

This Day in History

(May 30)

Today is Tuesday; 9th of the Iranian month of Khordad 1396 solar hijri; corresponding to 4th of the Islamic month of Ramadhan 1438 lunar hijri; and May 30, 2017, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

1385 lunar years ago, in 53 AH, the bloodthirsty Omayyad governor of Iraq and Fars, Ziyad Ibn Abihi (OR son of unknown father), died in Kufa at the age 53. Born in Ta'ef to a slave-girl, named Sumayya, used by her Arab master as a prostitute to augment his earnings, Ziyad, known as a person of doubtful maternity, became a Muslim (in name only) with the spread of Islam. His craftiness and brutal nature in handling the affairs of Fars (Iran), made Mu'awiyya, on usurping the caliphate, to procure as witness the former wine-seller of Ta'ef, Abu Maryam Sululi, and declare him as half-brother on the testimony that Ziyad was the result of the cohabitation of his father Abu Sufyan with the prostitute Sumayya while on a visit to Ta'ef. As an enemy of Household of Prophet Mohammad (blessings of God upon him and his progeny), Ziyad terrorized the followers of Imam Ali (AS) in Iraq, and martyred some prominent figures. On his death he was succeeded in his position as governor by his equally bloodthirsty son, Obaidullah (also born out of wedlock), who has earned lasting damnation by perpetrating the heartrending tragedy of Karbala and the martyrdom of Imam Husain (AS).

862 lunar years ago, on this day in 576 AH, the Baghdadi grammarian, poet, and author, Mohammad Ibn Mohammad Ibn Muwaheb, famous as Ibn Khorasani, because of his origin in northeastern Iran, passed away at the age of 82. Among his works, mention could be made of a voluminous diwan of Arabic poetry.

830 lunar years ago, on this day in 608 AH, the poet and scholar Abu'l-Qasim Hibatollah bin Ja'far, known as Qazi as-Sa'eed Ibn Sana ul-Mulk, famous for the treatise "Dar at-Tiraaaz" which he devoted to the genre of "muwashshah" poetry, passed away in Cairo at the age of 63.

765 solar years ago, on this day in 1252 AD, Ferdinand III of Castile died at the age 53 after a reign of 35 years during which he occupied one by one the Spanish Muslim cities of Badajoz, Merida, Cazorla, Ubeda, the old capital Cordoba (Qurtuba), Huelva, Murcia, Cartagena and finally Seville (Ishbiliya) the greatest of Spanish Muslim cities.

594 solar years ago, on this day in 1423 AD, Austrian mathematician and astronomer, Georg von Peurbach, was born near Linz. He studied the Islamic scientist, Ibn Haytham's book "On the Configuration of the World", and replaced the Greek scientist Ptolemy's chords in the table of sines with the Islamic Arabic numerals that were introduced 250 years earlier in place of Roman numerals and which today are in use in the whole world (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5 etc).

586 solar years ago, on this day in 1431 AD, during the Hundred Years War the 19-year-old Joan of Arc was burned at the stake by an English-dominated tribunal in Rouen, France.

424 solar years ago, on this day in 1593 AD, English poet and dramatist, Christopher Marlowe, was reportedly stabbed to death.

382 solar years ago, on this day in 1635 AD, the Thirty Years War ended with the signing of the Peace of Prague. It was principally fought in Central Europe, involving most of the countries of Europe that were once part of the Holy Roman Empire. It was one of the most destructive conflicts in European history, and one of the longest continuous wars in modern history.

239 solar years ago, on this day in 1778 AD, French philosopher, François Voltaire, died at the age of 83. He popularized the English scientist Isaac Newton's work in France by arranging a translation of "Principia Mathematica" to which he added his own commentary. Voltaire's commentary bridged the gap between non-scientists and Newton's ideas at a time in France when the pre-Newtonian views of Descartes were still prevalent. Although a philosopher, Voltaire advocated rational analysis. He died on the eve of the French Revolution.

155 solar years ago, on this day in 1862 AD, Azarbaijani philosopher and renowned poet of the Caucasus region, Mirza Ali Akbar Zain al-Abedin Taherzadeh, known by his penname Saber, was born in the city of Shervan in what is now the Republic of Azerbaijan, which before the Russian occupation in the first half of 19th century was an integral part of Iran.

112 lunar years ago, on this day in 1325 AH, the prominent scholar Sheikh Hassan Ali ibn Haj Mahmoud Tehrani, passed away. He was a student of the scholar, Majd Shirazi.

105 solar years ago, on this day in 1912 AD, US inventor and aviator, Wilbur Wright, with his brother Orville, invented the first powered airplane, Flyer, capable of sustained, controlled flight (17 Dec 1903), died at the age of 45.

104 solar years ago, on this day in 1913 AD, the First Balkans War ended with the Treaty of London, and the emergence of Albania as an independent nation. It began in October 1912, and pitted the Balkans League, made up of Serbia, Greece, Montenegro and Bulgaria, against the weakened Ottoman Empire. As a result, almost all remaining European territories of the Ottoman Empire were seized by Christian powers and partitioned among them.

