyyed Basir Hashemi, and the chancellor of Tashkent State Medical University, Shukhrat Boymurodov, the two sides agreed on fostering collaborative efforts through conducting specialized courses for faculty members and medical staff, organizing short-term and long-term internships, as well as summer and winter training courses for students.





## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### BURKINA FASO SEEKS IRAN'S EXPERTISE IN COMBATING DRUGS



Burkina Faso's Security Minister Mahamadou Sana has voiced the country's willingness to benefit from Iran's anti-narcotics police expertise in the fight against drugs.

He voiced Burkina Faso's readiness for the expansion of collaborations with Iran in different sectors, particularly sharing experiences and knowledge, as well as providing laboratory equipment and drug detection dogs.

Sana made the remarks in a meeting with Iran's anti-narcotics police chief, Iraj Kakavand. The official met on the sidelines of the 22nd International Exhibition of Police Security and Safety Supplies and Equipment (IPAS), held from October 13 to 16.

For his part, Kakavand said that a decisive and targeted fight against drugs is a demanding task requiring actions that go beyond national and regional boundaries.

There will be no positive results and success unless all countries take effective steps to confront drug trafficking decisively through boosting their cooperation, he added.

### TAJIK ENVOY CALLS FOR ESTABLISHING JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WITH IRAN

Tajikistan's ambassador to Iran, Nizamuddin Zahedi, has underlined the need for the establishment of a joint scientific committee between the two countries.

Referring to the expansion of relations between Iran and Tajikistan within recent years, Zahedi said collaborative efforts in educational fields can be further expanded through resuming scholarships to attract more Tajik students and developing a joint scientific committee to hold regular meetings and come up with solutions to benefit from the optimal capacities of the two countries.

The Tajik official made the remarks in a meeting on Tuesday with Saeed Habiba, the head of the Organization of Student Affairs.

He also proposed exchanging students to improve the quality of education and facilitate learning the Persian language for Tajiks.

For his part, Habiba highlighted cultural, linguistic, and historical commonalities between Iran and Tajikistan, saying that science diplomacy is the most effective means to promote scientific cooperation with Tajikistan.







## SOCIETY & CULTURE

### MEXICAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN

#### CELEBRATES DAY OF THE DEAD WITH VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION BY IRANIAN ARTISTS



The Mexican Embassy in Tehran held a visual arts exhibition from November 3 to 11 to celebrate the tradition of the Day of the Dead.

Held in collaboration with the Tehran Visual Arts Association, the exhibition showcased 40 works of art across various fields, including painting, illustration, graphic design, and sculpture, all created by Iranian artists on the subject of the Day of the Dead, one of Mexico's most beloved traditions, filled with color, flowers, scents, and memories.

In an exclusive interview with the Tehran Times, the Ambassador of Mexico in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Guillermo Puente Ordorica, explained the Mexican tradition of the Day of the Dead and details of this year's exhibition.

### SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENT OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE WEEK HELD IN TEHRAN

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Italian Language Week, a cultural and art event centered on promoting the Italian language and artistic heritage was hosted by Her Excellency Ms. Paola Amadei, the Ambassador of Italy to Iran.

The event was held at the ambassador's residence on Monday evening.

In the art and musical segment of the event a collection of prominent Italian classical music pieces in an admirable manner.

This program was organized through the efforts of the Italian Embassy in Iran with the aim of celebrating the richness of the Italian language and culture and highlighting the role of this language in shaping world art, literature, and music.





## TRADE & ECONOMY

### IRAN, KUWAIT SIGN 5-POINT DEAL TO BOOST TRADE COOPERATION



Iran and Kuwait have signed a five-point agreement to expand trade and investment following the 13th Joint Trade Committee meeting in Kuwait, held after an 11-year pause, according to the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPO).

