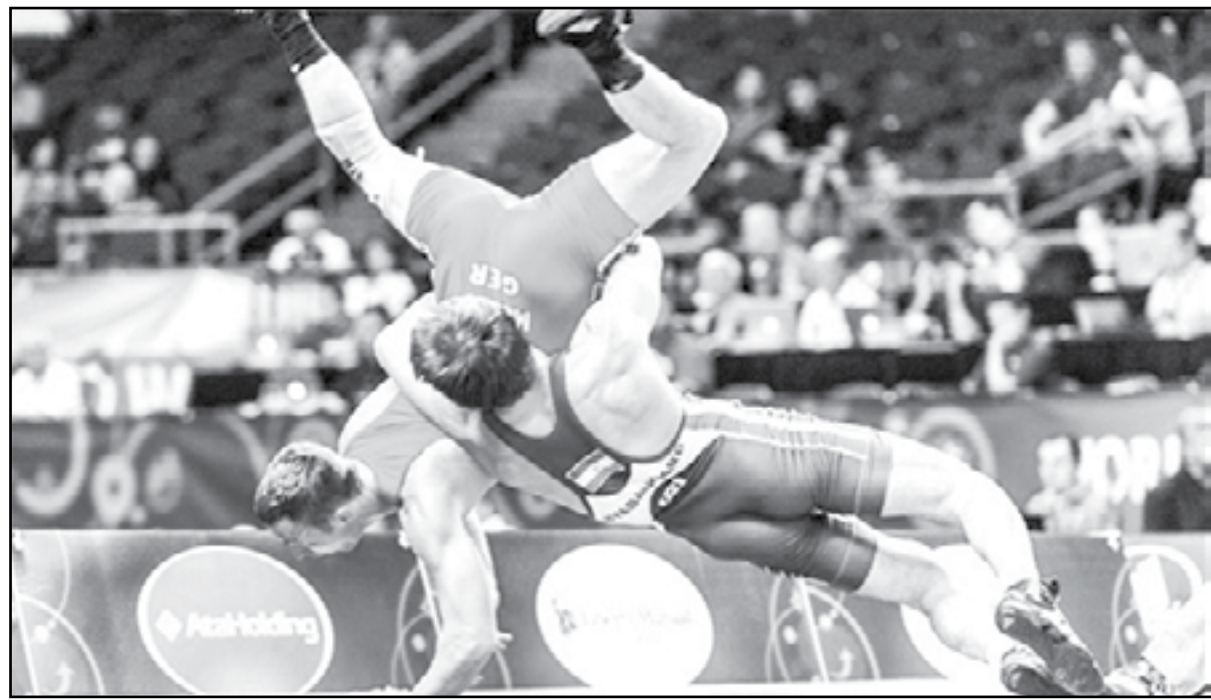


# Iran Win Asian Wrestling Championships



Iranian freestyle wrestlers exhibited convincing performance at the Asian Senior Wrestling Championships in India.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - The Iranian men's national freestyle wrestling team won the title of the Asian Senior Wrestling Championships in India, having collected third gold medals, at the continental sporting event.

Iran's 125-kg wrestler Yadollah Mohebi

defeated the Indian wrestler Sumit 6-2 to win the third gold medal for Iran.

Earlier, Mohebi had defeated Chinese, Mongolian South Korean rivals to reach the final match.

And also, Iran's 61-kg wrestler Behnam Ehsanpour managed to take the

first gold medal for the Islamic Republic in the tournament, after he defeated his North Korean rival, Han Sang 8-6 at the final contest.

In 70-kg category, Hamed Rashidi, who lost in semifinals 0-10 to Gyonwoo Lee from South Korea, was able to

defeat Tajikistan's Gholam Sharпов with the same technical point to earn a bronze.

Earlier, other Iranian wrestler, Reza Ahmadali Atrinagharchi overwhelmed Sunggwon Kim from South Korea 5-4 and won the bronze.

In the 65-kilogram division, Meisam Abolfazl Nasiri clinched another bronze medal for the Iranian team, while Bahman Mohammad Teymouri beat Tsubasa Asai from Japan 10-0 by technical fall, and received a bronze medal in the 74-kilogram weight category.

