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Rouhani calls for 'win-win policies' on environment



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Monday called on the regional countries to pursue "win-win policies" over environmental issues, adding that such policies are the only way to "enable peaceful existence in West Asia and the Middle East."

Rouhani said that environmental woes gripping the region should be resolved through inter-governmental cooperation.

Rouhani made the remarks during the "International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms (SDS): Challenges and Practical Solutions" in Tehran.

The president said that only 20 percent of particle pollution and sand storms facing Iran's southwest could be traced back to domestic sources, and the rest originates from abroad.

As part of its Southeastern Anatolia Project, known as GAP, Turkey has built 22 dams on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which run across Syria and Iraq, and discharge into the Persian Gulf after merging into one river that forms a natural border between Iran and Iraq.

The project has reportedly reduced the water flow in the rivers' basin by 34 percent and caused 94 percent of Mesopotamia to dry up, kicking up dust storms which head towards Iran and cripple life in its western and southwestern provinces.

The Iranian president said, "We should pursue such plans that would benefit Turkey, Iraq and Iran [alike]. We cannot act in a way that would benefit one country and deny others [their right to] water resources."

More than 30 countries, which have been affected by sand and dust storms, are attending the three-day conference, which opened in Tehran on Monday.

The United Nations and the Iranian Department of Environment are co-hosting the event.

President Rouhani touched upon the issue of terror, slamming certain states for using terror as a foreign policy tool, saying any country that thinks it can harm others' interests and stay on the safe side is wrong.

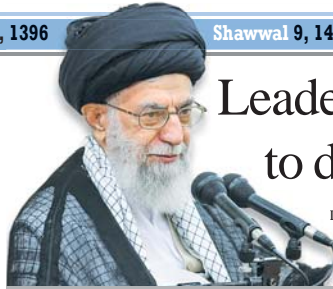
"Whatever country seeks to use its power to threaten another's existence has [in effect] threatened its own existence," Rouhani said.

"Whatever country or power thinks it can use terrorism to advance its goals in the region and the world is completely wrong," he added.

"If Saudi Arabia or the United States is harboring such thoughts, it is making a mistake. I will not name Israel here as its entire political existence is an error... occupation and invasion," he added.

Rouhani underlined that pursuing a "win-win policy" is the only way to "enable peaceful existence in West Asia and the Middle East," which have witnessed numerous crises over the past years.

In today's world, Rouhani added, an approach based on gaining a stronger regional hand must be set aside. "The goal should be [creating] a powerful region."



Leader urges Judiciary to declare position on int'l affairs

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei urged Iran's Judiciary to adopt official positions on various international affairs.

The Leader made the remarks on Monday in a meeting with Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli Larjani and other government officials, Press TV reported.

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Iran signs \$5b gas deal with energy giant Total



Iran signed a multibillion dollar deal on Monday with French oil giant Total and Chinese state oil company CNPC to further develop the country's giant South Pars Gas Field in cooperation with Iran's Petros.

The first major Western energy investment since sanctions against Tehran were lifted will cost up to \$5 billion, with production expected to start within 40 months, an Oil Ministry source said, Reuters reported.

The US and other world powers lifted sanctions after the country pledged to roll back its nuclear program.

With the 20-year deal, Total is now returning to Iran, where it first began operating in the 1990s. Total CEO Patrick Pouyanné said in a statement on

Monday that the investment would be "in strict compliance with applicable national and international laws."

The US still has restrictions in place that block most American companies from investing in Iran. And some Western companies have been reluctant to jump in since Iran still faces sanctions that prevent firms from transacting with Iran in US dollars.

Total estimates the first phase of the project will cost around \$2 billion. It is taking a 50.1 percent stake in the South Pars project. CNPC will own 30 percent while the other 19.9 percent will go to Petros.

The project will have a production capacity of two billion cubic feet per day, or 400,000 barrels of oil

equivalent per day including condensate, according to Total.

Iran's Oil Ministry predicts the project will eventually produce gas products worth \$54 billion based on current prices. The gas will start flowing into the Iranian market in 2021.

Iran has significantly ramped up its energy production since the sanctions were relaxed.

Figures from OPEC show Iran has boosted its daily crude oil production by more than 33 percent since 2015.

Iran sits on nine percent of the world's proven oil reserves and 18 percent of the planet's natural gas, according to data from BP's Statistical Review of World Energy.

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China warns US of 'negative factors' hurting ties

Chinese President Xi Jinping warned President Donald Trump on Monday that "some negative factors" are hurting US-China relations, as tensions flare anew over a slew of longstanding sore points.

Xi's comments in a phone call with Trump follow Beijing's displeasure over US arms sales to rival Taiwan. US sanctions against a bank over its dealings with North Korea and, most recently, the sailing of a US destroyer within the territorial seas limit of a Chinese-claimed island in the South China Sea, AP reported.

Beijing was also miffed after the State Department gave Beijing a dismal grade last week in a new human trafficking report.

According to state media, Xi told Trump in their call that Beijing expects Washington to continue managing relations on the basis of the "One China" principle that rules out formal contacts with Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory.

"Xi Jinping emphasized that, since my meeting with the president at Mar-a-Lago, China-US relations have achieved important outcomes," state broadcaster China Central Television reported, referring to Xi's meeting with Trump in Florida in

April. "At the same time, bilateral relations have been affected by some negative factors. China has expressed its position to the US."

Seeking to lighten the message slightly, Xi also said that China-US relations had achieved "important outcomes" since the Florida meeting.

It's unclear whether any of those issues will come up in discussions at the G20 summit in Germany this week, at which Trump and Xi are expected to hold a bilateral meeting.

But it now appears that China is pushing back against the US pressure, setting the stage for a potential confrontation.

China's Foreign Ministry accused the US of violating Chinese sovereignty and disrupting "peace, security and order of the relevant waters" after the US Navy destroyer USS Stethem sailed Sunday within 12 nautical miles (22 kilometers) of tiny Triton island, which is claimed by China, Taiwan and Vietnam. China's Defense Ministry issued a similar statement Monday, saying it would beef up patrols and take precautions commensurate with the threat level to safeguard "national sovereignty and security."

Qatar responds to Arab states' demands before extended deadline

Qatar on Monday responded to a list of demands from Saudi Arabia and its allies after they agreed to give Doha another 48 hours to address their grievances.

Details of the response were not immediately available, but an Arab official said that Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani had delivered it during a short visit to Kuwait, which is acting as a mediator in the crisis, AFP reported.



Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khalid al-Hamad Al Sabah (R) welcomes Foreign Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani before their meeting at Kuwait International Airport in Kuwait City on July 3, 2017.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt had announced in the early hours of Monday they were pushing back a deadline for Qatar to agree to a list of 13 demands they issued on June 22.

A joint statement said they were extending the ultimatum, which had been due to expire at the end of the day on Sunday, at the request of Kuwait's emir.

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Daesh cornered in Mosul as Iraq prepares for victory celebrations

Daesh terrorists were battling to hold on to the last few streets under their control in the Old City of Mosul on Monday, making a doomed last stand in their former Iraqi stronghold.

In fierce fighting, Iraqi Army units forced the terrorists back into a shrinking rectangle no more than 300 by 500 meters beside the Tigris river, according to a map published by the military media office, Reuters reported.

Smoke covered parts of the Old City, which were rocked by airstrikes and artillery salvos through the morning.

The number of Daesh terrorists fighting in Mosul has dwindled from thousands at the start of the government offensive more than eight months ago to a mere couple of hundred now, according to the Iraqi military.

Iraqi forces say they expect to reach the Tigris and regain full control over the city by the end of this week. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is expected to visit Mosul to formally declare victory, and a week of nationwide celebrations is planned.

Mosul is by far the largest city captured by Daesh. It was here, nearly three years ago to the day that it declared the founding of its "caliphate" over parts of Iraq and Syria.

With Mosul gone, its territory in Iraq will be limited to areas west and south of the city where some tens of thousands of civilians live.

"Victory is very near, only 300 meters separate the security forces from the Tigris," military spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Rasool told state TV.

Abadi declared the end of Daesh's "state of falsehood" on Thursday, after the security forces took Mosul's Al-Nuri Mosque.

It was from here that Daesh leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi made his first and only video appearance, proclaiming himself "caliph" on July 4, 2014.

With its territory shrinking fast, the group has been stepping up attacks in the parts of Mosul taken by Iraqi forces and elsewhere.

On Sunday, a male bomber dressed in a woman's veil killed 14 people and wounded 13 others in a displacement camp west of the capital Baghdad known as Kilo 60, security sources said. Daesh claimed responsibility.

"The people who were attacked had fled to Kilo 60 for their safety. Many have traveled huge distances seeking help," Lise Grande, the United Nations' Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, said in a statement.

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Velayati: Iran will resist divisive plots in Mideast

A senior adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Iran will resist any plot aimed at weakening or dividing up countries in the Middle East.



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"Undoubtedly, regional nations will never yield to the demands of extremist movements and their allies; it would be better to take steps for the establishment of regional peace, stability and security through international will," Ali Akbar Velayati, adviser to the Leader on international affairs, said in a meeting with Christian Masset, secretary general of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Tehran on Monday, Press TV reported.

He urged the European Union and Western countries to adopt "more independent policies" vis-a-vis regional and international issues.

"On West Asian and North African issues, global cooperation and coordination, as well as firm determination and will must be established to counter extremist Takfiri and terrorist movements," Velayati said.

He noted that some countries are exploiting tensions and crises in the region and are not interested in the establishment of regional peace and stability.

"However, Iran has over the past years been standing up against and resisting all movements that have disturbed global peace and security," the senior Iranian official said.

In line with its principled and fundamental policy, Iran wants the preservation of the territorial integrity of regional countries, he added.

Velayati expressed Iran's readiness to cooperate with France and other countries seeking to promote global peace and stability.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Velayati pointed to deep-rooted relations between Tehran and Paris, calling on the two countries' officials to take further serious steps to boost cooperation and remove obstacles in the path to such ties.

Common Iran-France stance on regional issues

For his part, the French official said Tehran and Paris have a common stance on regional issues.

Masset said the two countries enjoy deep-rooted relations and must use their potential to further expand cooperation.

The French Foreign Minister's visit comes a few days after Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif traveled to Paris on the third leg of a European tour. The top Iranian diplomat held talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, his French counterpart, Jean-Yves Le Drian, and President of the French Senate Gerard Larcher.

Commander: Army to receive advanced homegrown tank soon

Commander of Iran's Army Ground Force Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari said the country's state-of-the-art tank dubbed "Karrar" that has been designed and manufactured by domestic experts will be delivered to his forces in the near future.



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Speaking to the Tasnim News Agency, Heidari pointed to the process of delivering Karrar tanks to the Army Ground Force and said they would be received by the end of the current Iranian year (March 20, 2018).

"The Karrar tank is a very good, ideal and operational tank that has been tested and used in war games," he said.

The commander further emphasized that upgrading military equipment, including armored vehicles, is on the agenda of the Army Ground Force.

Karrar is a class of Iranian tanks that enjoys modern technologies. Its earlier version is already in service, together with other locally-made tanks like Zolfagar.

Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent years made great headways in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient in the arms sphere.

Iran Navy holds military drills in Caspian Sea

The Iranian Navy launched military drills in the Caspian Sea as a means of sending a message of "peace and friendship."

The five-day drills, code-named Lasting Security and Authority 96, started in an area measuring over 88,000 square kilometers across the waters on Sunday, Press TV reported.

Speaking to reporters, Commander of the Navy's Northern Fleet Captain Ahmad-Reza Baqeri said the drills feature five stages. The first stage, which began four months ago, comprised scheduling and planning.

During subsequent stages, naval forces practice briefing, naval drilling, battles with mock enemy forces, performance of calculated warfare tactics, as well as joint operations enlisting vessels, aircraft, coastal and seaborne operational units and logistical teams.

"As before, our message in performing the exercise is that of peace and friendship under the aegis of authority and capability in the Caspian Sea," Baqeri said.

