

Child workers found throughout Hyundai-Kia supply chain in Alabama

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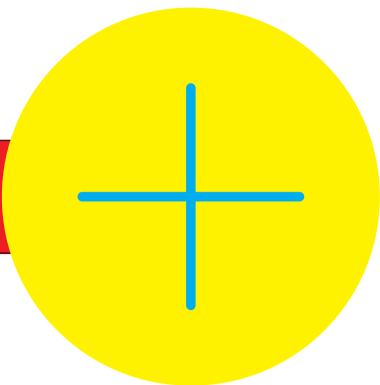
Child labor at parts makers has brought regulatory and law enforcement scrutiny to Hyundai group's supply chain



REUTERS – At least four major suppliers of Hyundai Motor Co and sister Kia Corp have employed child labor at Alabama factories in recent years, a Reuters investigation found.

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Sistan and Baluchestan Province:
Cradle of civilization
World's only living pottery museum in Kalporagan village

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Handicrafts are the products manufactured by skillful artisans using simple tools. They often reflect the civilization and culture of a nation. Iranian handicrafts are the cultural symbols of the ethnic groups who live in various parts of the country, chtn.ir reported. Iran is one of the main exporters of handicrafts. Production of the valuable commodities can play a significant role in the generation of jobs and development of the domestic economy. The discovery of artifacts made by ancient human beings in the old monuments of the country

reveals a close relationship between the art and civilization of the land. The southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan is the cradle of art and a manifestation of the artistic spirit of its people. Handicrafts made in the province are indigenous, with a long history. The province's artworks have been displayed in a large number of exhibitions held in the country and abroad. The production of the valuable works can significantly affect the economic and tourism sector of the province. Unique types of handicrafts are

manufactured in various parts of the region, having roots in their old culture, customs and traditions. One of the most important characteristics of handicrafts produced in Sistan and Baluchistan Province is the use of materials showing the long history, enthusiasm and nature of people who lived in the region. The economy and livelihood of the people in Sistan and Baluchistan Province have been based on agriculture and animal husbandry, which has caused them to become self-sufficient. Kalporagan village is located

25km from Saravan, and 390km from Zahedan, the capital of Sistan and Baluchistan Province. The name of the village is derived from a medicinal herb which exclusively grows in its region. The village, however, has earned its reputation for something less natural. In fact, what distinguishes Kalporagan from other villages in the province is the age-old pottery-making art of its residents. All stages of making pottery are carried out by women, while men are generally not involved in this process, except for menial tasks like carrying clay from

a mine, located three kilometers from the village, or preparing mud and baking pottery items. The art has been passed down from one generation to the next by daughters watching and helping their mothers and grandmothers. The passage of time and historical events have not only failed to reduce the significance of the craft, but increased its artistic value. It is the unique expertise of the region's women to create wonderful artifacts out of mud, using only their hands, without any tools like wheels or pottery-making machines.

Not using a pottery wheel has drawn the attention of people from around the world. The decorative motifs of the pottery are similar to the ancient vessels dating back prehistoric and the early historical periods. The Kalporagan Clay Living Museum is located in the heart of the village and can be considered the most famous spot for tourists. Established over 40 years ago, in this museum one can find rural women going through the process of pottery making, which enables visitors to observe their innovative art closely.

Ghasempour among top 5 freestyle wrestlers in world



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IRNA – The United World Wrestling, the international governing body for the sport of amateur wrestling, announced the five candidates to be named as the best freestyle wrestlers in the world in the current year. Kamran Ghasempour, who is wrestling in the 92-kilogram weight category and is a two-time world champion, is

among the top five freestyle wrestlers in 2022. Ghasempour from Iran, Jordan Burroughs and Kyle Snyder both from the United States, Rei Higuchi from Japan, and Taha Akgül from Türkiye are the five nominees for the best freestyle wrestlers of the year. The Iranian wrestler has been nominated to be on the list

because of his excellent performance in Belgrade, Serbia, during the 2022 World Wrestling Championships, and bagging gold medal for the second year in a row, when he succeeded in defeating J'den Cox, the American wrestler. The freestyle wrestling team from Iran became the runner-up at the 2022 Freestyle Wrestling World Cup in the US.



In a ceremony on December 15, 2022, Kermanshah City officials celebrated volunteers who served the pilgrims making their way toward Karbala, Iraq. FARZAD MENATIN/TASNIM

Yalda Night introduced to diplomats' wives



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Upon registration of Yalda Night as Iran's 19th intangible heritage with UNESCO, a ceremony was held by the Office of Political and International Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to introduce the rituals of the mythical night to the spouses of diplomats residing in Iran.