Abdolamir Rabiavi, TPO's director general for West Asia, said the meeting — held on November 4–5 and chaired by Mohammad Ali Dehqan Dehnavi, Iran's deputy minister of industry, mine and trade and head of TPO — concluded with “constructive and forward-looking results.”

He noted that Kuwait's proximity to Iran and short sea routes between Abadan, Khorramshahr, and Kuwaiti ports, along with a land connection via Shalamcheh, offer strong logistical advantages.

With \$38 billion in annual imports, Kuwait could serve as a promising market for Iranian products, he noted.

As reported, the two countries signed agreements in trade and investment, food security, industry and standards, customs, and transportation.

### IRAN, UZBEKISTAN AGREE TO EXPAND INVESTMENT IN MINING INDUSTRIES

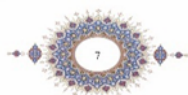


Iran and Uzbekistan have reached new agreements to strengthen trade and investment cooperation, particularly in mining and mineral industries, the Iranian Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade announced.

During a meeting in Tashkent, Iran's Minister of Industry, Mining and Trade Seyed Mohammad Atabak held talks with Uzbekistan's Minister of Mining and Geology and the Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade. Both sides underlined the importance of expanding industrial collaboration and mutual investment.

Atabak said the new agreements “pave the way for a major leap in the level of trade and business relations between the two countries,” adding that despite the upward trend in cooperation, both nations must achieve the ambitious targets set by their presidents.

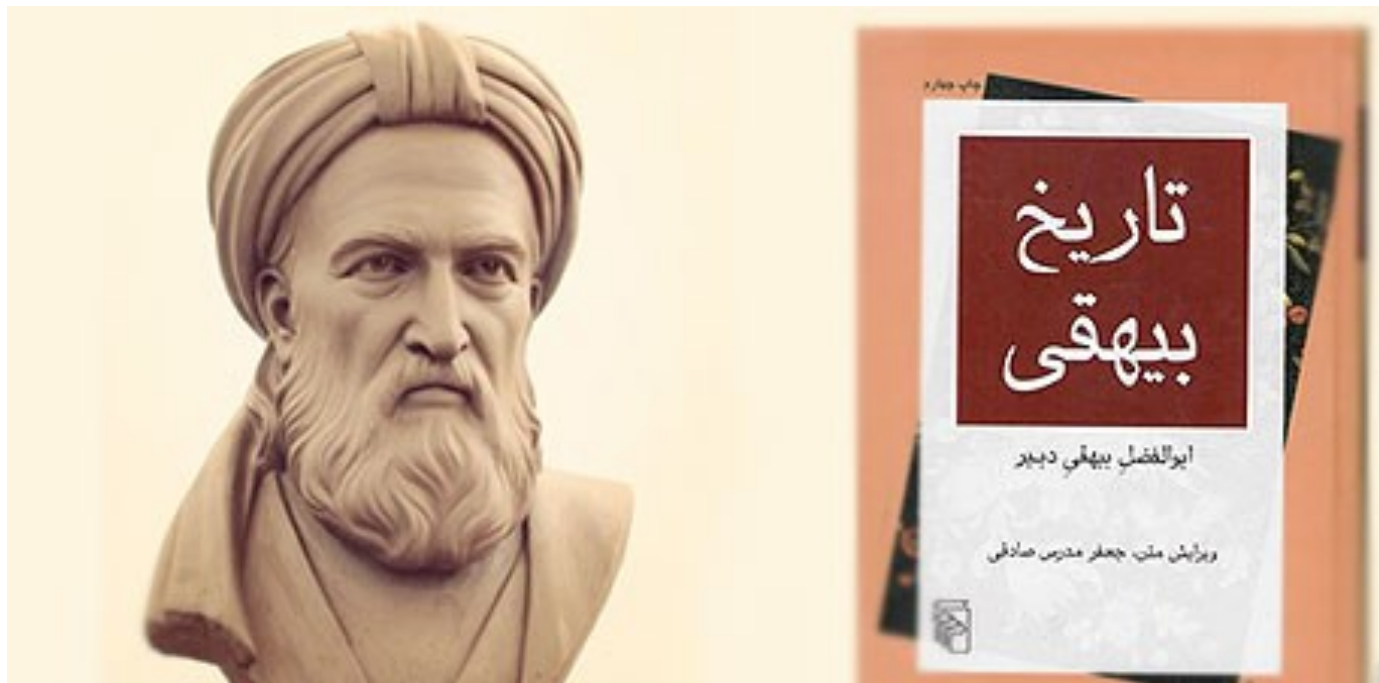
The Iranian delegation, including senior officials from the trade and mining sectors, traveled to Uzbekistan on November 9 to pursue new tariff arrangements, ease customs procedures, and promote industrial partnerships.