According to the Northern Fleet, the main goal pursued by staging the drills is to show the armed forces' preparedness to establish lasting security in the strategic waters and to cooperate with neighbors towards the enhancement of stability in the waterways.

The Islamic Republic's military doctrine holds that the country's armed capability solely serves defensive purposes and poses no threat to other states.



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Iran commemorates victims of passenger jet downed by US

Iran commemorated the 29th anniversary of the downing of its passenger plane by a US Navy guided-missile cruiser in the Persian Gulf waters in 1988.

which is manifested in massacring innocent people across the world, including the aggrieved people of Iran, indicates that such an attitude has been insti-

"I will not apologize for America, regardless of what the facts are."

The atrocity especially provoked anti-American sentiment as it



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The civilian aircraft, an Airbus A300B2, was flying in Iranian airspace over the Strait of Hormuz from the port city of Bandar Abbas to Dubai, carrying 274 passengers and 16 crew members on July 3, 1988, when USS Vincennes fired two SM-2MR surface-to-air missiles at it, Press TV wrote.

One of the missiles hit the plane, killing all 290 people on-board.

On Monday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry issued a statement to commemorate the victims and once again censure the US Navy's "horrific crime."

"A look at the precedence of the inhumane US behavior,

tionalized in various US governments in pursuit of their own goals," said the statement.

US officials claimed the warship had mistaken Iran Air Flight 655 for a warplane. This is while the warship was equipped with highly sophisticated radar systems and electronic battle gear at the time of the attack.

A year later, the captain of the USS Vincennes, William C. Rogers, was cleared of any wrongdoing in the incident, and was even awarded America's Legion of Merit medal by then President George H. W. Bush for his "outstanding service."

President George Bush said,

coincided with the final year of the former Iraqi regime's eight-year war, which had been waged against Iran with Washington's all-out political and material support.

The statement added that the Iranian people hold to account the so-called advocates of human rights for ordering and perpetrating this atrocity, and for committing crimes and inhumane acts.

The Islamic Republic wants all those behind the tragedy to be held accountable for the crime, the statement said, adding that the Iranian nation will never "forgive the perpetrators."

Leader urges Judiciary to declare...

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Ayatollah Khamenei said it is important for the Judiciary to pursue various international issues through legal channels.

"The Judiciary should intervene from a legal position in such issues as sanctions, US confiscations and terrorism, or express support for downtrodden personalities in the world such as Sheikh Zakzaky, or the Muslims of Myanmar and Kashmir," the Leader said. In such issues, the Leader said, the branch should "decisively declare its position of support or opposition so it is reflected across the world."

Nigeria has placed leading Shia cleric Sheikh

Ibrahim Zakzaky in detention and has come down hard on his supporters, reportedly killing dozens of them in a far-and-wide crackdown.

Myanmar has likewise been accused of leading a systematic deadly campaign of suppression against its Muslim community.

Kashmir has also been witnessing chronic ethnic violence and a New Delhi-ordered witch hunt in its India-controlled half.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Ayatollah Khamenei urged the Judiciary to act as the flag-bearer of defending public rights in the society.

He said the judicial branch should authoritatively guard the people's rights and confront felony and lawlessness.

IRNA chief urges broad cooperation with Japanese, Chinese media

Managing Director of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) Mohammad Khoddadi held meetings with senior officials of Japanese and Chinese media last month to boost cooperation with the Asian nations' media outlets.

Khoddadi said on Friday that development of cooperation between Iranian and Chinese media affects all-out ties between the two countries, according to IRNA.

He made the remarks in a meeting with Deputy Director of China's State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television Tong Gang.

The IRNA chief called for promotion of all-out ties between Iranian press, publication, radio, film and television with their Chinese counterparts.

The media should help increase understanding between the Iranian and Chinese nations, Khoddadi noted.

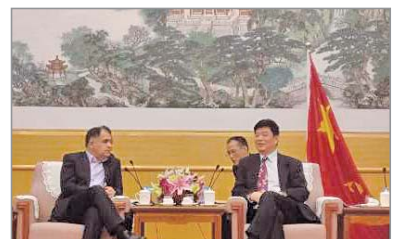
The official referred to enemies' hostilities and noted that enemies aim to question Iranian and Chinese sovereignty.

Khoddadi hailed China's progress in all fields, including the economy and the media.

He praised China's "fair stance" toward Middle East developments and its stance during the nuclear talks between Iran and the P5+1.

Khoddadi offered holding joint photo exhibitions, training courses and inking cooperation documents between the two countries' media.

Gang, for his part, said that Iran and China have always enjoyed historical friendly relations.



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Khoddadi also met with China's Xinhua News Agency President Cai ming Zhao on Thursday.

Khoddadi traveled to Beijing at the invitation of the Chinese government to take part in the second non-governmental forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), which opened in China's capital on Wednesday.

IRNA, Kyodo sign MoU

On June 27, IRNA and Japan's Kyodo News signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to broaden their professional cooperation.

The MoU was signed between IRNA's managing director and Kyodo President Masaki Fukuyama in Tokyo.

The MoU, which is arranged in 12 paragraphs, seeks to deepen mutual cooperation between IRNA and Kyodo by sharing each other's experiences.

The two sides underlined the role of media in proper and correct dissemination of information.

Khoddadi traveled to Tokyo upon Fukuyama's invitation.

Venezuela hikes minimum wage 50 percent

Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro raised the country's minimum wage by half on Sunday to just over \$12.50 per month at the black market exchange rate.

But given the currency's fall, the new minimum monthly wage of 97,532 bolivars is effectively down 17 percent in dollar terms since the last increase in May, Reuters reported.

The currency's fall — of 99.7 percent since Maduro was elected president in April 2013 — has exacerbated a brutal economic crisis that has millions struggling to find or afford food.

A thousand dollars bought in local currency when Maduro was elected would be worth just \$3 today.

Maduro's leftist government blames speculators and the opposition for the problems.

"Following the immoral campaign that fixes prices through a false dollar abroad ... we are going to put the handcuffs on ... the whole campaign of speculation," said Maduro on state television, adding that the rise would be effective retroactively from July 1.

The monthly salary is accompanied by a food ticket, the value of which also went up to 153,000 bolivars per month — bringing the total to just over \$30 a month at the black market rate.

Maduro often describes the salary increases as a "world record," while critics see it as a stark indicator of economic mismanagement.

Street unrest across the country has left more than 80 people dead in three months.



A woman walks by banners of Venezuelan bolivar notes displayed at the Venezuelan Central Bank building in Caracas, Venezuela, on May 23, 2017. CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS

Daesh cornered in Mosul as Iraq prepares for victory celebrations

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Daesh said on Sunday it had carried out 32 suicide attacks in June in Iraq and 23 in Syria, of which 11 were on the US-backed Syrian Kurdish forces attacking its stronghold of Raqqa.

Iraqi state television said thousands of people had fled Mosul's densely populated Old City over the past 24 hours.

But thousands more are believed trapped in the area with little food, water or medicine, and are effectively being used as human shields, according to residents who have managed to escape.

Months of grinding urban warfare have displaced 900,000 people, about half the city's pre-war population, and killed thousands, according to aid organizations.



REUTERS

Baghdadi has left the fighting in Mosul to local commanders and is believed to be hiding near the Iraq-Syrian border, according to US and Iraqi military sources.

The group has moved its remaining command and control structures to Mayadin, in eastern Syria, US intelligence sources have said.

Police: German bus inferno kills 18 in Bavaria

Eighteen people were believed to have died when their tour bus crashed and burst into flames on the A9 motorway in southern Germany, police said.

and pillows.

The lorry driver was unharmed and told police the bus had crashed into his vehicle and burst into flames, it said.



Forensic experts are examining the charred skeleton of the bus and human remains inside. AFP

The bus was in a collision with a lorry near Stambach in north Bavaria, BBC reported.

Thirty people escaped the fire, two of whom were critically hurt. The bus was carrying German pensioners from Saxony.

Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann said rescuers were delayed by "gawpers" driving slowly and by the intensity of the blaze.

It is not clear why the bus crashed — traffic was reportedly moving slowly at the time. Nor is it clear why flames engulfed the whole bus so quickly.

The lorry's trailer was also incinerated and the burnt-out wreck ended up a short distance ahead of the bus. The German news website Frankenspost reported that it was carrying mattresses

There were 46 passengers and two drivers on the bus. One driver was among those killed. The passengers were men and women aged 41 to 81, from the Dresden area, heading to Lake Garda in Italy for a holiday.

Forensic teams recovered the charred remains of 11 people.

Five rescue helicopters joined emergency workers at the scene.

Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was distressed by the accident and expressed sympathy for the injured and bereaved relatives.

She thanked the rescuers for looking after people "in an appalling situation". A police spokesman told German news channel n-tv that there were good medical facilities in Bayreuth, not far from the scene.

Qatar responds to Arab states' demands before extended deadline

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The demands included Doha ending support for the Muslim Brotherhood, closing broadcaster Al Jazeera, downgrading diplomatic ties with Iran, and shutting down a Turkish military base in Qatar.

Sheikh Mohammed had earlier said the list of demands was "made to be rejected."

Saudi Arabia and its allies announced on June 5 they were severing ties with their Persian Gulf neighbor, sparking the worst diplomatic crisis to hit the region in decades.

The crisis has raised concerns of growing instability in the region, home to some of the world's largest energy exporters and several key Western allies who host US

military bases.

German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel, who on Monday starts a tour of several Persian Gulf states, called for "serious dialogue" to end the crisis.

"We are worried that the distrust and the disunity could weaken all the parties concerned as well as the entire peninsula," said Gabriel, who was in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Riyadh and its supporters have already severed air, sea and ground links with Qatar, cutting off vital routes for imports including food.

They also ordered Qatari citizens to leave their territories and took various steps against Qatari firms and financial institutions.

Doha has said it is ready for talks to end the crisis. Ku-

wait, which unlike most of its [P]GCC neighbors has not cut ties with Qatar, has been heading up mediation efforts.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has also called for compromise and hosted senior Persian Gulf officials, but his efforts have been undermined by remarks from President Donald Trump apparently supporting Riyadh's position.

Egypt said it would host the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain on Wednesday to discuss the crisis.

The 13 demands have not been officially published, but a Kuwaiti diplomatic source confirmed on Monday that the list as it has appeared in the media was genuine.

OPINION

The hijacked American presidency

By Charles M. Blow*

Every now and then we are going to have to do this: Step back from the daily onslaughts of insanity emanating from Donald Trump's parasitic presidency and remind ourselves of the obscenity of it all, registering its magnitude in its full, devastating truth.

There is something insidious and corrosive about trying to evaluate the severity of every offense, trying to give each an individual grade on the scale of absurdity. Trump himself is the offense. Everything that springs from him, every person who supports him, every staffer who shields him, every legislator who defends him, is an offense. Every partisan who uses him — against all he or she has ever claimed to champion — to advance a political agenda and, in so doing, places party over country, is an offense.

We must remind ourselves that Trump's very presence in the White House defiles it and the institution of the presidency. Rather than rising to the honor of the office, Trump has lowered the office with his whiny, fragile, vindictive pettiness.

The presidency has been hijacked. Last week, when Donald Trump attacked two MSNBC hosts, people were aghast. The condemnation came quickly and from all quarters.

But his words shouldn't have shocked. His tweet was just another pebble on a mountain of vulgarities. This act of coarseness was in fact an act of continuity. Trump was being Trump: The grossest of the gross, a profanity against propriety.

This latest episode is simply part of a body of work demonstrating the man's utter contempt for decency. We all know what it will add up to: Nothing.

Republicans have bound themselves up with Trump. His fate is their fate. They have surrendered any moral authority to which they once laid claim — rightly or not. If Trump goes down, they all do.

It's all quite odd, this moral impotence, this covering before the belligerent, would-be king. A madman and his legislative minions are holding America hostage.

