

This Day in History

(July 12)

Today is Thursday; 21st of the Iranian month of Tir 1397 solar hijri; corresponding to 28th of the Islamic month of Shawwal 1439 lunar hijri; and July 12, 2018, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

2118 solar years ago, on this day in 100 BC, Roman dictator, Julius Caesar, was born in a patrician family.

1119 lunar years ago, on this day in 320 AH, the 34-year old Abu Mansur Mohammad was installed as the 19th caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime in Baghdad with the title "al-Qaher-Billah" by the Turkic slave-guards, who a day earlier had killed his step-brother, Muqtadir-Billah, after a depraved 25-year reign spent in wine, women, music, and singing.

966 lunar years ago, on this day in 473 AH, the renowned Persian poet and mystic, Majd od-Din ibn Adam Sana'i Ghaznavi, was born in Ghazni in what is now Afghanistan. He was connected with the court of the Ghaznavid king, Bahram Shah, who ruled for 35 years. His most important work is "Hadiqat-al-Haqiqah" ("Walled Garden of Truth), which is in the form of odes, reflecting his ethical and Gnostic thoughts. Among his other works, one can mention "Ilahi Namah" and "Tareeq at-Tahqeeq". He has written some excellent panegyrics in praise of the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), the First Infallible Successor of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). For the past nine centuries Sana'i has had a tremendous influence on Persian literature, and along with Shaikh Fareed od-Din Attar, was regarded by Mowlana Jalal od-Din Rumi as an inspiration.

827 solar years ago, on this day in 1191 AD, during the Third Crusade launched by Christian mercenaries from Europe, including King Phillip of France and King Richard of England, the Muslim garrison of Acre, on the orders of Salah od-Din, surrendered, but over a month later, against the terms of the treaty, over 3,000 prisoners were beheaded in cold blood by King Richard of England, with their hands tied.

738 solar years ago, on this day in 1290 AD, King Edward I issued an edict expelling all Jews from England because of their unfair economic activities including usury, in addition to their slandering of Prophet Jesus and his mother, the Virgin Mary. The expulsion edict, which was culmination of two centuries of Christian resentment, remained in force for the subsequent centuries, until Oliver Cromwell allowed Jews to return to England in 1657, in exchange for finance.

548 solar years ago, on this day in 1470 AD, Euboea, the second-largest Greek island after Crete, was liberated from its Venetian occupiers by the Ottoman Sultan Mohammad II. Called Egriboz by the Turks, for over three-and-a-half centuries it was the seat of a thriving sanjaq (or administrative division) that included much of mainland Greece, where mosques, baths, libraries, and bazaars flourished, until destroyed by Greek Christians, assisted by mercenaries from other parts of Europe in 1830. The Europeans called it Negroponte until the 19th century.

529 solar years ago, in 1489 AD, Bahlul Khan Lodi, the founder of the Lodi Dynasty of most of Hindustan (northern subcontinent), died after a reign of 38 years, and was succeeded by his son, Sikandar.

219 solar years ago, on this day in 1799 AD, the Sikh warrior Ranjit Singh seized Lahore from his benefactors, the Afghan Durrani Dynasty, and declared himself the Maharaja of Punjab.

164 solar years ago, on this day in 1854 AD, US inventor and entrepreneur, George Eastman, was born in Waterville, New York. A pioneering manufacturer of photographic materials, including rolled film (first patented 1884) and the Kodak camera (patented 1888), he founded the Eastman-Kodak Company, which for years held a virtual monopoly in the camera and film industry. His introduction of the first Kodak camera helped to promote large-scale amateur photography.

92 solar years ago, on this day in 1926 AD, the notorious British spy, Gertrude Bell, who masqueraded as archaeologist, writer, traveller, and political officer, died. She was fluent in Arabic and Persian languages, and travelled extensively in Syria, Iraq, Asia Minor, and Arabia. Along with that other notorious British spy, T. E. Lawrence, she helped establish the Hashemite dynasties in what is today Jordan and Iraq, by placing the sons of the British agent, Sharif Hussain of Hejaz as kings, so as to brutally suppress the aspirations of the people. She was involved in creating and administering the modern state of Iraq, and has remarked in her travelogue: If Iraq were to be allowed real representative rule, then the Shi'a Muslim majority would definitely rise to power, but the British should never allow this to happen, because rule by a mujtahed is certainly not in London's interests.

