

Iranian Judokas Finish Second in IBSA Asian Championships



TEHRAN – Iranian judo team claimed two gold, one silver and one bronze medals and ranked second in IBSA Judo Asian Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Musa Gholami won the Asian gold medal in the -95 weight category and Ali Navaei won the Asian gold medal in the +95 weight category. Also, Amirhussein Nimrozi won the silver medal in the +95 weight category and Mehdi Borjelo won the bronze medal in the -81 weight category.

According to the federation, the IBSA Judo Asian Championships are being held in Astana from November 7 to November 9.

Futsal Team Downs Tajikistan, Advances Into Semifinals

TEHRAN – Iran’s futsal team advanced to the 2025 Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) semifinals on Saturday after defeating Tajikistan 4-1.

Muhammad Hussein Derakhshani, Hossein Tayebi, Mahdi Karimi and Hussein Sabzi were on target for Iran.

Idris Yorov scored a consolation goal for Tajikistan.

Earlier in day, Morocco defeated Afghanistan 4-0 in Group B and qualified for semifinals as the top team.

On Thursday, Iranian side were held by Afghanistan in a 2-2 draw in the event.

Masoud Yousef scored



two goals for Iran and Mojtaba Hussein and Mehdi Norouz netted for Afghanistan.

The futsal tournament of the 6th Islamic Solidarity Games runs from November 4 to 21, 2025.

Group A includes Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Libya, and Azerbaijan.

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.

Meanwhile, the draw for the 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup has revealed

Iran’s group stage opponents.

The tournament will be hosted by Indonesia from January 27 to February 7, 2026. Iran are the tournament’s most decorated team.

Iran headed by Vahid Shamsaei are to compete in Group D comprising of Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Malaysia

The official group draw for the 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup is as follows:

Group A: Indonesia, Iraq,

Kyrgyzstan, South Korea

Group B: Thailand, Vietnam, Kuwait, Lebanon

Group C: Japan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Australia

Group D: Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia

U-16 Volleyballers Rout Jordan in Asian Women Championship



TEHRAN – Iran eased past Jordan 3-0 (25-10, 25-18, 25-10) in the 2025 Asian Women’s U-16 Volleyball Championship in Amman, Jordan on Friday.

Taraneh Jamchi scored 13 points, while Melina Ghofrani added 12 points for Iran. Raya Qawar earned five points for Jordan.

Chinese Taipei will play

South Korea in the final match, while China face Japan in the third-place match.

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.

Persepolis Defeat Esteghlal Khuzestan at IPL

TEHRAN – Persepolis defeated Esteghlal Khuzestan 3-0 at the Shahr-e Qods Stadium in the 2025-26 Iran Pro League (IPL) on Friday.

Soroush Rafiei opened the scoring for Persepolis in the 16th minute, and Hossein Kanaanizadegan converted from the penalty spot in the 78th minute. In stoppage time, Mohammad Amin Kazemian, who had come on as a substitute, netted the Reds’ third goal.

It was Osmar Loss’s first match in charge after the Brazilian coach took over Persepolis as Vahid Hashem-



ian’s replacement.

Elsewhere, Chadormalou moved to the top of the table after defeating Aluminium 1-0, Fajr Sepasi and Mes shared a 1-1 draw, and

Foolad defeated Paykan 1-0 in Ahvaz.

Chadormalou sits top with 17 points. Esteghlal is second with 16 points and has one game in hand.

Para Ju-Jitsu Athlete Mojtaba Akbarpour Wins Gold at World Championships



TEHRAN – Para Ju-Jitsu athlete Mojtaba Akbarpour of Iran won a gold medal at the 2025 Ju-Jitsu World Championships.

He defeated the athletes from Russia and Brazil to win a gold medal at the 85kg weight class.

It was Iran’s first gold medal at the Para Ju-Jitsu.

The competition was held in

Bangkok, Thailand, from November 1–7, 2025, at the Indoor Stadium Huamark.

The 2025 Ju-Jitsu World Championships featured participation from over 80 nations, showcasing the sport’s global growth and its inclusive vision that welcomes para-athletes, youth, and masters competitors alike.

Iran’s Wheelchair Basketball Teams Start in High Note



TEHRAN – Iran’s women’s and men’s wheelchair basketball teams defeated their opponents at the 2025 IWBF Asia Oceania Championships on Saturday.

Team Melli Banovan defeated the Philippines 60-10 in Division B and the men’s team beat China 89-30 in Division A.

The women’s team will play Cambodia on Sunday, while the men’s team face Japan.

The competition started on

November 7 at the Centara Life Government Complex and Convention Center in Bangkok, Thailand and will run until November 15.

Bringing together the top men’s and women’s wheelchair basketball teams from across the Asia Oceania region, the Championships will serve as a key qualification tournament for both the 2026 IWBF World Championships and the 2026 Asia Para Games.

Report: Italian Coach Gagliardi Named Iran’s Assistant Coach

TEHRAN – Italian coach Antonio Gagliardi has reportedly been named as the Iran national football team’s assistant coach.

Born in 1983, Gagliardi is a well-regarded football coach with a diverse and accomplished career spanning multiple top European leagues. His journey in football management began after he earned his degree in sports sciences, culminating in significant coaching roles at renowned clubs and national teams.

Notably, he served as assistant coach at Parma, where he collaborated with Cristian



Chivu, a former player and coach with international experience. His coaching style is characterized by a focus on tactical discipline, player

development, and innovative game strategies.

Gagliardi will assist Amir Ghalenoei in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.