There are no new words to express it; there is no new and novel way to catalog it. It is what it is and has been from day one: The most extraordinary and profound electoral mistake America has made in our lifetimes and possibly ever.

We must say without ceasing, and without growing weary by the redundancy, that what we are witnessing is not normal and cannot go unchallenged. We must reaffirm our commitment to resistance. We must always remember that although individual Americans made the choice to vote affirmatively for him or actively withheld their support from his opponent, those decisions were influenced, in ways we cannot calculate, by Russian interference in our election, designed to privilege Trump.

We must remember that we now have a president exerting power to which he may only have access because a foreign power hostile to our interests wanted him installed. We must remember that he has not only praised that foreign power, he has proven mysteriously averse to condemning it or even acknowledging its meddling.

We must remember that there are multiple investigations ongoing about the degree of that interference in our election — including a criminal investigation — and that those investigations are not constrained to collusion and are far from fake news. These investigations are deadly serious, are about protecting the integrity of our elections and the sovereignty of our country and are about a genuine quest for truth and desire for justice.

Every action by this administration is an effort to push forward the appearance of normality, to squelch scrutiny, to diminish the authority and credibility of the ongoing investigations.

Last week, after a growing list of states publicly refused to hand over sensitive voter information to Trump's ironic and quixotic election integrity commission, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders blasted the push-back as a "political stunt."

But in fact the commission itself is the political stunt. The committee is searching for an illegal voting problem that doesn't exist. Trump simply lied when he said that he would have won the popular vote were it not for millions of illegal votes. And then he established this bogus commission — using taxpayer money — to search for a truth that doesn't exist, to try to prove right a lie that he should never have told.

This commission is classic Trump projection: There is a real problem with the integrity of our last election because the Russians helped power his win, but rather than deal with that very real attack on this country, he is instead tilting at windmills concerning in-person voter fraud.

Last week, CNN reported: "The Trump administration has taken no public steps to punish Russia for its interference in the 2016 election. Multiple senior administration officials said there are few signs the president is devoting his time or attention to the ongoing election-related cyber threat from Russia."

Donald Trump is depending on people's fatigue. He is banking on your becoming overwhelmed by his never-ending antics. He is counting on his capacity to wear down the resistance by sheer force.

We must be adamant that that will never come to pass. Trump is an abomination, and a cancer on the country, and none of us can rest until he is no longer holding the reins of power.

*Charles M. Blow is a columnist for The New York Times, from which the above article was taken.

PERSPECTIVE

What Total's \$5b investment means for Iran

By Karen Gilchrist

Iran signed a \$5-billion deal with a consortium led by French oil company Total on Monday to develop the giant South Pars Gas Field — the world's largest natural gas field.

The deal is the Islamic Republic's first with a European oil company in more than a decade, marking a major milestone for a country whose standing as an international trade partner has hung in the balance ever since it was slapped with sanctions in 2006 amid concerns that it was developing nuclear weapons.

Total has taken a 50.1 percent interest in the South Pars project, and alongside state-owned China National Petroleum Corporation, which holds 30 percent, and Iran's Petropars (19.9 percent), will begin producing gas for the Iranian market from 2021.

Though the deal has been a slow burn, coming some 18 months after EU sanctions against the Middle Eastern nation were lifted, Iran will be hoping that it marks a new era of investor confidence and a particular boon for its dwindling oil production.

"Total's decision to sign the South Pars 11 contract is a cautiously positive sign for foreign investment in Iran's upstream," Richard Mallinson, geopolitical analyst at Energy Aspects, told CNBC via email on Monday.

Who else is ready to invest in Iran?

Already, India, one of Iran's most steadfast trading partners, on Monday announced that a consortium of domestic businesses would offer up to \$11 billion to develop another of Iran's natural gas fields, Farzad-B field, and create the infrastructure to export the fuel, Bloomberg reported, quoting Narendra Kumar Verma, managing director of the overseas investment unit of India's largest explorer, Oil and Natural Gas Corp. (ONGC).

Iran is the second-largest supplier of crude oil to India, and, as a result, India is one of the largest foreign investors in Iran's oil and gas industry.

However, fraught diplomatic relations between Iran and other states have made it a difficult relationship to uphold.

Under US sanctions, which were reinforced last month, India has been unable to trade with Iran using the dollar — the world's premier reserve currency — and had to defer payments or revert to payments in rupees and, more recently, euros.

Iran has the world's largest natural gas reserves and the fourth-largest oil reserves, according to the US Energy Information Administration. This translates to 10 percent of the world's crude oil reserves and 13 percent of OPEC's.

Why is Total doing the deal now?

Total was previously one of the biggest investors in Iran before sanctions were imposed. Though the deal was laid out last year, the group has been awaiting clarity on the Trump administration's stance on sanctions.

During campaigning, President Donald Trump pledged to "dismantle" the 2015 nuclear agreement, which aimed to reduce sanctions, though has not yet followed up on it.

Total has so far only committed to an initial \$1 billion investment, citing continued risks. The stock was up 1.78 percent when the deal was signed Monday.

Though the investment will help revive Iran's antiquated energy sector, which has borne the brunt of years of under-investment into the country, it will be purely domestically focused.

It is likely to have less of an impact on the wider international markets, which have been struggling to balance output since a supply glut saw prices plummet in early 2015.

Brent prices were lower by 0.06 percent in Monday afternoon at \$48.75 per barrel while US crude was up 0.09 percent at \$46.08 per barrel.

Lack of new deals holding back growth

Indeed, while companies including Royal Dutch Shell and Italy's Eni have signed provisional agreements with Iran, according to the FT, the path ahead to recovering Iran's energy sector looks far from smooth.

"Other developments are not so positive," said Mallinson, citing Azadegan, another Iranian oilfield project which has suffered continued delays amid uncertainties over Iran's trading future.

"The tender for the Azadegan oilfield was supposed to be imminent but was then pushed back by three or four months to give foreign companies more time for analysis. This suggests that the major firms that Tehran really wants to attract are largely not ready to commit to Iran deals.

"Currently Iran's oil production has flat-lined and each new delay to the return of foreign investors pushes back the timeline for further growth in output," Mallinson added.

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India gives Iran \$11b offer on Farzad-B field

An Indian consortium is willing to spend as much as \$11 billion to develop a giant Iranian natural gas field and build the infrastructure to export the fuel as long as the Persian Gulf nation guarantees a 'reasonable return' on the project, according to the company leading the group.

In a Bloomberg report, ONGC Videsh Ltd. has offered to invest as much as \$6 billion on the Farzad-B field and spend the remaining amount to build a liquefied natural gas export facility, according to Narendra Kumar Verma, the managing director of the overseas investment unit of India's largest explorer, Oil and Natural Gas Corp. (ONGC).

The group is seeking a return of about 18 percent, and Indian companies are willing to buy all the gas exported from the project, Verma said.

"We have given our best offer to them. Now, it is up to them to agree or not agree," Verma said in a phone interview. "We have told the Iranian authorities very clearly that some basic returns are necessary."

As India, the world's fourth-largest LNG buyer, seeks to lock up gas resources to meet growing demand and spur the use of cleaner-burning fuels, Iran is emerging from sanctions that stifled investment in its energy sector.

Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Amirhossein Zamani-Nia said last month discussions with the Indian side on Farzad-B were continuing and have "very much advanced". Iran was also in discussions with Russia's Gazprom PJSC on Farzad fields, he said.

The two countries had aimed to conclude a deal by February on developing



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the field, which India has said holds reserves of almost 19 tcf. The consortium, which includes Indian Oil Corp. and Oil India Ltd., has been trying to secure development rights to the Farzad-B gas field since at least 2009.

The delay over a final outcome has started hurting oil trade between the two

countries. India has recently reduced purchases, leading to the withdrawal by Iran of some benefits on sales in retaliation, Bloomberg reported in April.

"We are ready to invest," Verma said. "Ultimately, that's positive for them."

The South Asian nation is promoting the cleaner-burning fuel to curb the use

of more polluting alternatives such as coal and petroleum coke, an oil-refining byproduct, to meet its pledge of slashing emissions by a third by 2030.

ONGC Videsh and Indian Oil each own 40 percent interest in the Farsi block that holds Farzad-B field, while Oil India has a 20-percent stake.

First VP: AFZ provides favorable, unique opportunity for development

Domestic Economy Desk

Four infrastructure and production projects became operational in Anzali Free Zone (AFZ), in the northern Iranian province of Gilan, in a ceremony attended by First Vice President Es'hag Jahanjiri and Mohammad-Baqer Nobakht, the head of the Management and Planning Organization of Iran.

The projects involved an investment of \$9.45 million.

Upon their arrival in the zone, the two top Iranian officials were welcomed by Managing Director of Anzali Free Zone Organization, Governor General of Gilan Province Mohammad Ali Najafi and a number of the provincial officials.

Speaking to reporters after touring AFZ, Jahanjiri said the zone provides a unique and favorable opportunity to accelerate the development of Gilan Province.

He added the AFZ is the most important and main free zone in north Iran.

"Given its capacities and infrastructure, the development of which is underway, Gilan Province can, in addition to speeding up national development, play a transitional role by linking Iran to the Caspian Sea littoral states — Iran, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Russia — as well as the Central Asian and Caucasus countries.



Agriculture is the most prominent feature of Gilan Province, he said, adding the province has a high potential for industrialization and has always, even before the victory of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, been among the country's important industrial provinces.

The first vice president stressed that Gilan Province is required to join the national railroad network.

He added (thence from Gilan Province), Iran's national railroad network should be connected to those in Azerbaijan and onward to Europe thus facilitating Iranian ex-

ports to these as well as other destinations.

Jahanjiri expressed optimism that the incumbent government would make greater strides in developing Gilan Province.

Commenting on AFZ's advantages and its pivotal role in supporting export-oriented domestic production, he said the zone can play a very significant role in the development of Gilan Province and the country by preparing the ground for the greater presence of foreign investors in Iranian projects, granting tax exemptions, setting up branches of domestic and foreign banks, facilitating visa issuance process and shoring up domestic production and exports of Iranian goods.

Touching upon considerable potentials in Gilan Province, Jahanjiri added the AFZ has a strategic location and can easily establish connections with the Persian Gulf littoral states, through which it, along with the province, can increase trade transactions and foster closer ties with Central Asian and Caucasus countries and be transformed into a development hub.

Expressing satisfaction with the effective steps already undertaken to industrialize Gilan Province, the first vice president noted that establishing the required infrastructure such as railroad, which has the highest priority, is the main prerequisite for accelerated development of Gilan Province.

Iran signs \$5b gas deal with...

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Iran and Qatar share the South Pars field.

Iran has signed a flurry of deals with Western companies over the past year since the easing of international sanctions on Tehran after an accord was reached over its nuclear program.

Iran needs foreign investment to repair and upgrade its oil and gas fields. It also seeks the transfer of technology to its oil industry after a decade of sanctions.

Iran has named 34 companies to bid for a dozen countries as being eligible to bid for oil and gas projects using the new, less restrictive contract model.

The firms include Shell, France's Total, Italy's Eni, Malaysia's Petronas and Russia's Gazprom and Lukoil, as well as companies from China, Austria, Japan and other countries.

Russia's Zarubezhneft signed an MoU to conduct feasibility studies on two joint fields in the west of the country.

Norway's International Aker Solutions Company



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signed an MoU to modernize Iran's oil industry.

In May 2016, Austria's OMV signed an MoU for projects in the Zagros area in western Iran and the Fars field

in the south.

South Korean Daewoo Engineering and Construction (Daewoo E&C) signed an MoU to construct an oil refinery in Bandar Jask, on the southern coast of Iran.

Italy's Saipem signed MoUs to cooperate on pipeline projects, upgrading of refineries and development of Tous gas field in the northeastern province of Khorasan Razavi.

Norwegian oil and gas company DNO said it was the second Western energy company after Total to sign a deal with Iran under which it agreed to study the development of the Changluhe oilfield in western Iran.

