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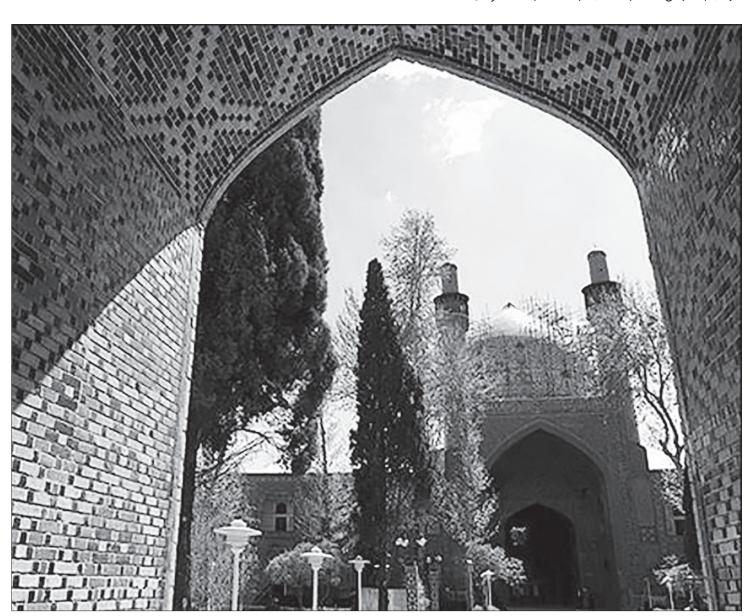


During Safavid era, magnificent mosques were built. All are great examples of Iranian art and architecture. The Madresseh Chaharbagh is one of them. It is a glorious masterpiece.

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Culture

4500-year-old antique trophy uncovered in Jiroft

Public and Revolution Prosecutor Hossein Salami revealed the discovery of a 4,500-year-old antique trophy in Jiroft, Kerman province.



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related to the Stone Age, which is in the form of a handbag was recently discovered in one of the villages in suburb of lireft

This antique object, dating back to 4500 years ago, was uncovered at the unsparing and unflinching effort of police and intelligence forces in Jiroft, he said, adding, "in this respect, three accused persons were identified." Investigation is underway about following up the case meticulously, he maintained. Elsewhere in his remarks, the public prosecutor reiterated, "this antique object was inspected by the expert official in provincial Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts Organization."

This trophy is of qualitative marble shape related to the Stone Age which is as high as 28cm with 28-cm width and as diameter as eight centimeters at large, Salami emphasized.

He said that judicial system will deal with smugglers of antique objects decisively within the framework of rules and regulations.

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Imam Mosque	Imam square, Isfahan, Isfahan Province	200000
Ali Gholi Agha hammam	BidAbadi St, Isfahan, Isfahan Province	200000
Decorative Arts Museum	Ostandari Street Isfahan, Isfahan Province	150000
Contemporary Art Museum	Ostandari Street, Isfahan Isfahan Province	200000

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An Aseman Airlines flight with 65 passengers on board crashed near Samirom, Isfahan province, on Sunday morning.

The 20-year-old ATR plane carrying dozens of passengers from Tehran to Yasuj, in southwestern Iran and the capital of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province, after disappearing from flight radar on Sunday morning, went down in Samirom, Isfahan province.

Several helicopters have been deployed to search the crash site near Padena mountain, and search and rescue operation is underway. There is no immediate details over the casualties.

A spokesman for the Iranian emergency organization said it was not possible to send ambulances to the mountainous area, but choppers are being deployed.

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He also said "the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is the commitment of seven countries approved by the United Nations Security Council."

Dr Rouhani also said: "Based on our Iranian and Islamic culture, we will not violate the JCPOA until the other side does so."

Stating that "if we don't intend to be committed, we won't sign any pact in the first place" the President said "until justice precedes politics, we will witness wars."

"The United States attacked Iraq, entered the soil of Syria and is interfering in the region without the permit of the UNSC," continued the President.

US to work with Turkey in Syria

The US will work with Turkey on the locals taking control of the liberated

areas in Syria, Secretary of Defense Gen. James Mattis said. "We concur

with Turkey on the need for locals taking control of the liberated areas, and

we are going to work with Turkey on the locals taking control, and with

Turkey on every other irritant, or diversion or distraction, or every area",

he said. "We have many areas of absolute concurrence, too," Mattis told

reporters en route to Washington, according to a DoD statement. Mattis said

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and his Turkish counterpart Mevlut

Cavusoglu agreed on "significant" issues that the two countries would work

through. Tillerson on Thursday made a two-day working visit to the Turkish

capital Ankara, where he met the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.



