



# Esfa han News



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### EDITORIAL

#### “Unemployment Among Graduated Female Twice as High as Men”

**Dr. Reza Mahzunieh**

Women's employment and the creation of equal opportunities for them have always been one of the concerns of social activists and the women's community. The statistics provided by employment agencies and organizations indicate a high rate of unemployment among women than men.

“Unemployment among graduated female is twice as high as men.” Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice President for Women and Family Affairs said. In addition, Jamshid Taghizadeh the Deputy Minister of Co-operation, Labor and Social Welfare recently pointed to the increase in women's unemployment rates: “Given the high unemployment rate of women, the development of employment and increased women's job security are good grounds for controlling the increase in social harm.”

Comparing the unemployment rate of young people by sex shows that the unemployment rate of young women has always been higher than young men, and in recent years this difference has increased.

#### Why is women's employment important?

Women's employment has both positive and negative effects. The positive effects of women's employment in society are improving their physical and mental health, having greater contact with people and the environment, increased self-esteem, independence and hope and having positive image of themselves. The negative effects of women's employment in society can be seen in cases such as problems in raising children, overlooking the role of mother and wife, conflict of personality and abuse of women in advertising and attracting customers.

#### Causes of Unemployment of Women

The causes of unemployment, especially women unemployment, must be examined considering the economic, social, cultural, and economic conditions, especially the culture of every society. Long hours are one of the factors that play a significant role in women's decision-making for employment. Working conditions proportionate with women's morale; job dissatisfaction, low wages, poor job security and the lack of acceptance of women's empowerment by society can be considered as important causes of women's unemployment, which also challenge the issue of women's employment in society.

## Supreme Leader: Iranian Workers Stood Against Enemies' Plots

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has highlighted the value of Iranian workers' resistance in face of enemies' plots that were aimed at creating recession in Iran's economy. Referring to the efforts by the enemies of the Islamic Revolution in provoking the workers against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the leader has said, ‘One of the fundamental attempts by the enemies was provoking the workers to create recession in the factories.’ **P:2**

### The Third Round of Ranking of News Sites Across the Country Begins

**Esfahan News:** According to the decision of the members of the ranking committee, the managing directors of the news sites will be able to submit their self-declaration forms to the electronic address of the secretariat of the rating committee by March 7th. In the two previous rounds among the 81 news sites of Isfahan Province 5 news sites: Eghtesadebazar (11 points), Beytoote (39.9 points), khatabshekan (28.1 points),

Sarpoosh (29.7 points) and Shirintanz (20.1 points) Have participated in this project.

#### List of Isfahan Province news sites:

Aran and Bidgol news, Arman, Avayfarda, otaghkhabar24, ehtesab, espadanakhabar, esfahanebidar, esfahanshargh, Isfahan arhang and Honar, Afsoo, eghtesadebazar, entekhakhbar, isi, bakhbarbash, sarmaye-club, iir, borkharnews, berooztarinha, bande mim, beytoote, pounazar, payk-sialk, tabasomkhabar, tamimnews, jarchilenjan, jarchimobarake, iwnt, cheshmeborkhar, cheshmehsar, chaharrahekhabar, khatabshekan, khansar, dehaghanebidar, diarealeman, raby, rooyeshnews, samara, sarpoosh, sarmayehgostaran, safirekhor,

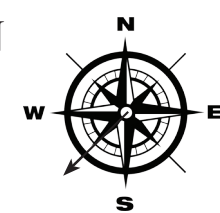
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#### CALL TO PRAYER TIME IN ISFAHAN

Morning call to prayer: 05:12:55

Noon call to prayer: 12:16:02

Evening call to prayer: 18:16:19



Qiblah direction

#### WEATHER

High: 17°c

Low: 8°c



The prophet (pbuh) "A believer is distinguished in three ways: 1. Endurance in difficulties 2. Patience in poverty 3. And gratitude during prosperity"

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Velayati: Iran's Leader Resolute on Preservation of Iraq's Unity

Leader's Senior Advisor Ali-Akbar Velayati said Mon. that Ayatollah Khamenei is resolute on preservation of unity and integrity of Iraq, calling for cementing Iran-Iraq ties to establish peace and security across the region.