Lukoil, Russia's second biggest oil producer, hopes to reach a decision on developing two new oilfields in Iran.

Germany's Siemens AG signed an MoU in May to overhaul equipment and facilities at Iran's oil operations and refineries.

BASF's Wintershall oil and gas exploration subsidiary signed an MoU with the National Iranian Oil Company in April 2016.

Growth among Irish manufacturers reached a near two-year high in June, as firms showing few signs of an early hit from Britain's Brexit vote further added to headcount and built up inventories.

Asia manufacturing picks up in June but momentum seen slowing into second half

Manufacturing activity in Asia's tech producing economies expanded in June, helped by growing global demand for electronics products, but headwinds in external markets could mean a moderation in growth in the second half of the year.

Private sector surveys of manufacturers in Asia showed the factory sectors of China, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan picked up in June, driven largely by a recovery in exports, Reuters wrote.

However, continued declines in energy prices, which weighed on manufacturing activity in Indonesia and Malaysia, could hurt these two economies going forward, analysts said. Meanwhile, in India, sluggish domestic demand offset strong foreign demand and led to a manufacturing slowdown in June.

Factory Purchasing Managers' Indexes for South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam and India all remained above the 50-mark that separates contraction from expansion on a monthly basis. And all of these indexes, except for Japan and India, rose from the previous month, indicating an acceleration in expansion.

"Overall, the cross above the 50 watermark is not in doubt," said Vishnu Varathan, Asia head of economics and strategy at Mizuho Bank's Treasury division. "But the ability for manufacturers to continue to accelerate, or to maintain sharp surges in production, is in question given underlying demand, apart from some bright spots, doesn't seem to have permeated more widely across the different sectors," he said.

While manufacturing in June expanded at the fastest pace in three months in China, the



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world's second-largest economy, business confidence slumped to its lowest level this year amid a government crackdown on debt risks and tightening financial conditions.

"We believe cyclical momentum in China has likely peaked and will ease further due to tighter financial conditions," Yin Zhang and Helen Qiao, economists at Merrill Lynch in Hong Kong, wrote in a note.

"Looking ahead, since overall growth is still higher than the policy target level at around 6.5 percent for real GDP, we expect policy makers to maintain the tightening bias in (the second half), which is likely to impose downward pressure on growth

until early 2018."

In Japan, confidence among big manufacturers hit its highest level in over three years in June, according to a survey from the central bank published on Monday.

But despite the recovery in some parts of Asia, stubbornly low inflation globally and other economic factors could weigh on the export-dependent region in the second half.

The Citi Economic Surprise Index, which moves in tandem with data beating or underwhelming expectations, has plunged for major industrial nations this year and is at negative levels not seen since 2011.

And with global debt now

standing at a record \$217 trillion, "roll over" risks will increase as central banks start raising interest rates, weighing especially on emerging markets that have borrowed in euros and dollars.

In southeast Asia, manufacturing in Vietnam was boosted by ramped up production by South Korea's Samsung Electronics. Vietnam's electronics output fell one percent in the first quarter from a year earlier on problems with Samsung's Galaxy Note 7, which the company scrapped last year, but recovered in the second quarter. Samsung is Vietnam's biggest foreign investor.

Despite the encouraging electronics-driven headline numbers for Japan, Taiwan and South

Korea, signs of weakness are showing in other parts of these economies.

Household consumption remains sluggish in Japan, job creation in Taiwan was the weakest in 20 months and South Korea's factory output shrank for a 11th straight month and factory employment fell for a 10th.

"The larger story seems to be that a moderate recovery continues to be in place," Mizuho's Varathan said.

"But for a virtuous cycle of wider household consumption that leads to a pickup in industries, we still have to wait for few more quarters before that to play out. And that's the optimistic view."

Main Indices of TSE

Index	Value	Change	Percent
Total Index	78718	13.5	0.02
Industry Index	67755	55.4	0.08
Free Float Index	85942.9	12.3	0.01
First Market Index	54302.9	55.9	0.1
Second Market Index	176320.5	(235.5)	(0.13)

Overall Index details on 20170703

First	78704.5	Change end of year(%)	888.11%
High	78775.5	Historical highest	89500.6 (20140105)
Low	78721.4	Historical lowest	100 (1369/1/6)
Close	78718	Base Value	100 (1369/1/6)
Change	13.5		

Industry Index details on 20170703

First	67699.6	Change end of year(%)	997.67%
Max Value	67767.8	Historical highest	75181.9 (20140105)
Max Value	67758.9	Historical lowest	1226.8 (1377/8/25)
Closing	67755	Base Value	
Closing	55.4		

Free Float Index details on 20170703

First	85830.6	Change end of year(%)	
Max Value	85829.9	Historical highest	105040 (20140105)
Max Value	85842.9	Historical lowest	
Closing	85840	Base Value	
Closing	9.4		

Main Board Index details on 20170703

First	54247	Change end of year(%)	750.61%
Max Value	54332.5	Historical highest	67441.4 (20140105)
Max Value	54302.9	Historical lowest	
Closing	54300.2	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	53.2		

Secondary Index details on 20170703

First	176556	Change end of year(%)	1303.41%
Max Value	176506.7	Historical highest	181353 (20170522)
Max Value	176285.2	Historical lowest	
Closing	176317.3	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	(238.7)		

One in seven private tenants pays more than half income in rent

One in seven tenants privately renting from a landlord is paying more than half their income in rent, compared with just two percent of homeowners who pay more than half their income on their mortgage, according to new research.

The Local Government Association, which compiled the figures, said high rents were preventing young adults from saving up for a deposit for a home of their own. It said the average deposit now cost 71 percent of a first-time buyer's annual income, according to The Guardian.

The research also found that four out of 10 private tenants spend more than 30 percent of their pay on rent, compared with only 11 percent of those with a mortgage.

Private rents currently average £852 a month across Britain, although the figures are skewed by high costs in London.

The LGA is calling for the government to give councils powers to fund more affordable homes and social rents. Last year,



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there were only 30,000 new affordable homes built in England, the lowest number in 24 years. Councils said they need to be able to borrow to invest in housing and to keep 100 percent of the receipts from any homes they sell to replace them.

Councilor Judith Blake, LGA housing

spokesman, said: "When one in seven private renters is spending half their income on rent, it's no wonder we have a rental logjam—with a shortage of homes with genuinely affordable rent, and young people struggling to have enough income left over to save for a deposit.

"A thriving private rented sector helps create a balanced mix of available housing. A new wave of genuinely affordable homes for rental, that cost 30 percent of household income or less, would provide tenants with stability, reduce the squeeze on household incomes and help more people get on the housing ladder."

There has been mild relief for tenants in some parts of the country, with evidence that private rents have fallen in London and the southeast over the past year. One rental index last month showed that average UK rents had fallen for the first time since 2009, with the biggest declines in London.

Tenants will also benefit from a long-awaited ban on fees imposed by letting agents that was confirmed in the Queen's speech, and a new cap on deposits limiting them to just one month's rent.

But while rent rises have plateaued, critics said this has only come after many years of outpacing rises in earnings.

Pay disparity widens between senior managers and ordinary workers in South Korea

Senior managers at big service sector firms earned 4.2 times more than rank-and-file workers last year, highlighting the widening wage gap in earnings that began with the 2008-09 global financial crisis, according to official data on Monday.

A service worker's average monthly wage rose to 1.67 million won (\$1,460) last year from 1.61 million won in 2009, according to data by the Bank of Korea

and the Ministry of Employment and Labor, Yonhap reported.

In comparison, a senior manager's average monthly wage stood at 7.07 million won last year from 4.39 million won.

During the seven-year period, the average monthly pay of a senior manager jumped 65 percent, while that of front-line workers edged up only 3.5 percent.

Total wages grew by 2.6 percent last year. Wages of senior managers rose by 4.6 percent in 2016, while those of ordinary employees edged up just 0.1 percent.

The latest data then showed that senior executives at big companies and public sector firms earned an average 13.1 million won per month, making them the highest-paid posts.

Hairdressers and service workers at hospitals were the lowest-paid jobs last year, with an average monthly wage standing at 1.26 million won, according to the findings.



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Major Currencies

Currency	To USD	Currency	To USD
Turkish Lira	0.2837	Chinese Yuan	0.1473
Euro	1.1404	UAE Dirham	0.2722
British Pound	1.3006	Kuwaiti Dinar	3.2972
Australian Dollar	0.7671	Iraqi Dinar	0.0008
Japanese 100 Yen	0.0088	Saudi Riyal	0.2666

Major Commodities

Crude Oil	\$46.23	Silver	\$16.57
Gold	\$1235.60	Platinum	\$923.60
Copper	\$2.70	Wheat	\$541.00

In the shadow of giant war machines, a tiny rare butterfly is flourishing. Oddly, experts said, the US military gets the credit.

Germany produced record 35% of power from renewables

Germany raised the proportion of its power produced by renewable energy to 35 percent in the first half of 2017 from 33 percent the previous year, according to the BEE renewable energy association.



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Germany is aiming to phase out its nuclear power plants by 2022. Its renewable energy has been rising steadily over the last two decades thanks in part to the Renewable Energy Act (EEG) which was reformed this year to cut renewable energy costs

for consumers, The Guardian wrote.

Germany has been getting up to 85 percent of its electricity from renewable sources on certain sunny, windy days this year.

The BEE reported on Sunday the overall share of wind, hydro and solar power in the country's electricity mix climbed to a record 35 percent in the first half.

The government has pledged to move to a decarbonized economy by the middle of the century and has set a target of 80 percent renewables for gross power consumption by 2050. It aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent in 2020 from 1990 levels and 95 percent by 2050.

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Valasht Lake: A natural attraction in northern Iran



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Valasht Lake with its depth ranging from 7 to 28 meters and an altitude of 1,000 meters above the Caspian Sea level is located about 30 kilometers northeast of

Kelardasht in the Northern Province of Mazandaran.

Access to this lake is from the northeast of Kelardasht. There is also another route from the west of Chalus Road and Marzanabad,

according to Tasnim News Agency.

Valasht Lake has two million square meters of water covering an area of 24 hectares and is fed by a number of springs in its bed.

Its proximity to Tehran has made Valasht Lake a suitable place for Tehranis to escape from the hub-bub of the city on weekends.

Tourists traveling to the north from Tehran should cover a

distance of 175 kilometers to reach the lake.

The scenic road of Chalous, which itself is one of the most attractive roads in the world and leads to Valasht Lake, is congested during the summer, as travelers from across the country find summer holidays a good opportunity to embrace the nature.

The tranquil ambience of Valasht Lake helps tourists relax and forget the traffic and pollution of big cities.

Travelers to Valasht Lake usually set up tents and spend a night near it.

Valasht Lake is also home to various types of trout and is a favorite spot for those interested in fishing.

Visitors can take pedal boats to cross the lake and enjoy its coolness during a hot summer day. In fact, the northern provinces of Iran are the most visited resorts during summer.

Good weather conditions, proximity to the sea and existence of forests have made northern Iran the most frequented destination during the summer.

Two Iranian heritage sites up for IUCN, ICOMOS evaluation

Iran has submitted two dossiers pertaining to Pars Sassanid sites and Arashan Protected Area for inscription in UNESCO World Heritage List. The dossiers were forwarded to IUCN and ICOMOS for evaluation.

The two dossiers will be reviewed at the meeting of World Heritage Committee in 2018, Mehr News Agency reported.

Assessors from International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will likely inspect the

two sites separately in August and September and organize specialized panels to evaluate the two dossiers.

IUCN is a non-governmental organization that provides the World Heritage Committee with technical evaluations of natural heritage properties.

ICOMOS is a professional association that works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places around the world and offers advice to UNESCO on World Heritage Sites.



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In a new study, researchers have discovered a novel technique to monitor laryngeal and vagus nerve function while patients are under anesthesia during otolaryngology and neurosurgery procedures.

Would 'nasal filter' device help ease allergies?

