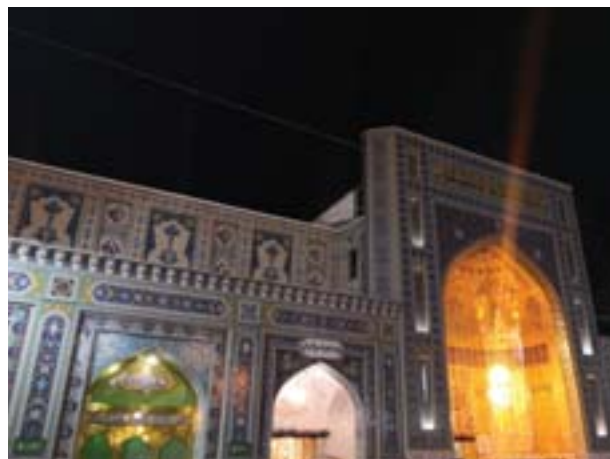
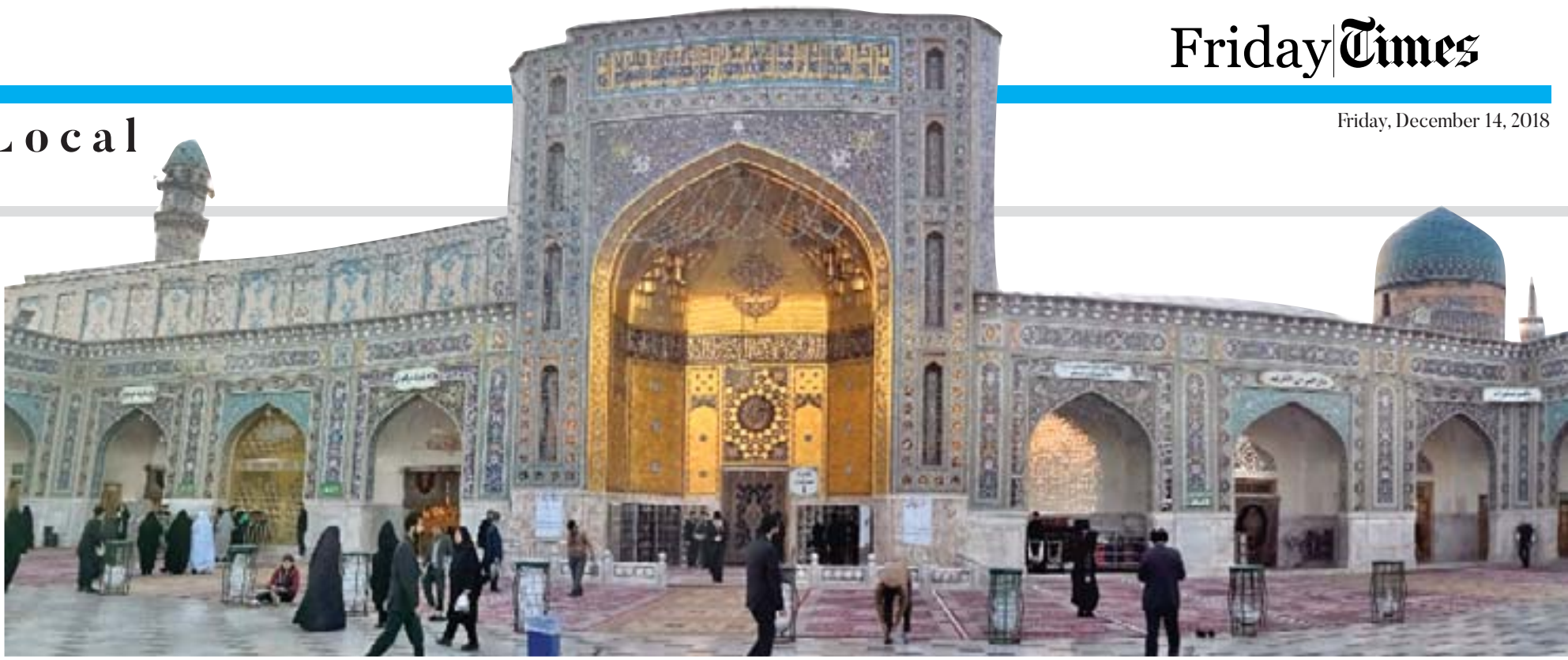


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A visit to *Mashhad*

Amateur photographer Shaima Marafi visited the historic city of Mashhad, Khorasan, Iran in early December. One of the most famous Iranian cities, Mashhad is a place for religious pilgrimage due to the location of many important mosques, tombs and shrines in-

cluding the Shrine of Imam Reza within the city and has been called Iran's "spiritual city" by the former president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. It is home to a vast array of beautiful architecture. — All photos by Shaima Marafi