During the meeting, the Iranian senior official expressed hope that the continued exchange of delegations and visits of high-ranking political, religious, social and cultural figures would further improve the level of bilateral relations between the two countries.

would have been by now either partitioned by enemies' sinister plots or taken over by terrorists," he added. The head of Tribal Affairs Office of Iraq, Jassim al-Kanani, for his part thanked Leader of Islamic Revolution as well as the nation and government of Iran for their support to the Iraqi nation in the fight against ISIL terrorists.



added. He went on to add, "the Americans began hatching divisive plots and planned to undermine the unity among Iraqi people, but the Iraqi elites and prominent figures did not allow such a dream to be fulfilled."

7 Local Rescue Forces Disappeared in Dena Mountains Seven local rescue forces who had gone to Dena Mountains Sunday night to search for the victims of a plane crash have been disappeared. Some

footprints of the lost people have been observed by expert mountaineers and Hilal Ahmar (Red Crescent) rescue teams, Deputy Governor General of Kohkiloeyeh-Boyer Ahmad Province Aziz Fili told .The group are told to have embarked on their trip

without coordinating with the officilas. Fili warned local people not to go to plane crash site without coordination. Three choppers were also dispatched to the site today to search for the dead bodies of the victims.

Lawmakers to question Rouhani over jilted depositors

Head of the Economic Committee of Iranian Parliament announced Sunday the lawmakers have collected 100 signatures to question the president once more over the performances of financial institutions. Mohammadreza Pourebrahimi, the Chairman of Iran's Parliament Economic Committee, announced that Economic Committee will meet with and talk with the president's representatives comprised of the head of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) and managing directors of Iranian banks to question them over the government's failure to deal with unlicensed financial institutions.

What's News

Russia to Veto Western Bid to Condemn Iran at UN over Yemen

Russia has laid the groundwork for a likely veto on Monday of a British, US and French bid for the United Nations Security Council to condemn Iran for allegations of violating an arms embargo on Yemen.

Iran FM off to Balkan, East Europe

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif heading a politico-economic delegation departed Tehran for a visit to four Eastern European countries on Monday.

US pressure on Iraq's Nujaba 'not surprising'

Iran's Armed forces spokesman said Mon. that it would have been more surprising if the US had not imposed sanctions on Iraq's al-Nujaba Movement, since US targets strength and ignores weak points.

'Iran hopes new Resolution will allow ceasefire throughout Syria'

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Ghasemi, while stressing the complexity of Syrian issue, said many actors have taken part in the resolution of crises and "we hope the ceasefire plan will reduce violence, suffering and resume movement toward a negotiated peace and a transition in Syria."

Iran, Europe discuss latest developments in Yemen

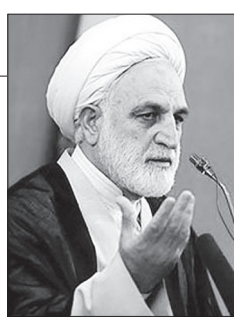
Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi in a meeting with his European counterparts discussed the latest developments in Yemen.

Militants Preparing Poisonous Agents Provocation in Eastern Ghouta

The leaders of the militant groups are preparing provocation with the use of poisonous substances in the Eastern Ghouta enclave in order to accuse Damascus of using the chemical weapons, the Russian Defense Ministry said late on Sunday.

Cabinet agrees on forming task force for water shortage adaptation

The Council of Ministers agreed Sun. on formation of a national task force for adapting to water shortage and dealing with related problems in various parts of the country.



No rise in espionage cases: judiciary official



Senior Iranian Military Official Condemns US Sanctions against Iraqi Popular Forces



IRGC in Syria, Iraq to provide relief to resistance front

Front Pages



Memo backs federal agent's action



House panel releases memo



Police to quiz PM over Bezeq, submarine cases



Reduced memo rebuts charges on surveillance



UN resolution saves terrorists

**Imam Bagher(A):**  
"Man's smile to his (fellow) brother as well as wiping brushwood (hurts) out of him are generosity and the most beloved invocation before Allah is to make a believer happy."

