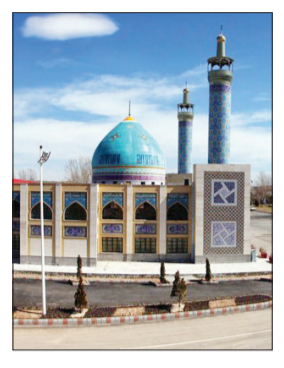


### Belal Mosque

In an area of 3914 sq/m, Belal mosque at Ahar branch of IAU was founded in 2010. This mosque which is the biggest example in Eastern Azerbaijan province, was inaugurated by Ayatollah Mojtahed Shabestari in 2012. Modern and traditional styles are combined in the two-floor building, making it suitable for different cultural and spiritual ceremonies.



### POINT OF VIEW

### IAU's Expertise Helps Parliamentary Commissions



Hamad Reza Tabesh, representative of Ardakan in the parliament, says: "Representatives know the problems in the IAU branches of their own provinces and can be consulted for improving different projects of IAU."

In an interview with ANNA, Tabesh said: "Economy is dependent on our capabilities, potentials and assets. But we first need to define these; something which itself needs a careful and deep evaluation. For example, in a development plan for different regions, we should consider the capabilities of each region and see what economic, cultural or social plans work there better."

Tabesh emphasized that this evaluation needs specialized experience and expertise and continued: "This evaluation would be the base of further plans and this is where university comes on stage; university is the knowledge reserve of the country, constantly monitoring technical affairs, and quite able in diagnosing problem areas. For this reason, university can influence our programs for a resistive economy."

About the Strategic Council in IAU's deputy of parliamentary affairs, Tabesh said: "Thus far, this council and its meetings were beneficial for IAU and the parliament. Its agenda coupled with IAU's capabilities can help the special commissions in the parliament."

Mentioning the role of Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh -chairman of IAU- in creating the opportunity for better cooperations between IAU and the special commissions, Tabesh said: "Representatives are close to the people, observing their needs and problems; they also know the problem areas inside IAU branches of their own regions."

In the end, he said: "This council is a chance for collaborations aimed towards urgent problems and we in the commissions will try to ease the way so that IAU can implement its expert-driven strategies."

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### IAU Branches in Free Trade Zones

## Keeping Capitals inside Country



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Islamic Azad University is one of the top education institutions in the Middle East. As such, this university is highly influential in the macroeconomic plans of the country; for example, the qualified workforce demanded by the society and strategic programs for guided development of knowledge inside industries, both can benefit from IAU's helping hand. In the latest example of this, IAU decided to do a joint project with the 'Free Trade Zones Organization' in an attempt to prevent the outgoing flow of domestic capitals.

International branches of IAU in the free zones can use incentive packages as a preventive measure for preserving those students intending to study overseas. Akbar Torkan, head of Iran's 'Free Trade Zones Organization', claims that IAU's branches in these zones can greatly help in the fight against domestic capitals leaving the country.

Torkan said: "We intend to dissuade students from applying in low-quality foreign universi-

ties. Unfortunately, close to 60,000 students migrate each year to foreign countries in pursuit of opportunities for higher education."

An agreement between Iran's FTZs and IAU in the previous year, the international branches of this university would take advantage of the regulations of free zones to attract students in an attempt for preventing them from leaving country.

Torkan explained: "FTZ branches would benefit from different guidelines and regulations in relation to inland branches. The first would use an independent managing council, the first session of which was held recently, attended by Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh -chairman of IAU-, two of deputies of this university, two of FTZ directors and myself."

He added that these branches are scheduled for a quality-enhancement which would raise them based on international standards and would give them the competing-edge against foreign universities.

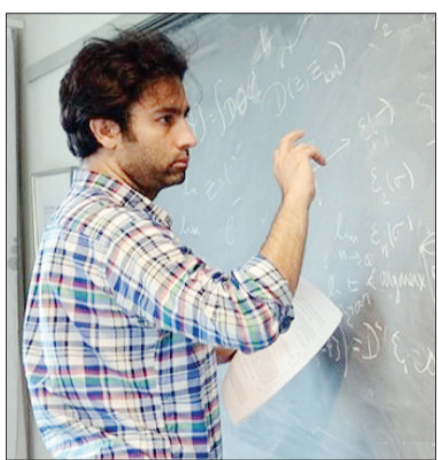
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There are currently 300 to 400 thousands of Iranian students in overseas universities and each cost the loss of about \$40,000 of revenues for the country.

Torkan said: "We have to create incentives for students, promoting the situation so that they prefer domestic universities in FTZs to foreign second and third-tier institutions."

This official added that FTZ branches of IAU would also give a high priority to absorbing foreign students from neighboring countries in the region. The majority of the offered courses would be related to the topic of developing free trade zones. The long-term goal of these courses is a better economic situation inside free zones.

### Iran's News



## Iran Shinning in International Stage

Science News' magazine in its October issue listed Yasser Roudi, young Iranian researcher, among the top 10 of up-and-coming stars in the realm of science. This magazine surveyed 30 Nobel Prize winners and also identified 10 early-career scientists on the way to higher acclaim, among which is listed Yasser Roudi, professor of Computational Neuroscience. According to Science News, all the featured scientists have, "demonstrated high-caliber research leading to noteworthy achievements."

