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Akmo, the Artist Who Found Her Voice in Dubai

Kazakhstan- Akmo is a 24-year-old artist and entrepreneur.

According to the ECO Cultural Institute, she was exposed to different forms of art: “painting, pottery and singing” at an early age in her home country, Kyrgyzstan. She told Euronews that “in the late 90s, they used to turn off the lights after 11 pm, so my family would sit around candles and my dad would play the guitar and I would sing along”.

Every time she passed by the local conservatoire, she would “stand there and watch the artists”. Later, she attended an international vocal contest in Asia and won a special artist award, and that is how she got admitted to a conservatoire.

Akmo had to take a break from her studies to work and support her family. She moved to Dubai at the age of 18 with plans to stay for a year, adding “when I moved to Dubai and I actually started working and exchanging experiences with other artists from different countries, I noticed that I am learning much more here than back in school. That’s when I realized, I am in the right place, I could open up my potential here”.

After teaching music for three years, she started her singing career in several venues in Dubai including the Burj Khalifa. “I performed for celebrities like Hugh Jackman and for other sports and music stars” she said.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the singing gigs dried up and she went back to painting. It was then that she came up with the idea to start ‘ARTfem’ – a three-hour guided painting experience from afternoon sun to sunset.

“I was sold out every week, every event was sold out. ARTfem has become a destination for people to go out on weekends” she says and adds “coming to Dubai five years ago, I would never have thought I would be a business owner”.

Akmo is now working on an e-commerce business “to be able to provide the ARTfem experience to people at home”. In the meantime, she is also building her painting portfolio to showcase at ‘Art Dubai 2022’.

Akmo is positive for the future and loves her new home: “Dubai has surprised me in unimaginable ways, so I am looking forward to what other surprises it has prepared for me”.

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The streetwear brand brings forth a unique collection of hoodies, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and baggy pants, bearing exciting inscriptions characteristic of the South Asian heritage. Keep reading to find more about Rastah.

Rastah is an Urdu word, meaning path, route, or a journey one embarks upon in the pursuit of achieving something. The streetwear label was created by three cousins, Zain, Ismail, and Adnan Ahmad, in 2018, who belong to Lahore, Pakistan.

The design mechanism of the brand represents Pakistani culture to the fullest. There are fabric pieces bearing vintage Mughal-era paintings, verses from the great Pakistani poet, Allama Iqbal and other catchy phrases to grab attention amid the clutter.

A Glimpse Into Pakistani Streetwear Brand ‘Rastah’

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Tajik President’s International Tennis Tournament Kicks off

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Tajikistan’s independence, the International Youth Tennis Tournament “President of the Republic of Tajikistan” has kicked off.

According to the ECO Cultural Institute, quoting Voice of Khorasan Tajik Radio, the International Youth Tennis Tournament for Tajik President’s cup was launched to mark the 30th anniversary of the state independence.

The tournament was attended by 60 athletes from Germany, France, USA, UK, Turkey, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, Turkmenistan, Canada, Ukraine, Slovenia, Poland, Belarus and Tajikistan will take part in the competition.

The International Tennis Tournament runs until August 7.
ECO Friendship Flag on the Roof of Central Asia

An Iranian woman mountaineer, Rashin Jahanbazi, hoisted the flag of the ECO Cultural Institute on the roof of Central Asia as a symbol of friendship of the peoples of this historical region, after her historic ascent to the Korgonovskaya peak (7105 meters) and the Somoni peak (7495 meters) in Tajikistan.

According to the ECO Cultural Institute, in this historic ascent, which was carried out with the support of Survar Bakht, president of this international organization, Rashin Jahanbazi, an 8-year-old Iranian woman mountaineer, conquered the highest peaks of Pakistan’s AWKUM ranked first under THE Young University Rankings

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According to the ECO Cultural Institute, The exhibition named “Textile as the Language of Resilience” is putting on display the hand-sewn textile works to power the to the power of resistance.

Works by Tewa Barnosa from Libya, Nuray Demir from Turkey, Regina José Galindo from Guatemala, Sophie Utikal from the U.S., and German-Bolivian artist Verena Melgaro Weinandt has also been selected for the exhibition curated by Daniela Nadwornick. The artists in the exhibition reveal their personal scars with visible seams.

The stories of the women who have hidden behind the fabric become visible - who were hidden by the fabric. The hand-sewn textile work is evidence of resilience and the collective protest against invisibility, oppression, and violence.

Azerbaijani Mugham on list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

No form of music tugs at the heartstrings of Azerbaijanis more than the sound of Mugham. This centuries-old musical tradition draws on folklore and oral histories passed down from generation to generation, creating a unique and ‘melancholy’ sound.

The Azerbaijani Mugham is characterised by a large degree of improvisation and draws upon popular ballad melodies, rhythms and performance techniques.

