

# Iran Grab Three Medals at CISM Weightlifting Contest



TEHRAN – The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces on Tuesday won three bronze medals in snatch, clean and jerk at the

first CISM Military Championship Challenge.

On the first day of the weightlifting competitions, which is being held at the

Shahid Nobakht Hall in Babolsar, Mazandaran province, Mehrab Davasari, the flagbearer of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces

team, competed against his opponents in the 65-kg category.

The inaugural ceremony of First CISM Military Weightlifting Challenge was held at northern Babolsar County, Mazandaran province on Monday.

Being hosted by the Army Air Defense Forces, the first edition of CISM Military Weightlifting Challenge was held at Shahid Nobakht Hall of Babolsar with the participation of a number of state and military officials.

Teams from Iran, Russia, North Korea, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and Nigeria are scheduled to compete in eight weight classes approved by the World Weightlifting Federation (WWF) over three days.

## Morocco, Iran Futsal Teams Share Spoils

TEHRAN – Iran's futsal team was held to a 2-2 draw by Morocco at the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) on Tuesday.

In the match held at the Green Halls at the Prince Faisal bin Fahad Olympic Complex, Mehdi Karimi scored two goals for Iran and Bilal Bakkali and Soufiane Charraoui were on target for Morocco.

The futsal tournament of the 6th Islamic Solidarity



Games runs from 4 to 21 November 2025.

Group A includes Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Libya, and Azerbaijan, while Group B features Morocco, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Iran.

The event has brought together more than 3,000 athletes from 57 nations, competing across 25 sports in pursuit of glory at one of the Islamic world's premier multi-sport events.

## Women Volleyballers Fall Short Against Azerbaijan



TEHRAN – Iran's women's volleyball team lost to the Azerbaijan Republic in straight sets (25-11, 25-16, 26-24) in its opening

match of the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games on Tuesday.

The match was held at the Prince Faisal bin Fahd Olympic

Complex in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

Iran will play Turkey on Thursday.

The 6th Islamic Solidarity Games, known as Riyadh 2025, are an upcoming inter-continental multi-sport event organized by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA), and will be held from November 7 to 21, 2025 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

On Monday, Iran's women U-16 volleyball team lost to Japan 3-0 (25-15, 25-19, 25-

13) in the 2nd AVC Asian Women's U-16 Volleyball Championship.

Iran, who had lost to the Philippines 3-0 earlier, will meet India and Australia on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively in Pool H.

The tournament serves as a qualification tournament for the FIVB Volleyball Girls' U-17 World Championship.

The top four teams and defending champion China will qualify for the 2026 U-17 World Championship as the AVC representatives.

## Tractor Earn Second Successive Win at 2025-26 ACL Elite



TEHRAN – Iran's Tractor football club defeated Iraqi side Al Shorta 1-0 in the AFC Champions League Elite 2025-26 at the Yadegar-e-Imam Stadium in Tabriz Monday night.

Mehdi Torabi scored the solitary goal of the match in the 26th minute.

It was Tractor's successive win in the 2025-26 ACL Elite.

Building on their 5-0 success against United Arab Emirates' Sharjah FC on Matchday Three, Tractor moved onto eight points with Al Shorta of Iraq only having a draw to show from its four matches.

Tractor will next face Uzbekistan's PFC Nasaf on November 24 while Al Shorta travel to play Al Hilal SFC of Saudi Arabia a day later.

### Tractor Must Build on Defensive Masterclass

Goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand emphasized the importance of Tractor continuing to be miserly in defense if they are to shine in the AFC Champions League Elite 2025-26 after picking up their second win of the campaign.

Monday's 1-0 win over Iraq's Al Shorta was the Iran side's third clean sheet in four matches as Beiranvand and company produced another show of defensive resilience, especially in the second half when the away side pushed hard for the equalizer.

"I congratulate the Tractor team, the technical staff, the players and the fans," said Beiranvand. "If it weren't for their support and efforts today, we would have had a hard time."

"Before the game, Mr. Skocic (head coach) spoke to us and emphasized that Al Shorta plays high level and its current position in the table is not the team's true right. If it had been a little luckier, it could have had nine points. We knew we were facing a quality team.

"In these three clean sheets, all members of the team, from the striker to the goalkeeper, played a role. The result is the result of the effort of the entire team.

"Not conceding a goal gives the team character. I only think about Tractor's success and I believe that if we all set the team's success as our goal and move forward step by step, good things will happen."

Victory Over Al Shorta Was Crucial

Tractor coach Dragan Skocic says that win over Al Shorta in the AFC Champions League Elite 2025-26 was an important win for them.

"When we cannot create many opportunities, we will not get a satisfactory win," said Skocic. "The first half was like that, we did not have many opportunities.

"Sometimes you have to win with a lot of effort. We do not have (Mohammed) Naderi and Igor (Postonjski). The guys who came back from injuries and those who joined us are gradually getting used to it.

"Anyway, it was an important win. Congratulations to everyone who loves Tractor. I know it wasn't a pretty win, but sometimes you have to win tooth and nail," Skocic concluded.

## Alireza Jahanbakhsh Joins Dender

TEHRAN – Iranian international winger Alireza Jahanbakhsh joined FCV Dender EH.

The Belgian side announced that the 32-year-old winger has signed a one-year contract, with an option for an additional year.

FCV Dender EH is the bottom-placed team in the Jupiler Pro League.

Jahanbakhsh began his career in his native Iran before joining Dutch club NEC Nijmegen in 2013.

He then transferred to AZ Alkmaar, who sold him to English club Brighton for €22.5 million in



2018. Three years later, the Iranian returned to the Netherlands to play for Feyenoord.

Last season, he played for

Heerenveen, scoring three goals in twenty appearances. Jahanbakhsh had been a free agent since the summer.

## Hussein Vafaei Out of 2025 International Championship

TEHRAN – Hussein Vafaei of Iran was knocked out of 2025 International Championship on Tuesday.

Vafaei, who had defeated Ryan Day from Wales 6-4 in the round of 64, lost to John Higgins from Scotland 6-3 in round of 32.

The 2025 International Championship is a professional snooker tournament that is taking place from November 2 to 9 at the South New City National Fitness Center (SNCNFC) in Nan-



jing, China.

The qualifiers took place from September 30 to Octo-

ber 2 at the Ponds Forge International Sports Center in Sheffield, England.