

# Everything About Iran

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# Where is it?

## At the middle of middle east!





# General Information

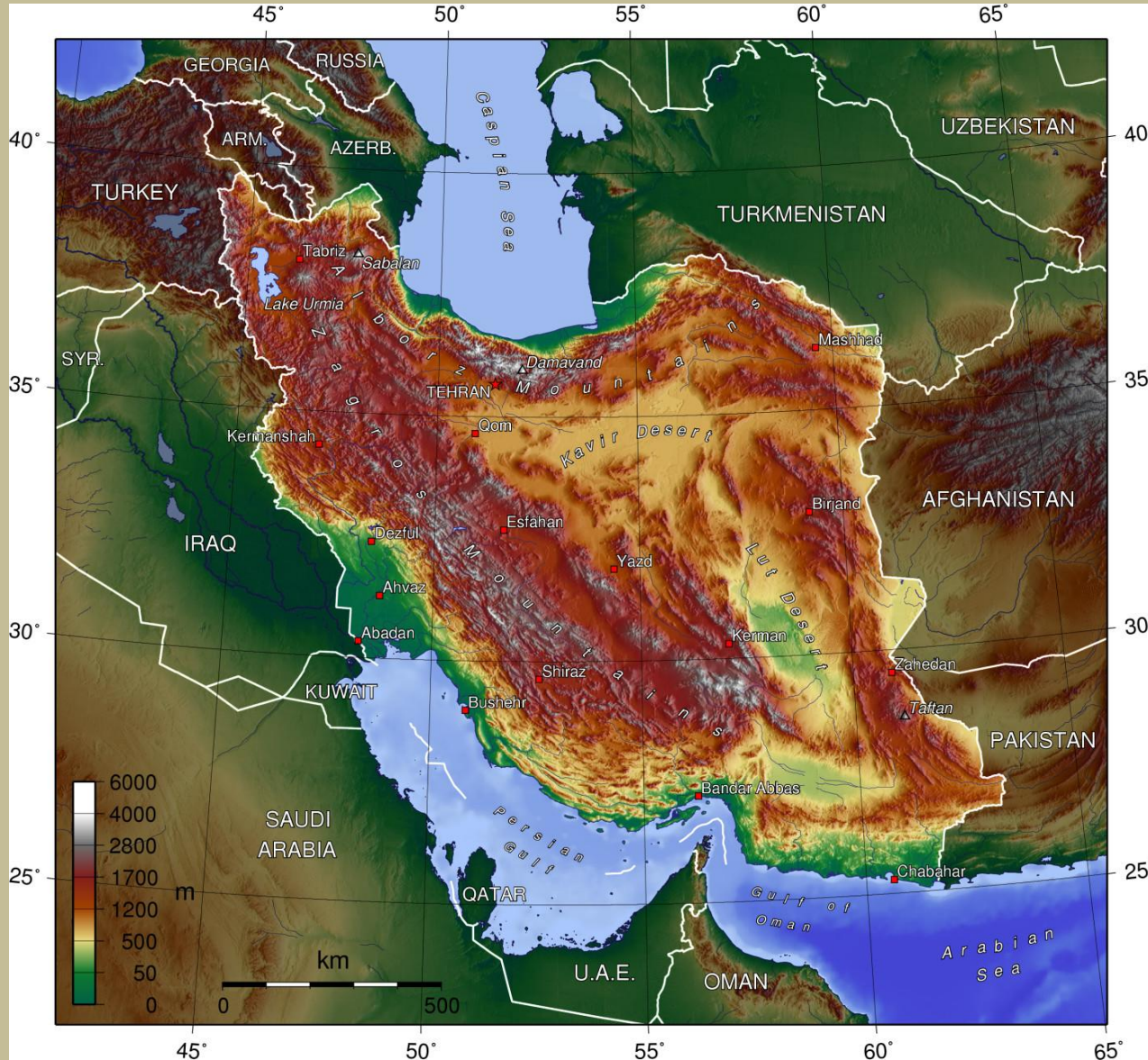
Land Area: 1.648.195 square km

Population: 80 Million

Literacy: 88%

Life Expectancy: 76 years (US= 79, Russia= 71)

