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Russia's Turkic, Persian Communities Ring in Spring With Nowruz

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Russia's Turkic and Persian communities on Sunday marked the first day of the astrological year with the celebration known as Nowruz, or Persian New Year. The ancient holiday marks the time of renewal and new beginnings. Nations that traditionally mark Nowruz believe that a lavish celebration can bring a successful and prosperous year. Largely forgotten during the Soviet era, Nowruz has reclaimed its place as a key national holiday in several ex-Soviet states and Russia's Muslim-majority republics. Here is a closer look at Nowruz celebrations in Kazan, the capital of Russia's republic of Tatarstan:

Variants of the buzkashi horse game are played by many Central Asian communities in Russia. **Abylai Saralayev / TASS**

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