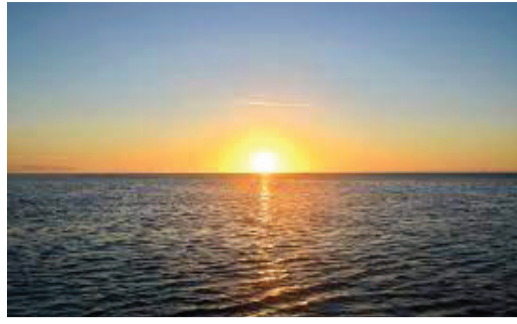


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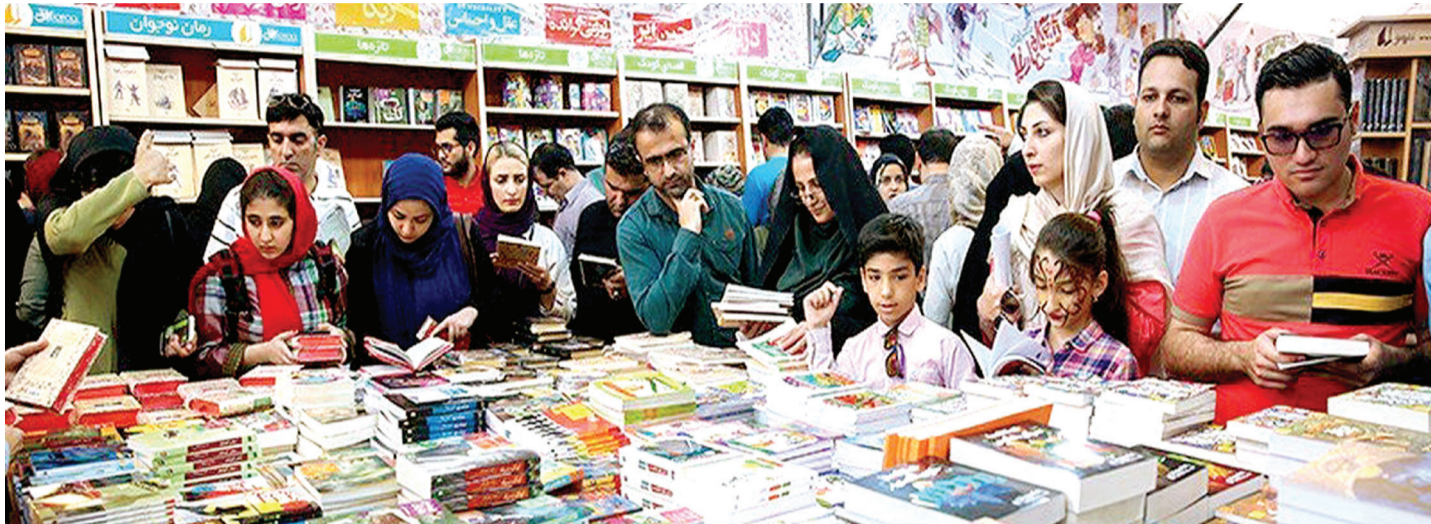
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Global warming

A recent, rapid heating of the world's oceans has alarmed scientists who are concerned that it will add to global warming. Experts believe that a strong El Niño weather event will also set in over the next months. Over the past 15 years, the Earth's accumulated heat has increased by 50%, with most of the extra going into the oceans.



TIBF to offer comprehensive programs for all walks of life

Arts & Culture Desk

The Tehran International Book Fair (TIBF) is the biggest cultural event in Iran offering various programs for all people, said the head of the Cultural Think Tank of the National Library and Archives of Iran (NLAI). Mohammadreza Zarei added that in the wake of the successful experience of the international book fair

in the previous 33 editions, other press and Qur'an exhibitions were formed and held in the country, according to IBNA. Despite all the changes that have occurred in the social fabric of society, the expansion of virtual space and its capacities, development of e-books, the publishers and consumers of paper books are still athirst for the book fair, Zarei noted.

The book fair will embrace people from different strata, ethnicities, and religions, he said. Visitors of the Tehran book fair include laypersons, university students and professors, he said, adding that there is no such diversity in other international book fairs, where people mostly interact in various fields of publishing, specialized

and professional communication. Iranian journalist Azim Mahmoud-Abadi said that the book fair shows the country's cultural diversity. He added that many books from world countries in various fields are quickly translated in Iran, and publishers from different countries will showcase their cultural products at

TIBF. American writer John Dunn believes that Iranian novels should be translated and introduced for non-Iranian audiences. He added that Iranian books are not as famous in the world as Iranian films, asking for more efforts to introduce Iranian books to the world. The 34th edition of TIBF will run from May 10 to 20.