If you've got seasonal allergies, come spring (and sometimes all the way through fall), you sneeze, you itch, your nose runs and feels as though it's stuffed with marbles.

You've probably tried almost every over-the-counter remedy out there and maybe some prescription drugs to get relief: Nasal sprays, allergy pills, injections and even saline solutions you pour into your nose from a little pot, according to washingtonpost.com.

Now there's another attempt to bring you relief. A tiny filter, the size of a contact lens that you stick into your nose.

The filters typically adapt to the shape of your nose and come in a few sizes to fit your nostril.

The idea is to keep pollen, ragweed and other allergens from entering your nose and setting off symptoms.

If the allergens are too fast for you and you're already feeling the urge to sneeze, the filters still may help reduce your symptoms.

Early studies of one of the products — Rhinix, made in Denmark — reported that users found the filters convenient and comfortable and that the filter reduced symptoms more than a placebo did.

But the devices are still new in the US.

The devices are sold online, but Peter Kenney, founder of Rhinix, said that he is in discussions with potential partners to sell his product more widely in the US.

The filters are marketed as an alternative to drugs that are ineffective or have bothersome side effects.

Some doctors said there's no harm in trying them, and others said they don't yet know enough about them.

James Denny, chief executive of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, said, "As a specialty we don't yet have the clinical experience to discuss patient benefit intelligently."

Stephen Wall, a Washington otolaryngologist, said he would give them out to his patients to try, believing they are safe and can help with nasal symptoms. He's not sure, however, that many consumers are



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ready for them.

"I think nasal filters will be a hard sell for most patients as most aren't keen on wearing things in their nose."

"I start with water irrigation [inserting a liquid-filled dispenser in the nostrils to flush allergens] and have a hard time getting people to comply with that."

Rhinix includes a flexible frame with a filtering membrane for each nostril. It has a small plastic band that connects the two filters and keeps them in place. The band, though fairly inconspicuous, may put some users off.

Wall said, "If you are by yourself in a car with pollen blowing in through the vent, you might use it then."

Joshua Rosenthal, an otolaryngologist in Huntington, NY, said, "You would have to be very close to see the band between the nostrils."

"It's small and clear, so it blends in with skin."

Wall added, "Those with especially severe nasal

symptoms may be more open to the idea.

"It's a question of whether it would be comfortable."

Neena Bhatti, an allergist and immunologist in Upper Marlboro, said, "Nasal filters not only are less cumbersome than masks but also may be more effective."

"I think they would filter out bigger particles so patients inhale less of them, which is how masks work. "But while the mask filters some particles, it lets smaller ones in."

When ragweed, pollen and other allergens enter the nose, they stay there for hours and trigger rhinitis, inflamed mucous membranes of the nose, leading to symptoms including sneezing and a runny or itchy nose. But the reaction may not stop there because the nose and lungs share the same airway.

Bhatti said, "So once particles enter the nose, they can trigger not only allergic rhinitis, but the particles can travel into the lungs and cause allergic asthma."

Older men lower chances of IVF baby success

The success rate of couples going through in vitro fertilization (IVF) is dependent on the age of the man — not only the woman.

Older men were found to have a lower chance of conceiving than younger men with a wife of the same age, BBC reported.

Harvard researchers presented their study of nearly 19,000 IVF cycles at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology.

The findings contradict the idea that male fertility goes on forever. In fact, whether conception is natural or assisted, sperm mutations and a decline in sperm count in older men are thought to reduce the chances of pregnancy.

Previous research has also shown that older sperm is more prone to genetic errors, and this has been linked to the development of autism and schizophrenia in children.

But the age of the woman still has a larger impact on fertility than the man's age.

In this study, scientists found that men aged 40-42 were linked with a 46 percent lower chance of having a baby by IVF than men aged 30-35, when the wife was under 30.

Thirty-five year old women had significantly more success with a husband under 30 after one cycle of treatment, than with a man in his mid-30s.

Nick Macklon, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at University of Southampton, said, "This may encourage men to get a move on."

"It also offers new insights into the dynamics between the man and woman — it's not just down to the age of the woman."

Dr. Raj Mathur, consultant gynecologist and clinical lead for reproductive medicine at Manchester Fertility, said, "The issue of men's age and its impact in IVF needed to be researched further in a larger database of couples."

But he said, "We should start taking male age into account."

Dr. Gillian Lockwood, medical director, Midlands Fertility Services, said, "There were distinct differences between women's and men's fertility."

"Women are born with all their eggs and don't make any new ones, but men make new sperm every morning."

"That's where errors can creep in as a result of cell division."

She said that there was more chance of the woman becoming pregnant if both couple were young and added, "But if they both wait until they are older, then that could be more problematic."

Social status of listener alters our voice

People tend to change the pitch of their voice depending on who they are talking to, and how dominant they feel, a study by the University of Stirling has found.



sciencedaily.com

The psychology research, published in PLOS ONE, put participants through a simulated job interview task and discovered that individuals' vocal characteristics — particularly pitch — are altered in response to people of different social status, sciencedaily.com reported.

Regardless of self-perceived social status, people tend to talk to high status individuals using a higher pitch.

Dr. Viktoria Mileva, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Stirling, said: "A deep, masculine voice sounds dominant, especially in men, while the opposite is true of a higher pitched voice."

"So, if someone perceives their interviewer to be more dominant than them, they raise their pitch. This may be a signal of submissiveness, to show the listener that you are not a threat, and to avoid possible confrontations."

"These changes in our speech may be conscious or unconscious but voice characteristics appear to be an important way to communicate social status."

"We found both men and women alter their pitch in response to people they think are dominant and prestigious."

The researchers also found that participants who think they are dominant — who use methods like manipulation, coercion and intimidation to acquire social status — are less likely to vary their pitch and will speak in a lower tone when talking to someone of a high social status.

Individuals who rate themselves as high in prestige — they believe people look up to them and value their opinions, thereby granting them social status — do not change how loud they are speaking, no matter who they are speaking to. This may signal that they are more calm and in control of a situation.

The participants responded to introductory, personal and interpersonal interview questions.

They lowered the pitch of their voice most in response to the more complex, interpersonal questions, for example when explaining a conflict situation to an employer.

Mileva added, "Signals and perceptions of human social status have an effect on virtually every human interaction, ranging from morphological characteristics — such as face shape — to body posture, specific language use, facial expressions and voices."

"Understanding what these signals are, and what their effects are, will help us comprehend an essential part of human behavior."

Experts believe the vocal changes identified in this study could be true for other situations where there are perceived social status differences between two people talking.

This includes talking with a rival on the football pitch or interacting with a colleague.

Cocoa boosts blood flow to the brain

Snacking daily on dark chocolate could stave off Alzheimer's disease, especially in the elderly, according to new research.

Cocoa is rich in antioxidants called flavanols that boost blood flow to the brain, express.co.uk wrote.

Elderly people who ate the nutrient daily performed better in mental tasks.

It means regularly treating themselves could combat the devastating neurological condition, said scientists.

They found chocolate increases the amount of blood in a particular area of the brain known as the dentate gyrus, which is crucial to memory.

Interestingly, the best effects on cognition of long term consumption of cocoa flavanols was seen in the elderly.

Their mental function was improved by a daily intake, whereas the benefit for younger counterparts was much more subtle.

Factors such as attention, processing speed, working memory and verbal fluency were greatly affected.

These were, however, most pronounced in older adults whose memory had already started to decline, or who had other mild cognitive impairments which can lead to Alzheimer's.

Neuroscientists Professor



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Michele Ferrara and Valentia Succi, a PhD student, said that this was exactly the most unexpected and promising result.

The researchers, who are based at the University of L'Aquila, central Italy, said: "This result suggested the potential of cocoa flavanols to protect cognition in vulnerable populations over time by improving cognitive performance."

"If you look at the underlying mechanism, the cocoa flavanols have beneficial effects for cardiovascular health and can increase cerebral blood volume in the dentate gyrus of the hippocampus."

"This structure is particularly affected by aging and therefore the potential source of age related memory decline in humans."

They said their findings suggest cocoa could become a dietary supplement to improve our cognition.

Ferrara and Succi said, "Regular intake of cocoa and chocolate could indeed provide beneficial effects on cognitive functioning over time."

"There are, however, potential side effects of eating cocoa and chocolate."

"Those are generally linked to the caloric value of chocolate,

some inherent chemical compounds of the cocoa plant such as caffeine and theobromine, and a variety of additives we add to chocolate such as sugar or milk."

But the scientists are the first to put their results, published in Frontiers in Nutrition, into practice.

They said, "Dark chocolate is a rich source of flavanols. So we always eat some dark chocolate. Every day."

Ferrara and Succi came to their conclusion after reviewing all the available literature for the effects of cocoa flavanols on different cognitive functions.

A press release issued by the university stated, "Cocoa and chocolate are not just treats — they are good for your cognition."

"Cocoa can be seen as a dietary supplement to protect human cognition and can counteract different types of cognitive decline."

The researchers said a phrase often used to justify the world's favorite confectionery is that a "balanced diet is chocolate in both hands".

But it is now shown to actually harbor some truth, as the cocoa bean is a rich source of flavanols, natural compounds



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Tower of human skulls in Mexico casts new light on Aztecs

A tower of human skulls unearthed beneath the heart of Mexico City has raised new questions about the culture of sacrifice in the Aztec Empire after crania of women and children surfaced among the hundreds embedded in the forbidding structure.

Archaeologists have found more than 650 skulls caked in lime and thousands of fragments in the cylindrical edifice near the site of the



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Templo Mayor, one of the main temples in the Aztec capital Tenochtitlan, which later became Mexico City, reported Reuters.

The tower is believed to form part of the Huey Tzompantli, a massive array of skulls that struck fear into the Spanish conquistadores when they captured the city under Hernan Cortes, and mentioned the structure in contemporary accounts.

Historians relate how the severed heads of captured warriors adorned tzompantli, or skull racks, were found in a number of Mesoamerican cultures before the Spanish conquest.

But the archaeological dig in the bowels of old Mexico City that began in 2015 suggests that picture was not complete.

"We were expecting just men, obviously young men, as warriors would be, and the thing about the women and children is that you'd think they wouldn't be going to war," said Rodrigo Bolanos, a biological anthropologist investigating the find.

"Something is happening that we have no record of, and this is really new, a first in the Huey Tzompantli," he added.

Raul Barrera, one of the archaeologists working at the site alongside the huge Metropolitan Cathedral built over the Templo Mayor, said the skulls would have been set in the tower after they had stood on public display on the tzompantli.

Roughly six meters in diameter, the tower stood on the corner of the chapel of Huitzilopochtli, Aztec god of the sun, war and human sacrifice. Its base has yet to be unearthed.

There was no doubt that the tower was one of the skull edifices mentioned by Andres de Tapia, a Spanish soldier who accompanied Cortes in the 1521 conquest of Mexico, Barrera said.

In his account of the campaign, de Tapia said he counted tens of thousands of skulls at what became known as the Huey Tzompantli. Barrera said 676 skulls had so far been found, and that the number would rise as excavations went on.

The Aztecs and other Mesoamerican peoples performed ritualistic human sacrifices as offerings to the Sun.

NASA to test technology for potential future human colony on Mars

NASA is developing small nuclear fission reactors that could overcome one of the last technical barriers to life on Mars.

Energy generation has become the primary goal of space scientists after they established there is water on the red planet, independent.co.uk reported.

Testing of the 6.5 ft tall reactors, developed as part of a 'Kilopower' project over the past three years, is due to start in September.

If the units pass design and performance pass tests, NASA would then test them on Mars.



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The US Department of Energy and NASA's Glenn Research Center are two key partners in the \$11 million project.

About 40 kilowatts of power are required for a human expedition to Mars.

equivalent to what is needed for 'about eight hours on Earth', according to a 2008 report by NASA.

The power requirements are for producing fuel, air and water as well as recharging batteries for rovers and science equipment.

