

## Peykan Gets FIVA’s Cultural Heritage Certificate



TEHRAN -- The international federation for vehicles FIVA has bestowed an international certificate of historic vehicles to Iranian classic car Peykan on the occasion of its 55th birthday.

The manager of FIVA and his wife traveled to Iran to issue the ID card. FIVA’s manager said, “I was informed that the first car selected for receiving the ID card is Peykan which was produced in 1970.

The car was the beginning of Iran’s industrialization and its registration is significant.”

The next car that received the ID card was a BMW renovated in Iran. The BMW Company recognized the job as a professional renovation.

The ID card makes it possible for cars to participate in international competitions. The cars are now considered as international cultural heritage.

## French Bikers Arrive in Ardabil



TEHRAN -- A group of motorcyclists hailing from France has arrived in the Iranian province of Ardabil.

On their itinerary, the French motorcyclists visiting different parts of Iran traveled to Ardabil city as their latest stop-over.

Ardabil is located in the northwestern part of Iran and is home to breathtaking natural attractions.

## Houston Festival Awards Iranian Short Documentary

TEHRAN -- Iranian short documentary ‘Morad’ has been awarded at the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival in the U.S.

Rouhollah Fakhrou’s short documentary won a bronze award at the 55th edition of the American fest.

Morad, the main character of the film, is a young man who has taken care of his ailing mother throughout his life from childhood until now. This love-filled journey of the two has been full of bitter and sweet moments for them.

The film has already participated in a number of global events, including the Indie Short Film Festival in the U.S. and the Vesuvius International Film Festival in Italy, where it won the Best Director Award.

The WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival is “the third oldest film festival in North America and the oldest independent film festival in the world”, the website of the event reads.

The festival aims to “recognize and honor outstanding creative excellence in film, and to validate brilliant abilities”, among others.

The 55th edition of the festival took place on April 20-24, 2022.

# Iran Emerges as Hope to Save Asiatic Cheetahs

TEHRAN -- An Asiatic cheetah has given birth to cubs at a facility in Iran, marking the first time the species reproduced in captivity, according to the Iranian Cheetah Society.

Three young cheetahs were welcomed into the world at the Asian Cheetah Breeding Center of the Turan Biosphere Reserve in Tehran, according to a May 1 news release from Iran’s Department of Environment.

The mother cheetah, named Iran, delivered her cubs via Cesarean section, and then the babies went into intensive care, the news release said.

One of the cubs died on May 4 due to malformations in the left lung and lung adhesion, according to Dr. Behrang Ekrami, a veterinarian at the Asian Cheetah Breeding Center.

It was originally announced that the cheetah cubs were all female, but after further examination it was determined they are male.

Researchers saved the mother cheetah in December 2017, after they found her in a house in Iran at 8 months old, according to Jamshid Parchizadeh, a graduate research assistant at The Global Wildlife Conservation Center and doctoral student at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. It’s believed wildlife traffickers were planning on smuggling her, he added.

Conservationists slowly began introducing her to a male Asiatic cheetah, Firouz, in 2021. He had been captured at Turan National Park to mate with her in captivity.

The two eventually mated on January 24, 2022, and continued to mate a total of 17 times in the following days, according to the Iranian Cheetah Society.

Because the cheetah showed that she can give



birth, it means she will likely be fertile for the next five years, said Dr. Ali Selajgeh, chief of Iran’s Department of Environment, in a news release.

Asiatic cheetahs once roamed across Central Asia from the Middle East to Russia, but now have been spotted only in Iran, according to the International Society for Endangered Cats Canada.

They have largely been wiped out by hunting, loss of habitat and decreased prey due to humans overhunting them, the organization said. There are now only 12 Asiatic cheetahs estimated to be left in the wild, the Iranian Cheetah Society noted in a news release. However, this number does not include cubs, the organization added.

Since they are a critically endangered species, this breeding effort is of utmost importance, according to Parchizadeh.

Researchers named the female cheetah Iran as a cub because “they believed that she could give birth to cubs in the near future and these cubs would be able to increase the number of Asiatic cheetah population, which could be a huge hope for the people of Iran and the state of Iran,” Parchizadeh said via email, CNN reported.

This species of cheetah is very similar to its African cousins, he added. They both can reach speeds of up to 80 miles per hour (128 kilometers), according to One Earth.

However, the Asiatic cheetah is paler in color and has a thicker coat, Parchizadeh said.

## Zanzibar Festival to Host Nahid

TEHRAN -- The 25th edition of the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF) in Tanzania is about to host Iranian short flick ‘Nahid’.

Directed by Samad Alizadeh, the short film will be shown at the main competition section of the Tanzanian event.

‘Nahid’ narrates the story of a woman who following her mother’s death publishes her photo in the funeral leaflet, which leads to the wrath of her family.

Living in a patriarchal and traditionalist society, her action causes a tumult in her family and leads to clashes between



Nahid and her brother. Laya Mirnasiri, Firouz Aqeli, Shahrzad Shakourian, Mehdi Heidari, Nasrin Khorram, and Parisa Sohrabi are some of the flick’s cast members. The Media Kiasat film distributing company is in charge of

the film’s international release.

The film was premiered at the Tehran International Film Festival where it won the best screenplay award.

‘Nahid’ has been awarded the best film at the Fribourg International Film Festival.

According to the official website of the event, the ZIFF is an annual filmfest which accepts “some of the most captivating and cutting-edge cinema from Africa and beyond... from world-premiers to local shorts”.

The 25th ZIFF is slated for June 16-26, 2022 in Stonetown, Zanzibar.

## Picture of the Day



The 27th Azarbaijan nomadic cultural festival was held in Najaf-e Tarakomeh village, East Azarbaijan province, Iran on Friday. (Photo by Mehr)