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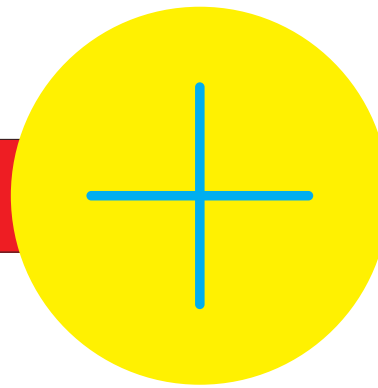
## Iran's ta'zieh artist Alaeddin Qassemi dies at 69



IRNA - Iran's ta'zieh (Iranian passion play on religious events) artist Alaeddin Qassemi died after a long illness, Iran's theatrical figure Davoud Fath'ali Beigi confirmed.

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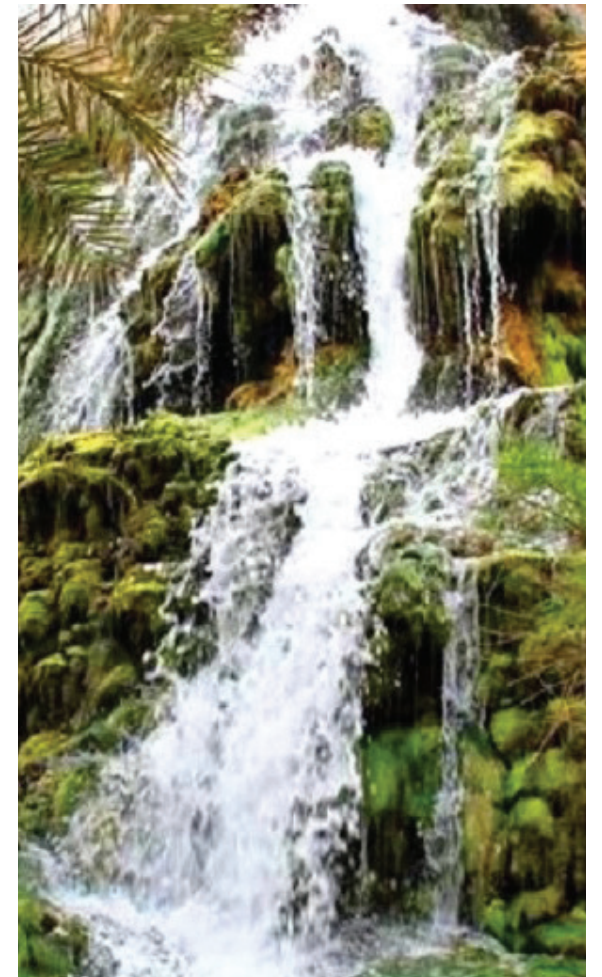
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# Rudan ready to attract tourism investors



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The city of Rudan in the southern province of Hormuzgan, which is referred to as the Paradise of the South, has unique potentials in various fields, especially agriculture and horticulture. In order to develop the economy of the region various groups of tourists

are expected to travel to the region. The measure is expected to help introduce the investment opportunities of the city situated 100 kilometers from the provincial capital of Bandar Abbas. This city is bordered by Hajiabad in the north, Faryab in the northeast, Kahnuj and Manojan in the east, and Minab in the

southeast. With its pleasant climate, the area has been named Rudan, which literally means rivers, because of its flowing rivers and agricultural and horticultural lands. In an interview with IRNA, Rudan's governor, Abdulreza Salari, referred to some natural attractions of the region including the

Nazdasht plain, the beautiful gardens of Berentin and Jaghin villages, and the waterfalls of Badafshan. He added that several photographers from the National Iranian Photographers' Society have been invited to take pictures of the region's tourism attractions, while adding their photos and photo clips will be displayed for

public view in the airports of Hormuzgan and other provinces of the country. The governor noted that plans have been drawn up to use the potential of social networks for introducing various tourism attractions of Rudan. Several old castles in Rudan and its surrounding areas show that the region has been settled by human

beings since a long time ago. With its beautiful landscapes, palm groves, citrus orchards and pristine nature, the region can turn into a tourism hub of the country. Its underground and surface water resources are on a relatively high level and this promotes agricultural activity in the area.