## IRANIAN LUMINARIES

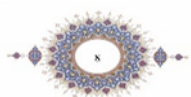
### ABOLFAZL BEYHAQI: THE FATHER OF PERSIAN PROSE



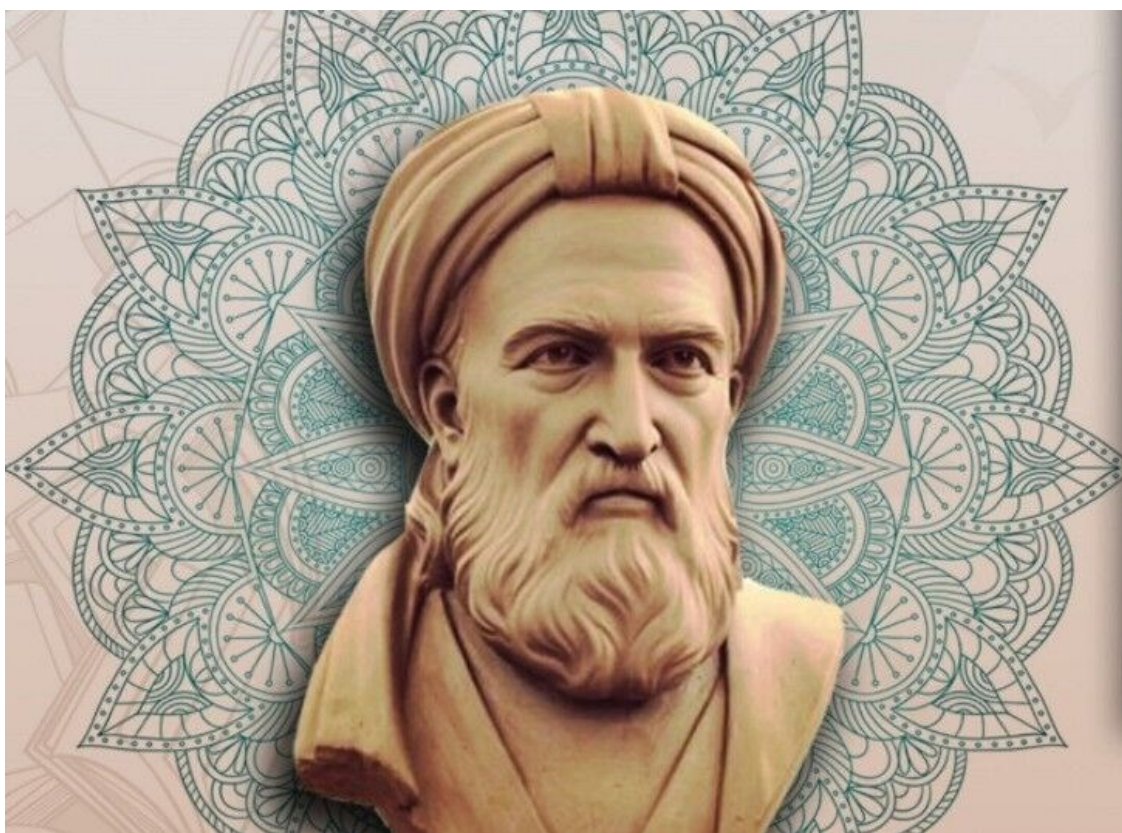
Abolfazl Beyhaqi was born in the village of Harethabad in Beyhaq (currently known as Sabzevar, north of Iran), Khorasan province, Iran. His father facilitated his move to Neyshaboor to study in the major cultural center of the city. He later on moved to Ghazni when he was still a young man. Beyhaghi's special authorship skills persuaded Abu Nasr Moshkan (a minister during the reigns of both Mahmood of Ghazni and his son, Masood) to bring him to Ghazni to work as a secretary and a writer. He was known to be a trustworthy person, and had an exquisite handwriting. Beyhaqi gradually became Abu Nasr's confidant, and got the chance to receive information pertaining to the Empire. At the same time, he had begun writing the book *Tarikh-e Bayhaqi*.