# Geography



# More earthquake than rain!



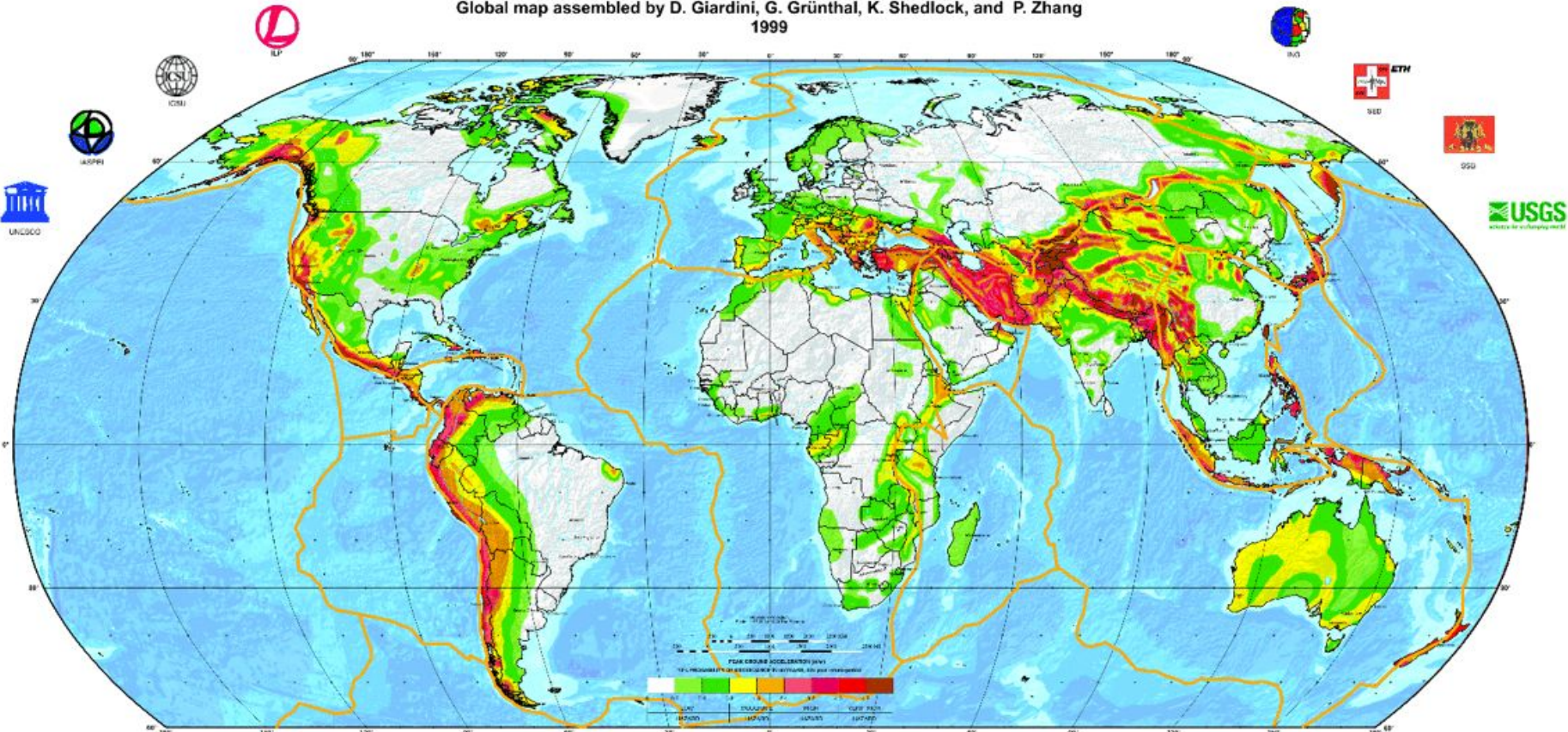
## GLOBAL SEISMIC HAZARD MAP

Produced by the Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP),  
a demonstration project of the UN/International Decade of Natural Disaster Reduction, conducted by the  
