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Hikers ascend forested hills covered in snow to reach Lawton Waterfall near Astara County, northwestern Iran, on January 24, 2023.

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## Religious minorities enjoy rights in Iran

**EXCLUSIVE**

Concurrently with the onset of unrest in Iranian cities over the last three to four months, anti-Iran media, together with overseas opposition groups, have made claims about discrimination against religious minorities in Iran and the violation of their rights. But a closer examination of

the lives of Sunni Muslims, the largest religious minority in Iran, shows that these claims are far from the truth, especially if we compare their conditions under the Islamic Republic and the former Pahlavi regime.

### Parliament

Sunni Muslims, like all other religious minorities, are well-represented in the Iranian Parliament. Currently,

17 seats out of the total 290 seats are reserved for Iranian Sunni representatives, which account for seven percent of the representatives of the Iranian Parliament.

Mohammad Qasim Osmani, a Sunni lawmaker, even got elected to the Board of Directors of the Iranian Parliament during his previous term.

Iranian Sunni lawmakers also have their own frac-

tion, which is quite active and has held many meetings with officials from inside and outside the country including the president. Jalal Mahmoudzadeh, head of the Sunni fraction, had earlier said that the members of the group have exchanged views and consulted with Sunni members of parliaments of other countries. [Page 10 >](#)

## US sanctions on Iran oil sector fail: MP

Economy Desk

**EXCLUSIVE**

All scenarios and bragging of the US about sanctioning Iran's crude exports have failed, said the vice chairman of the Energy Committee of Parliament, noting that all of the predicted goals of Iran in the field of oil exports and revenues have been achieved. Talking to Iran Daily, Qassem Saedi added, "Today, the world is in dire need of fuel and energy while Iran has been known as one of the big-



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gest energy producers in the world since the distant past."

"Nowadays, all politicians and planners know that the world cannot meet its needs without Iran's energy reserves, especially now, amid the war between Russia and Ukraine," the MP said. [Page 8 >](#)

## Seven dead as California mourns 3rd mass killing in eight days



● REUTERS

A gunman killed seven people at two agricultural businesses in Northern California, plunging the state into mourning again in the wake of its third mass killing in eight days. Officers arrested a suspect in Monday's shootings, 67-year-old Chunli Zhao, after they found him in his car in the parking lot of a sheriff's substation, San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus said. Seven people were found dead and an eighth injured at a farm and another location several

miles away, the Sheriff's Office said. Officials believe Zhao worked at one of the facilities and that the victims were workers as well, Corpus said. Officials haven't determined a motive for the shooting. California is still reeling from an attack on a Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park that killed 11 and cast a shadow over an important holiday for many Asian-American communities. Authorities are still seeking a motive for the Saturday shooting. [Page 3 >](#)

## Enjoy fantastic hiking in Abidar Mountain Park of Sanandaj

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## Iran's Qasempour to remain in 92kg class until World Championships

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## Attractiveness is a matter of societal choice

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## Tehran to host annual Iranian archaeology symposium

The 20th Annual Symposium on Iranian Archaeology will be held in February 2023 in Tehran, announced the director of the Archaeological Department of the Research Institute of Cultural Heritage and Tourism. "The Annual Symposium on Iranian Archaeology is a big event, which the community of Iranian and international archaeologists look forward to," said Leila Khosravi, according to IRNA. She stated that the symposium is an opportunity for archaeologists who research Iran's cultural sphere to

present their scientific findings to be evaluated and judged. "Also, they can use the critique and suggestions of the other experts," she added. Khosravi specified that presenting the results of the latest research on Iranian archaeology is an invaluable 50-year-old tradition, and added, "Due to the conditions created by the pandemic, in the past few years the symposium was held virtually without interruption."



## 'Amal': Play about the dream of a world without war

Sadeq Dehghan  
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**EXCLUSIVE**

The international section of the 41st Fajr Theater Festival is currently ongoing in the theaters of Tehran, with performances from Spain, Jordan, Oman, Russia, Brazil, and Iraq. One of the performances, a play named "Amal" from Iraq, directed by "Javad al-Asadi," a well-known director in the Arab world, was

performed on stage. Al-Asadi talked about the play in an interview with Iran Daily. He said that the word 'Amal' in Arabic literally means hope or wish. "This show actually refers to human desire. It is the story of a young couple who will soon have a child, but the mother is worried about the future due to the problems she sees in the world of war, crime and bloodshed surrounding her. Therefore, she hesitates to give birth to her child. She believes that if a child is going to be born, it will probably perish in the war or its life will be ruined by drugs. [Page 12 >](#)