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Book on Iranian swords to be published in Germany

TEHRAN, June 17 (MNA) -- Germany-based Iranian expert Manuchehr Moshtaq plans to publish the results of his studies on Iranian swords and swordsmanship from 6000 BC to the end of the Qajar era in 1925 in a bilingual book in German and English.

Moshtaq has been studying Iranian swords and arms in museum collections throughout the world for the past eight years.

"Many countries have revived the styles of swordsmanship and sword manufacturing from their history, but a similar move has not been carried out in Iran with its rich history in establishing armies and manufacturing arms. I hope my book changes the view of Iranian officials about the issue," Moshtaq said.

"The revival of the styles of swordsmanship from the Achaemenid and Sassanid eras to the Safavid era can be carried out based on deduction and the shapes of the swords that have survived from those eras," he added.

Moshtaq is skilled at Iranian swordsmanship and teaches samurai swordsmanship in Germany.

"If one wants to be a sword expert, one must be proficient in swordsmanship, because the style of holding the sword in the hand is a way to identify genuine swords," he explained.

"The military aspect of a sword is the first thing that comes into your mind when you look at a sword, but I have realized that such Iranian arms have been made extremely artistically based on legal and metallurgical principles," Mostaq said in conclusion.

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