International Lithosphere Program.

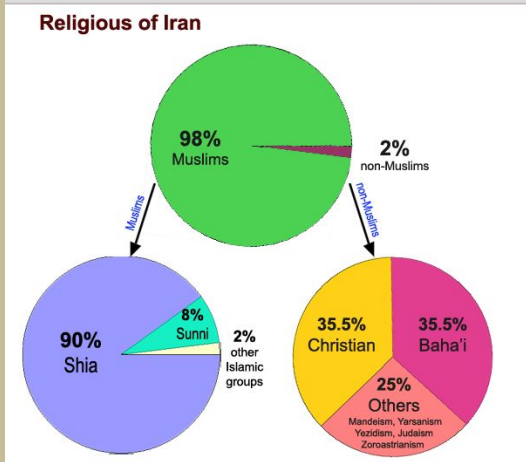
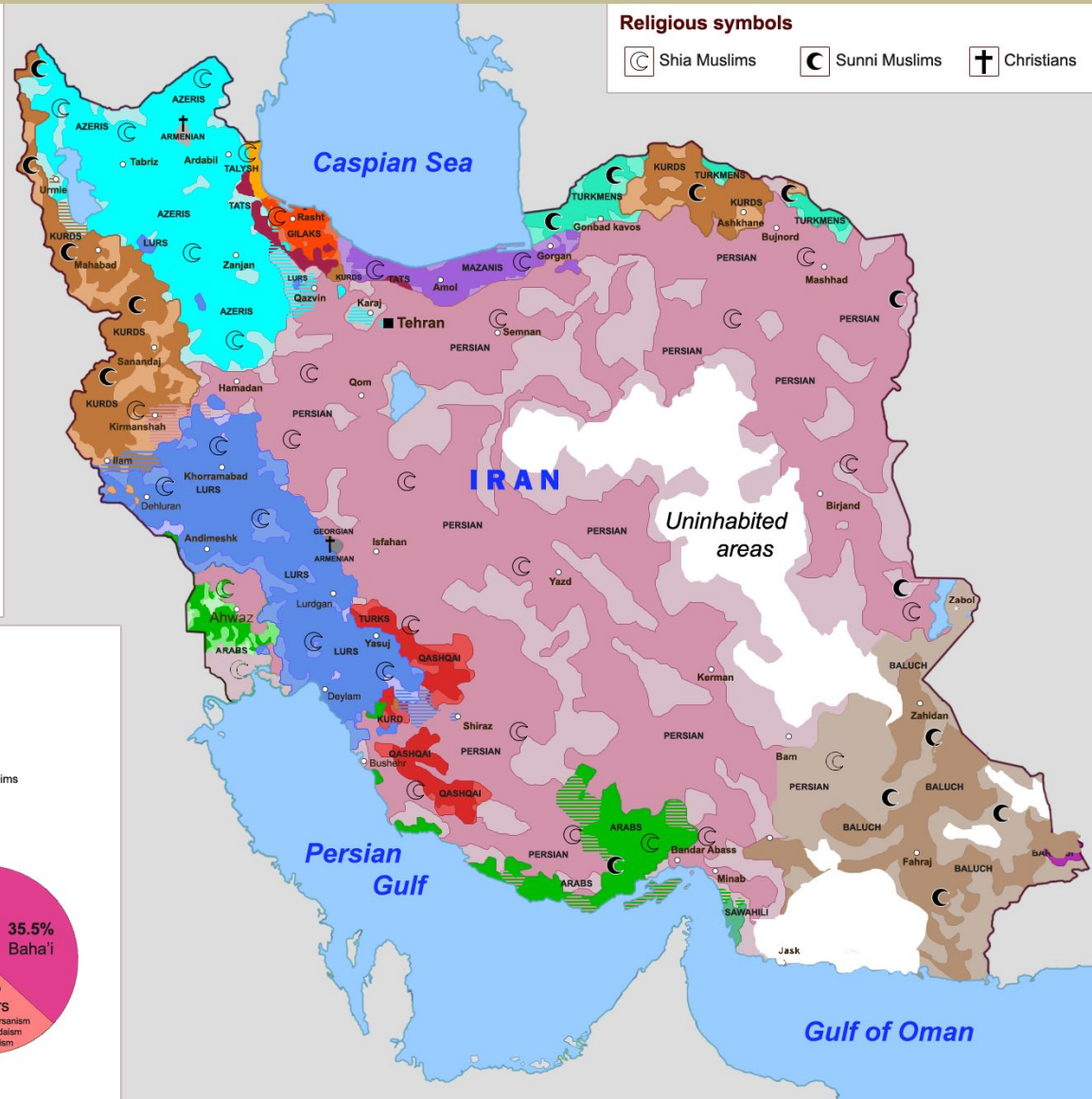
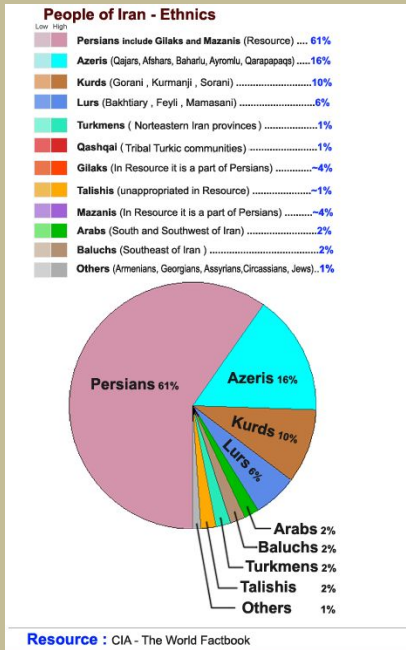
Global map assembled by D. Giardini, G. Grünthal, K. Shedlock, and P. Zhang  
1999

