



Afghan kids receive same education in Iran

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Deputy Representative Inna Gladkova stated on Tuesday that Afghan children in Iran have access to educational facilities equivalent to those provided to Iranian students. During a visit to Kerman Province, Gladkova, accompanied by ambassadors from Switzerland, France, and Austria, pointed out that approximately 10 percent of the province's population consists of Afghan refugees.

Hundreds of old Farsi manuscripts kept in Sarajevo library



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Some 600-year-old Farsi manuscripts are kept in the Gazi Husrev-beg Library in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the director of the library told Iran Daily in an interview.

Osman Lavic said Bosnia and Herzegovina is interested in cooperating with Iran in preserving and restoring old manuscripts. Lavic is currently visiting Iran as the head of a delegation touring Iran's libraries and cultural centers.

"I have come to Iran at the invitation of Iran's public libraries along with six of my colleagues who are all experts in the fields of library sciences and restoration of manuscripts," he said.

"During this trip, we signed a memorandum of cooperation with Iran Public Libraries Foundation and Bosnia and Herze-



On May 8, 2023, Osman Lavic (R), the Director of Gazi Husrev-beg Library in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Seyyed Baqer Mirabdollahi, an official of Iran Public Libraries Foundation shake hands in a meeting held at the Tehran Central Library after signing an MoU aimed at enhancing library cooperation.

govina. Lavic added that the deal will also pave the way for boosting ties between the cultural centers of Iran and Bosnia and Herze-

govina. As Sarajevo's oldest cultural center, he noted, the Gazi Husrev-beg Library was founded nearly 500 years ago and as such, it preserves and restores really old manuscripts. "There are about 10,000 old manuscripts in Gazi

Husrev-beg Library which were written in Farsi, Arabic, or Ottoman," he said, adding that these are legacies of past generations, and we should make efforts to preserve them. "Apart from old manuscripts, about 250,000 manuscripts in Eastern

languages are kept in this library, and we intend to publish the information we extract from them across the world," Lavic maintained. The University of Sarajevo has even dedicated a department to study the Farsi language and literature.

We turned to talk briefly with Amela Lepir, a member of the delegation that is visiting Iran. She has worked as a librarian in the Gazi Husrev-beg Library for years. "I was not familiar with the state of libraries and book reading in Iran before visiting the country, but during this trip, I realized that Iran has achieved a lot in the publication of books and other cultural works, to say nothing of the large book fair that is held in Iran every year," Lepir said.

Lepir added that she has long been interested in visiting Iran and getting familiar with its culture.

Sarab Garden in Shahrud in danger of destruction



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The people of Semnan Province remember Sarab Garden (Bagh-e Sarab), located in Ruyan, a town in the central district of Shahrud. Dating back to the Qajar era, the garden was once full of apples, cherries, apricots, and plane trees. Registered on Iran's National Heritage List, the garden had a mesmerizing view in the past. However, it has been gradually dried up, and an amazing mansion in its center has been abandoned.

Among the locals, the mansion is known as the House of Amir Azam, a famous governor of Qumis, which was an old city in Semnan. Unfortunately, a plane tree in the garden that was hundreds of years old, was partially destroyed recently by workers of a company, under the pretext of supplying water to Ruyan. An old qanat, originating from Shahrud River, passes through the garden, transferring water to Ruyan, which is home to numerous agricultural and horticultural farms. Due to wear and tear, the

water channel has been blocked gradually; as a result, it takes longer now for the water to reach the garden. In order to solve the problem, the company, which is in charge of supplying water to Ruyan, received the required permissions from related authorities to lay a water pipe along the channel. However, measures undertaken by its workers caused massive damage to the garden, owned by the Mostazafan Foundation. Fortunately, the owner intervened in the case and prevented further destruction of the garden. According to the director general of Semnan Province's Mostazafan Foundation, Mojtaba Rajabi, the company made no coordination with the foundation and started digging without any permission.

He added that cultural heritage experts have admitted that some damage has been done to the garden. "We have agreed with the experts' proposal on the return of the tree to its original place, where its roots are located," he added. He expressed hope that the measure would help protect the tree from further damage.

Visit wonders of the world in Malayer



Imagine walking through all the wonders of the world in one day and seeing them all at once. This unique experience is made possible in Malayer Mini World Complex in the western province of Hamedan. Among these large, minimally constructed monuments, there are sidewalks so you can see them up close,

on a small scale, and enjoy them. The Holy Defense Museum Park and the Holy Defense Exhibition are two other tourist attractions located next to the complex. Malayer Mini World Complex is also a cultural space that allows holding various rituals. It is located along Malayer Roof, which has helped double

its importance and charm, visitiran.ir wrote. Malayer is one of the mountainous cities of Iran. If you are planning to travel to the city and visit the Malayer Mini World Complex, it is better to choose the warmer seasons of the year. Malayer is spectacular in the spring and summer, however, this city is also unique in the autumn.

On a trip to Malayer and the Mini World Complex, take a tour of Seifieh Park and Malayer Teacher Park, too. As a window to the world, the park is expected to lure more travelers to Malayer, which has earned a national reputation for its rugs and popular parks. Iran expects to reap a bonanza from its numerous

tourist spots such as bazaars, museums, mosques, bridges, bathhouses, madrasas, mausoleums, churches, towers, and mansions, of which 26 are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Under the 2025 Tourism Vision Plan, the ancient country aims to increase the number of tourists by 2025.

Tehran Aviation Exhibition

If you love flying and aviation, be sure to include visiting Tehran Aviation (Aerospace) Exhibition in your plans.

Tehran Aviation Exhibition is located at the fourth kilometer of the Tehran-Karaj freeway.

Also known as Tehran Aviation Museum, it is the first and only permanent aviation exhibition in Iran, visitiran.ir wrote.

The exhibition's oldest plane flew in Iran in the 1970s. Extending in an area of 40 hectares, it has various sections, including the Museum of the Aviation History of Iran and the World. The exhibition was inaugurated in 1987, and there are currently 42 planes on display.

At the Tehran Aviation Exhibition, enthusiasts can increase their knowledge about the basic and advanced level of aircraft production, fly with light

aircraft, paramotors, and paragliders.

Astronomical and multimedia facilities and 3-D cinemas will be added to the collection.

Stepping inside these retired planes gives you a glimpse of aviation's past. The models include a former Iran Air Cargo Boeing 747, some Boeing 737s, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, and some smaller planes like Aero Commanders, Cessnas, and Pipers, alongside rare plane types.

You can also explore Eram Park for more excitement, thanks to the proximity to Tehran Aviation Exhibition. It is home to several amusement facilities.

Eram Zoo and Money Museum are also located near Eram Park and Tehran Aviation Exhibition. The exhibition has easy access to Azadi Tower and Ghazzali Cinema Town.



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