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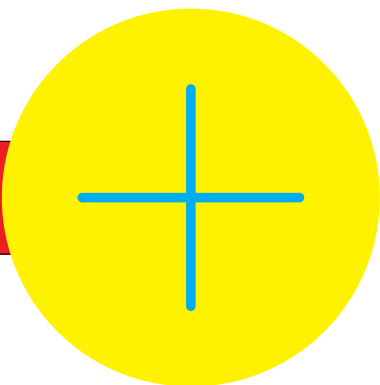
Carlos Queiroz looking disappointed after a defeat against the Eagles

“Football gods bless those who score goals, and unfortunately we didn’t score.” That is what Iran head coach Carlos Queiroz made of the one-goal defeat against USA on Tuesday

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Four Iranian elements get UNESCO heritage status



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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) inscribed four representatives from Iran, jointly with other countries on its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The achievement occurred during the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco in Rabat (Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses) from November 28 to December 3. Composed of 24 representatives elected from among the 180 States Parties to the Convention for the Safe-

guarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, chaired this year by the Kingdom of Morocco, the Committee examined 56 applications for inscription. Iran and Afghanistan jointly achieved inscription of ‘Yalda/Chellila’ on the UN body’s list, according to the UN body. The Yalda festival begins on the last evening of fall and continues until dawn on the first day of winter (winter solstice). Most people usually go to the home of the most senior member of their family to have fun with their relatives and loved ones. Shared jointly between Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan,

Türkiye, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, ‘Sericulture and traditional production of silk for weaving’ was also registered as an intangible cultural heritage element. The other joint inscribed works are Turkmen-style needlework by Iran and Turkmenistan, as well as ‘Crafting and playing the Oud’ by Iran and Afghanistan. The oud is a pear-shaped and stringed musical instrument, the melodic and harmonic tones of which are produced through stopping the frets with the fingers of one hand and plucking the strings with

the other. The history of the oud dates back to more than 1,500 years ago in the Middle East, including Iran, where it is an important part of the communities’ identity. In Iran, the instrument is mainly used in major cities like the capital Tehran and Shiraz, in the south. It is also used in the southern provinces of Khuzestan, Busher and Hormuzgan, as well as Kurdistan Province in the west. Iran also presented other cases for global registration at the meeting which included the art of making and playing rebab (shared

with Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and Mehrgan ceremony (shared with Tajikistan). Being part of UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage inscriptions means recognizing the importance of maintaining cultural diversity in the face of increasing globalization, according to the UN body. Intangible Cultural Heritage means helping intercultural dialogue, and fostering mutual respect for other ways of life. Its importance lies not in the cultural manifestation itself, but in the wealth of knowledge and skills that are transmitted through it from one generation to another.

Quality of care in nursing homes of the country being improved

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Training specialists in the field of elderly care has improved the quality of care and nursing services throughout the country and increased the life expectancy of the elderly in hospices and elderly care centers, announced the head of University of Applied Science and Technology at Kahrizak Charity Foundation. In an interview with an Iran Daily reporter, Hassan Ahmadi stated that the lack of necessary knowledge and expertise among caregivers and within care centers has been one of the main causes of premature death of the elderly in Iran, but things have taken a turn for the better. “In the past, many private care centers that provided nursing services at home used

undereducated people who were not thoroughly familiar with issues related to the physical and mental health of the elderly.” Considering the situation, in 2017, the Board of Directors of Kahrizak Charity Foundation decided to establish a higher education center in the field of providing specialized services to the elderly and persons with disabilities to meet the necessary standards. “Finally, in February 2018, related permissions were granted and the center commenced its activities by holding short-term training courses between 120-400 hours. The phase resulted in the training of 450 care workers. Our university courses started in 2019. Currently, the center offers seven associate and three bachelor’s degrees.”

Tears of joy in Japan after nail-biting win over Spain

REUTERS – Japan erupted in cheers and tears after the national team’s 2-1 win over Spain early on Friday, with crowds packing public viewing areas in the pre-dawn cold shrieking with joy as they stunned another global football power at the World Cup. Japan, who had also shocked Germany in their opener in Qatar, finished top of Group E to reach the last 16, a stage where they have faltered three times before. They will play 2018 runners-up Croatia for a place in the quarter-finals. “Doha Delights Again!” one newspaper headlined its online edition, evoking memories of what the media called the “Miracle in Doha” after Japan’s win over the Germans. Fans chanting “Nippon” poured into Tokyo’s iconic Shibuya crossing before sun-

rise, jumping up and down and shouting “Fight, fight, fight!” as police struggled to control the crowd. “I never thought Japan would advance first place in the group. Thank you Japan! I love you guys!” said 19-year-old Yusei Sato, wearing Japan’s Samurai Blue national team jersey. Takuya Kudo, 23, was in tears as soon as he saw Japan win. “I’m just so happy,” he said. “Honestly, I never thought Japan would do this well. I’m just really thrilled.” Fans lingering in Shibuya pressed high-fives on bleary commuters making their way to work from one of Tokyo’s busiest stations. Social media exploded with joy, exulting “Samurai Blue!” and “Came from behind to win!,” with some fans posting manga-style drawings of a cheering player in a team

uniform. Another posted a cartoon of three dragons draped in national flags. The Japanese dragon was roaring while the Spanish dragon eyed Germany, which looked befuddled. Japanese tennis player Naomi Osaka’s tribute was a manga-style depiction of the Japanese team, while even Elon Musk tweeted, “Congratulations, Japan!” The sense of triumph rose even to Japan’s normally staid political heights, with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida telling reporters the win was “historic” and telephoning Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu and Japan Football Association President Kozo Tashima to offer congratulations. “I told them they gave the Japanese people courage and energy,” Kishida said on Twitter. “We are looking forward to the last 16. Fight on, Japan!”

