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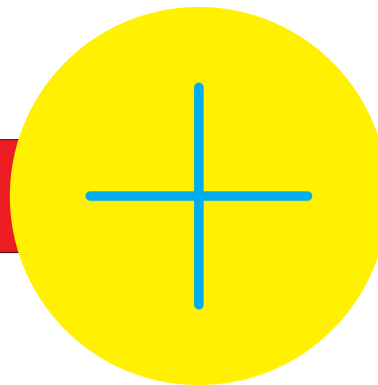
Twitter to charge users to secure accounts via SMS



AP – Twitter said on Friday it will allow only paid subscribers to use text messages as a two-factor authentication (2FA) method to secure their accounts.

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Deh Salm village in South Khorasan Province attractive for tourists and desert lovers

With lush date-palm groves, domed mud-brick houses, rug-saddled camels and a distant backdrop of arid mountain ridges, it's hard to imagine a more archetypal oasis village than tiny Deh Salm, in the eastern province of South Khorasan, at least once you get past the tatty houses at its entrance.

A desert camp is being built as a base for jeep safaris to the Rigi Yalan, 35 kilometers to the south, for which Deh Salm is an access point. Rig Yalan is a collection of very high sand dunes.

Those dunes offer exciting opportunities for four-wheel-drive or quad-bike rides, but military sensitivities mean that you'll need to get a fair bit of paperwork arranged before being allowed to visit: Tour agencies can arrange this for you, lonelyplanet.com reported.

With an elevation of 815 meters above sea level, Deh Salm village is one of the regions having numerous beautiful and tall palm trees, which add to its beauty. Most rural people are engaged in farming and animal husbandry.

In fact, this village is known as the gateway to the Lut Desert.

Deh Salm was the most important settlement on the ancient Shahdad-Ne-

hbandan Road. This road has been of great commercial importance from the pre-Islamic era until 70 years ago. The road has been known as a commercial route linking Kerman to Khorasan. Some ancient geographers, as well as several travelers of recent centuries, have mentioned this route.

Some stories have been told about the naming of this village. Some believe that it got its name from one of the generals of Abu Muslim Khorasani, a Persian general in service of the Abbasid Dynasty.

Others say that two brothers, named Salm and Tor, settled in this village, which later became known as Deh Salm.

According to another tradition, the first person who settled in the village was probably named Salm or Salim, and for this reason the village became known as Deh Salm.

Carpet-weaving, mat-weaving and needlework are among the popular handicrafts produced by the artisans of the village.

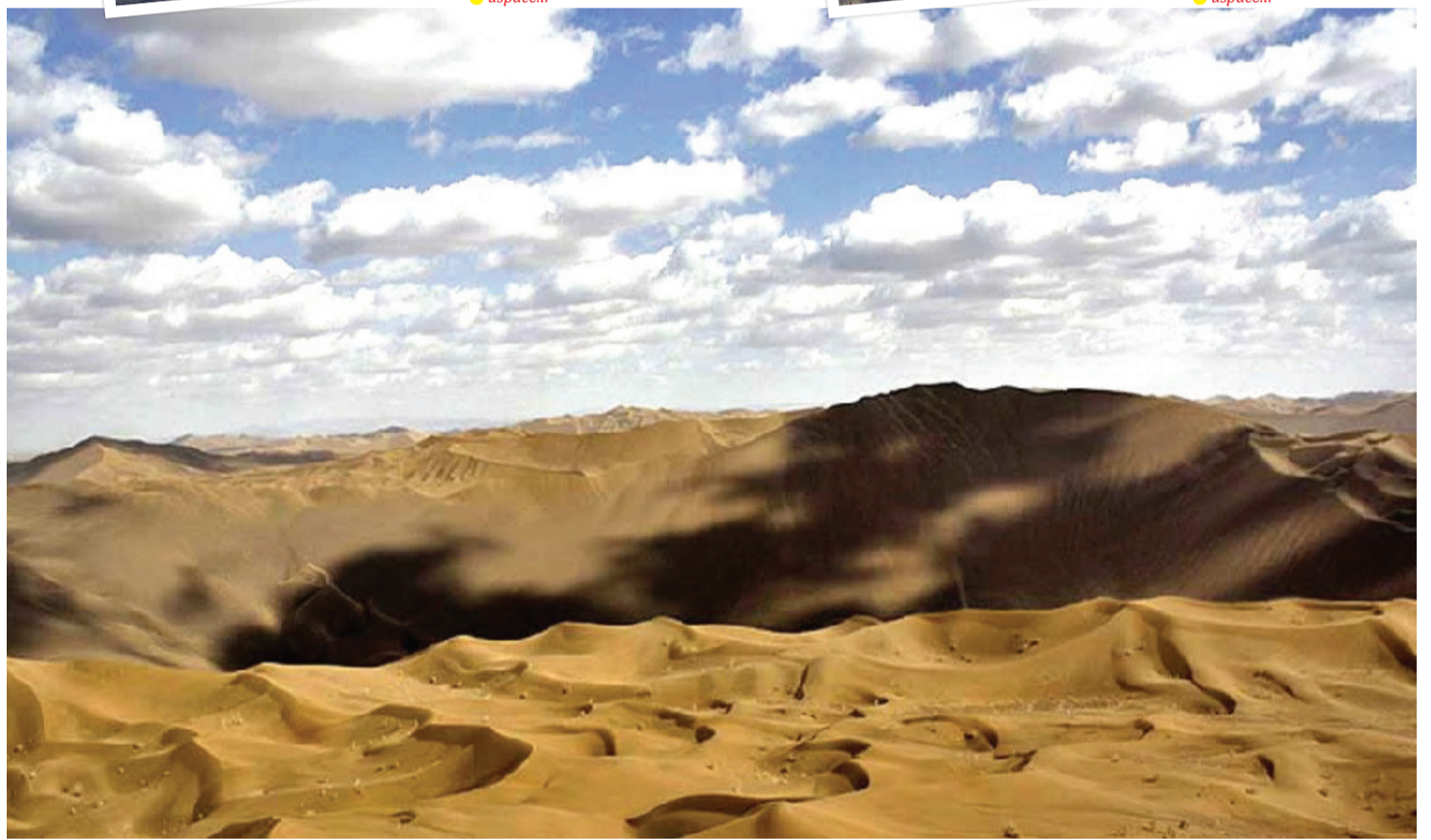
Deh Salm village is known as one of the important attractions of South Khorasan Province, which hosts a large number of tourists from various parts of the country every year.



