

Morteza Nikoubazi

Photographer

curriculum vitae



Profile

I have been fascinated by photography since I picked up a camera as a child and captured the first image of a mountain. It felt like a miracle for me to be able to capture such a huge world on a small piece of photographic film.

As a freelance photographer, I worked with Iranian newspapers and then Reuters after graduating from art school and university. I covered news and events for the Reuters and other media.

Education

Malek-Ashtar Art School, graduate

September 1990 – June 1994

Art & Graphic design field

Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch, Tehran Bachelor

September 1994 – June 1998

Photography field

Courses

The art of being alive and working in hostile environments, Centurion Risk Assessment Services Ltd, Hampshire, UK

2003

Basics of Analyzing and Judging of Photograph Workshop. Tehran, Iran

Certificate of Achievement

2017

Details

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Nationality

Iranian

Date / Place of Birth

February 24, 1974

Tehran, Iran

Links

[website](#)

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[Linkedin](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

Language

Persian: Native

English: Intermediate

Skills

- Teamwork
- Digital and film cameras
- Team Management
- Creativity
- Analyzing the authenticity of photos and news
- News photo editing and press photo editorial
- Photo caption and photo story statement writing

Membership

Association of Press Photographers of Iran

2000 - 2015

Working Experience

Photographer, Reuters, Iran and the Middle East

2001 - 2014

I worked with the REUTERS as full time photographer and covered news and events in Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey and Lebanon.

Photographer, UNHCR, Tehran

2016

Photographer, Sipa Press, Iran

2015 - 2020

I worked with the SIPA PRESS as freelance photographer in Iran, Also covered the war against ISIS in Iraq.

Photographer & Videographer, NurPhoto, Iran & Middle East

June 2020 - Present

Curator of professors and summer school classes of National Geographic magazine Farsi in the field of documentary photography

2019

Assignments

Flood disaster, Iran, Golestan province, For Reuters

2001

Earthquake, Iran, Bam, For Reuters

2003 - 2004

33-day Lebanon's Hezbollah and Israel army, All over the country, For Reuters

2006

Earthquake, Iran, Khorramabad, For Reuters

2006

Daily life feature story, Turkey, Istanbul, for Reuters

2008

Presidential elections, Afghanistan, Herat, For Reuters

2009

Flood disaster, Pakistan, Northern areas of Islamabad, For Reuters

2010

Earthquake, Turkey, Van and Ercis, For Reuters

2011

Daily life feature story, Afghanistan, Kabul, For Reuters' WiderImage

2014

Urmia Salt Lake Story, Urmia, For New York International

2014

Azerbaijan daily life story. Azerbaijan, All over the country, For National Geographic Magazine Farsi

2015

Covering the visit of UNHCR HC of Iran, Tehran, Qom, For UNHCR

2016

Battle of Fallujah, Iraq, Al Fallūjah, For Sipa Press

2016

Battle of Mosul, Iraq, Tal-Afar, For Sipa Press

2016

Iranian Saffron story, Iran, Torbat Heydariyeh, Mashhad, For NurPhoto

2019 - 2020

Ukrainian plane crash, Tehran, For the UPI

2020

Memorial rally for the Ukrainian crashed plane, Tehran, For NurPhoto

2020

Former commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) Quds Force, Major General Qasem Soleimani, Tehran, For NurPhoto

2020

COVID-19 pandemic, Iran, Tehran, Mashhad, Qoma, Ahvaz, Kelardasht, For Sipa Press & NurPhoto
2019 – 2022

Iran's 2021 Presidential elections, Tehran, For AFP
2021

Longterm daily life story of Afghan refugees, Iran, Tehran, Karaj, Qom, For NurPhoto
2022 – Present

Arbain (Day-40 of Muharram) walking, Iraq, Basrah, Baghdad, Najaf, Karbala, Hillah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, For NurPhoto
2022

Exhibitions & Festivals

Social documentary Group Exhibition. Paris, France
2005

Social documentary Group Exhibition. Tehran, Iran
2005

Group Photo Exhibition. Canadian Cultural Center. Venice, Italy
Abbas Kiarostami and Riccardo Zipoli and fifty-six contemporary Iranian photographers
2007