**GFZ**  
POTSDAM

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction  
**IDNDR**  
1990 - 2000  
Building a Culture of Prevention



# Ethnicities and Languages





# Persian Language

It is an Indo-European Language

Five major branches of Indo-European Languages:

German, Roman, Slavic, Iranian, Indian.

Persian is not Arabic! It just uses Arabic alphabet.

# Iranian People





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Tehran Book Garden

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# Family

Average age at first marriage:

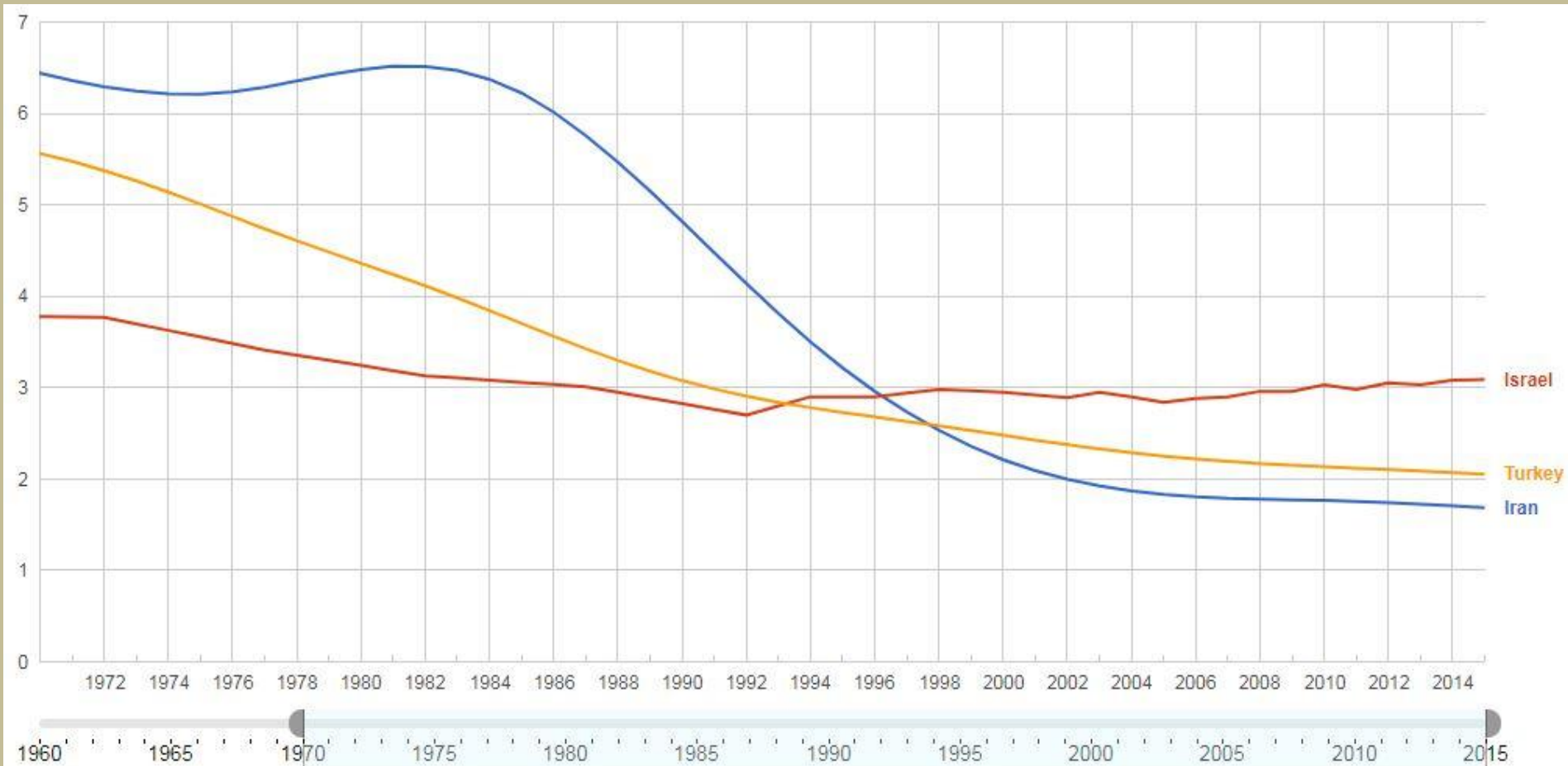
Men: 27, Women: 24

Age of marriage is increasing.

22% of marriages end in divorce.

# Fertility Rate: 1.68

Lowest fertility rate among Muslim countries.



# Gender Equality

Generally: Okay. Not good. Not bad.

60% of university students are female!

Urban vs. Rural

Old vs. Young



# Religion

Generally open-minded people. ☺

A combination of three elements; Islamic, Traditional, Western.

Estimate:

~ 30% practically Muslim

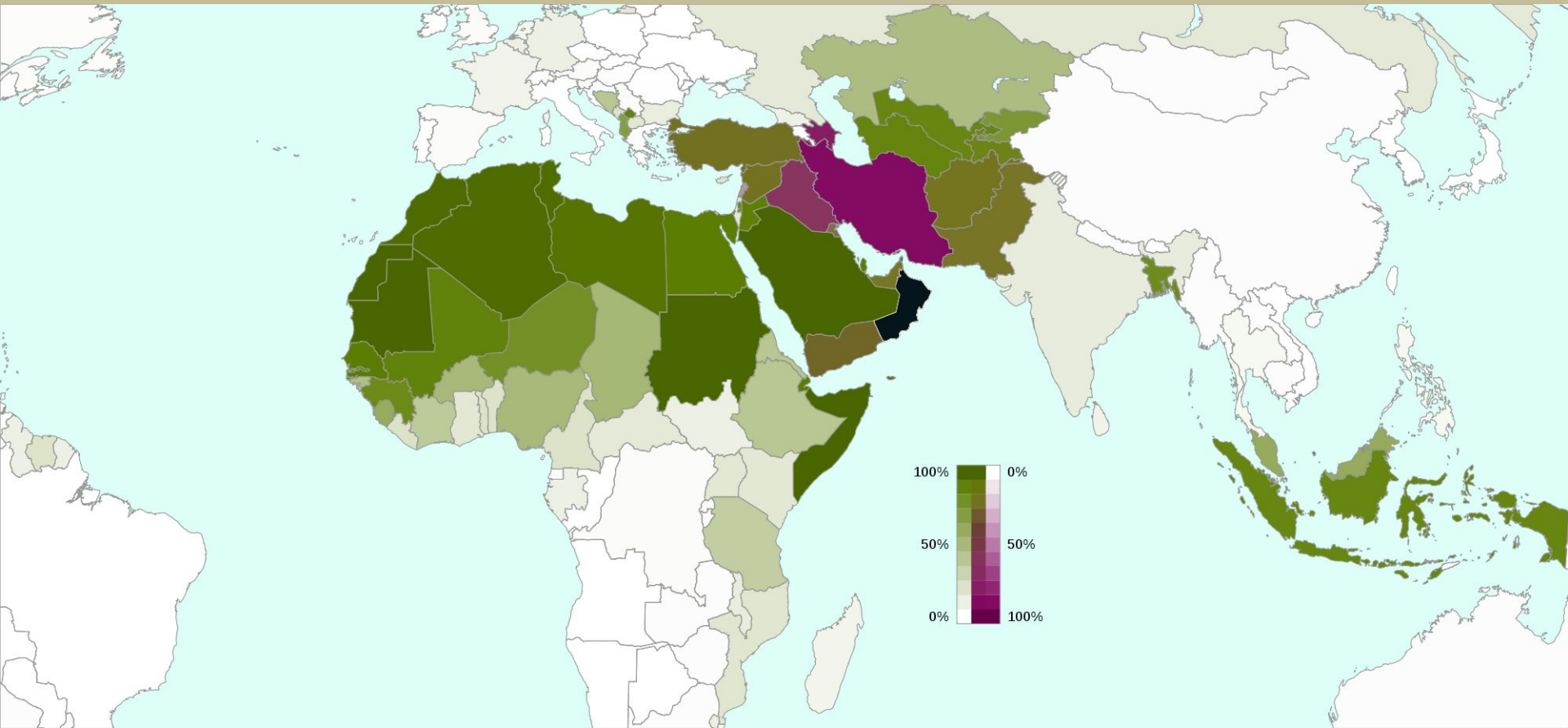
~ 50% theoretically Muslim (secular Muslim)

~ 20% others (non-religious, agnostic, atheist, etc.)

