

Top Chilean filmmaker to attend Iran festival

TEHRAN - A Chilean film director, screenwriter and film producer, Miguel Ernesto Littin Cucumides, is scheduled to take part in the third edition of the Ammar International Popular Film Festival in the Iranian capital city of Tehran later this month.

According to a report carried by the official website of the festival, the 74-year-old figure will be among the distinguished guests invited to the three-day cultural event.

Littin is globally renowned as one of the most prominent personalities of the New Latin American cinema. He directed what is regarded as the most popular Chilean film of all time, dubbed El Chacal de Nahueltoro (the Jackal of Nahueltoro) in 1969.

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President says JCPOA was Iran's moral victory



TEHRAN - President Hassan Rohani said Sunday nuclear deal dubbed as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), among other things, was also a moral victory for people of Iran.

Rohani reiterated that defense industry is important and effective in country's fate. "We can better use our opportunities being created for our country in the world," the President stressed while referring to the conditions that have been created for Iran (after the JCPOA) in both world and region.

"JCPOA was a big good job in which many organs in the country including Defense Ministry played their effective roles," the president noted. President Rohani visited an exhibition on air capabilities of the Ministry of Defense to mark the National Defense Industry Day in the country falling on August 21 this year, IRNA reported.

Prior to this ceremony, the President visited an exhibition on air capabilities of the Defense Ministry.

At the ceremony, the President appreciated the important role the Defense Ministry played in the nuclear deal, known as the JCPOA, between Iran and world powers that led to lifting of anti-Iran sanctions on January 16, 2016.

Iran, Turkey FMs hold ME talks in Tehran

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu have held key talks in Tehran on bilateral relations and the latest developments in the Middle East. "The Turkish foreign minister made a short visit to Tehran yesterday to follow up on the agreements and consultations held between the two countries during Zarif's visit to Ankara last week," Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qasemi said, Press TV reported.

He added that the Thursday negotiations between the Iranian and Turkish foreign ministers in Tehran lasted for five hours. The Iranian Foreign Ministry official noted that during Zarif's visit to Ankara and his talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other senior officials on August 12, the sides agreed to hold intensive negotiations at different levels.

Qasemi said the two countries' senior officials would hold several meetings at different levels in the near future.

Speaking in a joint presser with Cavusoglu in the Turkish capital, Zarif said Tehran and Ankara have a common goal to improve cooperation on the fight against terrorism and extremism despite their differences on some issues.

"The two countries have a common opinion and goal to jointly fight terrorism, extremism and sectarianism, and despite the existence of different views on some issues, we share a common stance on [protecting] Syria's territorial integrity" and fighting Daesh and Jabhat Fath al-Sham terrorists, the Iranian foreign minister said. He emphasized that Iran "has always had positive dialogues with Turkey on the Syria subject," adding that Tehran and Ankara share the view that the Arab country's future must be decided by the Syrian people. Syria has been gripped by a foreign-backed militancy since March 2011. UN special envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura estimates that over 400,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

Defense Minister:

S-300 delivery to be completed in a month

TEHRAN - Defense Minister Hossein Dehqan says Iran will fully receive the remaining consignment of the Russian S-300 missile defense system in a month.

"We have completely taken delivery of the S-300 missile system. The main part of the system has been transferred to Iran, and the remaining parts being loaded for transfer which will be completed in a month," he told reporters on Saturday, Press TV reported.

Dehqan said the country will decide on where to station the system in accordance with threats posed against the country's "sensitive points."

Russia undertook to deliver the systems - which are used to intercept tactical and ballistic aircraft and projectiles - to Iran under a \$800-million deal in 2007 but refused to deliver on the commitment, citing UN sanctions against Iran.

Following Moscow's refusal to deliver the systems, Iran filed a complaint against the relevant Russian arms manufacturer with the International Court of Arbitration in Geneva. In April 2015, President Vladimir Putin lifted the Russian self-imposed ban on the delivery of the S-300 and Moscow subsequently signed a new contract to supply Iran with the systems by the end of that year. Tehran recently dropped the case at the arbitration court.