93 solar years ago, on this day in 1924 AD, the Iranian physician and lexicographer, Mirza Ali Akbar Khan Nafisi, titled "Nazem ol-Atibba", passed away in Tehran. He was a product of Tehran's famous Dar al-Fonoun Academy. In addition to his services to medicine, he also served the cause of Persian language. His important work in this domain is the 5-volume lexicon "Farhang-e Nafisi", which took him 25 years to compile.

87 solar years ago, on this day in 1930 AD, the prominent poet and religious scholar, Seyyed Ahmad Peshawari, known as "Adib Peshawari", passed away in Tehran. He was born near Peshawar in what is now Pakistan. He came to Iran to attend the classes of Islamic scholars such as Mullah Hadi Sabzevari. He also studied literary and philosophical books and wrote Persian poetry. His firm faith in Islam and indifference toward worldly matters are clearly evident in his poems. He has a Divan of poetry in Persian language.

70 solar years ago, on this day in 1947 AD, the jurist Ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad Baqer Qazi Tabatabaei, passed away at the age of 78 in his hometown Tabriz, northwestern Iran, after forty years of scholarly pursuits, preaching and grooming of students. A product of the famous seminary of holy Najaf in Iraq, where he studied for 13 years under the leading scholars such as Mirza Hassan Shirazi, Seyyed Kazem Yazdi and Seyyed Abu'l-Hassan Isfahani, attained the status of Ijtihad, he authored several books including "Makhzan al-Fawa'ed fi Hashiyat-al-Fara'ed". His equally worthy son Ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad Ali Qazi Tabatabaei, became the first prayer leader in Iran to be martyred in the prayer niche in 1979 following the triumph of the Islamic Revolution.

57 solar years ago, on this day in 1960 AD, Boris Leonidovich Pasternak, Russian poet, novelist, and literary translator, died at the age of 70. His first book of poems "My Sister, Life" (published in 1917), is one of the most influential collections ever published in the Russian language. Outside Russia, he is best known as the author of "Doctor Zhivago", a novel written in 1957 and turned into a famous Hollywood film on a story that takes place between the Russian Revolution of 1905 and the First World War.

36 solar years ago, on this day in 1981 AD, President Zia ur-Rahman of Bangladesh was assassinated. A highly decorated officer of the united Pakistan army, he organized Bengali resistance against the brutal crackdown on what was then East Pakistan by the Pashtun-Punjabi army units of West Pakistan. Later he had the honour of announcing the Declaration of Independence of Bangladesh on 26 March 1971 at Kalurghat, Chittagong, and the next day repeated an edited version of the declaration on behalf of independence leader, Sheikh Mujib ur-Rahman - who was killed in a coup in 1975.

25 lunar years ago, on this day in 1413 AH, Ayatollah Mirza Hashem Amoli, passed away at the age of 91.

10 lunar years ago, on this day in 1328 AH, the famous researcher, author and religious scholar, Allamah Seyyed Morteza Sharif Askari, passed away at the age 96 in Tehran and was laid to rest in the holy mausoleum of Hazrat Fatema Masouma (SA) in Qom.

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Iran Developing Handicrafts

Chain Stores

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The Head of Iran's Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO) said efforts are underway to develop a job creation scheme through the handicrafts market with the launch of chain stores across the country.

In an interview with Tasnim, Zahra Ahmadipour said the 'handicrafts chain stores' initiative, which is making its way into various provinces, is in line with the goals of the current Iranian year

named by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei as the "Year of Economy of Resistance: Production and Employment."

Handicrafts booths have been already launched in the western province of Zanjan, she noted, saying a number of others are also going to open in the province of Kermanshah.

She further stressed the need for effective marketing activities in the tourism industry to attract more foreign tourists.

In November 2016, President Hassan Rouhani called on Ahmad-



ipour, after appointing her as the head of ICHHTO, to push for creating more jobs by taking the ample opportunities in rural communities and the tourism and handicrafts industries.

Adding Cinema Lessons at Schools Great Idea

TEHRAN (FNA) - It's been years since we discussed that the Ministry of Education should have opened up an opportunity for kids and cinema.

Talking about the importance of the 30th International Film Festival for Children and Young Adults in an interview, Poursan Derakhshandeh, an Iranian film director, said, "Such festivals provide families with an opportunity to get to know their kids' problems. This festival helps us to perceive the fantasy world of children. So it is very important."

"If we want to have a generation who can make the country's future, we should consider that their abilities are rooted in how we as a society care about them. Someone who makes kids' films should know children and their different life styles so as to produce proper and influential materials," Derakhshandeh added.

The director of "the Relationship" added, "In my opinion, people who are into making children's films should be in love, motivated, searching and personally up-to-date. Having a creative mind, they should have the ability to understand the children's special world so as not to make movies for them as an adult. Filmmakers should match themselves with children's mind-sets."

Derakhshandeh finds adding cinema lessons at schools a great idea. She said, "It's been years since we discussed that the Ministry of Education should have opened up an opportunity for kids and cinema. Nowadays, having a cinema or music lesson at schools is very common all around the world but unfortunately we do not pay enough attention to such important matter."