# Shia-Sunni Difference

Iranians are Shia Muslim.

Important in understanding culture, history and politics.



# Politics

Islamic Republic of Iran.

Combination of democracy and theocracy.

Not really democratic country.

# Government

Iranian government is not representative of Iranian people.

Several pro-democracy movements:

Iranian Students Protests (1999)

Iranian Green Movement (2009)

Iranian Nationwide Protests (2017-2018)

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# Economy

Oil and Natural Gas.

Mine

Persian carpet, nuts, etc.

Tourism

Ranked 69<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of Human Development Index (Good! Not perfect!).

~ Russia, Serbia, Iran, Turkey, Thailand.





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Photo:Shayan Mehrabi

# Travelling to Iran

Young people have good English language knowledge.

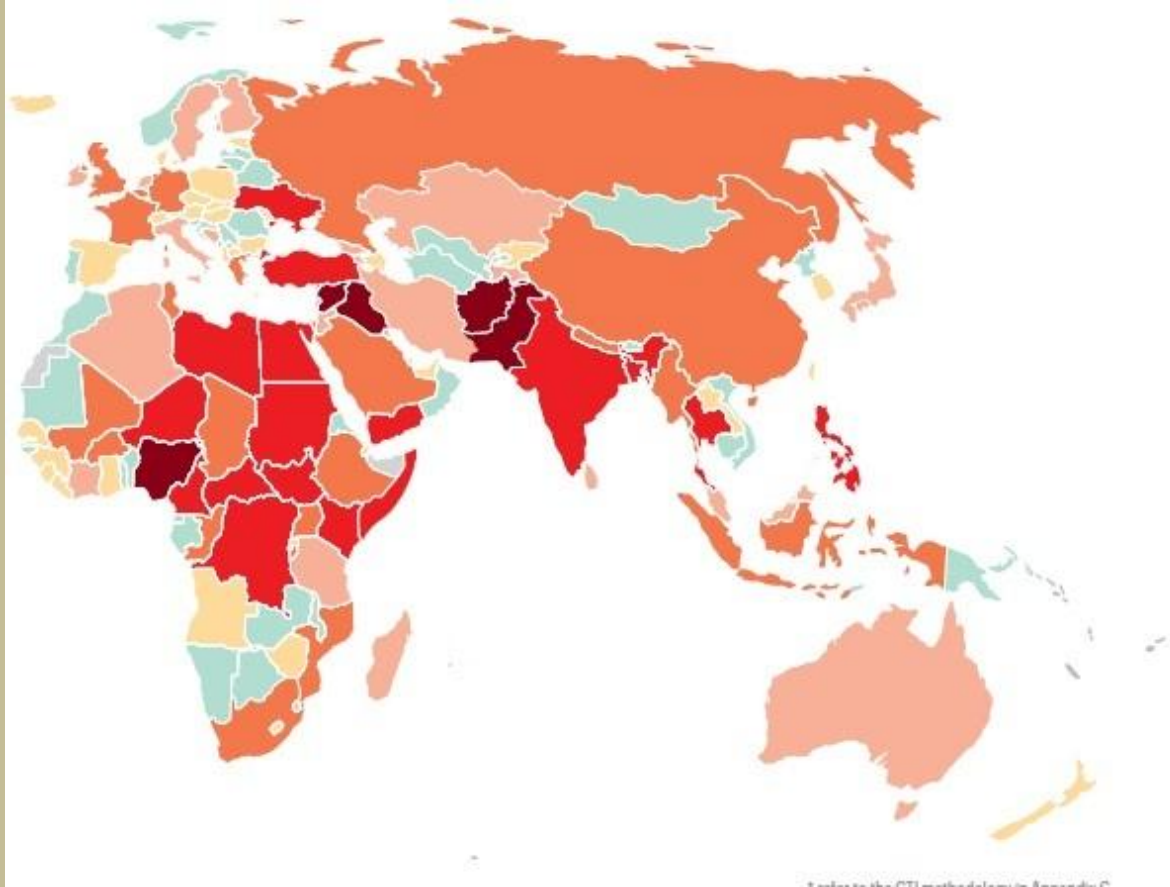
ALL names of streets and alleys are bilingual (Persian and English).

ALL products have English translation on them.

Very safe for travelling. No safety problem.

# Terrorism Index (2017)

Iran is as safe as Sweden and Japan.  
Island of Stability!