Moreover, Hossein Lotfali Shahbazigazvar was defeated 4-6 by Uzbek opponent Magomed Idrisovitch Ibragimov, to pocket only a silver medal for Iran in the 97-kilogram category.

The Asian Senior Wrestling Championships kicked off in New Delhi on May 10, and wrapped up with Iran championship in the tournament on May 14.

The tournament had brought together dozens of male and female freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestlers from various Asian countries, including China, Chinese Taipei, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Korea, South Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand and Uzbekistan.

## Women Volleyballers Thump Malaysia



TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran started the 2017 Asian Women's U-23 Volleyball Championship with a victory over Malaysia on Sunday.

The Iranian team swept past Malaysian team in straight sets (25-21, 25-23, 25-16) in Pool D at the Mall Nakhon Ratchasima's MCC Hall.

The Persians will play New Zealand on Monday.

The 2017 Asian Women's U-23

Volleyball Championship is a biennial international volleyball tournament organized by the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) with Thailand Volleyball Association (TVA).

The tournament will serve as the Asian qualifiers for the 2017 FIVB Volleyball Women's U-23 World Championship held in Ljubljana and Maribor, Slovenia with the top two ranked teams qualifying for the world championship.

## Nadal Beats Djokovic to Reach 8th Madrid Final



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after the men's singles semifinal match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the Mutua Madrid Open in Madrid, Spain, May 13, 2017.

MADRID (Xinhua) -- Spanish number one Rafael Nadal has qualified for the final of the Mutua Madrid Open after defeating number two seed, Novak Djokovic, 6-2, 6-4 in their semifinal.

Djokovic went into the game fresher than the Spaniard after Kei Nishikori's wrist injury game him a bye in the quarter-final, but perhaps a day without competition effected his rhythm as he struggled to come with Nadal, who claimed the first set with few problems.

Nadal was made to work harder in front of a partisan crowd in the second set as the reigning champion dug deep

to defend his title with pride. The Serb successfully defended two match points in the final match and even had a match-point before Nadal claimed the match and ended a run of seven successive defeats to Djokovic to set up his eighth final in Madrid.

"It was time for me to win, it has been a long time before I even won a set against Djokovic," said Nadal after his victory.

"It was a game where I had to play well. I played well in the first set and although I had a few nerves in the second, that was because I have not beaten him for so long," he commented.

### Islamic Solidarity Games:

## Nasrin Dousti Wins Gold

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian karate fighter Nasrin Dousti has claimed the gold medal in the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games.

Dousti beat Serap Ozcelik from Turkey in the final match of the Women's Kumite -50kg at the Baku Sports Hall to win the gold medal.

Rozita Alipour took a silver medal in the Women's Kumite -61kg after being defeated by Farida Abiyeva from Azerbaijan.

In Women's Kumite -55kg, Taravat Khaksar seized a bronze medal.

Mehdizadeh won a bronze medal in the Men's Kumite -60kg, beating his Saudi Arabian rival.

Iranian Judoka Alireza Khojasteh won a bronze medal in the Men's -66kg. Nijat Shikhalizada from Azerbaijan defeated Houd Zourdani from Algeria in the final match.

Iran Men's 4x100 m Freestyle team consisting Mehdi Ansari, Benyamin Ghareh Hassanloo, Jamal



Chavoshifar and Sina Gholampour claimed a bronze medal. Gold medal went to Turkey swimming team and Indonesia took the silver.

Earlier on the day, Iranian shooters Narjes Andevvari Emamgholinejad and Elaheh Ahmadi took the gold and silver medals in the Women's 10m Air Rifle.

Mixed Team 10m Air Rifle Bags Silver

And also, Iran's mixed team 10m air rifle claimed a silver medal at the event.

The Iranian team consisting of Pouria Norouzian and Najmeh Khedmati lost to Bangladesh 5-1 in the event's final match and claimed a silver medal.

Bronze medal went to Turkish team who defeated Iran's Hossein Bagheri and Narjes Emamgholinejad.

Artistic Gymnastics Wins Bronze

Iran won a bronze medal at the artistic gymnastics at the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games on Sunday.

Saeedreza Keikha, Saman Madani and Hadi Khanarnejad represented the Iranian team and claimed a bronze medal with 152.150 points.

