

Majidi Seizes Bronze at World Para Athletics Championships

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TEHRAN (Press TV) - Iran's Paralympic discus thrower **Mohsen Majidi Jamalabadi** has claimed a bronze medal at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships in England, lifting the Islamic Republic's medal tally at the prestigious track and field meet to two.

On Saturday, the Iranian sportsman participated in the men's discus throw F37 category

competitions at Olympic Stadium in London, and registered a throw of 52.75 meters in his final attempt to earn the bronze.

Uzbek discus thrower stood atop the podium with a winning throw of 54.73 meters.

Australia's Guy Henly claimed the silver medal with a throw of 53.59 meters.

On first day of the tournament, Iran's Javad Hardani snatched a silver medal in the F38 shot put section after throwing 52.75 meters.

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It is the 8th edition of the event, which was formerly known as the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics World Championship prior to 2017, and features 213 medal events.

Spain's Muguruza Crushes Venus Williams to Win Wimbledon Title

LONDON (Dispatches) - **Garbine Muguruza** has clinched a maiden Wimbledon title with a stunning demolition of **Venus Williams**, whose dreams of a fairytale victory at the age of 37 were blown apart in a devastating second set.

Like many a brutal demise, the end was messy and at times uncomfortable to watch as the Spaniard cut loose after tense

early exchanges, winning nine straight games to crush the demoralized American 7-5 6-0.

It was Muguruza's second grand slam title to add to last year's French Open and was indisputably deserved after she absorbed everything her opponent could throw at her before taking control and inflicting a punishing triple break in the final set.

She was robbed of the picture-perfect conclusion and forced to wait as Hawk-eye was called on to confirm that a miss-hit forehand from Venus had landed out before her emotional celebrations could begin.

It was the 23-year-old's second Wimbledon final, having lost to Venus's sister Serena on the same stage in 2015, and her legs gave way as she fell to the ground

after the decision was relayed on Centre Court's giant scoreboards.

"Two years ago I lost in the final to Serena and she told me one day I was going to maybe win and hey, two years after here I am," she said courtside.

"I played very well since the first game, and I kept the level, which is very hard because, you're nervous... I was just very composed," she added later.

Hamilton Blasts to British Grand Prix Pole



Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton celebrates pole position after qualifying with Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen

SILVERSTONE, England (Reuters) - **Lewis Hamilton** has taken pole position for his home British Grand Prix for the third year in a row on with a sensational lap that left him one step away from **Michael Schumacher's** Formula One record.

Hamilton's championship-leading Ferrari rival **Sebastian Vettel**, who has a 20-point advantage after nine of 20 races, qualified third on a drying track after steady drizzle throughout the morning.

The Mercedes driver was half a second quicker than Ferrari's second-placed **Kimi Raikkonen** and his time of one minute 26.600

seconds was so outrageously quick there were gasps before the crowd erupted.

"I always try to leave the best to last," the Briton told retired champion **Jenson Button** in post-qualifying interviews on the grid.

"I needed to make sure I got that lap in. I didn't do in the last race (in Austria) so I really made sure I saved it this weekend."

Vettel recognized Hamilton had been out of reach.

Hamilton still faced a nervous wait while stewards investigated an incident involving Frenchman **Romain Grosjean**, who complained he had been blocked by the Mercedes driver.

Ronaldo to Man Utd 'Mission Impossible'



Cristiano Ronaldo scored two goals as Real Madrid beat Juventus in last month's Champions League final - his fourth Champions League title

Manchester (Dispatches) - **Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho** has ruled out signing **Cristiano Ronaldo** back from **Real Madrid**.

Media that Ronaldo was left upset after being accused of tax fraud and wants to leave Spain.

A move back to United, whom he left for a then world record £80m in 2009, has been mentioned as a possibility.

However, when asked about the likelihood of the move, Mourinho said it cannot happen due to the "economic difficulty" of doing the deal.

Mourinho was asked about signing Portugal captain Ronaldo after his side had beaten LA Galaxy 5-2 in the first match of their pre-season tour of the United States on Sunday.

"I am not going to get my club to waste time on players who are mission impossible.

"Ronaldo is such an important player for his club. A player of great economic power. We have not been able to find any reason that could have made us think that Ronaldo could leave."

Mourinho added that he did not believe another Real Madrid player, striker **Alvaro Morata**, will end up at Old Trafford either.

"It is a shame," he said. "He is a player who made it to the first team with me and I have a special liking for. I enjoyed watching his evolution in Juventus and Madrid.

"But we have not reached an agreement with his club and I don't think he can end with us."

Iran Basketball Team Loses to Lithuania in William Jones Cup



TEHRAN (Dispatches) - **The Iranian men's national basketball B team** has sustained its first loss at the 2017 William Jones Cup in Taiwan, slumping to the Lithuanian side.

On Saturday, the Iranian squad went down to the European side 84-90 in a match staged at Taipei Peace International Basketball Hall in New Taipei City.

The Lithuanian basketball players opened the match in a better fashion, and chalked up most of the points throughout the first quarter, and eventually took the quarter by 26 points to 19.

The Iranian sportsmen came from behind after the break and managed to establish their control. They claimed the second quarter 20-19.

The Persian maintained the momentum as the game went into the third quarter and kept the lead. They did not capitulate in the face of their Lithuanian rivals, and finally grabbed a 22-21 win.

Even though Iranian basketball players tried hard to seal the victory, they were just unsuccessful and their opponents emerged victorious 20-19 at the end of the final quarter.

The Iranian men's national basketball B team is scheduled to face off with Republic of China White on Sunday.

The 2017 William Jones Cup started in Taiwan on July 15 and will run until July 23. The event is a top-level international basketball tournament of FIBA Asia.

Froome Regains Control as Matthews Wins Stage 14 of Tour de France

RODEZ, France (Reuters) - **Chris Froome** has reclaimed the overall lead on the Tour de France after he left Italian **Fabio Aru** trailing in a punchy finish of the 14th stage, a 181.5-km ride from Blagnac.

The defending champion came seventh, one second behind stage winner **Michael Matthews** of Australia as Aru, who started the day with the yellow jersey on his shoulders, lost 25 seconds to the Briton in the final effort, a

600-metre climb at an average gradient of 9.6 per cent.

Aru was out of position in the run-in to the climb and as he crossed the line his face wore a mask of pain after more than four hours on the saddle battling strong winds.

Overall, Briton Froome now leads Aru by 18 seconds and last year's runner-up **Romain Bardet** by 23 seconds after the Frenchman finished five seconds off the pace.

Chelsea Sign Monaco Midfielder Bakayoko



Tiemoue Bakayoko (l) scored against Manchester City in last season's Champions League

LONDON (Dispatches) - Chelsea have signed midfielder **Tiemoue Bakayoko** from French champions Monaco in a reported £40m deal.

The 22-year-old France international has signed a five-year deal with the Premier League champions.

He becomes Chelsea's second major summer signing after they brought in defender **Antonio Rudiger** from Roma.

Bakayoko joined Monaco from Ligue 1 rivals **Rennes** in 2014 and made his France debut in a friendly defeat by Spain in March this year.

He was part of the Monaco squad that reached the Champions League semi-finals last season, going out of the competition to Juventus.

Bakayoko, who will wear the number 14 shirt at Chelsea, said: "I am very happy to be here and to join this great team.

"I have grown up watching Chelsea. Signing was the natural thing for me because it is a club I loved very much in my childhood.

"I am now looking forward to evolving under this fantastic coach [Antonio Conte] and alongside so many great team-mates."