

# Volleyballers Defeat Italy to Win U-21 World Championship

TEHRAN - Iran triumphed over Italy on Sunday, securing the gold medal at the 2025 FIVB Men's U-21 World Championship in Jiangmen, China.

The outstanding Matin Hussein was named the world's best U-21 volleyball player.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei congratulated the FIVB Men's U-21 team for winning the championship title, expressing gratitude for the pride and joy they brought to the Iranian nation.

This final marked the third encounter between the Iranian and Italian teams.

Both Iran and Italy advanced to the final after dominant semifinal victories at the Jiangmen Sports Center on Saturday. The Italian team sought to avenge its losses to Iran in 2023 and 2029, while Iran aimed to defend its title for



the third time.

In the semifinal, Iran defeated the USA in straight sets, winning 25-21, 25-20, and 25-20.

Ali Mombeni led the Iranian effort with 19 points, comprising 18 attacks and one ace. Armin Ghelichniazi contributed 10 points, including three blocks, while Taha Behboudnia and Emran Kook Jili each added three blocks. Ariyan Mahmoudi Nejad

scored eight points.

Iran's defense was consistently strong, preventing the USA from gaining any significant momentum.

President Masoud Pezeshkian congratulated the Iranian national youth volleyball team following their triumph at the world championship, lauding their determination and skill.

He extended his congratulations

not only to the team but also to the Iranian people and coaching staff who supported their journey.

According to a statement, President Pezeshkian remarked, "This championship adds another golden leaf to the book of honors for Iranian sports and elevates the name of our beloved homeland to the highest peaks of pride."

In his message, the President expressed his deep admiration for the team's performance, stating, "The proud championship of our country's youth volleyball players in world competitions has showcased their remarkable abilities and fierce determination."

"Their consecutive victories against powerhouse teams demonstrate the faith, ambition, and unparalleled talent of our youth. They have proven that Islamic Iran is capable of reaching new heights and shining its talents on the global stage," he stated.

## Iran Outclass India in CAFA Nation Cup



TEHRAN – Asian powerhouse Iran defeated India 3-0 in a Group B CAFA Nations Cup match in Hissor, Tajikistan on Monday,

Iran found goals from Amirhussein Husseinzadeh, Taremi and Alipour to complete a professional victory over India.

Iran forward Amirhussein Husseinzadeh opened the scoring in the 60th minute. India failed to ex-

ecute their chances, and Iran ultimately scored two late goals via Ali Alipour and Mehdi Taremi. The defeat likely ends India's chances of reaching the CAFA Nations Cup final, but they can still make the third-place match with a positive result over Afghanistan.

Iran are scheduled to play host Tajikistan on Thursday.

## Inter, Taremi Agree Two-Year Contract With Olympiacos



TEHRAN – Inter Milan striker Mehdi Taremi has reportedly agreed a two-year

contract to join Greek giants Olympiacos.

Greek outlet To10 reports

that Olympiacos will pay Inter a fee of around €2 million.

With deadline day looming, Inter has still not managed to find a new club for striker Taremi. The Iranian has looked set to leave Inter for much of the summer transfer window.

Reportedly, Leeds United and Fulham have shown an interest in bringing Taremi to the Premier League. Meanwhile, Ligue 1 side Lille has also come forward.

ward.

Botafogo and Flamengo had already tried to bring Taremi to Brazil. However, the 33-year-old has made clear that he prefers to stay in Europe.

However, according to Greek outlet To10, Taremi has said yes to a move to a different club in Athens in the form of Olympiacos.

They report that the former Porto striker will sign a two-year contract with the Greek giants.

## Alamiyan Brothers Win Gold, Silver at 2025 WTT Feeder



TEHRAN – Iranian brothers Noshad and Nima Alamiyan claimed two medals at the 2025 WTT Feeder in Olomouc, the Czech Republic on Sunday.

In the men's double, the Iranian duo lost to Japanese team Yuto Abe and Sota Noda 3-1 in the final and seized a silver medal.

Noshad Alamiyan also won a gold medal in the men's singles. He defeated Japan's Hiromu Kobayashi in Round

of 64, then defeated Italian Daniele Pinto 3-0 in Round of 32.

Noshad Alamiyan beat his countryman Benyamin Faraji 3-0 in Round of 16 and defeated French player Joe Seyfried 3-0 in quarterfinal. Noshad then beat Moldovan Vladislav Ursu 3-2 in the semifinals.

In the final match, he defeated his Indian rival Harmeet Desai 3-2 (11-9, 6-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-8).

## U-16 Basketballers Beat Kazakhstan at Asia Cup

TEHRAN – Iran stayed perfect in the FIBA U-16 Asia Cup 2025 on Monday after defeating Kazakhstan at the Buyant Ukhaa Sport Complex.

Amir Azari top-scored for the West Asian side with 18 points and 6 rebounds.

The duo of Bardiya Khosravi and Alireza Rashidi scored 14 points each and hauled down 10 rebounds combined, while Yasin Morovat Halabi and Mohammad Benia added 12



and 10 points, respectively, in the victory.

None from Kazakhstan was able to score in double digits.

Iran, who had defeated Saudi Arabia 87-43 in its first match, will play Japan on Tuesday in Group D.

The tournament is taking place at the M bank arena and the Buyant Ukhaa Sport Complex in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from August 31 to September 7, 2025.

Iran defeated Saudi Arabia 87-43 for a triumphant start to their FIBA U-16 Asia Cup 2025 campaign on Sunday at the MBank Arena.

## Iranian Rowers Finish With 6 Medals at Asian U-23 Championship

TEHRAN – Iranian rowing athletes ended their career at the Asian Youth and Under-23 Championship with 6 medals in Shenyang, China.

Mani Rahmani and Behrad Legarinejad finished second in the men's youth doubles final, competing against opponents from China, Iraq, Japan, China Taipei and Uzbekistan, with a time of 6:26.46 minutes, and won the silver medal.

In this competition, the representative of Chinese Taipei claimed first and China ranked third.

Parnia Imani and Soha Fakhri finished third in the women's junior doubles final, competing against competitors from Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Vietnam, with a time of 7:12.98, winning the bronze medal of the tournament. Representatives from Vietnam



and Hong Kong finished first and second in this

competition.

Saqi Maleki finished sec-

ond in the women's under-23 singles final, competing against competitors from Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Hong Kong, with a time of 7:45.18, winning the silver medal of the tournament. Representatives from Thailand came first and Kazakhstan came third in this competition.

Earlier, Soha Fakhri won the gold medal in the youth singles. Saqi Maleki and Mahna Hajhuseini won the

silver medal in the women's under-23 heavyweight doubles.

Abolfazl Satoti and Amirreza Abdoli also won a bronze medal in the under-23 heavyweight doubles, which was the first men's rowing medal in this category.

Thus, the Iranian representatives' record at the Asian Championships was closed with one gold, three silver, and two bronze medals.