Social Documentary Group Exhibition. Tehran, Iran
2008

Pakistan-Flood-Beauty, Solo Exhibition. Tehran, Iran
2010

Knokke Heist. Belgium Knokke Heist
2010

The First International Pojane Photography Festival. Tehran, Iran
2012

Still Life collection, Digital Presentation, SeeMe Exhibitions, Louver Museum. France, Paris
2015

Afghanistan feature by Pix magazine. India, Delhi
2015

International Art For Peace Festival. Tehran, Iran
2017

The second national mining photo festival. Tehran, Iran
2018

International Art For Peace Festival. Tehran, Iran
2018

International Art For Peace Festival. Tehran, Iran
2019

Mental Health International photography award. Tehran, Iran
2020

The City is Us, A joint Iran & Germany group photo exhibition. Cologne, Germany
By: Leila Cheraghi and Stefan Lindlahr, <https://www.cityisus.com/>
Artists: Rheinisches Bildarchiv Köln, Mehdi Ghadyanloo, Keywan Karimi, Reza Nadji, Helmut Nick, Morteza Nikoubazl, Tim Ossege, Philip Pongratz, and Maryam Zandi
2022

Achievements & Awards

Shemroon alleys Photo Contest. Tehran, Iran
First Place
2001

HIPA, UAE, Dubai
2014
Finalist

International Photography Award (IPA). USA
Honourable Mention
2014

Nowruz International Exhibition of Photography. Tajikistan
By the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP)
Honourable Mention, Blue Ribbon
2017

13 Photographers on Capturing Hope Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic, By Shutterstock

2020

It's a painful and stressful time, but in the midst of devastating loss and uncertainty, photographers around the world are finding reasons to be hopeful.

Photography 4 Humanity global contest, U.S., New York City

2021

Finalist

Best Photography Awards, International photo contest

2022

1st place, Gold Medalist

Teaching Experiences

Teaching basic photography and photojournalism, University of Applied Science and Technology. Tehran, Iran.

2017-2019

Teaching Photojournalism at the National Geographic Magazine Farsi Summer School.

Tehran, Iran.

2019

Over 30 photojournalism workshops held in Tehran, Qom, Isfahan, Mashhad, and Tabriz for news agencies, news websites, etc.

2009 - Present

Publication

NEWS

My pictures have published through Reuters and photo agencies in newspapers, websites, and magazines as well as;

National Geographic, Time, Newsweek, The Guardian, Spiegel, L'Express, Washington post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Life, Daily Mail, Christian Science Monitor, CNN, BBC, Financial Times, Bloomberg, GEO, International Herald Tribune, Life, Gulf News, Daily Mail, Courier International, El Pais, etc...

BOOK

Also, my pictures have published on the cover and in the books as well as; Decade, Art of seeing 2, State of the world, Our world now 1,2,3,4, and 5, A Day in the World, E così sia (Italian Edition), Captive Society by Columbia University Press, The AK-47, Duality by Design: The Iranian Electoral System, etc...

Article, Lecture, and Interview

Lecture: Event Photography for the Isfahan Photo Club

2010

Lecture: Startup Weekend, Experiences in photojournalism

2014

Article: Shooting with Fujifilm on the Front Line, Fujilove Electronic Magazine

February 2017

Lecture: Image of the Year Festival

Showing and expressing personal experiences during photo coverage of the battle against ISIS

2017

Interview: doorbin.net photography website

Interview: Daily World Electronic photography magazine

Interview: Press TV

2018

Lecture: Photojournalism economics. Tehran, Iran

2018

Articles for the Didnegar photography website

2019

Live Programs

Radio-Tehran live program

2018

Impressive photos of history. Radio-7 TV live program

2020

Judgement

Judge of the doorbin.net Photo Festival

2008 - 2017

Judge of the first Vaghf (devotion) photography festival

2017

Judge of the second edition of Iran's Press Photo of The Year Award

2018

Member of the photo selection group of the floodwater photo exhibition

2019

Best Photography Awards International photography contest, jury member

2023