## Managing Director of International Exhibitions of Isfahan Meets Ambassadors of Tajikistan, Armenia **Development of Economic Diplomacy Between Isfahan, Tajikistan, Armenia**

Managing director of International Exhibitions of Isfahan Province, in separate meetings with the ambassadors of Tajikistan and Armenia, emphasized the development of economic diplomacy between Isfahan and the two countries.

According to the media office of Isfahan International Exhibitions, Ali Yarmohammadian, the managing director of Isfahan International Exhibitions Association, during a meeting with Tajik Ambassador Nematollah Emamzadeh in Iran, emphasized on the development of bilateral economic cooperation between Isfahan and Tajikistan and said that 46 events will be held annually at the Isfahan exhibition. The presence of the neighboring countries of the Islamic Republic of Iran, such as Tajikistan, can provide conditions for increasing the quality of these exhibitions.

He pointed to the holding of Iranian pavilions at foreign exhibitions by Isfahan Exhibitions Company, adding that Isfahan, after Tehran, is the second largest exhibition company in the country, which has succeeded in creating solid trade relations in the form of an exhibition between domestic and international companies.

The managing director of Isfahan International Exhibitions also called for increased trade and communications between Isfahan province and Tajikistan and continued: Isfahan is prepared to provide the conditions for Iranian companies to have active presence focused on building, agriculture and stone exhibitions in Tajikistan.

He stressed: "On the other hand, it is possible that the International Exhibitions of Isfahan Province will host Tajik companies in the province and provide the conditions for the presentation and display of the goods and achievements of these companies at the exhibition in Isfahan.

Yarmohammadyan also invited Tajik Ambassador to attend the Isfahan Tourism Exhibition and added that holding this meeting could provide favorable conditions for the development of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. We hope that with the presence of the Tajik Ambassador to Isfahan, we will see the outcome of the trade relations between Isfahan and Tajikistan.

### Communication between Isfahan and Tajikistan awaits serious activity

The Tajik Ambassador to Iran also said that the level of relations between the

two countries is on the rise. He added: "Today, there is a lot of communication between Isfahan and Tajikistan, and the talks that have been completed should be implemented as soon as possible." Emamzadeh emphasized that Isfahan is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, adding that the capacities and historical monuments in this city make Isfahan a global honor and create common ground for cooperation between the two countries.

Emphasizing that the conditions for introducing Isfahan to the world should be provided, he said: Tajikistan has named 2018 as the year of development of tourism, and this can provide more ground for cooperation between Isfahan and Tajikistan.

Tajik Ambassador to Iran welcomed the presence of well-known companies in Isfahan's tourism exhibition, adding that there are many investment opportunities in Isfahan that the Tajik embassy can bring these potential investors to Tajikistan and see its investment in Isfahan increased.

He also called for a direct flight between Dushanbe the capital of Tajikistan and Isfahan. He said the establishment of this route will certainly be welcomed by the two countries' economic and tourism activists. Based on this, we will see the development of commercial, scientific and social ties between Isfahani and Tajik companies.

### Establishing trade relations with Armenia through the exhibition

Managing director of Isfahan International Exhibitions also in meeting with Armenian Ambassador to Iran, Artashes Toumanian said the bilateral negotiations have led to the growth of communications between the two countries and said that the establishment of any commercial communication through exhibitions is possible.

Ali Yarmohammadian emphasizing on the history of the International Exhibition Company of Isfahan Province in organizing various exhibitions added that the company with 18 years of history, has held various exhibitions, including the holding of 46 annual exhibitions and the establishment of several paws from our



country at foreign exhibitions. He emphasized on the readiness of Isfahan to host Armenian companies in the exhibition. He added: "The exhibition of Isfahan holds an economic event every week in the province; on this basis, with all the experience, the Armenian companies can also use infrastructure and substrates available to introduce their products and goods. Managing director of Isfahan International Exhibitions Co. also welcomed the holding of the Islamic Republic of Iran's pavilion at the international exhibitions of Armenia, said the holding of exhibition activities would increase the exports of the two countries and promote the tourism industry. Armenia is keen to increase communication with Isfahan. Ambassador of Armenia to the Islamic Republic of Iran also said that Armenia has an eager approach to increase trade, cultural and tourism ties with Isfahan. Artashes Toumanian argued that the activities of the exhibition in Iran are