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He also went on to say "if it was not for the plundering of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia reserve funds, Iraq's aggression towards Kuwait would be controlled very fast." Dr Rouhani continued "the then President of the United States wanted to tell us with cakes and the Bible that if you want Saddam's aggression to end, you have to do this."

"ISIL was a good tool for the US and we will explain our reasons to the world if it is necessary," continued the President. Stating that the politicians of the world at least should not lie to their own people if they do not believe in morality, he said "politics without morality, along with breaking promises cannot resolve the problems of the world."

McMaster's remarks sign of US failed Iranophobic policy

Iran FM spokesman has reacted to recent US national security adviser's remarks in Munich Security Conference on Saturday, saying that those words were part of US failed policy of Iranophobic. Bahram Ghasemi's remarks comes after US National Security Advisor asked the United States allies at 2018 Munich Security Conference on Saturday not to invest in Iran and stop trading withit over its alleged interference in regional affairs Ghasemi said his remarks show United States' attempts to hinder JCPOA implementation in blatant violation of its commitments under the deal. He also said that the United States wants to prevent Iran from fully enjoying the benefits of the nuclear deal, while Iran has attracted a great deal of foreign investment after the implementation of the nuclear deal.



All Iranians must strive to build more prosperous Iranian



Spokesman Raps US Push to Hamper Investment in Iran

Mattis:



All passengers of Iran crashed plane likely dead: Local official

What's News

◆ Iran lashes out at US official for irrelevant statements in Munich

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The Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi on Sunday lashed out at the White House national security advisor for encouraging other countries not to invest in Iran.

◆ Calls for US Gun Control Rise after Florida Shooting

Pressure is growing for tougher gun-control laws in the US after a mass shooting at a Florida high school, with thousands of angry protesters demanding immediate action from lawmakers, and more demonstrations planned across the country in the weeks ahead.

◆ Terrorists' infiltration attempt towards Homs foiled

Aunit of the Syrian Arab Army has foiled an infiltration attempt by a terrorist group from the Lebanese territory into Talkalakh region in Homs countryside.

◆ Tehran sends sympathies over huge quake in Mexico

In the aftermath of huge earthquakes in Mexico, the spokesperson for Iranian Foreign Ministry expressed sympathies to all the victims and families of yesterday terrible quake in Mexico.

◆Iran, Europe discuss latest developments in Yemen

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi in a meeting with his European counterparts discussed the latest developments in Yemen.

◆Huge leap in Tehran-New Delhi relations

President Hassan Rouhani's visit to India was highly important as it provided an opportunity for the two countries to discuss the current regional and international conditions, in addition to holding talks on mutual cooperation.

◆ Russia critical of West's biased approach to Iran's regional interes

The Russian foreign minister on Saturday criticized the West's discriminatory approach to Iran's interests in the Middle East.





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Civilizational relationship

Imam Ali(A):

"May Allah have mercy upon the person who revives a right and suppresses a wrong, and who refutes injustice and establishes justice."

Government's New Monetary Policy Bringing Stability, Keeping Interest Rate Low

Recent changes in Iran's macroeconomic condition, had made it practically impossible for the government to continue an antirecession monetary policy. Thus, in a courageous move, domestic policymakers began employing new monetary measures focusing on stabilizing the macro-economy by reducing money supply and, consequently, increasing the nominal interest rate.

ny delay in the adoption of this Apolicy would have imposed a heavy cost on the national economy.

Fluctuations in domestic forex market in the past few months, currently described as the reason for the change in Central Bank of Iran (CBI) policies, indicated instability in the national economy. The latest policies, however, pursue more important goals than merely achieving market stability.

Among the other signs of weakening of the macro-economy were the rise in price indices and the increase in prices in the housing sector. At a time when a long-term trend had emerged in production growth, the continuation of anti-recession policies could have led to greater instability in the main markets of the domestic economy and double-digit inflation rates. The latest measures seek to ensure stability in the macro-economy —a target aimed for and paid attention to by a large number of the central banks in the world.

