

Iranian Climber Gheichisaz Joins 8,000ers Club



Iranian mountain climber Azim Gheichisaz

TEHRAN (Press TV) - Iranian mountain climber Azim Gheichisaz has joined one of the world's most elite groups of mountaineers known as the '8,000ers' after climbing all 14 of the world's highest peaks.

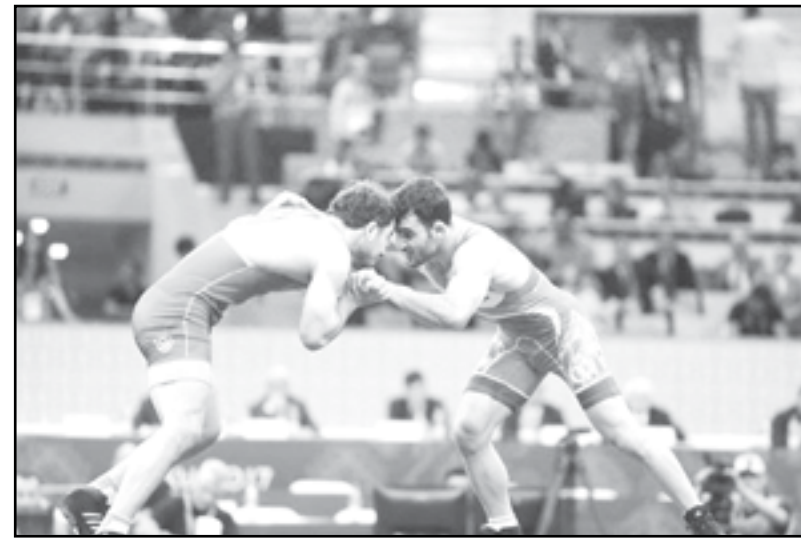
The 36-year-old member of Iran men's national mountaineering team reached Lhotse, which is the fourth highest mountain in the world at 8,516 meters (27,940 feet), in Tibet on Friday, fulfilling his lifetime dream to climb the world's most extreme peaks.

Gheichisaz also became the 37th climber to complete all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters without oxygen support.

Lhotse means "South Peak" in Tibetan. The mountain comprises the smaller peaks Lhotse Middle (East) at 8,414 meters (27,605 feet), and Lhotse Shar at 8,383 meters (27,503 feet).

The summit is on the border between China's province-level autonomous region of Tibet and the Khumbu region of Nepal.

Nasiri Bags Iran's 70th Medal at Baku 2017



Iranian freestyle wrestler Meysam Nasiri claimed a gold medal in the Islamic Solidarity Games on Friday.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian freestyler Meysam Nasiri has clinched gold to increase Iran's tally to 70 at Islamic Solidarity Games underway in Baku.

Competing at 65kg weight group, Nasiri overcame Magomed Muslimov of the host country to stand on top of the podium bringing home Iran's 19th gold and 70th medal overall. Ma'bali Ma'bunde Cumba of Guinea-Bissau and Kazakhstan Ilyas Zhumay jointly won bronze medals in the same freestyle category.

So far, the Iranian caravan at the international sportive event has collected 19 gold, 22 silver and 29 bronze trophies and stand third in the medal table. Iran's sportsmen and women are following Azeri and Turkish athletes who have occupied

first and second positions in the overall ranking.

The 4th Islamic Solidarity Games started in Baku, Azerbaijan, on May 12 under the motto 'Solidarity is Our Strength'. The tournament will wrap up on May 22, 2017.

Athletes from 54 Muslim countries around the world are representing their nations over 10 days of competition across 20 different sports, which include 23 disciplines including athletics and para-athletics, diving, swimming, aquatics, water polo, basketball 3x3, football, gymnastics, wushu, table tennis, handball, judo and blind judo, wrestling, shooting, tennis, volleyball, boxing, zurkhaneh, karate, taekwondo and weightlifting in 16 world-class sporting venues.

Under-20 World Cup:

England Beat Argentina 3-0 in Opening Match

SEOUL (Dispatches) - England began their Under-20 World Cup campaign in South Korea with a 3-0 victory over an Argentina side reduced to 10 men after the intervention of a video assistant referee.

Lautaro Martinez was sent off after the video assistant spotted him elbowing Fikayo Tomori and alerted the referee.

Everton's Dominic Calvert-Lewin headed the opener, Newcastle's Adam Armstrong added a second and Chelsea's Dominic Solanke scored a late penalty.

It was a first finals win since 1997.

Paul Simpson's side now face



England's victory on Saturday ended a 17-match winless streak

Guinea on Tuesday before a game against hosts South Korea next

Friday. "The difference between the two

teams was that we were outstanding in both 18-yard boxes," he said.

"It's not just about possession; it's about taking your chances and doing the other side of it as well."