very high, adding that Armenia has very close ties with the exhibitions held in Iran; in this connection, the events of the exhibition of Isfahan are also closely monitored and we will provide the Armenian economic activists with the necessary means to strengthen the trade relations between the two countries. He emphasized that in recent months we have seen an increase in the volume of transport of Iranian entrepreneurs to Armenia, adding that Armenia could facilitate the sending of delegates to the exhibition in Isfahan. It is proud to cooperate with the International Exhibition Company of Isfahan Province, which has a long history of holding economic events. The Armenian Ambassador to Iran said in the field of digital technologies and tourism as one of the common areas for cooperation and interaction between Armenia and Isfahan: "The joint activities of Isfahan and Armenia will begin in the tourism sector and will continue thereafter."

## Cellphone Prices Remain High in Iran's Market



While officials claim that cellphone prices have dropped sharply, market observers dismiss the assertion saying that prices remain high. Officials at the Telecoms Ministry in Tehran have been quoted on several occasions in the press as saying that mobile prices have declined by up to 8% in recent weeks due to the decrease in foreign exchange rates, reports ICTNA.

Last week forex rates declined as the Central Bank of Iran introduced rescue packages for the rial. The national currency has continued its gain against the US dollar in the open foreign exchange market, as the CBI pushed through with its efforts to stabilize the currency that had lost a quarter of its value within six months. The rial was trading at 44,800 to the dollar on Sunday, strengthening from 49,000 more than a week ago. But money exchangers across the country were not trading in the greenback and a few had the euro for sale, Financial Tribune reported.

## What's News

### ◆ Iran, Montenegro tourism ties to develop economic capacities: MP

Developing tourism relations between Iran and Montenegro will reinforce economic potentials between the two countries, an Iranian MP said. There are many capacities in political, economic and cultural fields between the two countries, Head of Iran-Montenegro Parliamentary Friendship Group Parvaneh Salahshouri said in a meeting with a member of the group, Miodrag Vukovic.

### ◆ Iran, Afghanistan sign road transport contract

A road transport contract was signed in the presence of the deputy minister of Roads and Urban Development of Iran and his Afghan counterpart. 'Tens of thousands of trucks cross the borders of Iran and Afghanistan; the transportation authorities of the two countries examined the way to facilitate the crossings of the trucks,' said Davoud Keshavarzian, managing director of Iran's Road Maintenance and Transportation Organization.

### ◆ Zarif to start European tour with economic ties on agenda

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sunday that Iranian foreign minister will leave Tehran for the Balkans region and Eastern Europe on Monday along with a high-ranking economic and political delegation. Zarif to start European tour with economic ties on agenda The Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi said on Sunday evening that Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif will start an official visit to the Balkans and Eastern Europe on Monday to hold talks with Serbian, Bulgarian, Croatian and Bosnian officials.

### ◆ Registered exports from Iran's Zanjan %72 up

Zanjan, Feb 26, IRNA - Registered exports from the Iranian northwestern Province Zanjan has experienced a 72-percent growth in the first 11 months of the Persian year starting from 21 March, 2017. 'Exports in the first 11-month period of the Persian year reached \$293.32 million,' Director General of Customs Office of Zanjan Province Hamid Ahmadi told.

### Currency: IRR

USD	37235
GBP	52126
CHF	39837
EUR	45840



### Trilateral MoU to Build Solar Plant

Post Bank of Iran has signed a trilateral memorandum of understanding with domestic companies on development of power plants. The agreement was

signed with Solar Power Plant Project Management Company, a consulting and project management firm, and Solar Sanat Firouzeh, an equipment supplier, on Saturday, IRNA reported. The MoU concerns the bank's finance amounting to \$70

million for building a 50-MW solar power plant. According to Mostafa Azad, a member of Iran Electrical Industry Syndicate, the agreement is aimed at facilitating the private sector's involvement in developing the sector, Financial Tribune reported.