Today, the rise in interest rate is being pursued deliberately, as a policy. Perhaps, some experts disapprove of the move due to the importance they attach to boosting production. Nevertheless, the continuation of the earlier trend would lead to a rise in inflation which, per se, could make the option of raising interest rates a must. In case such a scenario had unfolded, neither the interest rate would have remained low nor could the present stability have been achieved. The new policy is, of course, not in contradiction with the reform measures introduced a long time ago. The CBI is still capable of adopting reforms in the banking network to lower the real interest rate. Reforms that enhance the motivation to save and optimize the allocation of resources to production-oriented investment



projects, are capable of guaranteeing a reduced interest rate in the long-run. On the other hand, long-term stability in an economy is an important prerequisite for enacting structural reforms. In the absence of such a stability, any move to reform, whether in the banking network or other sectors of the domestic economy, would fail to produce favorable results. To make optimum use of the opportunity provided in light of implementing the new policies, reforms in the banking network are required to be implemented at a greater pace. Recent developments in the domestic

economy showed that the achievements accomplished assiduously over a long period of time are capable of fading into oblivion easily and rapidly. The dependence of the domestic banking network and the government on financial resources of the CBI is among the factors destabilizing the monetary sector. It would be unrealistic to expect that production-stimulating and employment-generating plans would yield results in such an environment. Thus, the government should grasp the opportunity and undertake the desired reforms while the time is right.

Iran to Send More Flour to Iraq via Russia Wheat Deal



Iran is negotiating a wheat import deal with Russia that would allow it to increase flour exports to neighboring Iraq, the secretary-general of Iran Federation of Food Industry Associations said.

The deal would involve importing around 100,000 tons of Russian wheat per month for private millers who would then produce flour for export. Kaveh Zargaran added that talks were ongoing and he expected the deal to be finalized in a couple of months, Reuters reported.

"Last week we were in Moscow to negotiate about it and after we are done, we will start in a few months," Financial Tribune quoted Zargaran as

"We have a little financial problem to resolve but after it we will be able to go through with the deal," he said without elaborating. Iranian private millers are not allowed to use domestic wheat for flour exports.Russia, among the world's largest wheat exporters, has ample supplies waiting for the deal. "They are negotiating with the Iranian private sector," Zargaran said.

\$32 Billion Worth of Transactions in 1 Month



Shaparak, the payment settlement network and watchdog affiliated with the Central Bank of Iran, processed more than 1.44 billion transactions worth 1.53 quadrillion rials (\$32.7 billion) in the 10th Iranian month ending Jan. 20.

The figures indicate a respective increase of 0.39% and 2.12% in the number and value of transactions compared to the previous month, the report published on Shaparak's website shows. As against the same month of last year when the number and value of transactions stood at 1.08 billion and 1.25 quadrillion rials (\$26.74 billion), the numbers indicate a respective hikeof33.03% and 22.21%.

Shaparak reports that instruments of receiving Internet and mobile payments respectively grew by 2.16% and 16.78% in terms of numbers during the 10th month. As the number of POS devices in shops across the country rose by 1.24%, the total number of payment instruments indicated a 2.29% increase, according to Financial Tribune.

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Seif Defends Forex Crackdown, as Public Confidence Soars

Governor of the Central Bank of Iran Valiollah Seif defended this week's crackdown on the foreign exchange market to counter market disruptors, saying the move was in line with "global norms". "Countering economic disruptors is an that clamped down on foreign Tehran police chief, Brigadier

exchange disruptors," Seif was quoted as saying by CBI's official website during a conference on corporate governance in banks on Saturday. Law-Enforcement Forces, following a CBI green light, raided the hub of Tehran currency hawkers near the British accepted norm in the world. Embassy in Tehran and arrested Therefore, CBI is collaborating 90 traders who were deemed as with Law-Enforcement Forces market disruptors. According to



General Hossein Rahimi, his forces also shut down 10 currencytrading exchangers as part of the

24 New Foreign Traders in Iran's Capital Market

The Central Securities Depository of Iran issued 24 trading codes for foreign investors in the 10th month of the current Iranian year (Dec. 22, 2017-Jan. 20) to trade in Iran's capital market. The newcomers included six institutional and 18 non-institutional investors from the Australia, Georgia, Armenia, Afghanistan and Iraq, IRAN reported. Currently, more

than 1,000 foreign investors are trading in Iran's capital market, including those from the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Poland, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, China, India, Turkey, Lebanon, South Africa, Japan, Cyprus, Italy, Norway, Greece, Indonesia, Maldives, Canada, Hong Kong, Oatar, Pakistan, Syria,



Luxembourg, Kuwait, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Korea, Virgin Islands and Nigeria, Mehr News Agency reported.