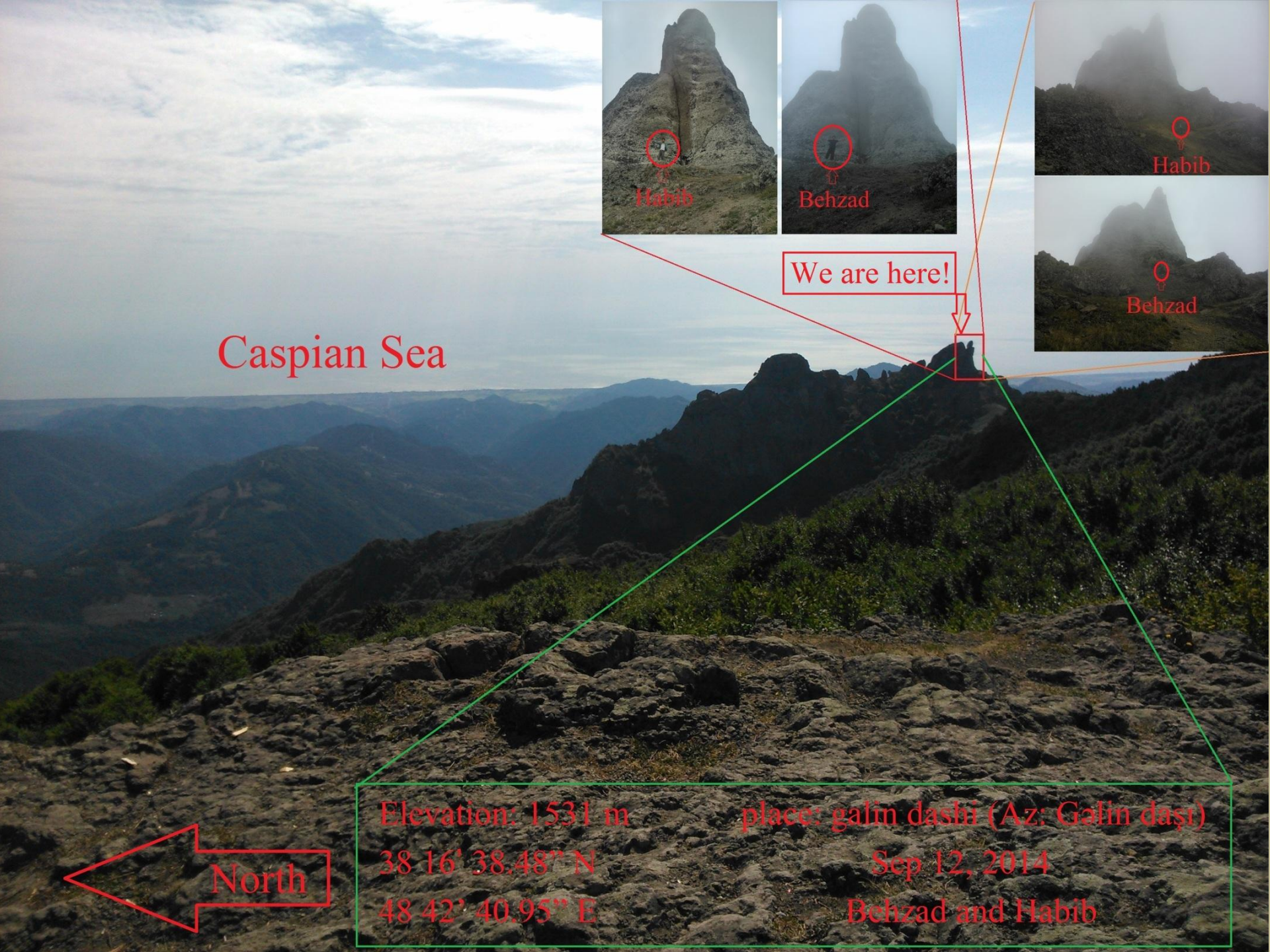
# Climate and Nature





# Mount Damavand (5609 m)





Caspian Sea



Habib



Behzad



Habib



Behzad

We are here!



North

Elevation: 1531 m  
38 16' 38.48" N  
48 42' 40.95" E  
place: galin dashi (Az: Galin daşı)  
Sep 12, 2014  
Behzad and Habib







# Tehran

Tehran enjoys microclimate.

Two climates in one city! 😐

Altitude of north of the city: 1900m

Altitude of south of the city: 900m





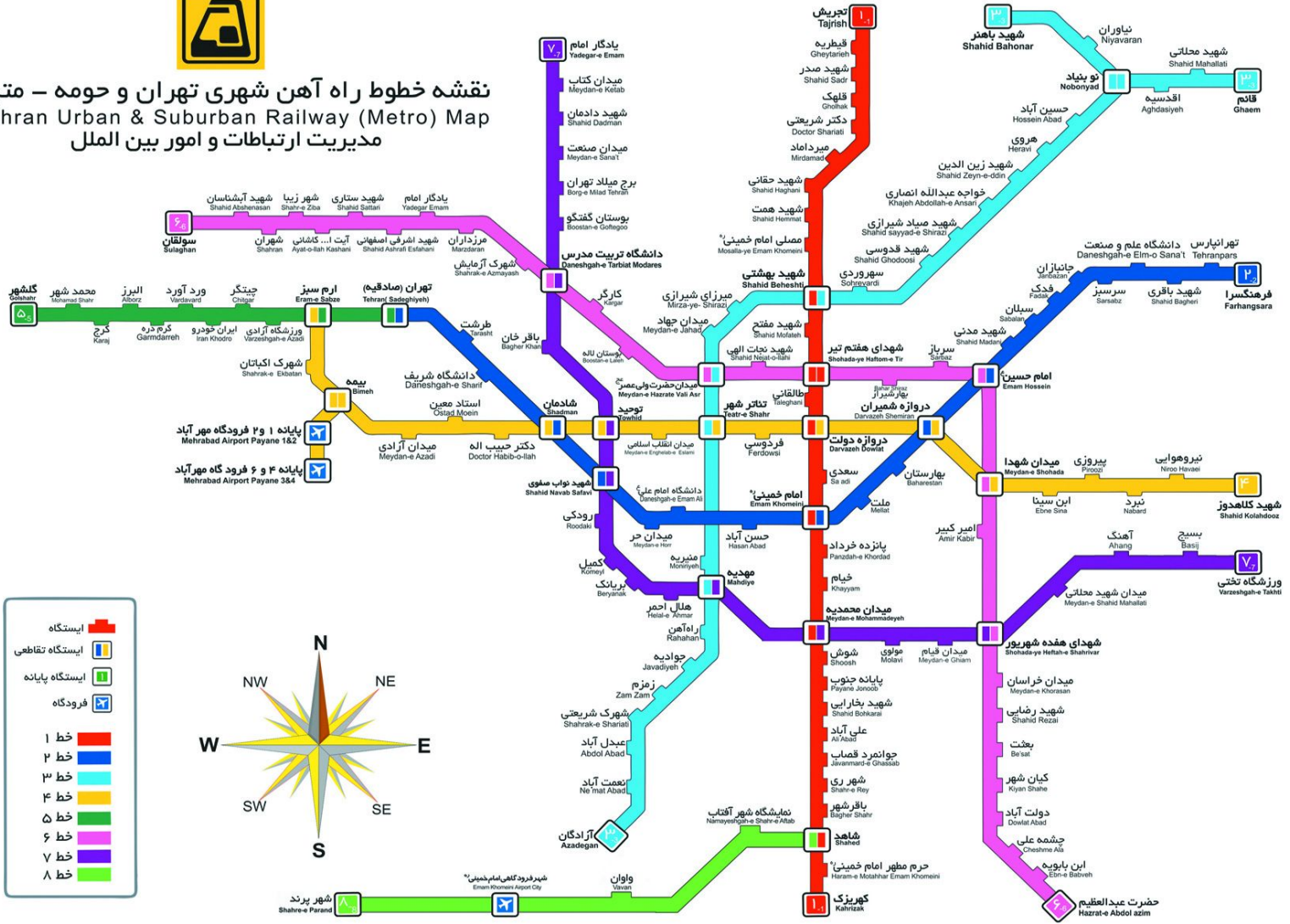
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# Tehran Metro