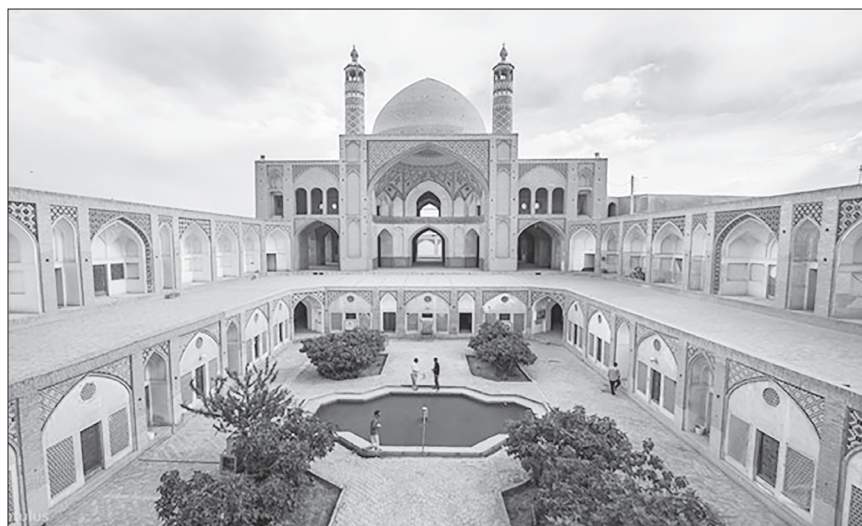
**GOLD PRICE PER OUNCE** ..... 1,340.9 \$

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Agha Bozorg was constructed by the master architect Ustad Haj Sa'ban-Ali and was assisted by his pupil named Ustad Ali Maryam, who later on became one of the most famous architects of Persia. The mosque houses a theological school (Madrasah), which is situated in the center of this grand mosque. The mosque was constructed for holding prayers and preaching sessions carried out by Mullah Mahdi Naraqii II, known as Agha Bozorg. The mosque consists of four porches, two ornate minarets and a brilliant brick dome. Two large iwans of the mosque are decorated with calligraphic bands and tilework bearing red, blue or yellow colors against the brick ground. An iwan is a rectangular hall or space, usually vaulted, walled on three sides, with one end entirely open. One of the iwans is situated in front of the mehrab (the decorated niche indicating the direction of prayers) and the other is located

near the entrance. The wooden front door of the mosque is adorned with as many jewels as there are verses in the Qur'an. The imposing dome of the mosque is built on the octagonal podium and consists of double layers. The lower covering of the dome carries the weight of the ceiling and resides on the strong pilasters, whereas the outer cladding enlarges the appearance of the dome. Various verses from the Qur'an are inscribed on and around the dome, which helps it in blending harmoniously with the rest of the structure. The dome is situated right above the mihrab in the mosque. The beautiful dome is flanked by a couple of amazing minarets adorned with colorful tiles arranged in some geometric shapes. Mosaics and inscriptions of verses from the Qur'an can be seen adorning a large part of the interior of Agha Bozorg Mosque. The ceiling and the first level chambers bear spartan decorations, whereas the outer part



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The massive courtyard is one of the most notable features of the mosque. The courtyard is flanked by a number of chambers and arcades and holds another

smaller court residing at a level lower than the outer one. The lower level court possesses a small pond, a fountain and a surrounding garden edged by another series of chambers, as well as arcades used in the hot summer days to protect from the soaring heat. Although the magnificent mosque of Agha Bozorg is decorated using the moderate use of colored tiles and mosaics, its appearance is ascetic in nature. The cobbled veranda and brick walls of the mosque make it look simple yet elegant. Agha Bozorg Mosque is visited by a large number of domestic and foreign tourists throughout the year.