\$6.4b Worth of Gov't Bonds Issued This Year

The government has issued over 300 trillion rials (\$6.4 billion) worth of debt securities so far in the current fiscal year (started March 21, 2017), Chairman of Islamic Republic of Iran Debt Management Organization Mehdi Banani announced.The cap set by this year's budget plan is 340 trillion rials (\$7.23 billion), the official was quoted as saying by IRNA.Banani added that the government plans to issue 95

trillion rials (\$2 billion) of Islamic Treasury Bills by the fiscal yearend. The next fiscal year's ceiling on bond issuance by the government, ministries, universities and municipalities is 1.78 quadrillion rials (about \$38.86 billion), the Majlis Joint Commission approved, according to Financial Tribune.Lawmakers expressed concerns that the government is becoming increasingly dependent



on raising money by issuing debt to cover widening budget deficits while showing no signs of cutting expenditures.

What's News

◆Forex Rates Tumble

The Central Bank of Iran's measures, namely to issue certificates of deposit and launch the presale of gold coins, from Saturday seem to have had an impact on Tehran's market as the rate of the US dollar experienced a 1% decline to reach 46,800 rials.

Other major currencies, including euro and pound, stumbled as well. Bank branches were full of activity on Saturday morning as people rushed in to purchase the CDs offered at 20% interest rates, IBENA reported. This is while more than 13,000 gold coins have been purchased in the presale. The price of the benchmark Bahar Azadi gold coin also experienced a 1.6% decline on Saturday as it was traded for 15.52 million rials (\$331) in Tehran.

◆Trade-Off at TSE as IFX Ends 0.55% Lower

Tehran Stock Exchange's main index gained 81.79 points or 0.08% to end Saturday trade at 98,429.7.

About 1 billion shares valued at \$54.29 million changed hands at TSE for the day. Trading at TSE and Iran Fara Bourse starts on Saturday and ends on Wednesday. Behshahr Industrial Company was the biggest riser, going up 5% to 3,802 rials per share, according to Financial Tribune. Sobhan Darou incurred the biggest loss among all TSE-listed companies, as it went down 4.79% to 3,714 rials per share. Golgohar Mining and Industrial Complex gave the biggest boost to the benchmark index, followed by Iran National Copper Industry Company and Iran Khodro Group.

◆Gov't Earned 150% More From Tax Than Oil Last

The government earned 150% more from tax than from oil in the last fiscal year (March 2016-17), the chairman of Iranian National Tax Administration said. Kamel Tagavi-Nejad made the statement on the sidelines of the First Global Conference on Platform for Collaboration on Tax held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from Feb. 14 to 16, IRIB News reported. "That tax-to-GDP ratio should exceed 15% was the key topic of PCT conference sessions. The ratio stands at 8% in Iran compared with 40% in Scandinavian countries and 25% in the United States," he said.

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Historic monuments need permanent maintenance and restoration. The entrance door is made of wood covered with silver plates.

Behind the lofty door, there is an octagonal anteroom. Originally a branch of Maddi passed through the

The courtyard is surrounded by arcades of two storey rooms, as residential chambers for students of Theology. Walls of the courtyard are adorned with tile and tile-mosaics. On the south part, there is the sanctuary. A lofty eivan and beautiful dome. On the top of eivan there are two minarets which are ornamented with the best mosaic



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structure of Madresseh shows how Iranian artists and architects were advanced.

There are two Minbars located under the dome. One is a wooden artistic work and the other is made a single piece of marble stone.

There is a prayer hall to the east of dome which shows beautiful inlaid works. The Madresseh is a must for travelers to be visited and hundreds of pages can be written about the various artistic magnificence of the mosque.