Will road fencing help Asiatic cheetah live on?

Social Desk

The Asiatic cheetah, an endangered species native to Iran, is facing a grave threat due to the absence of proper fencing along the Abbasabad-Miami road inside the Turan National Park in northeastern Iran, which is home to one of the largest populations of the Asiatic cheetah. The erection of 36 kilometers of barricades is critical for the survival of the big cat, but the project has been postponed multiple times, causing concerns among environmentalists and activists. The head of the Environmental Protection Organization had earlier announced that the fencing work would start soon thereafter. However, it has now been revealed that the fencing and demarcation of the road are part of a long-term blueprint, which is postponed to an unknown date.



Dehgolan, an agricultural hub with significant tourism attractions

Haft Savaran Mountain
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An overview of Dehgolan
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Iranica Desk

Kurdistan Province is in western Iran, near the border with Iraq; each city of the province has its own unique attractions. With a very beautiful plain and several historical hills, Dehgolan is 45km from the provincial capital city of Sanadaj. Known as the agricultural hub of the region, Dehgolan is home to an impressive selection of attractions, making it well worth a visit. In the early days of spring, its green plains, blooming trees and

snow-covered mountains dazzle the eyes. The city has 116 historical sites, 62 of which have been registered on Iran's National Heritage List, according to IRNA.

Sheyda Mountain

Sheyda Mountain, with an elevation of 2,232 meters, is a popular resort among locals and tourists. There is a tomb on the peak of the mountain which, according to the some sources, belongs to Amanullah Khan, an old governor of Kurdistan Province. The locals believe there are turquoise stones in the holes of the building's bricks which shine at night. Known as a sacred place among the locals, the monument hosts many ceremonies throughout the year. It was registered on Iran's National Heritage List in 2002. There is a rock on the mountain, with hieroglyphic script. It also has a fire temple that has been destroyed but its rocks and ashes remain.

Sheytan Bazaar

Sheytan Bazaar is a region that lies two kilometers from Sheyda Mountain. The natural climate, such as wind and rain, has caused the limestone rocks of the region to be shaped into various strange figures including humans and animals.

Haft Savaran Mountain

Haft Savaran Mountain, located near Mobarakabad village, is among the must-see places of Dehgolan. It is said that in ancient times seven horsemen, who escaped from their enemy, took refuge and stayed there for a while. They were also buried there.

Telvar village

On the bank of a river with the same name, Telvar village is 10 minutes from Dehgolan. It is an historical village in the northern part of Dehgolan, with an ancient hill which was registered on Iran's National Heritage List in 2004.

Machekeh-ye Olya

Machekeh-ye Olya is a small and beautiful village, with a population of 300. Most of its inhabitants are engaged in livestock breeding and farming. It has several historical heritage sites including an old tomb and ancient hill.

The Deputy Director of Natural Environment and Biodiversity of the Environmental Protection Organization has confirmed that they have engaged in several, often one-sided correspondences with the Ministry of Roads about the fencing of the road where cheetahs cross. A deputy roads minister announced that the agreements have been reached and are to be implemented. Hassan Akbari, the deputy of Natural Environment and Biodiversity at the Environmental Protection Organization, has cited funding as the most significant hindrance to the project's implementation. He says that such needs were not reflected in the Ministry of Roads' budget. Currently, the project is being carried out with whatever funding is available. According to Akbari, there have been extensive deliberations regarding the effectiveness of fencing. Even among environmentalists and activists, there is a slight disagreement on this matter, but it is part of the plan and needs to be implemented. A fence can act as a good and effective barrier, but its durability, maintenance, and ability to guide cheetahs toward crossings need to be considered. Experts have concluded that it is better to implement fencing in emergency situations. When it comes to the safety of the habitats of the Asiatic cheetah, Akbari believes that it is impossible to reduce casualties to zero. However, every effort should be made to use all the available methods to minimize casualties. By managing the situation of livestock and prey in the South, West, and East of Turan National Park, cheetahs can be stopped from scattering to the North, which would naturally help reduce casualties. The natural dwelling of this alluring creature encompasses the zone where motor vehicles traverse. Hence, the significance of public awareness and education is emphasized when venturing through such terrains. Akbari emphasizes that drivers must demonstrate the willingness to diminish fatalities by traveling at less than 90 kilometers per hour on an 80-kilometers-long road, which may seem tedious, yet there exists no other efficacious approach to rescuing this species and forestalling road incidents. The loss of genetic diversity due to the small population size could further threaten the survival of the Asiatic cheetah. By implementing the fencing project, we can provide a safer environment for these big cats, thereby increasing their chances of survival and ensuring their continued existence for future generations to come.