نقشه خطوط راه آهن شهری تهران و حومه – مترو  
 Tehran Urban & Suburban Railway (Metro) Map  
 مدیریت ارتباطات و امور بین الملل



# Maranjab Desert



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# Desert of Emptiness!

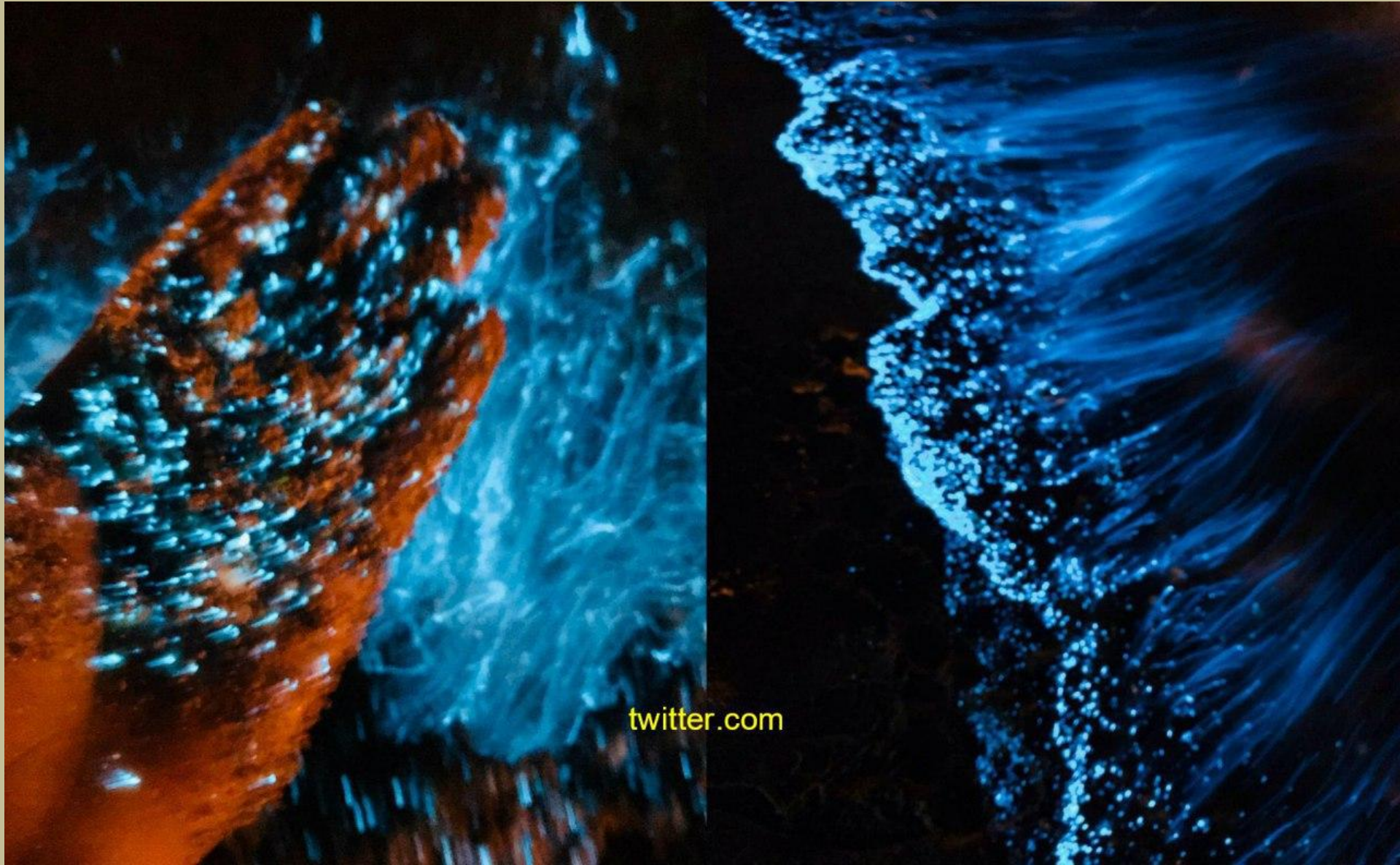




# Persian Gulf Islands



# Gulf of Oman Beaches



# Kish Island, Persian Gulf



# Architecture

Before Islam (Persian empire)

