

# Max Calderan – Iran is His Next Big Challenge



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TEHRAN (Kayhan International sport desk) - The Italian expat Max Calderan plans to explore Dasht-e Lut, known as the Lut Desert, a sandy and muddy salt desert plain with recorded surface temperatures as high as 71 °C (159 °F)—the hottest surface temperature recorded on Earth. As a post in The National noted, it is “not the kind of place you should be trekking – but that is not going to stop Max Calderan.” He has decided to cross the harsh

terrain. Because of the extreme heat condition and ever-shifting terrain, this desert presents one of the biggest survival challenges yet. However, with Max being a well-known desert explorer, he can overcome the limitations of these extreme environments. His trip to Iran and explorer moment is designed to promote public awareness about Conservation of the Asiatic Cheetah Project (CACP) to save the endangered animal. Calderon is the project's

ambassador.

Extreme desert running is no obstacle to Italian marathon runner Max Calderan. He has the ability to survive alone in the desert without food or medical help for unusually long periods. Some people may think Max is only one of its kind, but “[he] came to believe that we all have an inner strength and that with strong belief we can go beyond our normal limits,” he said.

Forty-eight year old Max Calde-

ran is defined “Son of the Desert” for his several record explorations in which he discovered amazing new horizons while surpassing his own limits to defy reality and proving that humans can continually progress beyond their imaginable limits.

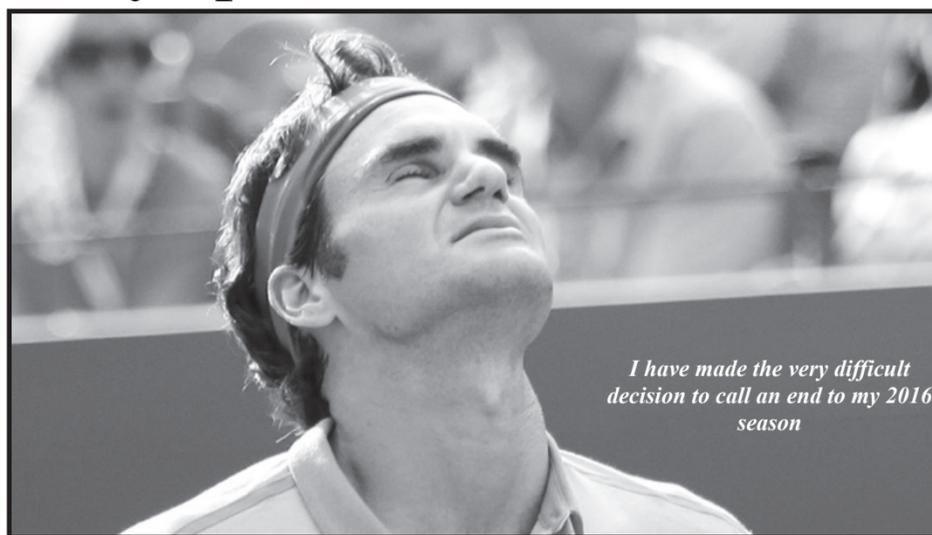
To discover more about Max Calderan, visit his website at <http://www.maxcalderan.net/>.

Many will discover how they can too push their mind and body past limits once thought impossible.

## Federer to Miss Olympics and Rest of Season

BERN (thehindu) - Roger Federer has pulled out of the Rio Olympics, and said he will miss the rest of the season as he needs “more extensive rehabilitation” following knee surgery earlier this year. “I’m extremely disappointed to announce that I will not be able to represent Switzerland at the Olympic Games in Rio and that I will also miss the remainder of the season,” Federer said on his Facebook page on Tuesday.

“Considering all options after consulting with my doctors and my team, I have made the very difficult decision to call an end to my 2016 season as I need more extensive rehabilitation following my knee surgery earlier this year. “The doctors advised that if I want to play on injury free for another few years, as I intend to do, I must give both my knee and body the proper time to fully recover.”



