

Iran Bags 39 Medals by End of Day 11 at Nagoya Asian Games



TEHRAN - The Iranian sports delegation has secured a total of 39 medals by the end of the eleventh day of the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan.

The 2026 Asian Games officially kicked off on September 19 and will conclude on October 4. Iran's delegation, consisting of 305 athletes competing across 38 sporting disciplines, has thus far claimed 11 gold, 16 silver, and 12 bronze medals.

In the gold medal tally, Iranian athletes showcased outstanding performances across multiple sports. First-place finishes were achieved by Mahmoud Nemati and Morteza Nemati in karate, alongside Soheil Mousavi

in wushu. In rowing, Fatemeh Mojallal secured a gold medal, as did the double sculls team of Kimia Zarei and Zeinab Norouzi. The esports eFootball team, comprising Hassan Pajani and Abolfazl Aghaei-Nasab, also stood on top of the podium. Other gold medalists include Mohammadreza Tayebi in the shot put, weightlifters Ali Alipour and Ali Davoudi, kurash practitioner Majid Barimanlou, and Greco-Roman wrestler Amin Mirzazadeh.

Iran's 16 silver medals were claimed by a diverse group of competitors. In karate, the women's kata team, Fatemeh Saeidabadi, and Ali-Asghar Asiabari secured second place. The

rowing team contributed significantly, with silvers from Amir-Hussein Mahmoudpour, the national four-person team, and another medal by the double sculls team of Kimia Zarei and Zeinab Norouzi. Wushu practitioners Shoja Panahi, Erfan Moharrami, and Sogand Sinkaei also bagged silver, alongside gymnasts Arman Khodaei and Mehdi Olfati. Furthermore, Zahra Zarei and Ali Amirian in athletics, Ramin Ahmadzadeh in kurash, and both the men's and women's national kabaddi teams added silver medals to Iran's tally.

Rounding out the count, 12 bronze medals were won by Iranian athletes

and teams. The men's national basketball team and the 3x3 basketball team both earned third-place finishes. Other bronze medalists include fencer Ali Pakdaman in the sabre event, rower Fatemeh Mojallal, and athlete Sadegh Samimi in the discus throw. In canoeing, the kayak double team of Ali Aghamirzaei and Peyman Ghavidel claimed bronze, as did the mixed shooting team of Hanieh Rostamian and Vahid Golkhandan. Weightlifters Reyhaneh Karimi and Mahsa Beheshti, table tennis veteran Noshad Alamian, kurash athlete Fatemeh Barmaki, and boxer Amir Esmaeili completed the list of bronze medal winners.

Greco-Roman Wrestler Mirzazadeh Wins Gold at 2026 Asian Games



TEHRAN – Iranian Greco-Roman wrestler Amin Mirzazadeh has won a gold medal at the 2026 Asian Games.

Mirzazadeh defeated Uzbekistan's Rafael Tsitsuashvili 3-1 in the final bout of the men's 130kg category on Wednesday.

He defeated Kyrgyzstan's Murat Zarlykbekovich Botoev 7-0 and China's Meng Lingzhe 1-0 to reach the final.

The men's Greco-Roman wrestling competition at the 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan, was held at the Inae Sports Center.

Team Melli Loses to Russia in Friendly Match



TEHRAN— Iran's national men's football team was defeated by Russia 2-0 in a friendly match on Tuesday.

In the match held at the Kazan Arena, Alexandr Golovin netted twice in 21st and 36th minutes., Tehran Times reported.

Iran had lost to Uzbekistan 3-1 on Thursday in their first friendly match.

The Iranian team is set to face Guinea-Bissau in its third friendly match.

Guinea-Bissau has been selected as the national team's third friendly opponent for this international window, allowing the squad to play one more match before concluding their preparation program.

This match offers another opportunity for the coaching staff to assess the players' form and test the team's lineup ahead of upcoming competitions.

Amir Ghalenoei's Iran prepare for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup, where Team Melli are drawn in Group C along with China, Kyrgyzstan, and Syria.

Alipour Advances to Speed Climbing Knockout Stage

TEHRAN - Iran's speed climber Reza Alipour has secured a spot in the Round of 16 at the Asian Games speed climbing competition.

The Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games speed climbing events continued on Wednesday at the Port Messe venue, where Alipour in the men's speed event—faced his competitors.

Featuring 19 climbers competing on a four-lane



wall across 19 heats, Alipour recorded times across four

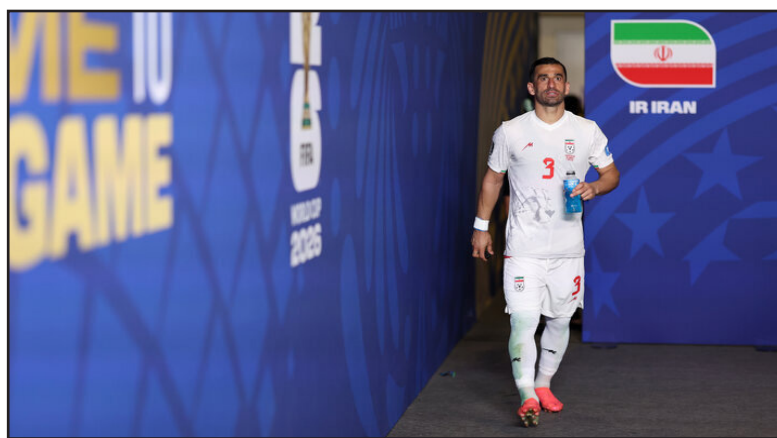
climbs on different routes. He ultimately clocked a

time of 5.07 seconds, placing tenth in the qualifiers and securing a spot among the top 16 athletes advancing to the knockout stage.

Under the competition rules, the best time recorded across the athletes' attempts determined the preliminary rankings, with the top 16 climbers moving on to the knockout phase.

Reza Alipour will continue his campaign on Thursday in the Round of 16.

Hajsafi Breaks Iran's All-Time Appearance Record With 150th Cap



TEHRAN - Iranian national football team defender Ehsan Hajsafi has become the country's most-capped player in history after making his 150th international appearance during a friendly match against Russia.

Hajsafi came on as a substitute in the 27th minute of the match

to reach the milestone of 150 international caps.

With this achievement, the veteran defender surpassed former captain Javad Nekounam, who held the previous record with 149 caps, officially cementing his status as Iran's all-time appearance record holder.

Beach Soccer Team to Participate in Belarus Tournament

TEHRAN – Iran's national beach soccer team manager Saeed Ganji has announced Iran's participation in the Belarus tournament.

Ganji discussed the team's preparation schedule ahead of the Asian Championship. He said that the Asian Championship is scheduled to take place in Thailand in November.

He continued: "This tournament will be held in Minsk from October 13 to 20, featuring the national teams of Iran, Belarus, and Oman; the matches in this competition are undoubtedly of great importance to our national team."

Highlighting Belarus's standing in global beach soccer, Ganji said: "We recognize that Belarus is a top-tier team, currently ranked fourth in the world. Therefore, participating in this tournament serves as an excellent test for the national team with the Asian Championship fast approaching."