Video reviews are being trialled at this competition, and may be introduced in some competitions in England next season.

They have previously been used to correct two wrong decisions as Spain beat France in a friendly in Paris in March, as well as in domestic leagues.

Last September, Willem's Anouar Kali was the first player to be shown a red card on the advice of a video referee in a Dutch Cup contest against Ajax.

Real Madrid Go to Malaga Looking for Decisive Point to Seal Title

MADRID (Dispatches) - Real Madrid travel to Malaga on Sunday knowing that a point will make them Liga Santander Champions for the 2016-17, giving the club its first league title in five years.

Wednesday's midweek win over Celta Vigo put Real Madrid three points clear of FC Barcelona going into the last weekend of the campaign, although Barca's superior head-to-head goal difference would be the deciding factor if the two sides end Sunday level on points.

As such a draw in the La Rosaleda Stadium is enough for Madrid to start the celebrations for

the first time since 2012 and to tee up a Liga and Champions League double, ahead of the Champions League final on June 3rd.

Gareth Bale and Dani Carvajal are both out injured still, meaning that Isco will once again play a key role against the side which sold him to Madrid in 2013.

It has been pointed out in the Catalan press that part of the deal that took Isco to Madrid included several incentive clauses - one of which states Madrid would have to pay Malaga an extra million euros for the Spain international if he helped them win a league title, hinting at a conflict of interest

nobody could have envisaged four years ago.

The fact that Malaga coach Michel Gonzalez is also a former Madrid player and has spoken of his affection for the club has also been highlighted in Barcelona, although with the eyes of the world on them and players such as former Barca striker Sandro Ramirez and former Atletico Madrid midfielder, Diego Camacho in their ranks, it would be a huge shock if Malaga gave anything less than 100 percent.

With Real Madrid in their current form that 100 percent will probably not be good enough.

Madrid have not taken their foot off the gas since their home defeat to Barcelona in April and have won their last five matches, scoring four against Granada, Sevilla and Celta into the bargain.

Cristiano Ronaldo looks to have found his best form at the right time and the most likely thing is for Madrid to try and take Sunday's game by the scruff of the neck and get an early goal, which would not only destroy Malaga's confidence, but also send a message to Barcelona that whatever they do against Eibar in the Camp Nou, it is not going to be good enough.

Cavs Dominate Celtics by 44 Points in Game Two



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, left, muscles his way to the basket as Boston Celtics guard Avery Bradley, right, tries to defend during first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Friday, May 19, 2017.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - LeBron James scored 30 points, Kevin Love had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics 130-86 on Friday, breezing to a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Cleveland led by a record 41 points at the break and by 46 after three quarters as James and the rest of the starters sit out the fourth quarter. Kyrie Irving had 23 points for the Cavaliers. Richard Jefferson added 10.

"It's one game. I don't care if you win by 200 points," Cavaliers head

coach Tyrone Lue said. "We're going back home, we're not going to get comfortable. We understand that this is a good team. They're not No. 1 in the East for no reason."

Thomas, who scored only two points, missed all six shots from the field. Rookie Jaylen Brown scored 19 for the Celtics, Avery Bradley had 13 and Al Horford had 11 points and five rebounds.

"It is embarrassing," Celtics guard Avery Bradley said. "As a man, as a basketball team, it will say a lot about us how we respond."

Nadal Knocked Out of Italian Open



Seven-time champion Rafael Nadal is out of the Italian Open

ROME (Dispatches) - Seven-time champion Rafael Nadal is out of the Italian Open after a straight-set defeat by Dominic Thiem of Austria in the quarter-finals in Rome.

The Spanish world number four had won all 17 of his matches on clay this year, including against Thiem in the Barcelona Open and Madrid Open finals.

But Thiem, ranked seventh, dominated on Friday, frequently forcing Nadal behind the baseline to set up a 6-4 6-3 win.

He will face world number two Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the semi-finals.

Djokovic beat Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro 6-1 6-4 after their rain-affected match was completed on Saturday.

American John Isner beat Croatia's Marin Cilic 7-6 (7-3) 2-6 7-6 (7-2) and will meet Alexander Zverev in the last four, after the 20-year-old

German saw off Canada's Milos Raonic 7-6 (7-4) 6-1.

After triumphs in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid, 30-year-old Nadal was looking to win his fourth straight title on clay this year before the French Open, which starts on 28 May.

However, Thiem could now prove to be a major obstacle as Nadal aims to win a 10th title at Roland Garros.

The 23-year-old Austrian raced into a 5-1 lead with a double break and held his nerve to serve out the first set after Nadal had broken back to make it 5-4.

He continued to thrive by playing closer to the baseline than in recent defeats by Nadal, breaking in the seventh game of the second set.

Thiem then saved break points to hold, before breaking Nadal again to claim only his second win in six meetings with the 14-time Grand Slam champion.