Each reactor under development would produce up to 10 kilowatts of power so only four would be necessary to power a colony of eight human beings.

The reactors work by splitting uranium atoms in half to generate heat which can be converted into electricity.

Relying on solar power would be difficult as Mars only receives about a third of the sunlight earth does.

The last fission reactor tested by NASA was the Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power during the 1960s, nicknamed SNAP. Its system of radioisotope thermoelectric generators have powered dozens of space probes including the Curiosity robotic rover.

Lee Mason is responsible for power and energy storage technology development at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

"It'll be the first time that we operate a fission reactor that could be used in space since [the] 1960s SNAP program," he told Space.

Earlier this week, NASA had to deny the allegation made by a guest on the Alex Jones show that the organization was running a secret child-trafficking ring on Mars.

Canadian-American businessman Elon Musk has announced plans to colonize Mars.

"Using traditional methods, taking an Apollo-style approach, an optimistic cost would be about \$10 billion per person," he wrote in a paper on New Space.

Scientists dust off long-forgotten weapon to cope with modern bacteria

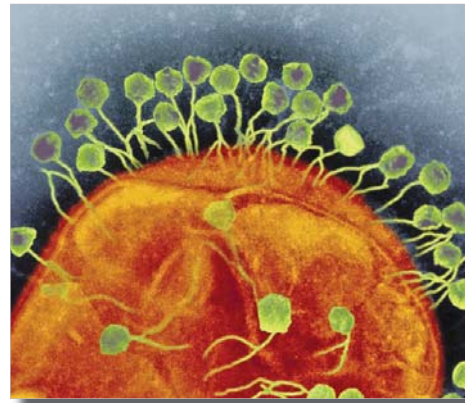
In 1915, British scientist Frederick Twort saw something weird happening to the bacteria that had invaded his viral cultures: They were disappearing, a sign they had been destroyed. Two years later, French-Canadian microbiologist Félix d'Hérelle observed the same phenomenon in his own lab.

Both researchers, working independently, concluded that the viruses they had been growing were killing the bacteria. It was an astonishing discovery, because no one had any idea that viruses had that kind of power, according to washingtonpost.com.

D'Hérelle called them 'bacteriophages', or 'bacteria eaters'. That was a misnomer, because the viruses don't actually eat the bacteria. Rather, they infect them, then blow them apart. But the name stuck.

A century ago, bacteriophages were difficult to isolate, purify and administer to people, so they offered little prospect as treatments against bacterial infections. Moreover, antibiotics soon would come along and prove to be plentiful, potent and easy to use. Researchers continued to study bacteriophages, but there was scant motivation to use them for therapy. Until now.

Today the world faces an alarming public health threat from multi-drug-resistant infections. The World Health Organization called bacterial resistance "one of the biggest threats to global



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health, food security, and development today", and said it is rising to 'dangerously high levels' everywhere, with many infections difficult or even impossible to treat. There are more than two million cases and 23,000 deaths from antibiotic-resistant infections annually in the United States, according to the Cent-

ers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As a result, scientists are taking a fresh look at what is called phage therapy.

"They are starting to dust off their old laboratory notes and re-explore the use of bacteriophages as a 'new' way to treat serious, life-threatening infec-

tions," said William Schaffner, medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

Increasingly, specialists in infectious diseases believe phage therapy holds promise against bacterial diseases, especially in cases where antibiotics have failed. In 2016, the approach saved a San Diego man who otherwise would have died. Several similar successes have been reported since then.

"We desperately need something to treat infections resistant to antibiotics, so we are turning back to these viruses, but with new knowledge and new technology," said Carl Merrill, a retired National Institutes of Health scientist who has been studying bacteriophages for 50 years. Initially, they probably will be used in life-threatening situations or as an adjunct to antibiotics, "but I do see them in the future as being a first-line defense," he said.

Phage therapy is not licensed by the Food and Drug Administration, although the agency has granted permission to use it in at least four life-threatening situations, including the 2016 San Diego case.

The agency also is studying the issues related to possible future widespread human use. These issues include the design of clinical trials, which are necessary for approval. The agency has scheduled a public workshop to discuss the scientific and regulatory issues.

Chinese rocket launch fails after liftoff



telegraph.co.uk

The second launch of China's new-generation Long March-5 carrier rocket failed Sunday — dealing a blow to the country's ambitious space aspirations.

Carrying an experimental communications satellite, China's largest rocket lifted off at 7:23 p.m. local time toward clear skies from the seaside Wenchang space launch center on the southern Chinese island of Hainan, whalvt.com reported.

But 40 minutes later, the state-run Xinhua news agency flashed a headline declaring the launch a failure — without providing any details.

Dubbed 'Chubby 5' for its huge size — 5 meters in diameter and 57 meters tall — the LM-5 rocket is designed to carry up to 25 tons of payload into low orbit, more than doubling the country's previous lift capability.

Xinhua initially tweeted: '#BREAKING: China's launch of Long March-5 Y2 carrier rocket fails'.

It then tweeted: "Anomaly was detected during its flight and further investigation will be carried out."

The launch failure means

further delay for a series of planned Chinese space endeavors — including its robotic and eventual human lunar programs — according to Joan Johnson-Freese, a professor at the US Naval War College and an expert on China's space program.

"With the LM-5 being new technology, the failure points out that rocket science is extremely difficult and why more countries don't have the technology," she said.

Before the launch attempt, Johnson-Freese said the rocket would give China "heavy lift capabilities" needed to develop a large space station as well as new capabilities to reach interplanetary destinations.

China has announced plans to land a robotic probe on the dark side of the moon later this year and to reach Mars around 2020. All such future missions will depend on the LM-5 and space officials told reporters that the

latest launch would help perfect the rocket design, including enabling it to send a space station into orbit 'in a year or two'.

Originally announced in 2001, the LM-5 project initially suffered lengthy delays because of funding challenges and difficulties in developing new technologies for the first Chinese launcher to fully use liquid propellant.

The LM-5 finally made its debut last November, also at

the newly built Wenchang site, and was successfully launched.

Its creators have said the LM-5's capabilities are now on par with the US-designed Delta IV rocket, long considered the most powerful in the world.

"The two rockets are at the same level ... though different propellant mix means the Delta is still a bit more efficient," He Wei, the LM-5's general designer, told CNN before the failed launch.

"The Delta has had years of experience while this is only the second launch for the LM-5, so we will keep modifying and improving to make our rocket more mature and reliable."

Latetcomer in space race — China was late to the space race — it didn't send its first satellite into space until 1970, just after the United States put the first man on the moon.

But in the decades since, China has pumped billions of dollars into research and training.

Since 2003, China has staged a spacewalk, landed a rover on the moon and launched a space lab that it hopes paved the way for a 20-ton space station.

Digital workspace has arrived?

Microsoft has unveiled the findings of its Asia Workplace 2020 Study, where it found that a large number of the Gen X and millennial workforce in India are open to digital workspaces, value work-life integration

(rather than work-life separation), and are embracing flexi work styles that enable them to be mobile professionals with a personalized way of how they work and live.

In fact, adoption of practices and advanced technology that enable flexi-work and collaboration have been ranked as the number one and number two

reasons for joining and staying in an organization, according to financialexpress.com.

Only six percent respondents stated they were individual contributors, 88 percent worked in cross-department and/or cross-geography teams, 43 percent stated that using collaborative technology would make a positive difference in working remotely from locations outside the office, and 30 percent believed it would help provide timely resolution to internal issues, launch new initiatives.

Given these blurring boundaries of work and life and



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the impending influx of digital natives (born after 2000)

entering the workforce for the first time, organizations need to

look at new workplace practices and platforms that integrate people, data and processes to create value in a new digital business.

One such solution, Microsoft said, is Microsoft Teams, the chat-based workspace built on Office 365 that brings together people, conversations, and content along with the tools that teams need, in a secure and compliant environment, so they can easily collaborate virtually.

Clearly, according to this study, employees today no longer need to be working at the desks or cubicles to stay productive.

World Health Organization declared an end to the most recent outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo, marking the latest key milestone in the fight against the deadly disease.

South Sudan's refugee crisis, a test for World Bank

Imagine, if you will, a city the size of Birmingham with a population of a million or so. Now imagine that a disaster has befallen that metropolis, a brutal war that has caused its citizens to flee with little more than the clothes on their backs. Picture the lines of refugees heading west to find a place of safety, which they eventually find across the border in Wales. There, despite severe financial constraints, the million displaced people are met with warmth and generosity.

This is not a science-fiction story. Substitute South Sudan for Birmingham and Wales for Uganda and you get an inkling of what is happening in one of the poorest parts of the world's poorest continent, The Guardian wrote.

The number of refugees globally has not been higher since the end of the World War II and a million of them have crossed from South Sudan into Uganda, mostly into the West Nile district.

In all, an estimated two million people have been displaced by the civil war and ethnic cleansing that has been raging in the world's newest country for the

past four years. Approximately three quarters of South Sudan's children are out of school — the highest number in the world.

Unlike many Western countries, Uganda has not demonized the new arrivals. The government has given the refugees land and seeds in the belief that they will be better off making a new life for themselves than doing nothing in a camp.

Around half a million of the refugees that have crossed the border into Uganda from South Sudan are children. They have been fleeing at the rate of one a minute for the past year, putting additional strain on an already stretched Ugandan education system. They are being educated in classes of up to 150, without text books and by teachers who speak a different language.

Western countries, including Britain, talk persuasively about how the only real way to reduce the flow of economic migrants out of Africa is to provide them with an incentive to stay where they are. That means providing them with hope, which in turn means giving them a decent start in life through a decently funded



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education.

Likewise, the president of World Bank, Jim Yong Kim, expressed concern back in April that there were now two billion people living in parts of the

world affected by fragility, conflict and violence. Kim predicted there would be serious consequences if the Internet-fueled aspirations of people living in developing countries were not met.

The South Sudan-Uganda refugee crisis is going to show whether these fine words mean anything. It is a test for donor governments, for the World Bank, for the United Nations

and for the Global Partnership for Education, the international body that has the job of providing quality schooling for poor countries. Thus far, they have not exactly covered themselves in glory.

According to Save the Children, donor governments have funded just 17 percent of the UN appeal for the South Sudan refugee response in Uganda this year. The UN appealed for \$61.6 million for the education emergency, of which only a small fraction has been provided.

As the charity notes, there has been quite a contrast between the response of the Ugandan government and that of the rest of the world. Uganda's response has been extraordinarily generous. The response of the international community has "bordered on the derisory."

To make matters worse, a Save the Children report added that the funding provided has been short-term, unpredictable and focused on individual projects. "This has made it impossible for the government of Uganda, UN agencies and national and international NGOs to plan for

what has all the hallmarks of a protracted and systemic crisis requiring a long-term, predictable finance to underpin a credible program.

"In effect, the international community has turned its back on some of the world's most vulnerable children, leaving Uganda and host communities living in endemic poverty, to shoulder the responsibility alone."

Fixing the problem would be relatively cheap. Save the Children estimates it would cost \$132 million a year for three and a half years to provide pre-primary, primary and secondary education for all the South Sudanese children living in Uganda. Given the numbers, this amounts to \$152 per child annually — or less than \$3 a week. Such a scheme would have the added benefits of employing refugee teachers from South Sudan and of strengthening the Uganda education system.

At a time when aid spending is (rightly) filtered through the lens of whether it offers value for money, investing \$500 million in the education of South Sudanese refugee children is a colossal bargain.

Smoking rates in Britain now at lowest ever level

A decade after cigarettes were banished from Britain's pubs, clubs and restaurants, smoking rates in the country have reached the lowest ever recorded, showed new research.

There are now 1.9 million fewer smokers in the country compared

enormous success," Sir Harpal Kumar, Cancer Research UK's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

"As well as protecting people from the deadly effects of passive smoking, we've also seen big changes in public attitudes towards smoking. It's now

calculations made by the Statistical Information Team at Cancer Research UK.