As Mugham is improvisational by nature, it isn’t transcribed in a fixed form. Therefore, Mugham masters train students in the art of interpretation to make them learn the variety of its artistic expression. The kamarhana, the gaval and the tara are the three key instruments used in Mugham. The kamarhana is a four-string spiked fiddle. The gaval is a kind of large tambourine.

Modern representations of Mugham reflect different periods in Azerbaijan’s history and its contact with peoples from other cultures and countries. The Tar is itself a true work of art, and so integral to Azerbaijani culture that it is pictured on coins and banknotes.

In 2003, UNESCO added its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity ensuring that this captivating and unique art will continue to inspire musicians and listeners the world over.

International media forum: Developing international dialog

International media forum “Regional dialog with participation of political scientists and journalists” was held in the Institute of International Relations of the Foreign Ministry of Turkmenistan.

According to ECO Cultural Institute, quoting turkmenistan.gov.Turkmenistan.

According to him, nationals of the United States and Russia are leading at the top of the list of nationalities of foreign tourists, followed by nationals of the Russian Federation (25 percent), more than 11,000 citizens of Afghanistan as well as from 2,000 to 6,000 citizens of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and China have visited Tajikistan over the reporting period, Jurazoda noted.

“Compared to the same period of last year, the number of tourists from Iran and Turkey has also decreased,” the Tourism Development Committee head.

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According to the ECO Cultural Institute, during the excavations of the Ancient City of Assos, located in the Behramkale Village of the Ayvacık district of Çanakkale, 1650-year-old earthen grills and various types of kitchen utensils were found. Uncovering the 1300-year-old baby footprint will allow more data to be collected about the city.

“Assos excavation head, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Archaeology Department Lecturer Prof. Dr. Nurettin Arslan conveyed the following information to the AA correspondent.

“There are embellishments on the terracotta bricks used on the floor of the hearth. But apart from these decorations, there are traces left by a child, who we estimate to be 1-1,5 years old, by taking two steps. Besides that, there is a trace of a dog or a cat.”

Kyrkyrgyzstan-Vietnam to Promote Tourism Cooperation

Senior Kyrgyz and Vietnam officials emphasized the expansion of bilateral cooperation.

According to the ECO Cultural Institute, Kyrgyz Prime Minister Alishabek Manasov met with Vietnam’s Ambassador to Bishkek Nguyen T. Hong On.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed promising areas of bilateral cooperation, including intensifying cooperation between the two countries in the field of tourism and strengthening ties between the two republics.

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The ascent has been accomplished under the supervision of Mr. Ali Akbari.

The Herat-educated girls competed in the global star competition

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The Herat-educated girls have been studying astronomy for two years. Girls learn with their backs to the limit and think beyond the earth.

While millions of Afghan girls have been deprived of schooling due to war and social constraints, these girls are still in search of knowledge. The problem in Afghanistan is beyond imagination.

More than 219,000 foreign citizens visited Tajikistan in H1 2021

Over the first six months of this year, more than 2,197 foreign tourists, including 195,000 citizens of the CIS member nations, have visited Tajikistan, which is 59 percent fewer than in the same period last year, Tujidin Jurazoda, the head of the Tourism Development Committee under the Government of Tajikistan, told reporters in Dushanbe on July 26.

133,000 citizens of Uzbekistan (68 percent), more than 49,000 of nationals of the Russian Federation (25 percent), more than 11,000 citizens of Afghanistan as well as from 2,000 to 6,000 citizens of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and China have visited Tajikistan over the reporting period, Jurazoda noted.

According to him, nationals of the United States and European countries accounted for only 1 percent foreign tourist who visited the country in January-June this year.

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200 Kazakh Students to Study in Hungary for Free

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It is noteworthy that within the framework of agreements between the Kazakh government and foreign parties, in the new academic year, 330 students of this country are able to study for free at universities in Hungary, Poland, China, Ukraine, Slovakia, Azerbaijan and Vietnam.

Pakistan’s AWKUM ranked first under THE Young University Rankings

Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (Awkum) has been ranked the first in Pakistan and 157th in the world in the recently released Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2021.

A statement said the list includes the world’s best universities that are 50 years old or younger. The table is based on the same 13 performance indicators as the flagship THE World University Rankings, but the weightings have been adjusted to give less weight to reputation.

The universities are judged across all their core missions - teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook - to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons available. The 2021 ranking includes 475 universities, up from 414 in 2020.
**Demonstration of Kyrgyzstan’s tourism potential in Turkey**

The Kyrgyz ambassador to Ankara attended the 16th Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism Conference in Turkey. In order to promote economic diplomacy, Kyrgyzstan’s Ambassador to Turkey Kubanshchik Omuraliev attended the 16th Conference on ‘Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism’ organized by the International Ecotourism Association and Workshop Travel shop held in the Turkish city of Tokat, participated.

At the opening of the meeting, Omuraliev showed a video on the situation and potential of tourism and ecotourism in Kyrgyzstan, showing examples such as cycling, hiking and mountaineering, skiing, jilto-tourism and medical tourism.