83 solar years ago, on this day in 1935 AD, the Gowharshad Mosque Uprising of the people of Mashhad began against the anti-Islamic policies of the British-installed Pahlavi potentate, Reza Khan, especially "Kashf-e Hijab" or forced unveiling of Muslim women. Adjacent to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS) - the 8th Infallible Heir of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) - the Gowharshad Mosque and its courtyard was the scene of peaceful public protests led by the ulema, including Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Gonabadi known as "Sheikh Bohlool". The regime's forces, desecrating the holy precincts, brutally attacked the peaceful gathering, and on July 14 martyred and wounded some 5,000 people, besides arresting a large number of others.

72 solar years ago, on this day in 1946 AD, King David Hotel in Bayt al-Moqqadas was exploded by the Irgun Zionist terrorist group, which placed bombs in its basement to kill more than 200 Palestinians, along with 15 Jews.

70 solar years ago, on this day in 1948 AD, a day after the illegal Zionist entity seized the Palestinian town of al-Ludd (Judaized to Lod) it massacred in cold blood over 400 men, women and children, and then drove out from their homes to Jordan the remaining 20,000 (18,500 Muslims and 1500 Christians). The same day the Zionists occupied Ramleh and almost emptied the town of its Arab population - both Muslims and Christians. These two cities have been settled with the illegal Jewish migrants to the usurped land of Palestine that is wrongly called Israel.

57 solar years ago, on this day in 1961 AD, floods hit Pune in western India, due to breach of the Khadakwasla and Panshet dams. Half of the city was submerged, more than 100,000 families were relocated and the death tally exceeded 2,000.

23 solar years ago, on this day in 1995 AD, in Bosnia, over a hundred Muslims were brutally decapitated and their headless corpses loaded on to trucks, under instructions of Serb intelligence officer, Momir Nikolic, who was eventually arrested in 2002 for killing some 1,000 Muslim males, taken from a UN compound in July 1995. He was also charged for the deaths of 6,000 more Muslim prisoners who were fleeing besieged Srebrenica. In 2003 Nikolic pleaded guilty to war crimes, but was only given a light sentence of 20 years in prison.

12 solar years ago, on this day in 2006 AD, the illegal Zionist entity launched a brutal war on Lebanon on the pretext of capture of two Israeli soldiers by the legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah. The 33-day invasion, supported by the US and certain Arab reactionary regimes, was defeated by the Islamic resistance, which shattered the myth of invincibility of Israel. The cowardly Zionist entity, however, attacked civilian areas, martyring a total of 1,200 men, women and children, in addition to destroying part of the infrastructure of southern Lebanon. Thanks to the people's support for the Hezbollah, which retaliated with a steady barrage of rockets on Israel that took a heavy toll of life in the usurper state, the Zionists were forced to halt the war and withdraw in a humiliating manner.

5 solar years ago, on this day in 2013 AD, the UAE, on the orders of the US, Saudi Arabia and the illegal Zionist entity, cancelled the legal work and resident permits of hundreds of professional and peaceful Shi'a Muslims of Lebanon and quietly expelled on suspicion of being supporters of legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah.

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'Kelileh & Demneh' Competes at Russian Film Festival



TEHRAN (MNA) - Iranian animated film "Kelileh & Demneh", directed by Alireza Tavakkoli, will take part at children film competition section of the 13th 'In the Family' Film Festival in Yaroslavl, Russia.

Directed by Alireza Tavakoli and produced by Zahra Hashemi, 'Kalila and Dimna' will vie with other titles at the children's movie contest of the 13th 'In the Family' (В кругу семьи) Film Festival in Russia.

The Iranian animation previously

won Special Jury Award at the Children's Fest section of 2017 Eurasia International Film Festival in Kazakhstan.

Kelileh and Demneh are two young jackals. The drama starts in the middle of a rainy night when the horrified owl pays a visit to the king of the jungle to report about the excessive hunting he had witnessed.