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NASA's Webb Telescope captures never-before-seen details in Pandora's Cluster



Astronomers estimate 50,000 sources of near-infrared light are represented in this image from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Their light has traveled through varying distances to reach the telescope's detectors, representing the vastness of space in a single image. NASA

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has captured never-before-seen details in a region of space known as Pandora's Cluster.

A new deep field image from the observatory displays three clusters of galaxies coming together to form a megacuster. The combined mass of those clusters creates a gravitational lens, allowing scientists to observe more distant galaxies in the early universe, Fox News reported.

The cluster's central core has been previously studied in detail by the Hubble Space Telescope.

By using Webb and its powerful infrared instruments with a mosaic view of the region's multiple areas of lensing, astronomers aimed to achieve a balance of breadth and depth the agency said would open a new frontier in the study of cosmology and galaxy evolution.

The new view stitches Webb snapshots together in a pan-

oramic image, displaying approximately 50,000 sources of near-infrared light.

Notably, the gravitational lensing distorts the appearance of the background galaxies, and the cluster lens is so massive that it warps the fabric of space itself.

To the lower right of the image, which has never been imaged by Hubble, the lensing core contains hundreds of distant lensed galaxies that appear like faint arced lines in the image.

"Pandora's Cluster, as imaged by Webb, shows us a stronger, wider, deeper, better lens than we have ever seen before," Ivo Labbe, of the Swinburne University of Technology and co-principal investigator of the Ultra-deep NIRSpec and NIRC-Cam Observations before the Epoch of Reionization (UNCOVER) program, said in a statement. "My first reaction to the image was that it was so beautiful, it looked like a galaxy formation simulation. We had to remind ourselves that this was real data, and we are working in a new era of astronomy now." Labbe's team used the Near-Infrared Camera, or NIRC-Cam, to capture the cluster, for a total of around 30 hours of observing time. The next step for the team will be to go through imaging data and select galaxies for follow-up observation with the Near-Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec).

Iranian musician Nahid dies



IRNA – Iran's musician Hassan Nahid, who was famous for playing the ney (an end-blown flute that figures prominently in Persian and Arabic music), died at the age of 79, his son Ahmad announced.

The artist will be laid to rest today at the Artists' Section of Behesht-e Zahra cemetery in southern Tehran.

He began playing music at the age of 10, and at 18, he

was the student of Hossein Tehrani.

Enamored by Kasaei's performances broadcast on Iranian National Radio, he began learning this instrument on his own by imitating the style of Kasaei. At the suggestion of the musician Mehdi Kamalian (1978-2008), Nahid was introduced to Hossein Dehlavi who discerned in him an ability to play in an orchestra. Later on, through his association with Kasaei, he corrected and perfected his technique.

He was the earliest ney player who made use of the instrument at the highest professional level, in which he showed unrivaled mastery. Several Iranian officials including Deputy Culture Minister Mahmoud Salari and Director of Iran's Music Office Mohammad Allahyari expressed their condolences over the loss of the artist.