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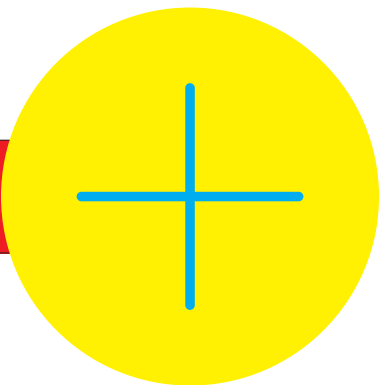
Iran's TV producer Monjezipour dies at 54



MEHR – Iran's prominent TV producer Farshad Monjezipour died at the age of 54 from a debilitating disease. Among his TV productions are 'Love Season,' 'Lasting Thought,' and 'Heritage'. He was the former advisor of Farabi Cinema Foundation and former director of Farhang Cinema.

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Hajij village, a piece of heaven in western Iran



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Hawraman, a piece of heaven in western Iran, features a gallery of villages that treat you to a unique culture and adorable beauties. One of the must-see villages located in Hawraman Region is Hajij in Kermanshah Province. With a terraced architecture, scenic landscape, lovely handicrafts and hospitable people, this adorable village is packed with tourist magnets. At the end of a winding road that blesses you with views of mountains, oak trees and a lovely lake, Hajij will be waiting for you,

iranontour.com wrote.

Story of the name

The reason for naming this place Hajij is its geographical location. Hajij means a deep and green valley in the Kurdish language. And Hajij village is located in such a place. Once upon a time, there was a Hajij village that was more charming than the present Hajij. But when they established Daryan Dam, the major part of the village went under water and was lost forever. Later, the villagers started building new houses right be-

side their original village.

Architecture

The first thing that catches your eye in the village is its special architecture. With semi-circular streets and rows of buildings that face a deep valley and a beautiful river, this village is a real spectacle. The terraced architecture of this village makes it look like Massuleh, a well-known village in northern Iran. In Hajij village, the houses are mostly two stories, made of stone and wood. The roof of the lower houses acts as a

passage way for passers-by and a yard for the upper houses. This close tie between houses has led to a rare intimacy among the villagers. Since Hajij village is in a cold region, the houses face south to make the most out of sunlight. The extreme cold of winter is a good reason for building houses with thick walls and small windows. Also, wooden beams cover the flat roofs of the houses and, to insulate the roof, thatch fills the empty space between the beams. In the past, they used to

carve uneven stones like bricks and put them together with mortar. The architects also put wooden beams between the gaps in the rocks on the walls. These beams absorbed the moisture in the air and prevented the collapse of the building during earthquakes.

People

The local people are undoubtedly part of the reason why this village is so adorable. It is their independence in providing their daily necessities that shines through. With effort, taste, and artistry that run deep in their culture, they have preserved their competence and have remained as the main producers of their own food and clothing. Giveh (a kind of traditional handmade shoes) and traditional wool clothes are among the main handicrafts of Hajij village.

Local foods

Are you into trying different kinds of food and discovering the taste of local dishes? Then Hajij village is the place to be. The variety of delicious Kurdish dishes you will find in the village will make you want to stay forever.



AFF

Power outage forces Philippines to suspend flights, shut airspace

REUTERS – Philippine authorities halted flights in and out of Manila on New Year's Day due to a malfunction of air traffic control, which also prevented airlines bound to other destinations from using the country's airspace. A total of 282 flights were either delayed, cancelled or diverted to other regional airports, affecting around 56,000 passengers at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), the airport operator said on Sunday. Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista apologized for the inconvenience to passengers as he blamed a power outage for the breakdown of the central air traffic control system that also affected operations at other airports in the country. He said the outdated existing facility should be upgraded immediately and that a back-up system was also needed. "This is air traffic management system issue," he said in a media briefing. "If you will compare us with Singapore, for one, there is a big difference, they are at least 10 years ahead of us." As of 0800 GMT, "the system has been partially restored thereby allowing limited flight operations", the Manila International Airport Authority said in a statement. By late evening, eight flight arrivals and eight departures had been allowed, according to the airport operator.

What does the future hold for Porto talisman Taremi?

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EXCLUSIVE

2022 was surely a year to remember for Iranian striker Mehdi Taremi. The year began for Taremi with the winner against Iraq at the World Cup qualifiers in January, which secured a place for the country in the showpiece in Qatar, and was topped off with last Wednesday's hat-trick in the Porto outfit during a 5-1 rout of



Arouca in Liga Portugal. In between, the Iranian bagged a remarkable 37 goals in 51 appearances for club and country – a figure only bettered by Kylian Mbappé (56), Erling Haaland (46), and Robert Lewandowski (42), while Lionel Messi (35) and Karim Benzema (33) finished behind Taremi. Taremi was

the linchpin of the domestic double-winning campaign for the Portuguese giant last season before he scored five goals in as many games to help the Dragões win the UEFA Champions League group in November. "I want to keep this level," headlined Portuguese newspaper O Jogo, quoting the Iranian, who was voted the player of the year in the Portuguese top flight by the readers of the Porto-based sport daily. And now, with the January transfer window underway, questions linger over the future of Porto's talisman. He has contributed with 67 goals – as well as 44 assists – in 119 outings since joining Porto three years ago and, most recently, seized the World Cup opportunity to introduce himself as a top asset in the European football yet again. Despite an ill-fated campaign with Iran in the group stage, Taremi still enjoyed a

decent run in Qatar, where he scored twice, registered one assist and made nine key passes – a sum that only eight players could surpass in the entire tournament. The Iranian was tipped for a move to a host of big European clubs in the summer – including Serie A champion Milan, and London archrivals Arsenal, Chelsea, and Spurs – and reports have suggested in recent weeks that Arsenal might be willing to renew its interest in Taremi as Gunners' boss Mikel Arteta is looking for a short-term replacement for Brazilian frontman Gabriel Jesus, who faces some time on the sidelines after sustaining a knee injury while on international duty in Qatar. When asked by renowned Iranian journalist Adel Ferdosipour in July if he fancies a future outside the Portuguese league, Taremi said: "That's up to the club. I should take club's priorities into account before making any decision."



The photos, released on January 1, 2023, show women weaving cloths and towels in South Khorasan Province's Khorashad Village, known for its textiles as cultural heritage. PEYMAN HAMIDIPOUR/MIZAN