The 13th 'In the Family' (В кругу семьи) International Film Festival will be held on 8-14 July in the Russian city of Yaroslavl.

Iran Hosts 29th International Biology Olympiad

TEHRAN (ISNA) - Iran is to host the 29th International Biology Olympiad held at Tehran's Espinas Palace Hotel from July 15 to 22 July 2018.

Students from over 60 countries will compete in this International Olympiad.

Over the week there will be two full days of exams for participants, split into a practical day and a theoretical day. There will be also a number of excursions and activities for both participants and accompanying adults.

A supporting group of experts, from the International Olympiad

Committee, will be sent to Tehran about a week before the competition is due to begin. This group of experts will supervise and oversee the questions for the Olympiad, and will rectify any mistakes and remove ambiguities.

The event is being organized by the Ministry of Education of Iran in partnership with the Universities of Tarbiat Modares and Tehran.

The International Biology Olympiad (IBO) is a yearly Biology competition for secondary school students, who are winners of their respective National Biology Olympiad. Their skills in tackling biological problems, and dealing with biological experiments are tested. For a successful performance interest in biology, inventiveness, creativity



and perseverance are necessary. IBO gathers young people from all over the world in an open, friendly and

peaceful mind. IBO is hosted every year by a different IBO member and takes one week.

Every Person Has Unique Brain Anatomy

BERN (Dispatches)-Like with fingerprints, no two people have the same brain anatomy. This uniqueness is the result of a combination of genetic factors and individual life experiences, a study by researchers of the University of Zurich has shown.

No two fingerprints are the same, they have become the go-to method of identity verification for police, immigration authorities and Smartphone producers alike. But what about the central switchboard inside our heads? Is it possible to find out who a brain belongs to from certain anatomical features? This is the question posed by the group working with Lutz Jäncke, UZH professor of neuropsychology. In earlier studies, Jäncke had already been able to demonstrate that individual experiences and life circumstances influence the anatomy of the brain.

Professional musicians, golfers or chess players, for example, have particular characteristics in the regions of the brain which they use the most for their skilled activity. However, events of shorter duration can also leave behind traces in the brain: If, for example, the right arm is kept still for two weeks, the thickness of the brain's cortex in the areas responsible for controlling the immobilized arm is reduced. "We suspected that those experiences having an effect on the brain interact with the genetic make-up so that over the course of years every person develops a completely individual brain anatomy," explains Jäncke.

To investigate their hypothesis, Jäncke and his research team examined the brains of nearly 200 healthy older people using magnetic resonance imaging three times over a period of two years. Over 450 brain anatomical features were assessed, including very general ones such as total volume of the brain, thickness of the cortex, and volumes of grey and white matter. For each of the 191 people, the researchers were able to identify an individual combination of specific brain anatomical characteristics, whereby the identification accuracy, even for the very general brain anatomical characteristics, was over 90 percent.

Paris Screens 'In The Time of Hangover'



TEHRAN (IFILM)- Iranian film "In the Time of Hangover" is slated to be screened in France.

Directed by Mohammad-Hossein Latifi, the film will be screened in

Paris in the presence of the director and actors.

Mohammad-Hossein Latifi, Pouria Poursorkh and Rana Azadivar are to participate at the event.

Produced by Jamal Goli and written by Ahmad Rafizadeh, the film is a social comedy in criticism of wedding preparation routines in modern day Iran.

'In the Time of Hangover' stars Houman Barqnavard, Pouria Poursorkh, Rana Azadivar, Abolfazl Pouarab, Sima Tirandaz, Ghazal Hosseini, Hengameh Hamidzadeh, Ali Soleimani, Mehdi Fakhimzadeh, Hengameh Ghaziani, Hadi Kazemi and Shohreh Lorestani.

"In the Time of Hangover" is a social comedy from the director of ifilm popular series such as 'Vafa' (2006), 'The Spiritualists' (2006), 'Stairway to Heaven' (2009), 'Made in Iran' (2011), 'Chimney' (2013), 'A Time to Love' (2013), and 'Leila's Loneliness' (2015)

Picture of the Day



The largest aquarium in Iran has been opened in Anzali free zone in northern Iran.

Courtesy: IRNA