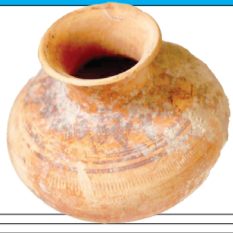




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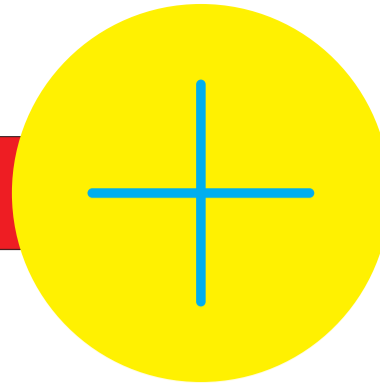
Ancient clay vessels discovered in Zanjan



IRNA – Three historical clay vessels, dating back to the first millennium BC, were discovered in the village of Anzar, Tarom County, in Iran's northwestern province of Zanjan, a police commander in charge of protecting cultural heritage said.

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Tang Mud Volcano: A rare natural phenomenon in Sistan and Baluchestan Province



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Looking for some fun with a rare natural phenomenon in your trip to Sistan and Baluchestan Province? The extraordinary Tang Mud Volcano (also known as Gelafshan), located in Bandar-e Tang region, around 121km from Chabahar, astonishes visitors with its exceptional geological features.

How Tang Mud Volcano looks

In a vast plain, a soft volcano calls your attention confidently. As you climb up the Gelafshan you should not worry about the dangers a volcano might cause, because Gelafshan spews out no

lava. As you reach the top of the hill, you will be astonished by what you behold. A muddy volcano! Don't hesitate to touch it, or even build toys out of it. Volcano ejects grey mud playfully. You can enjoy the alternating eruption of the mud every 10 to 15 minutes, as well as smooth mud bubbles. Moreover, mud springs cascading gently around the volcano call to mind chocolate sauce flowing down a cake, iranontour.com reported.

Where the mud comes from

According to some anecdotal knowledge, the sea

waves hit the coast harshly. Consequently, the ground under the volcano starts shaking and pushes the mud out of the volcano. On the other hand, some people assume that the gas trapped beneath the surface is the cause of the mud eruption.

Therapeutic effects of Gelafshan

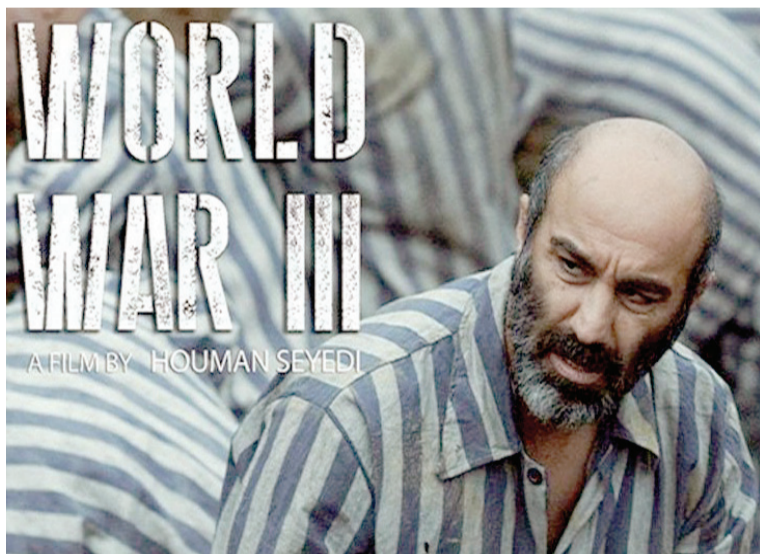
Locals and some experts believe that bathing in the mud can bring about health benefits due to specific chemical elements. In fact, they claim that health issues such as skin diseases, painful joints, spine pain,

joint stiffness, neurological disorders and muscle contractions can be treated by the mud from Gelafshan.

Other attractions

In addition to Gelafshan, several amazing attractions await you in Chabahar. In for an old post office attributed to British builders? Then, Chabahar Telegraph Office Building is the place to be. Tis Ancient Castle (or the Castle of the Portuguese), Tis Friday Mosque, Tis Botanical Garden, and Chabahar Local Museum can also be on your visiting list.

Iranian actor Tanabandeh receives nomination at 16th Asian Film Awards



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ISNA – Iranian actor Mohsen Tanabandeh was nominated to receive the Best Actor Award for Houshang Radeh's 'World War III' at the 16th Asian Film Awards in Hong Kong. Competing for Best Actor are Park Hae-il ('Decision to Leave'), Nishijima Hidetoshi ('Drive My Car'), Suzuki Ryohei ('Egoist'), Zhang Yi ('Homecoming'), and Tony Leung Chiu Wai ('Where the Wind Blows'). The film has already

won Best Actor and Best Director awards at the Orizzonti (Horizons) section of the 79th Venice International Film Festival in Italy, and Best Actor Award at the Eighth Asian World Film Festival (AWFF) in Los Angeles. The film is about Shakib, played by Tanabandeh, a homeless day laborer who lost his wife and son in an earthquake and who now seeks comfort in the presence and service of Ladan (Mahsa He-

jazi), a deaf girl. Shakib finds work as a builder on a construction site, which is actually the set of a film about the atrocities committed by Hitler. Park Chan-wook's noirish romance, 'Decision to Leave,' makes the running in the Asian Film Awards by collecting ten nominations, including Best Film and Best Director. Hamaguchi Ryusuke's 'Drive My Car,' another awards season favorite, which debuted at

Cannes a year earlier, has eight nominations. Zhang Yimou, the acclaimed mainland Chinese director of 'One Second,' 'Hero' and 'Raise the Red Lantern,' will head a seven-person jury that sorts through the nominated films and decides the winners. The five competing for Best Film are 'Decision to Leave,' 'Drive My Car,' 'Poet,' 'Ponniyin Selvan: 1' and 'When the Waves Are Gone.' The AFAs are now in their 16th edition. They have operated since 2007 and are jointly backed by the Busan, Tokyo and Hong Kong film festivals. A total of 30 films produced in 22 regions received 81 nominations in 16 categories for this year's award show, which will return to Hong Kong after two consecutive years in Busan, South Korea. The event will take place on March 12 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Auditorium in the Hong Kong Palace Museum.



Fayyaz Mirdorazi, the defender of the Sanat Naft Abadan Football Team, in an upside-down position, holds the ball during the match against the Gol-Gohar Sirjan Team in Abadan, Khuzestan Province, on January 5, 2023, in the 15th week of the Iranian Premier League.

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