Winner of 2015 Eric Kandel Young Neuroscientists Prize, Roudi's main topic of research is figuring out how to sort through the vast number of inputs bombarding the brain and other complex systems. Roudi studied physics at Sharif University and one of his lecturers made him interested in the brain and its networks of neurons. He then moved to London and Stockholm where he worked on applying math and physics to study of the brain and

other systems. Today, this 34-year old scientist is doing research at the 'Kavli Institute for Neuroscience Systems' at the Norwegian university of Science and Technology in Trondheim.

In another instance, the European Geosciences Union (EGU) has announced an Iranian scientist as one of the four recipients of the 'Outstanding Young Scientists' award for 2016. Dr. Kaveh Madani, 34, is candidate for the Arne Richter Award for his work in the field of incorporating game theory and water resource management resulting in a new look at the management models for water resources. This senior lecturer of Environmental Management and the director of the alumni in the 'Center for Environmental Policy' of London's Imperial college told BBC that he has introduced economic and behavioral theories into the field of managing water resources for a new study and has focused his research on this combination.

## Chairman of IAU Visited Shahr-e-Kord Branch

Dr. Hamid Mirzadeh, chairman of IAU, participated in the 8th meeting of board of trustees in Chaharmahal Bkhtiyari province and initiated the construction project of the 'Free Tech Park' in Shahr-e-Kord branch.

Dr. Mirzadeh first went to Isfahan and after a meeting with Hassan Kamran Dastjerdi, Isfahan's representative in the parliament, Dr. Forouqi -head of Isfahan branch- and some other authorities of the province, left this city for Shahr-e-Kord.

Qasem Soleimanian, governor of Shahr-e-Kord, and a host of other officials welcomed him and his companions to this city. The hosts accompanied Dr. Mirzadeh and the delegation of IAU's managers and deputies in a visit of the tombs of anonymous martyrs to pay their respect to the holy defense. Next, they were guided in the inspection of the 'Free Technology Park' of Shahr-e-Kord. This new park is going to be constructed inside the training and research farm and Dr. Mirzadeh initiated its project ceremoniously. The first phase of this project will be ready for use in more than 5 hectares inside the research farm.

Dr. Mirzadeh also visited the host training and research farm in Shahr-e-Kord branch and took notice of its outline for growing medical and aromatic plants, also a fishery for the organic rainbow trout.

### IRAN UPDATES

#### Iranian Musicians Perform Traditional Pieces in Austria



Iranian vocalist Alireza Qorbani has held a Persian music concert in the Austrian capital, Vienna. Accompanied by Tar maestro Hossein Alizadeh, Qorbani performed traditional Persian music pieces at Vienna's Theatre Accent. The concert was part of the European tour by Alizadeh and Qorbani which started in the Danish capital, Copenhagen, and will finish in Zurich, Switzerland.

#### US Eases Medical Sanctions Against Iran

In a statement, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) said it was revising restrictions imposed in 2012 on exports of basic medical supplies to Iran. OFAC "is updating the List of Medical Supplies eligible for exportation or re-exportation to Iran under the general license of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR) to include additional items", the statement said. A net of sanctions imposed over years by successive US governments have impeded even trade of life-saving drugs for illnesses such as cancer. While Western governments built waivers to ensure essential medicines get through, those measures clashed with blanket restrictions on banking and bans on "dual-use" chemicals which virtually hampered supplies.

#### Abbas Araqchi: Iran Faced off With Saudi Arabia in Syria Talks

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif authoritatively took on Saudi Arabia's foreign minister during recent negotiations on the Syrian crisis in the Austrian capital of Vienna, says a senior Iranian official. The ministerial summit on Syria was held in Vienna on October 30. Apart from the Islamic Republic and Saudi Arabia, foreign ministers and representatives from the United States, Turkey, France, Germany, Egypt, Russia, Jordan, the UK, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Iraq, Lebanon, China and Oman also attended the talks. Envoys from the United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU) were also present at the talks.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

#### Inside IAU

## Ahvaz Branch: Science and Research



As an act for the improvement of the education quality, the first IAU branch in Khuzestan province was founded in

1983 in Ahvaz. In its early days, this branch enrolled students for only one discipline; but it gradually added several other courses including agriculture and civil engineering. Today, Ahvaz branch of IAU has more than 8,000 students and offers 39 major disciplines in master and 5 in Ph.D. levels. Today, Science and Research branch of Ahvaz is stronger and more determined in pursuing its first mission which is development of science and technology, education, a lively atmosphere for studying and enhancement of higher education's quality. Central library inside Science and Research branch of Ahvaz has more than 80 thousands books, 5 thousands published theses and an up-to-date digital library. This university is equipped with modern facilities like an independent, internal network for the specialized use of students and scholars. Current and previous students of Ahvaz branch alongside its highly-experienced faculty members have published numerous papers in approved science journals, paving the way for more achievements inside this IAU branch.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

## Innovative Minister



Dr. Mohammad Farhadi, minister of Science, Research and Technology, was successful in producing and patenting two medical innovations. One "Ab-rikht", is a device guiding the light in nasal surgeries. Surgeons usually use another device to

expose the target area; but the invented device of Dr. Farhadi and Dr. Hadi Ghanbari leads the light automatically, thus giving more control on the target area and as a result, improves the quality of these procedures.

Dr. Farhadi and his colleagues also were able to produce a medicine for the treatment of Papilloma (larynx wart). This medicine is an herbal extract, registered in September 2015, in EUROPEAN patent. Counting these two, Dr. Farhadi has patented 9 innovations thus far.

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