#### **Tarikh-e Beyhaqi**

*Tarikh-e Beyhaqi* (History of Beyhaqi) is indeed one of the greatest works in the history of Persian literature, and among the few surviving Farsi books of the pre-Mongol era. Despite its old style of writing, the book continues to attract readers. Beyhaqi started writing it in 1056. It has 30 volumes, and talks about the events during the 42 years of the Ghaznavid rule. The first four volumes contain the same content as the one in *Tarikh-e Montazam-e Naseri* and *Tarikh-e Yamini*. Volume 5 - some of earlier pages of which have been destroyed - to volume 10 of the book are still available as well as the rest of the volumes basically discuss the events in the year 1059. There are a number of factors that make *Tarikh-e Beyhaqi* unique. The named book is a history book, and commits to the principles of historiography, including accuracy and sincerity in recording historical events. In addition, the author reveals the historical details in an artistic manner, reflects a multidimensional perspective towards those events. The original name of *Tarikh-e Beyhaqi* is "*Tarikh-e Naseri*". It is also known as "*Tarikh-e Ale Naser*", "*Tarikh-e Ale Sabooktigin*", "*Jame' al-Tawarikh*" and "*Jame' fi Tarikh Sabooktigin*". Some scholars call it "*Tarikh-e Mas'udi*" because the remaining volumes of the book are dedicated to the events that happened during Masood of Ghazni's reign.



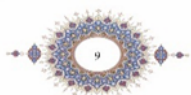




The book is filled with illuminating quotes, enlightening stories, meaningful advices and wise recommendations. Because of the use of literary techniques and rhetoric and its rhythmic prose, it is not only a source for history of literature, but also a good source of classic Persian literature. The mentioned traits convinced the literary community to call Beyhaqi “the father of Persian prose”. His style of prose was highly influenced by his master,

B yhaqi narrated historical events and individuals' reactions like a story-teller, which have mad Tarikh-e B yhaqi emerge as an interesting book of history to the readers.

B-ŷhaqi passed away in 1077 at the age of 85. He lived for 19 more years after he finished *Tarikh-e Beyhaqi*, and kept updating the book with new content throughout the last 19 years of his life.





## ART AND CULTURE

### NESCO NAMES BAYAZID BASTAMI, ALLAMEH TABATABA'I AS COMMEMORATIVE FIGURES FOR 2026–2027 CYCLE



Bayazid Bastami and Allameh Tabataba'i; two prominent figures of Iranian mysticism and philosophy, have been listed among UNESCO's commemorative programs for the 2026–2027 period.

The decision was made during the 43rd session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on Saturday.

These potential programs focus on anniversaries of significant historical figures and cultural landmarks.

The distinguished Iranian figures, Bayazid Bastami and Allameh Tabataba'i, were included in UNESCO's list of commemorations for the 2026–2027 cycle upon the proposal of the National Commission of Iran and subsequent approval by the General Conference.

It is anticipated that, in line with promoting and honoring these enduring figures, cultural and scientific events will be organized at both national and international levels.