The Iranian defense chief further said the country had refused a Russian proposal for the procurement of the Russian S-400 air defense system.

Over the past three years, the Iranian defense minister has held five meetings with his Russian opposite number, Sergei Shoigu. Addressing bilateral defense cooperation, Dehqan said the collaboration was aimed at "fighting instability and insecurity, the establishment of peace and security, and the eradication of terrorism in the region."

"We will keep up the cooperation until the attainment of the intended goals," Dehqan said in his Saturday remarks.

Elsewhere in his remarks, he said that Iran's and Russia's definition of the terrorists operating in Syria differs from that of the West. "The West is of the opinion that only Daesh should be confronted in Syria as a terror group, but we believe that all those groups that operate to cause instability in the [Arab] country are terrorist and should be confronted."

Majlis Speaker:

Iraq's territorial integrity key to Mideast stability



TEHRAN - Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani says Iraq's territorial integrity is crucial for Iran and the stability of the Middle East.

"Iraq's territorial integrity has always been important for us and we respect and regard it as an important principle for the stability of the region," Larijani said at a joint press conference with visiting Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri in Tehran on Saturday, Press TV reported.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman:

Iran eyes enhanced LatAm, Africa ties

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Bahram Qasemi says the expansion of relations with Latin American and African countries is always on the agenda of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy.

"Strategically, the [Iranian] Foreign Ministry believes in a balanced approach to all countries and geographical regions in the foreign policy," Qasemi said on Saturday, Press TV reported. "In addition to strengthening relations with neighboring and Muslim countries, which has always been among the priorities of our country's foreign policy, the expansion of all-out ties with Latin American and African countries has always

been on the agenda of the Islamic Republic of Iran's foreign policy," he added. He noted that the Latin American countries are important for Iran due to political and cultural commonalities and congruity at international organizations and circles, particularly at the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

"Today, the Islamic Republic of Iran has such a position that it can pick its political friends and trade partners and does not have to cooperate with a specific country or region in the world," Qasemi said. The remarks came as Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif is scheduled to launch a six-nation tour of Latin America on Sunday to discuss ways to improve ties.

China seals deals to award loans to Iran

TEHRAN - Iran says it has signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with two major Chinese banks to provide loans for its key development projects.

The banks that will provide the loans to Iran are the Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM) and China Development Bank (CDB). The MoUs were signed during a visit to Beijing by the country's Minister of Economy and Financial Affairs Ali Tayyebnia, Press TV reported.

EXIM had already signed another basic agreement with



Iran to finance a high-speed train service between Iran's capital Tehran and Mashhad in the north-eastern province of Khorasan Razavi. The bank signed the agreement with Iran's Ministry of Roads and Urban Development in January. Tayyebnia arrived in Bei-

Iran freestyle wrestler earns Olympic gold

TEHRAN - Iranian freestyle wrestlers Hassan Yazdani Cherati and Hassan Rahimi have adeptly employed a mix of primal hand-to-hand combat and complex tactics at the wrestling competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and picked up two medals, including one gold.

On Friday, the 21-year-old Yazdani Cherati, who had received a bye in his opening round contest of men's 74kg freestyle weight category, outmuscled Haitian wrestler Asnage Castelly by 10 points to 0 in the first contest at the indoor Carioca Arena 2 stadium in Rio's western district of Barra da Tijuca.

He then prevailed over his Turkish opponent Soner Demirtas 7-0 in the next challenge to march into the semifinal round.

Foreign minister:

Iran stands by Iraq under any circumstances

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif hails the key role of Iraqi senior officials in establishing political stability in the country, saying Tehran will always stand by Baghdad.

"Iraq is at the forefront of campaign against terrorism and extremism, and Iran will stand by the Iraqi government and nation under any circumstances," Zarif said in a meeting with visiting Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri in Tehran on Saturday, Press TV reported.