Gold medal went to Turkey with 163.450 points and host Azerbaijan seized the silver with 161.700 points.

More than 3,000 athletes from 54 countries of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation are competing in 21 sports at the Games which run through May 22.

The Baku 2017 Islamic Solidarity Games started May 8 and will last until May 22 in Azerbaijan's capital.

## Bayern Overpower Leipzig, Hoffenheim Crush Bremen in Bundesliga



Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Tom Starke (C) blocks a header from RB Leipzig's Yussuf Poulsen (L) during a German Bundesliga match in Leipzig, Germany, May 13, 2017.

BERLIN (Dispatches) - Bayern bounced back and shocked Leipzig with a 5-4 victory on the road while Hoffenheim cruised 5-3 past Werder Bremen at the 33rd round in Bundesliga. Front-runners Bayern Munich turned

the tides in a nine-goal thriller to flabbergast hosts Leipzig, who were unable to stop Bayern's pressure in the last 10 minutes.

The Bundesliga newcomers came out with their offense blazing as Leipzig

broke the deadlock with just two minutes into the encounter when Emil Forsberg's cross to the far post found Marcel Sabitzer, who nodded home.

The "Bavarians" wobbled but recovered with 17 minutes into the game as Robert Lewandowski converted a foul play penalty from the spot to restore parity.

Leipzig continued offensively minded and grabbed the 2-1 lead through Timo Werner who slotted home a penalty as Xabi Alonso brought down Forsberg inside the box in the 29th minute.

After the restart, the hosts started where they left off as Yussuf Poulsen completed a counterattack and hammered home from 17 meters to make it 3-1.

Bayern responded at the one-hour mark when Thiago Alcantara pulled one back.

Nevertheless, Leipzig kept their momentum and shocked the visitors again as Werner restored the two-goal lead after nutmegging Bayern goalie

Tom Starke from sharp angle with 65 minutes played.

The match appeared to be over as Leipzig always had a response to Bayern's goals. However, things changed in the closing period as Bayern turned up thanks to Lewandowski and David Alaba, who leveled the scores.

Carlo Ancelotti's man were not done with the scoring and shocked the hosts with the injury-time winner through Arjen Robben, who completed a solo run to overcome Leipzig goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi in the dying minutes of the game.

With the result, the newly crowned Bundesliga champions reaped their 24th win of the season while Leipzig's seven-game unbeaten streak came to an end.

Fourth placed Hoffenheim reduced the arrears to third placed Dortmund, and their direct UEFA Champions League spot, as Julian Nagelsmann's men crushed Werder Bremen 5-3.

The "TSG" showed no mercy with

Bremen, who were unable to gain a foothold into the first half. Hence, Hoffenheim established a three-goal advantage within 45 minutes.

Adam Szalai opened the scoring early in the encounter before Andrej Kramaric and Steven Zuber smoothed the way for the win.

Even after the break, the "Green-Whites" were unable to put up resistance allowing Hoffenheim to extend their lead by courtesy of goals from Kramaric and Ermin Bicakcic to 5-0.

Bremen showed a vital sign with 59 minutes played as Theodor Gebre Selassie headed home the consolation. The hosts gained momentum and scored another two goals through Philipp Bargfrede and Robert Bauer. Their comeback came yet too late.

With the win, Hoffenheim are now equal on points with third placed Dortmund whereas Bremen stay on the 8th place of the standings.

Elsewhere, Bayer Leverkusen

equalized a two-goal deficit to share the spoils with Cologne, who suffer a setback in the hunt for a berth in Europe.

Hertha Berlin wrapped up three important points for the international business as Pal Dardai's men downed last placed Darmstadt 2-0.

Ingolstadt will be the second team after Darmstadt to be relegated as the "Schanzer" were held to a 1-1 draw by Freiburg.

Relegation threatened Hamburg maintain their chances to remain in Germany's top flight as Pierre-Michel Lasogga's 1-1 equalizer secured the "HSV" a crucial point against Schalke.

Augsburg reaped vital points for their relegation battle as they held third placed Borussia Dortmund to a 1-1.

Mainz increase their chances to remain in the first division after the "Nullfuenfer" came from behind to edge Eintracht Frankfurt 4-2 and Wolfsburg played out a 1-1 draw with Monchengladbach.