## Atigh Traditional Hotel; Wonderful, Peaceful Place



Atigh traditional hotel is an ancient place that was built in Qajar era about two hundred years ago. Atigh traditional hotel is a wonderful and peaceful place that has two courtyards, the outer courtyard, and inner courtyard. The hotel entrance door has a long corridor. The rooms are in both yards, this hotel has 20 rooms with different capacities, restaurant, café, and tea bar. On the northern side of the outer courtyard, there is a main room that is between outer and inner courtyard that is decorated with an unbelievable and wonderful painting and moulding. Atigh traditional hotel is near Jame mosque and the great bazaar of Esfahan. You have quick access to the historical places such as Naghshe Jahan square and great monuments from Atigh Hotel. In this hotel, rooms have all facilities that are required for the guests. No. 30, Ebn e Sina Street, Isfahan, Isfahan Province

### Must-see sites in Isfahan

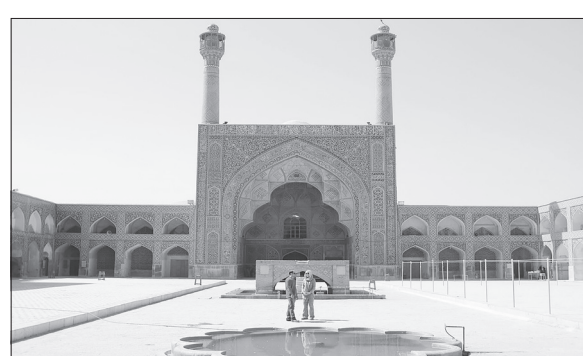


Ali minaret is a historical minaret in Isfahan, Iran. It is close to the Ali mosque. This minaret is the oldest minaret in Isfahan, which dates back to the 11th century. This minaret is 48 meters (157 ft.) in height and is the second highest historical minaret in Isfahan after the Sarban minaret.

**Khooor Salt Lake**  
In the easternmost point of the Isfahan province, this form of nature is located in Salt polygons which are generally seen in the dried salt lakes.



**Seifoor Ghasemi Historical House.**  
Location: Ketabi Allay-Hakim St-Isfahan



Atigh Congregational Mosque is one the largest and most secret mosques of the Islamic world that the main core of it has been built on an ancient foundation. The main entrance of mosque has been located on the eastern side. In this part, there are small platforms on the right side of corridor related to Dayaleme dynasty in the fourth century.

### WHAT TO EAT

## Poolaki; Type of Candy Made Mainly in Isfahan



Poolaki is a type of candy made mainly in Isfahan, Iran. Its shape is in the form of a thin disc, pretty much like a very thin coin, which starts dissolving as it enters the mouth. It is made of sugar, water, white vinegar and some natural taste of saffron, dried lime or cocoa powder. It is similar to toffee. Poolaki is a caramelized hard sugar candy from the city of Isfahan. This sweet candy is usually served best along with hot and fresh brewed tea. Poolaki from Isfahan is exceptionally tasty and delicate and no homemade version of it would ever come close to the real thing. This is not a sugar cube to melt quickly in your mouth and it's not that soft to chew or swallow quickly, you need to take time and experience the magic of poolaki. Make yourself a nice cup of freshly brewed tea, take a poolaki, dip the corner of it into the hot tea, place the candy in your mouth, taste the sweetness of it and then take a sip of your tea. Let the bitterness of the tea mix in with the candy, and for a nostalgic moment, you'll be walking down those old tree-lined streets of Chahar Bagh among the crowd of early evening shoppers where everyone looks cheerful.

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	TEL
Shahzad Restaurant	Abbas Abad Street, Esfahan, Iran	+98 31 3220 4490
Khan Gostar Restaurant	Hakim Nezami Street, Jolfa Hotel, Jolfa, Esfahan, Iran	+98 311 627 8989
Firouz Sherbat Cafe	Jolfa St.   Near the Vank Church, Esfahan 81464, Iran	+98 31 3626 8009
Hermes Restaurant & Cafe	Jolfa Alley, Nazar St, Esfahan 81464, Iran	+98 31 3629 3349
Manouchehri House Restaurant	No. 49, 7 Emarat, Sabet Alley, Mohtasham Street, Kashan 87134, Iran	+98 31 5524 2617
Arabo Sandwich	Kelisaye Vank, Esfahan, Iran	+98 31 3627 6325