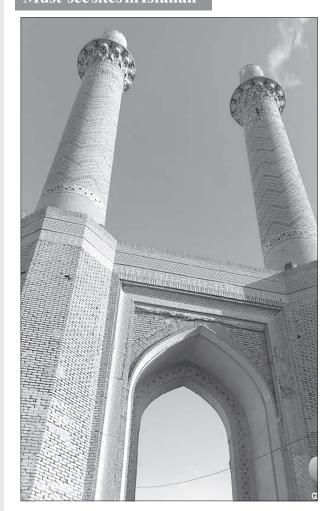
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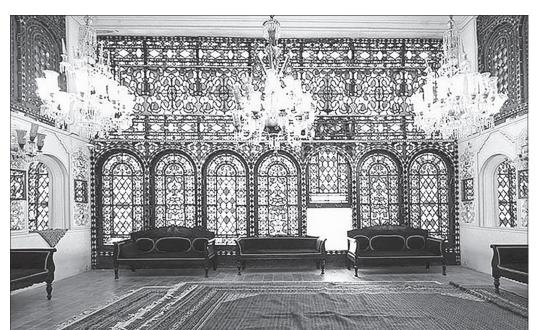
Azadi Hotel is a 3-Star hotel located in the center of Esfahan, with a nice view and bright rooms. The hotel is located in the heart of the beautiful city of Isfahan. The hotel makes it easy to have access to the historical monuments and commercial sightseeing centers. Uniquely located next to the famous Zayandeh river bridges of Si-o-seh and Khajeh this hotel is an excellent choice for anyone coming to Isfahan. With easy access to other historical sites in the city, the Isfahan Azadi is a popular choice for tour groups and individual travelers. This hotel looks as though it should be better than it is with half the 35 rooms sporting balconies overlooking the Si-o-Seh Pol and offering satellite TV. Unfortunately, little investment has been made in what would once have been a great midrange option and now this tired old workhorse can really only be recommended if other options are full. Chahar Bagh, Takhti Intersection, Masjid

Seyed St. Isfahan, Iran

Must-see sites in Isfahan



△ Darozziafe minarets are two historical minarets in Isfahan, Iran The minarets are located in the old Jouybareh district on the Ibn-e-Sina street. These 14th-century minarets are built on the both sides of a portal. There is an inscription in white script on the ultramarine background under the above mugarnas. Only three Arabic words have remained, which mean someone, who enters









The Malek vineyard is a historical house in Isfahan, Iran. The house has been taken as tax from people in the era of Nader Shah and was confiscated by the king. Later, his son Mohammad Ebrahim khan was an Isfahanian businessman called Malek ot-Tojar built a Hussainiya in the garden and its administration was handed over. Architect of this building is Hosseinchi. Only a vast courty and a dining room of the building remain. Presently Malek vineyard is used as Hussainia and a permit is needed for visiting. Some parts of building include restaurants and dining room. It shows the stucco art, brick works, and tiler works. At the northern part of the building, there is a magnificent room. The merchant and his wife were buried there. This monument is used as a Hoseinieh now and closed to public.

TRAVELAGENCIES	ADDRESS	TEL
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Isfahangasht Tour & Travel Agency	No. 175, Ayineh Khaneh Blvd, Isfahan	03136619092
Rahe Isfahan Tour&Travel Agency	Ferdowsi building 1st&2nd floor, Ferdosi Street, Isfahan	03132214141
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Takagasht Tour And Travel Agency	Chahar Bagh E Bala Avenue, Isfahan	03136662081

WHERE TO EAT

Arc -a cafe restaurant; Tempting menu, extraordinary environment



This elegant establishment in the heart of the Armenian Quarter is arranged around a spacious courtyard, with modern decking and furnishings bringing a contemporary style to the traditional design. Menu options are far I broader than the term 'cafe' suggests, with modern dishes using ancient influences such as tamarind and pomegranate. It's virtually opposite the entrance to the Kelisa-ye Vank. After visiting the Vank church if you like to enjoy a delicious meal or fresh drinks in a beautiful, eye-catching environment do not doubt that the best possible choice can be the Arc A. This cafe has not only a good and tempting menu but also an extraordinary environment, especially its outdoors, makes it a pleasure to eat and relax. The only thing you should keep in mind when you go here is to book and stay around before you go, so you can use it without worrying about the environment and food, as well as drinks.

PRICE:mains IR450,000 **HOURS:9am-midnight** CONTACT:031-36290920 ♥ Vank Church Alley, Kalissa St, Isfahan,