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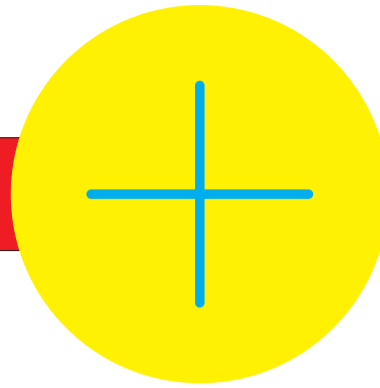
## Raeisi dubs Nizami as 'generative spring' of Persian literature



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi described renowned Persian poet Nizami Ganjavi as a "generative spring" of Persian literature.

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# Kharg, coral island in the Persian Gulf

Kharg Island, also known as Khark, is a coral island formed in the Persian Gulf. It is located 38 kilometers from Bandar Genaveh, about 70 kilometers west of Bushehr, the southern province of Bushehr. This historical island is eight kilometers long and four kilometers wide and is positioned in the heart of the sea. Today, about 8,000 local people live there. Takht Mountain is located in the north of Kharg Island, and Gardan Oshtor Mountain in its south, visitiran.ir reported. In terms of economics, Kharg Island is one of the main centers of oil production and processing in Iran. That is why more than 90 percent of the island has been allocated to oil companies and their terminals. In addition to oil, the pearls of

Kharg Island have always been famous as well. Water springs, qanats, stone pools and conservation areas are also located on this island. There is a stone relief in Kharg Island, written in cuneiform that dates back to the Achaemenid Dynasty or the Elam Empire. Although the artifact was damaged and destroyed, it was decoded and read before its destruction. In some part of its text, it was written: "This land was dry and not irrigated. By my efforts... from wells... it became irrigated." After the conquest of India, Darius the Great ordered a base to be built in Kharg Island to expand his Persian navy in the Indus River. The Nestorian Church, dating back to the Sassanid Era, Pose-

idon Temple, stone rails, Dutch Fortress, several old gardens and the remains of a burnt oil tanker are among the historical heritages of Kharg Island. The shrine of Imamzadeh Mir Mohammad Hanifeh is another valuable and important site of Kharg Island. Located in the southwestern part of the island, the shrine dates back to the Seljuk Dynasty. There were two ancient rocks, 3,000 years old, named Do Khaharun, literally meaning two sisters. Today they do not exist anymore, but local people still tell stories about them. Two battles of Mirmohanna, between the Iranian Army and the Dutch, British and Portuguese armies took place in the middle of the 18th century on Kharg Island. By the victory of

the Iranian Army, the Island was liberated and the foreign forces left the land of Iran. Gazelles, hawksbill sea turtles, green sea turtles, goats, large white-headed seagulls, ospreys, house crow and migratory birds are some of the animals that inhabit Kharg Island. Aquatic animals like fish, crabs, shrimp and leopard shark are among the other creatures living on the island. Bread-leaved Banyan tree, mesquites, jujubes, palm and lavender trees are among plant species that grow on Kharg Island. The texture of Kharg Island is composed of fossils and limbs of coral reefs, bivalves and other marine animals mixed with sand, and only a thin layer of the island's surface, with a thickness of about 20 centime-



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ters to five meters is hard. With hot and humid summers, the formation of this island is the result of gentle geological folds in the shape of an arch.



Artists make snow sculpture during a festival in the city of Koohrang in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province, Iran, on March 12, 2023.  
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## Collection of Drago Stambuk's poems published in Tehran

A selection of the translated poems of Drago Stambuk, Croatian ambassador to Iran, is published in Tehran. Prepared by Farhang Publishing House, 'And the Sea Is No More' is Stambuk's third collection of poems translated into Persian, Iran Daily reported. Trained as a medical doctor, Stambuk is a renowned Croatian poet who has written extensively on universally shared humane aspects of life in his lines. The book was unveiled in a ceremony arranged by the publisher in Teh-



ran on March 13, 2023, in which some foreign diplomats, local literary figures attended.

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