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## Neymar Trying to Persuade Gabriel Jesus to Join Barcelona

MADRID (GOAL) - The 19-year-old Palmeiras forward has been heavily linked with a big-money summer move to Europe, and the Barca superstar hopes that his countryman moves to Camp Nou

Neymar has been trying to persuade highly-rated Brazil youngster Gabriel Jesus to join Barcelona.

The 19-year-old Palmeiras player has been the subject of growing speculation over recent weeks, with Manchester City reported to be leading the chase for his signature among a host of leading European clubs.

Before any move is to come to fruition, Gabriel Jesus will line up alongside Neymar in Brazil’s Rio 2016 World Cup team and the Camp Nou superstar says he has been trying to convince his protege to move to Camp Nou.

“I spoke with Gabriel Jesus. Not only with him, but also told other players how it feels to play for Barcelona and to live in the city,” Neymar told a news conference.

“He is a great player. We know lots of clubs want him. He needs to know the right moment to leave, we want the good players by our side.



Gabriel Jesus

## Persepolis Victorious at Iran Professional League Opener

TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Persepolis football team edged past Saipa 1-0 in the Iran Professional League (IPL) first week on Tuesday.

Kamal Kamyabinia scored the only goal of the match in the 68th minute in Tehran’s

Takhti Stadium.

Elsewhere, Srpahan of Isfahan suffered a 1-0 home defeat against Padideh.

Gostaresh Foolad and Paykan played out a goalless draw and Foolad lost to newly promoted Machine Sazi 2-1.

## Iran’s Adel Mojallali Moghadam Off to Rio Olympics Rowing Competitions



Iranian rower Adel Mojallali Moghadam

TEHRAN (Press TV) - Iran’s Adel Mojallali Moghadam will be taking part in the rowing competitions of the forthcoming 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after receiving a belated berth for the high-status sports event.

The 23-year-old sportsman was handed a Rio Olympics position after Russian athlete Sergey Fedorovtsev and Alexander Kornilov from Kazakhstan failed their drug tests.

President of the Rowing Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran Gholamreza Amini said Mojallali Moghadam had just missed out on Olympic qualification, but is now training hard for the contests.

On April 24, female Iranian rower Mahsa Javer also demonstrated praiseworthy athletic skills and strength at the 2016 FISA Asia & Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta (FAOQR) in the central South Korean city of Chungju, and booked her spot in the Rio Olympic Games.

She clocked eight minutes and 5.08 seconds in the march to the final of the tournament and occupied the second spot.

The rowing contests at the 2016 Summer Olympics will open on August 6 and run through August 13 at Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas in Copacabana. A total of 550 athletes, 331 men and 219 women, will be in action at fourteen medal events.

## FA Announces Plans to Introduce Fourth Substitute

LONDON (theguardian) - Teams competing in the FA Cup will be able to field a fourth substitute from the sixth round onwards in the competition this season, the Football Association have announced.

The law-making body, the International Football Association Board, IFAB, is carrying out a global study into a proposal that would allow teams to make a fourth replacement during extra-time.

And subject to IFAB approval, the FA will play a lead role in testing to introduce this innovation for the closing stages of this season’s Cup.

If approved, clubs who have used three substitutes from the seven players named on their bench during the sixth round, semi-finals and final will then be allowed to introduce a fourth player in extra-time. This format was first trialled earlier this summer in the Copa América.

“The FA Cup is renowned for its great history and tradition but, as the game’s governing body, it is important the FA continues to look at how it can further add to the drama and spectacle of a competition loved by millions around the world,” said the FA chief executive, Martin Glenn.

“With the Cup now adopting a straight knockout format from the quarter-finals onwards, the introduction of a fourth substitute in extra-time will bring extra intrigue and interest.

“Also, from a technical point of view, it will be interesting to see how managers use the chance to make an additional substitution in such high-profile games and the impact it has on the final result.

“Player welfare and being mindful of the number of games people play at the elite level has also been a consideration.”

The FA Cup begins on 5 August, with the final at Wembley in May 2017.