The drop in smokers means there are now around 8,300,000 adult smokers in Britain, Cancer Research UK said in a statement.

Importantly, over this decade of clean air in pubs, the proportion of 16 to 24-year-olds who smoke has fallen to 17 percent from 26 per cent in 2007 — a record low.

The drop in this age group is bigger than in any other, the results showed. A new poll for Cancer Research UK of more than 4,300 people also revealed that very few people want to turn back the clock and allow smoking in enclosed public spaces.

Only 12 percent were in favor of reversing the smokefree laws, the results showed.

Most people feel the smoking ban has been positive, only eight percent think this change has made no difference to them or to public spaces.

Twenty percent of smokers said the ban had helped them cut down the number of cigarettes they smoke, and an impressive 14 percent of ex-smokers credit the ban with helping them quit altogether.

Almost four in 10 (38 percent) people across Britain believe that the ban has also helped protect the next generation from taking up smoking.



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with when the smoking ban was introduced in 2007, according to the latest figures from Cancer Research UK, a British charity, reported business-standard.com.

Smokefree laws have had one of the biggest impacts on public health over the last decade.

"We're thrilled that 10 years on, the smoking ban has been such an

far less socially acceptable and we hope this means fewer young people will fall into such a potentially lethal addiction," he added.

In 2016 there were an estimated 8.3 million current adult cigarette smokers in Britain. In 2007 there were an estimated 10.2 million current adult cigarette smokers in Britain, a difference of 1.9 million, according to

More British nurses leaving than joining profession



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More nurses and midwives are leaving the profession in the UK than joining it, for the first time in nearly a decade, figures showed.

The number registered in the UK fell by 1,783 to 690,773, in the year to March.

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) said the downward trend had been most pronounced among British workers. Many leavers cited working conditions, according to BBC.

But the government said there were now 13,000 more nurses working in England than in 2010.

In April and May this year, there was a more dramatic fall in those leaving nursing and midwifery, with a further 3,264 workers going.

Other than retirement, the main reasons given for leaving were working conditions — including staffing levels and workload — personal circumstances and disillusion with quality of care to patients, according to an NMC

survey of more than 4,500 leavers.

Other reasons included leaving the UK and poor pay and benefits.

Saffron Cordery, director of policy and strategy at NHS Providers, which represents NHS trusts, said: "These figures provide further evidence of the severe workforce problems NHS trusts face."

"This goes beyond the concerns over Brexit — worrying though they are."

"The reduction in numbers is most pronounced among UK registrants. And it is particularly disappointing to see so many of our younger nurses and midwives choosing to leave."

She said a new staff retention program would offer support to those NHS trusts with the highest leaver rates.

"However, until we address the underlying issues driving retention problems, including the pay cap and the unsustainable workplace

pressures, these approaches will only have a limited impact."

The Royal College of Nursing said patients were "paying the price for the government's failure to plan for the future", while the Royal College of Midwives said the figures were "worrying".

Both organizations, which represent staff, called on the government to scrap the one percent public sector pay cap as a matter of urgency to prevent more health workers leaving.

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "We are making sure we have the nurses we need to continue delivering world-class patient care — that's why there are almost 13,100 more on our wards since May 2010 and 52,000 in training."

"We also know we need to retain our excellent nurses and earlier this week we launched a national program to ensure nurses have the support they need to continue their vital work."

Study: Men are generally smarter than women

It's the battle of the sexes all over again. A controversial study has shaken the medical world this week with arguments breaking out over whether or not the results are valid.

According to a team of researchers at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, men's average IQ is four points higher than women's because they have bigger brains, according to startsat60.com.

The study compared brain size and IQ levels between men and women and concluded that across both sexes, those with bigger brains are more intelligent.

Because men are generally larger in size than women, their heads and brains are usually

bigger, too.

"We found that the average IQ of men was about four points above that of women," said Professor Dimitri van der Linden, of Erasmus University in Rotterdam, reports The Australian.

"So if men had an average score of 100, women would score 96."

The study wades into a controversial area as women's intelligence was often used against them in the past to prohibit voting or working in certain jobs.

The topic has become so politically charged that many researchers stay away from the area for fear of backlash.

However, Professor van der Linden said he thinks arguments such as this are best solved with high-quality data.

Science journalist Angela Saini was quick to slam the findings, saying "it is scientifically well established that there is no difference on average in general intelligence between women and men."

"For more than 100 years, male anatomists and neuroscientists have sought to find evidence of women's intellectual inferiority by comparing their brains to those of men."

"It's surprising that in the 21st century those efforts haven't ended."



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One of these sisters is celebrating her 40th birthday and another is even older

They could be a group of 20-year-old friends out on the town, but some of the women in this photograph are actually twice that age.

Three sisters from the Hsu family in Taiwan have taken the Internet by storm thanks to their incredibly youthful looks. And they're showing no sign of aging any time soon, just like their 63-year-old mum, mirror.co.uk wrote.

Lure Hsu, a 41-year-old interior designer, hit headlines two years ago when she appeared on an entertainment show in her home country and people couldn't believe her age.

It definitely runs in the family, as her sisters share the same beautiful complexion and there isn't a wrinkle in sight.

In fact, FayFay Hsu celebrated her 40th birthday just days ago on June 26 — not that you would be able to tell.

The social media star has more than 70,000 followers on Facebook and 12,000 on Instagram, where she often shares photos



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with her little girl.

And their other sister, Sharon, a celebrity and model in Taiwan, is 36 but looks more like 19.

Which one is which?

Lure, on the left, will soon celebrate her 42nd birthday.

In the middle is FayFay, turning 40, and 36-year-old sister Sharon is on the right.

It seems the ladies have inherited their youthful looks from their mum, who is 63 but doesn't look a day older than them.

FayFay told MailOnline that their mum is responsible for their good genes.

She said: "When our mother was young, she was incredibly youthful looking. Now she still looks great."

How do they keep their youthful appearance?

Lure Hsu told Friday Magazine: "Moisturising is so important — in fact, aging, fine lines and other skin problems moisturising can reduce."

"In addition, to keep skin healthy the Sun is also very important, but not excessive exposure to it — especially in the summer."

She also recommended eating less meat and more fiber, swapping them for more high-protein foods — and plenty of exercise, of course.

We'd all better get down the gym, then...

Huge shoal looks like a massive predator as they swim off the coast of Hawaii



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At first glance, in the crystal waters off Hawaii, this dark shape looks like a massive predator lurking under the waves. But look closer and it becomes clear that the 'whale' shape is, in fact, an illusion.

Amazingly, it is entirely comprised of small fish, 'schooling' together and inadvertently creating the shape of a much larger creature such as a whale. For scale, the motorboat on the left of the

photograph is 12ft long — giving an idea of the size of the massive shoal of fish, dailymail.co.uk reported.

The image was captured in Kailua Bay on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. A group of fish who swim together for social reasons are described as a 'shoal' but when they swim in the same direction — as in this stunning photograph — the behavior is known as 'schooling'.

Brave father-of-three who completed 24 marathons in two years after being diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer dies aged 38

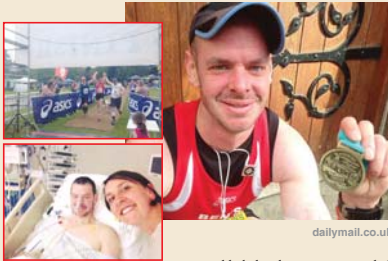
A father-of-three who completed 24 marathons in two years after being diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer has died aged 38.

Ben Ashworth was told he had just months to live five years ago but was determined to raise money for charity and started to run long-distance races, according to dailymail.co.uk.

Ashworth, from Preston, recorded his journey online after he ran the Blackpool Marathon in 2014.

Since then, the former librarian has gone on to complete 24 marathons, including ones in Greater Manchester, Temple Newsam and London last year.

He was running for three charities, Beating Bowel Cancer, the Rosemere Cancer



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Foundation and Mummy's Star.

His 'heartbroken' wife Louise today posted on his Facebook page, called 'Ben's Bowel Movements', to say that her husband had 'found peace'.

In the emotional post she

added that he was surrounded by his loved ones and she was "in awe of the time we have been blessed with".

She wrote earlier today: "Dear friends who have followed Ben and our family on our Cancer Adventure. Thank you for all your support and

encouragement.

"This is the hardest post to write. Ben found peace early this morning. With myself and his mum holding his hand, he drifted away to meet our Heavenly Father.

"We are heartbroken, but we are also in awe of the time we have been blessed with. How he has defied the odds.

"The way he won every race. We are grateful this wasn't a marathon and his last days were spent surrounded by those he loves and we were able to keep him at home.

"We would appreciate your words on this page. Unfortunately we won't be able to respond to any direct messages.

"I can assure everyone that myself and our beautiful girls are being well looked after. In love, Louise and family. Xxx"

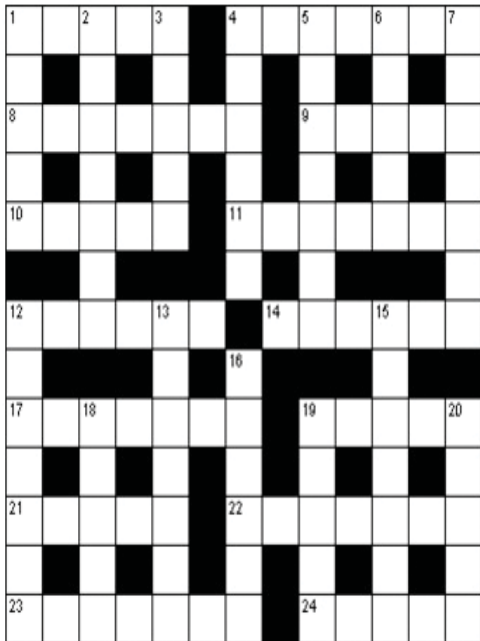
PICTURE OF THE DAY



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A child, illuminated by a colored light, plays in a fountain during a heatwave, Bucharest, Romania.

True or False Crossword



DOWN

1. Drinking vessel / Sailing vessel (5)
2. Navy rank / Army rank (7)
3. Regretful / Remorseless (5)
4. Tie / Untie (6)
5. Sleep loss / Memory loss (7)
6. Beak / Claw (5)
7. Satisfied / Dissatisfied (7)
12. Large feline / Large bovine (7)
13. Kind of syrup / Kind of rice (7)
15. Sporting dog / Sporting bird (7)
16. Static / Volatile (6)
18. Blacksmith's tool / Carpenter's tool (5)
19. Large herbivorous mammal / Large fish (5)
20. Arid / Fertile part of a desert (5)

ACROSS

1. Units of time / Units of length (5)
4. Calm / Frenzied (7)
8. Football equipment / Photographic equipment (7)
9. Synthetic material / Natural material (5)
10. On time / Late (5)
11. Perfume / Vacuum (7)
12. Civil / Rude (6)
14. Breed of hound / Breed of horse (6)
17. Furthest / Closest (7)
19. Surgical instrument / Musical instrument (5)
21. Peace / Mayhem (5)
22. Police officers / Robbers (7)
23. Assuage / Exacerbate (7)
24. Book of stamps / Book of maps (5)

Yesterday's solution



Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarazmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

1			9	3	8			
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8			5	4				
			8		4			7
5				6				9
			4	7	1			3

3	9	5	1	7	4	2	6	8
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7	2	4	6	8	5	3	1	9
9	6	7	4	5	2	1	8	3
5	1	3	7	9	8	4	2	6
8	4	2	3	6	1	9	7	5
1	3	8	5	4	7	6	9	2
4	5	6	2	1	9	8	3	7
7	2	9	8	3	6	5	4	1

Behmanesh dies on World Sports Journalists Day



Sports Desk

The veteran Iranian sports journalist Ataollah Behmanesh died at the age of 94. The sports commentator, pundit and writer passed away on July 2, which meaningfully coincided with World Sports Journalists Day. Behmanesh had been hospitalized for nearly one month due to a stroke. He started his career in 1951, writing for several magazines and newspapers. He was mostly known as a sports commentator as his radio commentary of athletics was first broadcast live in 1958. He authored a number of books about sporting fields, particularly the history of FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games.