The director of "the Little Bird of Happiness" added, "When children are left out of collective works, they get more isolated and alone. If they have a chance to watch movies along with their classmates and teachers, and also comment on them, their creativity will grow to a larger degree."

Talking about the interaction among countries for producing kids' films, she pointed out, "Having a good relationship with other countries to produce kids' films is very beneficial since on one hand, they have a lot to share with us and on the other hand we have a great history in story-telling that has a considerable potential. Then we can have a fruitful interaction with the world."

Bodyguard Nominated in 4 Categories at Madrid Int'l Film Festival



Actors Parviz Parastouee and Babak Hamidian in a scene from the "Bodyguard".

TEHRAN (ISNA) – Iranian film "Bodyguard" directed by Ebrahim Hatamikia was nominated in

4 categories of foreign language feature at Madrid International Film Festival.

In its latest international presence, "Bodyguard" was nominated for best actor (Parviz Parastouee), best supporting actor (Babak Hamidian), best foreign language feature (Ehsan Muhammad Hasani) and best editing (Mehdi Hosseinvand) at Madrid International Film Festival.

Bodyguard is the story of a middle-aged man who protects high-ranking political figures. However, he gets into trouble when a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest approaches the vice president.

The 6th Madrid International Film Festival will be held July 8-15, 2017 in Spain.

Iran Leading Biotech Drugs Producer in Region

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iran is the leading country in producing biotechnology drugs across the region, secretary of biotech development headquarters said Monday.

Mostafa Ghanei, secretary of Iran's biotech development headquarters, said Monday that the number of biotech medicines in the world market is currently 146, of which 20 drugs are available in the Iranian market.

He went on to add, "The biotech drugs currently available in Iran include four monoclonal antibodies and 16 recombinant drugs."

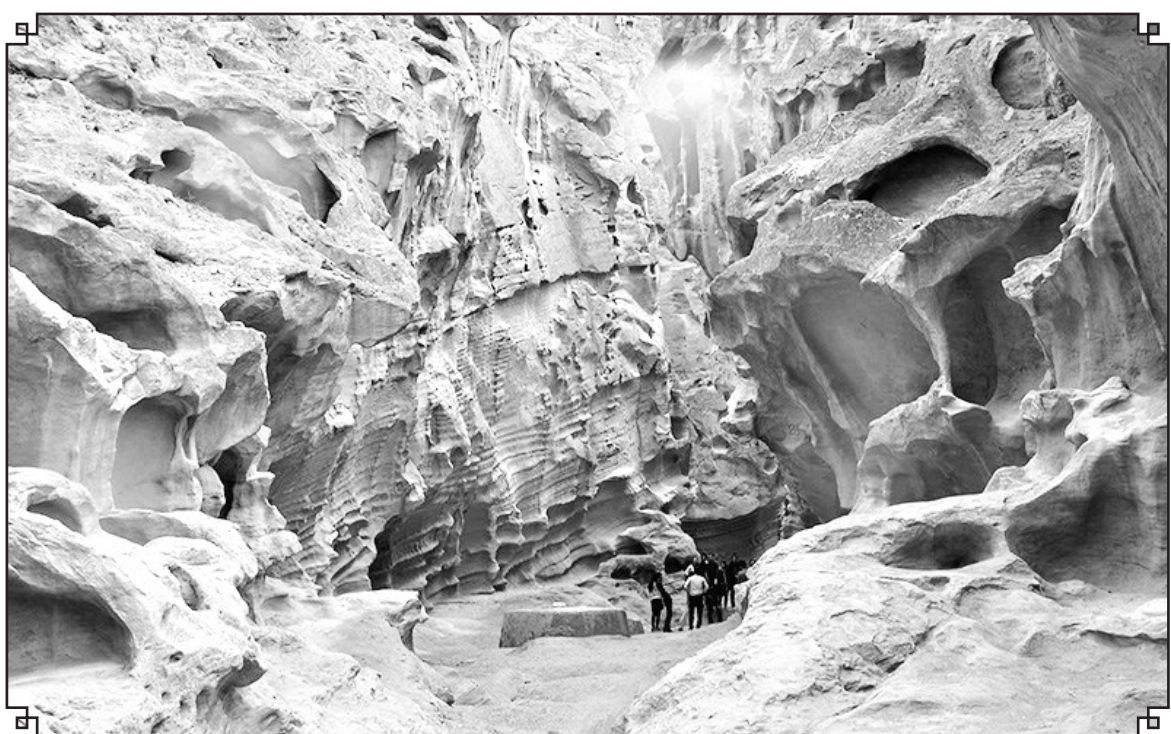
According to him, 61 drugs are on Iran's national priority list, of which 29 drugs are in various stages of production in knowledge-based companies and other stages of laboratory, product stability, industrial,



semi-industrial, etc.

"It is predicted that the new drugs will enter Iranian market by 2020, therefore Iran will obtain the third ranking in Asia in three years by producing 49 out of the 146 drugs in the world," he added.

Picture of the Day



Chahkooch Valley is located at a 15 km distance to Tabl village on Qeshm Island, Hormozgan Province. It is an excellent valley to visit, especially for people who like geotourism sites and good landscapes.

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