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Jahan Nama Tower Incongruous With Surroundings

TEHRAN, May 29-- The architecture of Jahan Nama Tower which is under construction in the vicinity of Isfahan's landmark Naqsh-e Jahan Square, has been modeled after Kohandej fortress and bears a striking resemblance to Arg-e Bam (Bam Citadel).

Expressing this view, architect Ahmad Montazer said that the design of Jahan Nama Tower contradicts the historical texture of the city, ISNA said.

"Architects of Jahan Nama have used both bricks which represents the historical feature of the city and concrete which is a modern construction material. However, the disproportionate height of the building has overshadowed the landscape of Naqsh-e Jahan Square.

At the same time, the architectural design of the building makes it unsuitable for being used as a business cen-

he said.

Montazer, who is an instructor of architecture at Isfahan Arts University, said that a business center should not have so many contours in its structure. The design imposed high altitude for the building which is detrimental to the historical texture of Naqsh-e Jahan.

He recommended that satellite cities should be built around Isfahan to meet the need for housing to cater for growing population of Isfahan.

Montazer said that there are many ancient houses in Isfahan which are cultural heritage.

They need maintenance and protection, he said. He also called for maintenance of cultural heritage sites in Kashan.

"Those involved in the restoration of cultural heritage should have expertise and skills to safeguard the traditional features of old build-

Author Nominated For Christian Andersen Award

TEHRAN, May 29--The Council for Children's Books has nominated the author, Mohammad Hadi Mohammadi for the 2006 Hans Christian Andersen Award by submitting his name to the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), reported ISNA.

Mohammadi was selected by the national board of Hans Christen Andersen's Award for his 12 top books.

The award has been named after internationally celebrated Danish author of books for children and young adults.

Meanwhile, the national board had nominated the author of books for children, Mohammad Reza Shams for the 2004 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

The 200th birth anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen was observed

portraying him have been

New Sol Album Available

TEHRAN, May 29--Sol Music Ensemble presented its seventh undertaking titled 'Miniature' in the form of CDs and cassettes.

'Miniature' features 21 performances by different composers from the around the world.

A press release issued by Public Relations Department of Sol Ensemble said that presentations by Mozart, Paganini, Ravel, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Albinoni, Khachaturian and Azerbaijani musicians such as Qarayev, Hajibeyov, Rustamov, Ahmadov, Prokofiev and Pachelbel are included in 'Miniature'.

The ensemble will also take part in music festivals to be held in Japan and Armenia.

Last year, the group performed in a well-

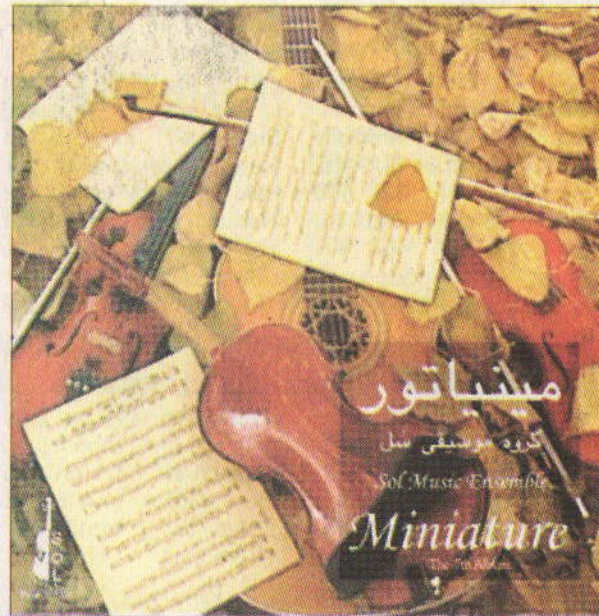
attended European music event held in Romania.

The instrumentalists in 'Miniature' include Bahman Mehabadi, Houman Akhtari, Pouria Keshavarz and Nahid

Abtahi.

Another music album titled 'Admiration' will also be available soon.

Those interested can obtain more information at www.sol-music.org or www.solmehabadi.ir.



Artists Pay Tribute to Imam Khomeini

TEHRAN, May 29--Artists from different branches of arts visited the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini to renew their allegiance to the founder of the Islamic Republic.

According to ISNA, the artists gathered at Vahdat Hall on Sunday and left for the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini to mark the anniversary of the late leader's demise.

Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Ahmad Masjed-Jamei accompanied the artists in placing wreaths on the tomb of Imam Khomeini.

TONGUE IN CHEEK



'Kaveh' was closed down in Berlin. Taqizadeh returned to Iran and was elected to the parliament as a representative of the people of Tabriz in 1924.

In the post-Islamic era, Muslim caliphs had to adopt Iran's solar calendar system to facilitate financial dealings.

After the Moguls invaded Iran, they also imposed their own calendar.

However, the only influence of Mogul calendar on Iran's calendar system was that they named each year after a particular animal.

During the Qajar dynasty and after modern administrative organizations were established, salaries of government employees were paid on a monthly basis.

The importance of Taqizadeh's work is due to the fact that he managed to change the country's calendar system from lunar to solar after 13 centuries.