According to international experts’ assessments for 2019, 2020 and 2021, Kyrgyzstan is among the top 10 countries on the ecotourism list. Inviting participants to the conference in Kyrgyzstan, Omuraliev expressed readiness to help establish contacts between ecotourism operators.

Representatives of travel companies from Turkey, the United States, India, Pakistan, Iran and other countries have expressed interest in touring their country.

**Azerbaijan’s Nəłchī Offer for Iranian footballer**

Azerbaijan’s Nəłchī football club made an official offer to bring in Iran’s Nəfəsə Seyləyman, a goalkeeper. According to the ECO Cultural Institute, quoting ILNA, the Baku Nəłchī football club sent a letter to the CEO of Nəfəsə Seyləyman Club requesting to sign the team’s goalkeeper. Farhad Kermanshahi has attracted the attention of the famous football club of Azerbaijan and this club announced its desire to bring in Kermanshahi by sending official letter.

**Tajikistan to host meeting of CIS Association of Teachers**

Tajikistan will host the Sixth meeting of CIS Association of Teachers in Dushanbe this year. According to the ECO Cultural Institute, quoting Fars News Agency correspondent in Dushanbe, the sixth meeting of CIS Association of Teachers will be held in the capital.

**Consul General of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Go-leston, Iran**

“Iran-Kazakhstan relations are at a high level and we are looking for more friendship between the two nations,” said the Consul General of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Golestan Province, Iran. According to the ECO Cultural Institute, quoting Tasnim news agency from Gorgan, Aijdan Idashov said this afternoon at the screening of the documentary “Votabzi” (the family elder).

Expressing his satisfaction over the production of this documentary, he said: “Relations between Iran and Kazakhstan are at a high level, and in the 30 years since Kazakhstan’s independence, several bilateral agreements and agreements have been signed between the two countries and excellent cultural relations between the two countries is established.

Regarding the coexistence of Kazakhstani living in Iran, including Golestan’s nationalities and other religions, he appreciated the hospitality of the people of Golestan and said: “We are looking for more friendship between Iran and Kazakhstan.”

**SECP plans one-window facility for women entrepreneurs in Pakistan**

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has assured the business community that it will set up a one-window facility for women entrepreneurs in a bid to eliminate barriers to company registration and other tasks.

According to a statement issued on Thursday, SECP Additional Registrar Syed Iftikhar Hussain Naqvi and Naqvi Registrar Fauzia Rashid promised to consider the establishment of the one-window facility at the SECP to assist women entrepreneurs.

**Zubekistan to Host ‘Central-South Asia Conference 2021’**

Zubekistan- International Conference «Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities», is to be held on July 15-16, 2021, in Tashkent.

**Inscription of Arslantepe Mound to UNESCO World Heritage List**

The nomination of Arslantepe Mound to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), has been inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List during the 45th Session of the World Heritage Committee online session in Fuzhou, China.

Arslantepe has been on UNESCO’s World Heritage Tentative List of Turkey since 2014. With a history dating back to almost 6 thousand years ago, Arslantepe Mound is accepted to be a religious and cultural site that has known early state structure emerged in Turkish geography.

The number of inscribed sites of Turkey on UNESCO World Heritage List has reached to 19 with the adoption of the Arslantepe Mound.
ECI Holds Int’l Conference on the Recognition of Avicenna Heritage

ECO Cultural Institute in cooperation with Allameh Tabatabai University held the International Conference on the Recognition of Avicenna Heritage on Monday, August 23, 2021 on the occasion of the legendary Iranian polymath’s birth anniversary and National Doctors’ Day.

According to the ECO Cultural Institute, in order to safeguard the scientific position of Avicenna (Abu Ali Sinan), ECO Cultural Institute in cooperation with Allameh Tabatabai University held the International Conference on the Recognition of Avicenna Heritage as a virtual event on Monday, August 23, 2021 with the presence of officials, thinkers and university professors.

The event is a follow-up to a series of commemoration programs held by ECO Cultural Institute to commemorate the dignitaries of the ECO region.

After the conference opening remarks made by H.E. Mr. Sarvar Bakhti, President of ECO Cultural Institute, H.E. Dr. Nizomiddin Zohidi, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan; and H.E. Mr. Bakhodir Abdullaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan: Dr. Mohammad-Reza Asadi and Dr. Ismail Shams, Professors of Allameh Tabatabai University, Dr. Ahmad Ghanzi Khosravi, Dean of Faculty of Humanities, Herat University, Afghanistan, felicitated Tajikistan’s Independence Day.

He hailed the age-old ties between the ECO Countries as strengthened also expressed hope that relations between the ECO countries would further develop in all fields given their historical and cultural commonalities.

President of ECO Cultural Institute also wished health, success and prosperity for the Tajik people.

A visit to Baku carpet museum, the world’s first carpet museum

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