### IRANIAN YOUNG ARTISTS SHINE AT 11TH INTL. FESTIVAL OF PAINTINGS FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

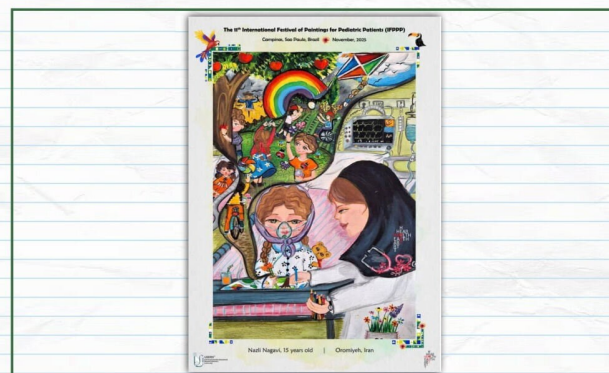
The winners of the 11th International Festival of Paintings for Pediatric Patients (IFPPP) were announced last week, marking a significant achievement for Iran's young artists.

The ceremony, held in Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, celebrated the creativity and resilience of children through the universal language of art, fostering hope and joy among young patients worldwide.

Among the top winners in the youngest category, five-year-old Iranian artists Anahita Samae, Avin Rozian, and Zhanian Omid secured top honors, showcasing their remarkable artistic abilities.

For children aged seven to ten, Iran's Janan Pezeshki stood out as the first-place winner. The competition also featured talented artists aged 11 to 14, with Ava Moarefi Shalheh, Zahra Assarian, and Amirali Mirjalili earning recognition for their compelling works. Additionally, in the 15 to 18 age group, Iran's Nazli Naghavi and Reyhaneh Ali Panahi claimed top honors.

The festival, which aims to promote hope, friendship, and the healing power of art among pediatric patients, attracted entries from numerous countries around the world. The event's main goal is to uplift children battling illness through creative expression, fostering an environment of positivity and resilience.







## TRADE & ECONOMY

### IRAN, OMAN MOVE TO ACCELERATE PTA IMPLEMENTATION, SIGN INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE MOU



Iran and Oman have agreed to accelerate the implementation of their preferential trade agreement and expand industrial cooperation through a newly formed bilateral industrial committee, according to Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO).

During a recent visit to Muscat, Mohammad-Ali Dehqan Dehnavi, head of the TPO and deputy minister of industry, mining and trade, met with Qais bin Mohammed al-Yousef, Oman's minister of commerce, industry and investment promotion. The two sides underlined the need to speed up the trade pact's execution, organize a joint economic commission, and hold a business forum in Tehran to introduce investment opportunities in Oman.

According to Abdolamir Rabihavi, TPO's director-general for West Asia, both countries also discussed drafting and finalizing the industrial committee memorandum of understanding (MOU), which was signed by deputy ministers from Iran and Oman.

### IRAN-PAKISTAN BUSINESS FORUM HELD IN KARACHI

During a visit to Pakistan, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, the speaker of the Iranian parliament (Majlis), and Mohammad-Ali Dehghan Dehnavi, the Iranian deputy minister of industry, mining and trade and the head of Iran's Trade Promotion Organization (TPO), met with some traders and businessmen and emphasized issues such as the development of commercial cooperation and accelerating the free trade process between the two countries.

Iran-Pakistan business forum was held in Karachi, with the presence of Qalibaf and Dehghan Dehnavi, along with the extensive participation of Pakistani traders and businessmen.

At this meeting, topics such as the development of commercial cooperation and accelerating free trade with Pakistan were emphasized.

Also, during this trip, Dehghan Dehnavi met and held talks with Faiz Ahmed, the Chairman of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP). Topics discussed in this meeting included free trade, removing obstacles and problems in bilateral trade relations, reviewing borders and border markets, and facilitating the customs processes of the two countries.







