

## **I felt this religion ought to be more perfect than Christianity**

More than anything else, for me Iran is a country of Ahl-ul-Bayt (AS), said an American Muslim convert. Diana Trongosu, or Hajar Hosseini since her conversion, made the remark in a program at the 21st International Holy Quran Exhibition, adding that she came to Iran to see for herself the country of Ahl-ul-Bayt (AS). The program was held Wednesday night, July 24, at the Rahyaftegan (those who found the right path) Section of the Exhibition. Ms Hosseini began by extending congratulations on the auspicious occasion of Imam Hassan Mojtaba's (AS) birth anniversary. She then pointed to the story of her conversion, saying that she had been a devoted Christian and first learned about Islam when attending a course about Christianity as a university student. "Right from the beginning I realized that there many common points between Islam and Christianity. When I first learned about the event of Ashura and Imam Hussein (AS) uprising, I felt this religion ought to be more perfect than Christianity. Thus, I continued my studies about Islam and after about a year decided to embrace the religion. As for her family's reaction to her conversion, she said, "It was very difficult for my parents and family members to accept it at first because I used to be a Christian propagator and they were proud of me for that. But later, thanks to acting upon the teachings of Islam about how to treat parents, I managed to have good relations with them." Ms Hosseini, who had just come from a trip to the holy city of Mashhad, said pilgrimage to Imam Reza's (AS) holy shrine is always fascinating for her. Asked whether she has managed to guide anyone to Islam, she said it is God, the Almighty, who guides everyone, and that she succeeded in inviting her grandmother to Islam. She added that Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the United States and that there many there whose conversion to Islam is celebrated these days. Elsewhere in her remarks, Ms Hosseini pointed to the main differences between Islam and other religions, including Christianity, saying that Islam is a perfect religion that has plans for all aspects of human's life. Ms Hosseini embraced Shia Islam 30 years ago and has been propagating the true path ever since. Her daughter, Zeynab Hosseini, who also talked at the program, is a Muslim activist and a Quran teacher in the US. She is also successful in her studies, being the top student among 40,000 students in her university.