After Islam

Modern Period

# Persepolis, Persian Empire (2500 years ago)



# Gate of All Nations









# Hellenistic Period



# Iranian Architecture After Islam

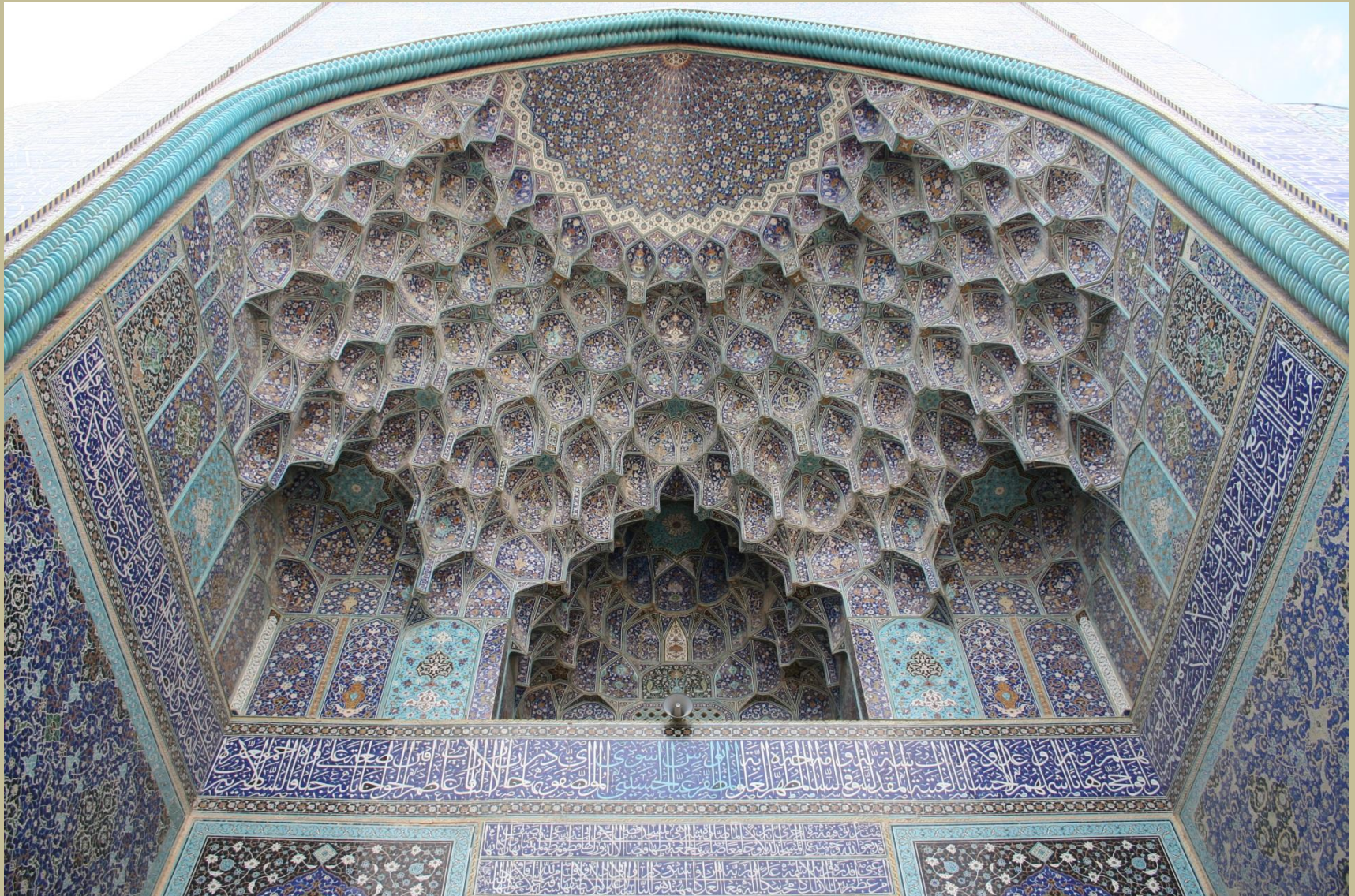




# Qasemi Bath, Kashan



# Entrance of Shah Mosque, Isfahan



# Si o se pol (33 bridges), Isfahan



# Ghavam House, Shiraz



# Hafiz Tomb, Shiraz





# Khayyam Tomb, Neyshabur



# Iranian Bazaars









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# Ordinary Iranian Apartment



# Persian New Year

21<sup>st</sup> of March!

Vernal Equinox. First day of spring.

When there is 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night everywhere in the world.

# Persian New Year (7 S Table)





# Persian New Year





# Yalda Night

21<sup>st</sup> of December

Winter Solstice. Longest night of the year.

Celebration of victory of light over darkness.

Gathering together, eating nuts and watermelon  
and reading poem!



*Persianmama.com*

# Persian Calligraphy







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عَمْرٍو



Thank you for your attention! 😊

Any question?