## IRANIAN SPORTS

### IRAN'S ZOHREH JAFARI NAMED AFC YOUTH COACH OF THE YEAR



Zohreh Jafari from Iran was named as the Youth Coach of the Year at the AFC Grassroots Conference 2025, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

She led Sepahan youth girls to a title in Iran last season.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Grassroots Panel gathered in Kuala Lumpur with one clear message coming out of it – Asia's football revolution still starts from the ground up.

Held on the eve of the 4th AFC Grassroots Football Conference, the meeting brought together development experts and technical leaders to take stock of progress, swap ideas, and set the next targets for the continent's fast-growing grassroots game.

### IRAN SURGES AHEAD IN ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES AS TAEKWONDO STARS DELIVER POWERFUL OPENING STATEMENT

Iran's national taekwondo contingent has delivered a commanding performance at the Islamic Solidarity Games in Riyadh.

On the first day of taekwondo competitions on Saturday, Saina Karimi electrified the arena with a flawless series of victories that culminated in the country's first gold medal of the games.

Her triumph, achieved through decisive wins over Kazakhstan, Turkey's reigning world champion Emine Gogebakan, and Niger's Marima Zekri, set the tone for an Iranian squad determined to fight above its weight.

Karimi's final challenge came against Azerbaijan's Miyana Akbarova, a match she controlled from start to finish, winning back-to-back rounds to claim the gold and assert the Islamic Republic's presence at the top tier of women's taekwondo.





## IRANIAN CUISINE

### ANAR BIJ – MEATBALLS IN POMEGRANATE AND HERB SAUCE



Anar Bij is a hearty and flavor-packed dish from Gilan province in the Caspian Sea region of Iran. Delicate meatballs are gently cooked in a creamy walnut sauce that is then flavored with fresh herbs and pomegranate molasses. Tart flavors, aromatics, and a hint of sweetness combine to make this dish another poster child of Persian cuisine!

#### **Ingredients:**

walnuts, water, salt, turmeric, ground beef, or lamb, onion, pepper, oil, parsley, cilantro, mint, green onions, Or dried Persian Tareh, pomegranate, pomegranate molasses





## IRANIAN SPORTS

### IRAN'S FUTSAL TAKE GOLD AT 2025 RIYADH



Iran's men's futsal team defeated Morocco 5-0 Tuesday night in the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) final match.

Amirhossein Gholami and Hossein Tayebi scored two goals each and Mahdi Karimi also scored a goal.

Iran and Morocco had shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw in Group B.

Uzbekistan won the bronze medal after beating Saudi Arabia 6-5 in penalty shootout.

The futsal tournament of the 6th Islamic Solidarity Games runs from Nov. 4 to 10 at the Green Halls at the Prince Faisal bin Fahad Olympic Complex in Riyadh.

The 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games, also known as Riyadh 2025, are an inter-continental multi-sport event organized by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA), which are being held from Nov. 7 to 21 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

### IRAN'S MEN'S VOLLEYBALL WIN GOLD: 2025 RIYADH



Iran's men's volleyball team defeated Turkey 3-1 (25-20, 25-20, 17-25, 25-17) at the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) final on Thursday.

Bahrain also defeated Qatar to win a bronze medal.

Iran had also defeated Turkey 3-1 in preliminary round.

Earlier in the day the Iran's women's team defeated Tajikistan in straight sets (25-2, 25-7, 25-8) in the third-place match.

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## IRANIAN SPORTS

### 2025 RIYADH: IRAN'S WOMEN'S TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES TAKE GOLD



Iran's Neda Shahsavari and Shima Safaei won the gold medal at the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) on Thursday.

Team Melli defeated Turkey's Özge Yılmaz and Ece Haraç in the women's doubles final 3-1.

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## DISCOVER IRAN IN PICTURES

QAENAT, SOUTH KHORASAN – THE CRADLE OF WORLD'S FINEST 'RED GOLD' SAFFRON

