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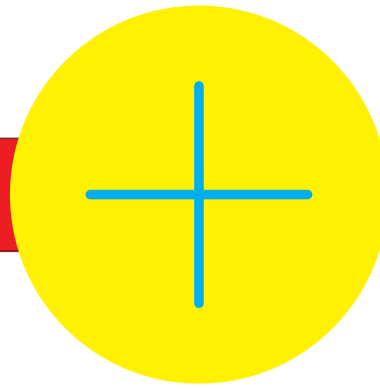
## Iran sends seventh aid plane to Syria



A seventh aircraft carrying humanitarian aid from Iran for the quake-hit people of Syria has arrived in the Arab country.

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# 150-year-old Mandegar Alborz High School in Tehran achieves significant success



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### EXCLUSIVE

On a cold and rainy winter day I entered Alborz Alley located at the College Crossroads in Tehran. Although this name isn't seen on any sign there, people call the intersection of Enqelab St. and Hafez St., "College Crossroads," which has an interesting story.

Here, there is a school named Mandegar Alborz High School, with several grand old buildings, and a beautiful entrance gate. I could hear the sound of the students enjoying their games. This school was formerly known as "American College," and that is why people call it "College Crossroads".

Entering the schoolyard, I saw a large pond with a number of geese and ducks.

Filled with tall, green trees, the yard looks like a beautiful



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garden. Students were eating snacks and having fun, sitting on chairs under the trees next to the pond.

The main old building of the school, with distinctive architecture, is in the center of the schoolyard. There are two large porches on both sides of the structure, which has a symmetrical façade.

Climbing nine steps, I entered the brick building, which is solidly built and has maintained its stability for many years.

Turquoise tiled inscriptions add to the beauty of the old build-

ing. Its columns are made of stone, and the floor of the interior space is laid with stone. The headmaster's office is in this building.

Mohammad Mohammadi, a university professor, who has a master's degree in educational administration, has been the high school's headmaster for about 11 years.

He said that Mandegar Alborz High School, established 150 years ago, was located in Lalehzar, Yusefabad and Kargar Street during the first 50 years of its operation.

He said that the current educational complex, which has been at this location for 100 years, was built by Russian architect Nikolai Markov.

"Presently, students study in four different fields: Applied Sciences, Mathematics and Physics, Humanities and Islamic Studies. About 240 teachers and administrative staff are working in the complex," said Mohammadi.

He said that thanks to the efforts made by Maryam Sa'di, a member of the school's board of trustees, who is in charge of its educational planning, Mandegar

Alborz High School offers online services to nearly 1,200 schools located in underprivileged areas of the country. In fact, Alborz has become the scientific and educational hub of the country.

He added that various factors lead to significant development in an educational system, the most important of which is efficient manpower.

Mohammadi said that fruitful cooperation between the staff and teachers and their strong teamwork have helped the high school gain the trust of the people. This has played a significant

role in the progress of this educational center. In other words, Mandegar Alborz High School is system-oriented, not centered on individuals.

"In addition to teaching science, the high school pays special attention to the students' moral education. Our goal is for our graduates to easily solve their problems in the future. We not only encourage those who have achieved the highest academic level, but award students for having special abilities and achieving any kind of success," he concluded.



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## Iran's puppet show to be staged in Iraq

Iran's puppet show 'Derakhshang,' written and directed by Alireza Aqaei, will be staged at the 7th Iraqi International Children and Youth Theater Festival, slated to be held in Karbala from March 11 to 17.

Aqaei's theatrical work is the story of an apple tree that establishes peace

and tranquility with the help of children, IRNA wrote.

Produced in 2019, the show has been previously performed in international festivals including the 19th Tehran-Mubarak International Puppet Festival, the 17th Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival in

India, and the 24th Bursa International Theater Festival for Children and Youth in Turkey.

The theatrical production's puppeteers are Mohammad Akbarian, Mehrdad Rezaei, Mohammad-Amin Bazvand, Shima Delhonar, Behnaz Mahdikhah, and Alireza Aqaei.



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