

Abolfazl Zandi Claims Gold at World U-21 Taekwondo Championships



TEHRAN - Iran's Abolfazl Zandi won a gold medal at 2025 World U-21 Taekwondo Championships in Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya on Wednesday. Earlier in October, Abolfazl Zandi, won a gold medal at the World Championships in Wuxi, China.

Iranian fighter who outclassed all competitors, took the podium in the first round of the Under-21 World Championships. In +87kg category, Amir Muhammad Ashraf lost to the Kabalan" from Kazakhstan in the semifinals,

and won a bronze medal. In women section, Sara Sofi lost to "Alde Naomi", the holder of the silver medal at the World Junior Championships from the United States, and was eliminated. The 2025 World U-21 Taekwon-

do Championships, the 1st edition of the World U21 Taekwondo Championships, are being held at the Moi International Sports Centre in Kasarani, Nairobi, Kenya from Dec. 3 to 6. The event is staged at the impressive Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani (MISC Kasarani), under the banner "Taekwondo Values for Climate Action", an event that promises not only riveting competition but a vibrant cultural and sustainable experience for visitors from across the African Great Lakes region and beyond to the whole globe. This will be the first edition of the World Under 21 Championship in the sport's history, offering young athletes a global platform as they transition toward senior elite competition. Hosting this event signals Kenya's ambition to deepen its footprint in international sport, and provides a compelling reason for neighboring nations including Tanzania, to participate, spectate, and engage in the broader experience.

Iranian Students Volleyball Teams Arrive in China

TEHRAN - Iranian student volleyball teams have arrived in China to participate in the ISF U-15 World School Volleyball Championship. Iranian girls' and boys' student teams left Tehran for China, led By Muhammad Jafari, the current Deputy Minister of Education of Iran, to participate in the World Under-15 Student Volleyball Championship. The ISF U-15 World School Volleyball Championship

2025 will be held from 4 to 13 December 2025 in Shangluo, P.R. China. Organized in close cooperation with the China Student Sports Federation (CSSF), the 2025 edition marks the second ever ISF U15 WSC Volleyball, following its successful inauguration in Poreč, Croatia in 2019. Shangluo is no stranger to international volleyball, having hosted the FIVB U19 Beach Volleyball World Champion-



ships 2024. With a strategic vision to develop into a "City of Volleyball", Shangluo offers strong infrastructure and institutional support, making it an ideal host for this event.

Mehdi Taremi Helps Olympiacos Beat Halas Siro



TEHRAN - Mehdi Taremi display and scored a goal to help Olympiacos win with a

5-2 victory over Halas Siro in Greek Cup on Wednesday. Mehdi Taremi, who came off the bench in the 28th minute in Olympiacos' fifth match in the Champions League against Real Madrid last week and scored a goal with his brilliant performance, was included in his team's starting lineup Wednesday to play against the second division team Hellas Siro in

the Greek Cup. Taremi managed to score Olympiacos' second goal in the 49th minute to continue playing a significant role in the team's winning streak. He performed well in this match and on several occasions put other players on his team in scoring positions with his good passes. The match ended with Olympiacos winning 5-2.



Mes Rafsanjan, Rasoul Khatibi Part Ways

TEHRAN - The Iranian top flight football club Mes Rafsanjan parted company with Rasoul Khatibi. Mes sacked Khatibi following poor results in the 2025-26 Iran Professional League. Under leadership of Khatibi, Mes sits bottom of the

16-team table with seven points out of 11 matches. Khatibi, 47, was shown the exit door after a 3-0 loss against Sepahan on Sunday. Former Persepolis coach Vahid Hashemian is a candidate to replace him in the Rafsanjan-based club.

Nima Alamian Elected as 'Player of the Month' in French League



TEHRAN - Iranian tennis table player Nima Alemian has been voted as the best player of the month of October in the French League after producing a brilliant show in the Pro A table tennis league. Nima Alamian, an Iranian legionnaire, won the title of the best player of the month after winning three victories in the French Premier League. Alemian's incredible dis-

play in his team's 3-1 victory against Montpellier, and with victories over Hachard and Jean Griek, his team secured a win against the top team in the table, Montpellier. According to the official website of the French League, Nima Alamian, along with Vladimir Sidorenko, were elected as the best player of the month of the French League.

Iran Coach Ghalenoei to Attend FIFA World Cup Draw



TEHRAN - Iran's national football team head coach along with Omid Jamali, the head of the Iranian Football Federation's International Relations Department, will travel to the U.S. to attend the 2026 FIFA World Cup draw ceremony. The draw will divide the 48 qualified and play-off-bound teams into 12 groups of four, using FIFA's latest men's world rankings to allocate nations into four pots. One team from each pot will be drawn into every group. The three co-hosts — Canada, Mexico and the United States — are allocated to Pot 1. The nine top teams in the current FIFA rankings are also placed in Pot 1. The next three pots were decided by the FIFA rankings, with the lowest-ranked qualified teams in

Pot 4. The 12 groups for the World Cup will then be formed by one team from each pot. Earlier, Iran's football federation has decided to boycott the event, after the U.S. refused two top officials visas. The United States has issued visas only for four members of the Iranian delegation, namely Amir Ghalenoei (head coach), Mahdi Kharati (executive director), Omid Jamali (director of international relations), and Amir Mahdi Alavi (spokesperson). Visa requests for Mahdi Taj, Mahdi Nabi, and Mahdi Malek-Abad were reportedly denied. FIFA president Gianni Infantino, in early September, had assured the members of Iran's national football team that FIFA would do its utmost to resolve visa-related issues.