He said the Iraqi government and nation have been successful in the battle against extremism and terrorism so far and expressed confidence that they would successfully see out the final stages of the fight against terrorists in the northern city of Mosul through unity and solidarity among all tribes, ethnicities and faiths in the country.

President Rohani:

Unity will uproot terrorism in Iraq

TEHRAN - Iranian President Hassan Rohani has praised the recent victories of the Iraqi army and popular forces against terrorist groups, saying the reinforcement of unity among Iraqis of all ethnicities and faiths will certainly uproot terrorism in the country.

The Islamic Republic of Iran will continue to stand by the Iraqi government and nation until the end of their battle against terrorism, Rohani said in a meeting with visiting Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri in Tehran on Saturday, Press TV reported.

He added that the Iraqi parliament is a symbol of unity and fraternity among Iraqis of all ethnicities and faiths and can boost national unity by taking on an integrated role in the fight against terrorism.

"Unfortunately, some countries in the region are in-

fluenced by different factors, such as the Zionists, and are following a wrong path. This is while people want all these countries to struggle for the region's development and

Last week, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi announced that the Iraqi army was engaged in the final stages of planning the latest operations aimed at retaking the Nineveh provincial capital city of Mosul from the Daesh terrorists, who overran the country's second largest city in the summer of 2014.

Iran has been supporting Iraq in its fight against Daesh Takfiri terrorists. On August 10, Abadi hailed the presence of Iranian military advisors in the country's battle against Daesh terrorists and said the Iranian advisors are present in Iraq at Baghdad's request.

The northern and western parts of Iraq have been plagued by gruesome violence ever since Daesh terrorists mounted an offensive in June 2014.

The Iraqi army and fighters from the Popular Mobilization Units have

been engaged in joint operations to retake militant-held regions.

The top Iranian diplomat also warned against foreigners' moves to create sectarian strife in the region, particularly in Iraq, and stressed the importance of remaining vigilant to foil such plots.

The Iranian foreign minister emphasized that stability, peace and territorial integrity of regional countries must always stand as priorities for all nations.

Jabouri, for his part, praised Iran's support for the Iraqi nation in its fight against terrorist groups and said terrorism is the most important threat to all countries in the Middle East.

The Iraqi parliament speaker added that peace must be restored to Iraq and the entire region through unity, coherence and defeat of terrorists.



prosperty side by side," the Iranian president said.

Rohani further said that increasing consultations between Iran and Iraq is necessary for promoting peace and

Alizadeh Iran's 1st female Olympic medalist

Rohani lauds 1st female Olympic medalist

TEHRAN - Iran's President Hassan Rohani extends his congratulatory to taekwondo practitioner Kimia Alizadeh Zenooin for becoming the first Iranian female Olympian after winning the bronze medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics Games.



"Kimia, my daughter, you made happy all Iranians, particularly women of the Iranian land. I wish everlasting happiness for you," Rohani said in tweet on Friday, Press TV reported.

The 18-year-old Alizadeh won the bronze medal in the -57kg class of taekwondo competitions at the Rio Olympics on Thursday.

She beat Nikita Glasnovic of Sweden 5-1 on Thursday after winning her repechage match with Thailand's Phanna Harnsujin 14-10.

Alizadeh had lost 8-7 in the quarter-finals to Eva Calvo Gomez of Spain, but was handed a repechage place once the Spaniard made the final.

The Iranian medalist won the 2014 Youth Olympics, and last year took the bronze medal at the world championships, beating Jones in her matches. Meanwhile, the United Nations mission in Iran also hailed Alizadeh's victory in the Olympics games.

In a message, the UN mission congratulated Alizadeh for her big success, saying such a victory would pave the way for other Iranian female athletes to pursue their dreams in sports. The Iranian Olympians have so far won five medals in the Rio games.

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