Germany crowned Confederations Cup champion

There can be no doubt about it: Germany is the best footballing nation in the world. Two days after Germans' U21 squad won the European Championship, Mesut Özil, Sami Khedira, Mats Hummels and Jérôme Boateng, the German manager was heavily criticized. "I feel vindicated," he said before the match. Following his team's

encounters, Alexis Sánchez threatening as he floated between the three-man German defense. By his standards the Arsenal forward has been quiet in Russia while rumors swirl of a transfer to Manchester City. But Sánchez displayed dangerous movement and creative link-up play with Arturo Vidal early on. Chile had a golden opportunity in the 19th minute when the Barcelona goalkeeper, Marc-André ter Stegen, parried a long-range Vidal effort toward an onrushing Chilean forward line. But the two-time Copa América champion

were booked following one spat while the game threatened to descend into violence when frustrated Chile players piled on a prone Emre Can in an attempt to retrieve the ball. The tournament's golden glove winner, Claudio Bravo, intervened in the melee and received a yellow card for his troubles. The ill-tempered conclusion did not dampen Löw's spirits. The champagne-soaked 57-year-old was full of praise for his squad, the youngest at the tournament. "The fact that these young players have won this trophy is a historic achievement. It's unique in Germany



Germany's captain Julian Draxler (C) lifts the trophy after the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup final between Germany and Chile at the Saint Petersburg Stadium in Saint Petersburg, Russia, on July 2, 2017.

performance in Saint Petersburg Löw has every right to gloat. Twelve months out from the 2018 World Cup the reigning champion is strong favorite to become only the third side in history to defend its title successfully, the Guardian reported. FIFA's controversial video assistant referee (VAR) technology was once again under the spotlight after Chile's Gonzalo Jara remained on the pitch despite landing an elbow in Timo Werner's face during a second-half challenge. The foul was brought to the attention of the Serbian referee, Milorad Matic, who reviewed the footage from the touchline but only cautioned Jara. Löw diplomatically suggested it "could have been worthy of a red card" while the Chile manager, Juan Antonio Pizzi, refused to comment. The incident will fuel debate about the potential use of VAR at next year's World Cup, with FIFA's president, Gianni Infantino, recently backing the technology. Despite both nations playing five games in 14 days neither manager made concessions to fatigue; South America's champion, Chile, named an unchanged lineup and Germany replaced one defender. Chile had the better of the opening

failed to convert and Germany launched a rapid counterattack. Although Chile initially neutralized the move, a terrible mistake by Marcelo Díaz allowed Werner to collect the ball just inside the penalty area. He passed across an empty goalmouth to Lars Stindl, who tapped in for his third goal in four games. The first half continued in a similar vein. Chile looked the better team but was unable to capitalize on chances while Germany created real danger on its occasional forays forward. Julian Draxler shot wide in the 40th minute while Leon Goretzka should have doubled the advantage before the interval. Chilean pressure grew in the second half and a German defense that had not managed a clean sheet all tournament was sorely tested. Sánchez continued his inconsistency, driving through Germany's midfield one moment and looking petulant the next. In the 83rd minute the Chile substitutes Edson Puch and Angelo Sagal combined. Puch brilliantly flicking a ball back from the byline only for Sagal to blaze over from close in with his first touch. The latter stages were punctuated by on-field disputes. Vidal and Joshua Kimmich, Bayern Munich teammates,

history," Löw said. "It is just outstanding: players with so little international experience, with so few caps in other final matches, have been playing at the top level of quality." Earlier on Sunday, Adrien Silva scored an extratime penalty as Portugal recovered from a goal down to beat Mexico 2-1 in the third-place playoff in Moscow. Luis Neto bundled into his own net to hand Mexico a 54th-minute lead, but Pepe stabbed home a stoppage-time equalizer to force an extra 30 minutes at Spartak Stadium. Silva then struck his first international goal after a handball inside the box on 104 minutes, while both sides finished with 10 men as Nelson Semedo was dismissed for Portugal before Raul Jimenez saw red for Mexico. With heat preventing Qatar from hosting a World Cup warm-up event in the summer of 2021, the Confederations Cup faces an uncertain future. Infantino refused to confirm its continuing existence on Saturday, saying only that his organization would "analyze" the competition. If Germany's triumph over Chile is the last Confederations Cup match, the tournament, often derided, has gone out with a bang.

Iran finishes fifth at FIVB U21 championship



Iran's Ali-Asghar Mojarad (R) scored 12 points against China in the fifth-place playoff at the 2017 FIVB Volleyball Men's U21 World Championship in Brno, the Czech Republic, on July 2, 2017.

Iran claimed the prestigious fifth place in the final standings at the 2017 FIVB Volleyball Men's U21 World Championship in the Czech Republic. On Sunday night, in an all-Asian clash in the city of Brno, the Iranians cruised to a 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-21) shutout of China with great contribution from middle blocker Ali-Asghar Mojarad, fivb.com reported. Mojarad tallied five kill blocks for a total of 12 points, which made him the best scorer for Iran. He was topped only by China's Jingyi Wang with 13 points. China blocked really well in the first set, but not well enough to stop Amir-Hossein Esfandiari and his teammates on the way to a 25-19 win. While the Iranians improved their blocking in the second set, the

Chinese committed far too many unforced errors. Closing the set at 25-20, Iran doubled its lead in the match. Coach Behrouz Ataei's squad stayed in control in the third set as well, despite a strong performance by Wang. Mojarad was unstoppable, contributing in both spiking and blocking, well assisted by sub-in Pouria Yali, who scored six points with 100 percent success rate in attack, including the last one that closed the match at 25-21. Although missing on their target to be among the best four teams at the competition, the Iranians were happy with the next best thing – the fifth place. "Our championship target was to enter the top four. We lost very sadly in five sets against Poland so

afterwards, our goal was to take the fifth place. So I am really satisfied with the result and also with the fact, that we finished the tournament with a victory." Ataei said after his side clinched the fifth spot. Iran's captain, Rasoul Aqcheli was also pretty satisfied with his team's achievement at the tournament, saying: "My team and I are so happy to take the fifth place. It was a tough loss on Thursday, because we absolutely wanted to play in the semifinals. Congratulations to all my teammates for closing the championship with a victory." On the final day of the competition, Poland beat Cuba in straight sets (25-20, 25-10, 25-19) to claim the title. Russia also overcame Brazil 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-19) to finish third in the third spot.

Italy hands Iran second FIBA U19 defeat



Amir-Hossein Azari (L) was Iran's top performer with 13 points, four rebounds and one assist against Italy at the 2017 FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup in Cairo, Egypt, on July 2, 2017.

Iran suffered another defeat at the 2017 FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup at the hands of Italy by a 64-45 score line in Cairo, Egypt. On Sunday night, Iran went into its second fixture of the Group D of the competition on the back of a first-day defeat against defending champion,

USA, while Italy beat Angola in its opener. Iranians put their best efforts into the game but still fell short against their opponent as the Europeans won the first, third and fourth quarter 19-11, 21-13 and 13-10, respectively. Iran's best spell came in the second quarter when it finished 11-

11. Amir-Hossein Azari was the top performer for Iran with 13 points, four rebounds and one assist. In the other match of the group, USA easily beat Angola 109-68 to go top of the group. Next for Iran is a fixture against Angola later tonight.

Art & Culture

'Release from Heaven' wins Lisbon laurels

Art & Culture Desk

Iranian animation 'Release from Heaven', directed by Ali Nouri Oskoue, won the Best Animated Feature Film Award at the Lisbon International Film Festival in Portugal.

Set in a war-torn country, the animation narrates the story of a female writer and teacher, Sareh, who has to accompany two of her students on a life-changing mission and find their fathers, reported IRNA.



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'Release from Heaven' is a blend of fantasy and reality in which the teacher tries to convey stories to her students to encourage them, but she finds out that the heroes of her stories are real.

The Lisbon International Film Festival is a quarterly online film festival meant to showcase innovative independent cinema from around the world by up-and-coming artists.

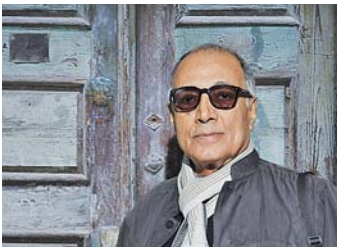
The festival hopes to be the voice and representation for films with a unique voice and message, regardless of how low the budget might be.

The Portuguese festival was held from June 26 to July 1, 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal.

'A Slice of Life', 77 artists' gift to late Kiarostami

Art & Culture Desk

A photo exhibition titled 'A Slice of Life' about the prominent Iranian auteur Abbas Kiarostami will be held in Tehran to commemorate the late director.



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According to honaronline.ir, the exhibition will feature the works of 77 artists depicting 77 photos in memory of Kiarostami.

The artists decided to assemble and pay tribute to the artist on his 77th birth anniversary (June 22).

Organized by Parham Didehvar, the exhibition is scheduled to open on July 7 and will run until July 21 at Tehran's Ivan Gallery.

UNESCO mulls German cave art for world cultural heritage status

UNESCO's World Heritage List is holding its 41st session in Krakow, Poland to consider the registration of new cultural sites among which is a fascinating cave complex in Swabian Jura, Germany.

There are six caves in all in two different valleys — the Lone Valley and the Ach Valley. They are important because they hold the most abundant, richest and oldest record of early art works, along with musical instruments and a whole range of other innovations that are part of the cultural development of the time when modern humans spread across Europe and the Neanderthals were going extinct, euronews.com reported.

The Ice Age treasures being painstakingly excavated are the oldest known artworks in the world, and they include a six-centimeter mammoth ivory figurine, the 'Venus of Hohle Fels', around 40,000 years old.

Germany is already blessed with no less than 41 architectural and natural UNESCO marvels.

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Iran's National Orchestra performs in Chehel Sotoun Pavilion in Iran's central city of Isfahan.



Tehran, Baku to boost cultural cooperation

Iranian and Azerbaijani ministers of culture underlined the importance of expanding cooperation in fields such as cinema, music and theater.

In a meeting between Iran's Culture Minister Reza Salehi-Amiri and his Azerbaijani counterpart Abulfaz Garayev, the two sides concurred on organizing Azerbaijan Culture Week in Tehran in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Mehr News Agency reported.

Salehi-Amiri recalled the age-old history of friendly relations between the two countries and added, "Iran has always had comprehensive and deep ties with neighboring Azerbaijan Republic as is evident from over 30 cultural documents between the two governments following the Islamic Revolution."

The minister said reciprocal visits by cultural officials and the signing of cooperation agreements between Tehran and Baku have led to increased relations between the two sides. "Cultural commonalities between Iran and Azerbaijan can lead to sus-

tainable tourism for both parties," he noted.

Referring to benefits of holding cultural weeks, Salehi-Amiri said that such events indicate comprehensive collaborations and communications between Tehran and Baku which bring the two nations together.

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Iran's 'Immortality' inspires Italy's Ischia

Art & Culture Desk

Iranian movie 'Immortality', directed by Mehdi Fard-Qaderi, managed to win the best film award at the Ischia International Film Festival in Italy.

The 145-minute plan sequence is Fard-Qaderi's first feature film that depicts events on a train during a rainy night. It chronicles six different families on different cars of the train, gradually unfolding their stories, according to IRNA.

The festival is born with the aim of conferring an artistic award to the works, the photography directors and the set designers who

have increased the value of Italian or foreign locations and represented their human, historical and social reality and thus promoting the culture, the traditions and the beauties, inspiring the audience to visit them and experience directly the emotions received.

Documentaries and short films which have given particular importance to culture, traditions, to the environment and history of the locations, or in which the location is functional to the theme in question and its narrative development, can take part in the Ischia Film Festival.

The short films in competition must have a length of maximum 30 minutes.



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