# Fajr Music Festival to become more competitive: *Executive*



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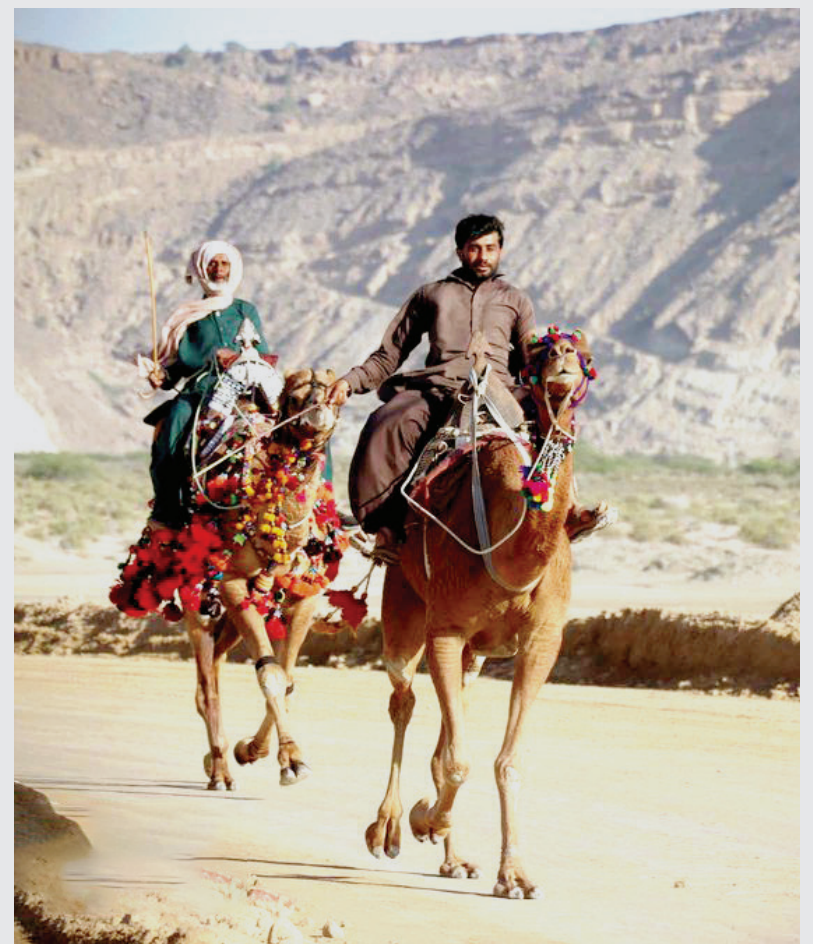
### EXCLUSIVE

Iran's Fajr Music Festival will be more competitive in the coming years, said the artistic secretary of the 38th edition of the event. In an exclusive interview with Iran Daily, Behzad Abdi added that the Barbad Award (a statuette awarded

to the winners of the Competitive Section of Fajr Music Festival) will eventually be given to top works in all sections of the festival. The Barbad Award was added to the festival two years ago for music albums, he said, although this year, the award will be extended to musical performances, and for the first time it will be given to the best individuals and groups in the instru-

mental section. In the next editions, the significant accolade will be given to single pieces and stage performances both in the pop and the international sections, he added. Just as the Simorgh Award at the Fajr Film Festival has gained immense prestige for the top works in the field of cinema, the Barbad Award could also gain such a value for music performers.

The recipients of the Barbad Award, though, should be given special incentives so that they are encouraged to present top musical works, he said. Pointing to the participation of 188 musical groups from the country's provinces in this year's festival, he said that the festival could be like a turning point for the participants in helping them to be seen.



People compete in a camel race in the southeastern city of Chabahar, Sistan and Balouchestan Province, on February 19, 2023.  
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