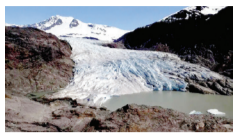




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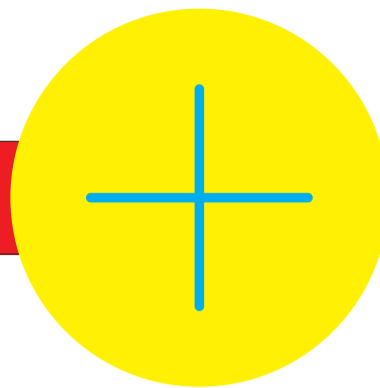
## Study: Two-thirds of glaciers on track to disappear by 2100



AP - The world's glaciers are shrinking and disappearing faster than scientists thought, with two-thirds of them projected to melt out of existence by the end of the century at current climate change trends, according to a new study.

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# Anzali Lagoon among Iran's most stunning natural sites

Bandar Anzali, a port city in the northern province of Gilan, is one of the most picturesque ports of Iran. It is full of attractions which are impossible to see in a brief visit.

Anzali Lagoon is one of the numerous attractions in this wonderful city that is highly popular. As soon as you approach Anzali Lagoon, you will come across a number of locations full of boats that encourage you to engage in an enjoyable activity. Take one of these boats to the amazing sight, tappersia.com wrote.

Anzali Lagoon is among the most stunning and well-liked natural tourist spots of Iran, which is the habitat of many creatures. Due to its location, this wetland cannot be compared to any other in Iran. Its high humidity and excellent water quality make it unique.

### Location

This lagoon is Iran's largest natural wildlife refuge. Its depth is around 2.5 meters in the spring, although it fluctuates depending on the amount of rainfall. Anzali Lagoon can provide

you with priceless experiences. Riding a boat while watching flowers The summer season is the best time to visit Anzali Lagoon. Lily of the valley, also known as a lotus, is a plant with very large, thick, and numerous pink petals on its large, circular, green leaf that emerges from the water. Many of these flowers are mistakenly thought of as lotuses, but if one pays close attention to their appearance, they can be distinguished.

Anzali Lagoon, which is home to various plants and animal species, is a great place for enjoying the scenery and taking memorable pictures. You can rent a boat to navigate the water by yourself. Do not pass up the chance to see this wetland's beauty. Its natural attractions may serve as a compelling subject for photography. More than 30 authorized marine tourist cooperative units are permitted to lend boats to visitors, and they can do so at a variety of prices.

### Birdwatching

In Anzali Lagoon, many birds that have flown into Iran from its northern

neighbors are sheltering. This makes it one of the top destinations for those engaging in birdwatching activities. Many researchers are keen to visit the lagoon to study local and migratory birds. The wetland is widely renowned for housing a variety of bird species, including herons, purple swamphens, western marsh harriers, ducks, egrets, white-tailed eagles, pygmy cormorants, geese, swans, and coots, to name just a few.

Anzali hosts birdwatchers and other wildlife enthusiasts at specified times so they can enjoy an incredible experience. A boat is required to take in the stunning scenery of the lagoon. You may spend hours sitting and admiring birds and their activities. In the wildlife refuge a station for bird viewing has been established which you may visit.

### Kayaking

In the past, the only watercraft an Eskimo could use to go through the Arctic and the North Sea was a kayak, but today kayaks are used for sports events. You may set out on a kayak on

the edge of the lagoon to experience exciting moments.

### Fishing

Fishing is an activity which has become popular in modern times. Fishing equipment is not available for rent there. You must bring all essential supplies. In order to avoid endangering the animals' lives, you should be aware of the appropriate fishing season. You can take advice from locals involved in the activity.

### Mammals

Mammals are the most harmful animals in the Anzali Lagoon, and their numbers are declining as a result of both overharvesting and the loss of safe habitats on the wetland's border. Sheng, boar, weasels, water otters, jackals, forest cats, Caspian jaw, and other animals may be found in this region.

Some other animal species including Caspian turtles, Persian frogs, lizards, European pond turtles, snakes, black rats, squirrels, and insects like hawksbills, call this wetland home.

## UK PM considered union ban for thousands of key staff: Leaked emails



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THE GUARDIAN - British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak considered banning thousands of workers from joining a union, according to leaked government emails detailing proposals described as potentially the "biggest attack on workers' rights and freedoms" for decades.

The messages, shared between senior civil servants and seen by the Observer, reveal that the prime minister contemplated banning Border Force (BF) staff from trade union membership under its anti-strike legislation announced last Thursday.

Union leaders fear the extreme measures could have also been considered for other sectors, theoretically leading to more than a million workers banned from joining unions.

Mark Serwotka, general secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union, said: "These emails reveal that while the government publicly is saying: 'We want to resolve the dispute', behind the scenes they were preparing the biggest attacks on fundamental rights and freedoms that we would have seen in this country for generations."

The emails, drawn up by officials and lawyers in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and shared last month with senior civil servants, presented three models for Sunak to consider to form the government's anti-strike laws.

The first, described as a "police service ban on striking" because officers are banned from industrial action, advocated "BF staff banned from joining a trade union" with striking or "inciting disaffection" to become a criminal offence. Another model, a "prison service-style ban on striking", would replicate restrictions on prison officers who are also banned from industrial action with possible concessions such as a new independent pay review body.

The third option - the one chosen last week - was legislation to enforce "minimum service levels" in public sectors such as the NHS, with employers able to sue unions and sack staff if minimum standards are not met. All three were put to Downing Street last month with the emails revealing that "we [senior BEIS officials] do not yet have a firm view on the preferred model from PM".

## Kahlil Gibran artworks turned into free virtual exhibition



THE NATIONAL NEWS - A collection of artworks and personal belongings from celebrated Lebanese artist and poet Gibran Kahlil Gibran is the subject of a virtual exhibition by Sharjah's House of Wisdom.

The first-of-its-kind display, which went live, marks the 140th anniversary of Gibran's birth, in 1883.

It comes after the temporary physical exhibition 'A Window to the Soul: Gibran Kahlil Gibran' closed at the Sharjah land-

mark following a successful run of four months, which attracted about 13,000 visitors, according to the institution.

More than 34 original works of art, including 15 that have never been seen before, form the virtual exhibition. It also includes manuscripts and sketches that underline Gibran's talent, which is renowned worldwide.

A watercolour set and easel, as well as the galley proof and plate proof of Gibran's most revered piece "The Prophet," which has been translated into more than 100 languages, are among the items on display.

Original Arabic manuscripts of "The Garden of the Prophet," the 1933 sequel to "The Prophet," are also included, as well as several parts of the 'Spirits Rebellious,' a collection of three lyrical parables that pay tribute to Gibran's homeland.

### PIC OF THE DAY



This photo, taken on January 8, 2023, shows families in Iran's northwestern province of Ardebil in a snowy day beside the Shorabil Lake.

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