

## This Day in History

(September 26)

Today is Wednesday; 4<sup>th</sup> of the Iranian month of Mehr 1397 solar hijri; corresponding to 16<sup>th</sup> of the Islamic month of Muharram 1440 lunar hijri; and September 26, 2018, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

**1086 solar years ago**, on this day in 932 AD, Ma'ad Abu Tamim al-Mu'iz le Din-Allah, the 4<sup>th</sup> caliph of the Fatimid Shi'a Muslim dynasty of North Africa, was born in what is now Tunisia. He assumed rule in 953 on the death of his father Abu Tahir Ismail al-Mansur Billah in his capital Mahdiyya. He reigned for 22 years during which his famous general of Greek origin Jowhar as-Saqali conquered Egypt, where he shifted his capital to the newly built city "*al-Qahera*" (Cairo). Jowhar, who was a devout follower of the Blessed Ahl al-Bayt, also built in Cairo the grand al-Azhar Mosque, which derives its name from "*az-Zahra*" the famous epithet of Hazrat Fatema (SA), the daughter of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). The Fatemids restored the full form of the "*Azan*" from the minarets of al-Azhar and other mosques, by bearing testimony to the vicegerency of Imam Ali (AS) after the mission of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). The phrase "*hayya ala khayr il-amal*" (hasten to the best of deeds), which was dropped from the "Azan" after the passing away of the Prophet, was also revived.

**690 solar years ago**, on this day in 1328 AD, on this day in 1328 AD, the pseudo scholar, Ahmad ibn Abdul-Haleem Ibn Taymiyya, died in Damascus at the age of 65 while in prison, for attributing body, shape and human organs to Allah Almighty, for misinterpreting the holy Qur'an, for discouraging celebrations on the Prophet of Islam's birth anniversary, for declaring pilgrimage to the Prophet's tomb as "*bid'ah*" (or innovation), and for belittling the sanctity of Islam's two principal mosques – the Masjid al-Haram around the holy Ka'ba in Mecca and Medina's Masjid an-Nabi that encloses Prophet of Islam's holy shrine. Earlier also, he had spent over 18 months in jail in Cairo (1319-21) for his views which the Sunni ulema considered heretical and Kufr.

**646 solar years ago**, on this day in 1371 AD, the Second Battle of Maritsa took place in the Balkans as part of the Serbian-Turkish wars, resulting in another resounding victory for the Ottomans against the combined Serb-Greek army of 70,000 soldiers.

**331 solar years ago**, on this day in 1687 AD, the Venetian army attacked the Acropolis in Athens during the 15-year Morean War (1864-1699) to try to occupy the whole of the Ottoman Province of "Yunistan" (Greece), while the main Turkish army was engaged in the war with the Hapsburgs in Hungary.

**255 solar years ago**, on this day in 1763 AD, English poet John Byrom died at the age of 71. He invented a revolutionary system of shorthand and is the writer of the lyrics of Anglican hymn: "*Christians Awake, salute the happy morn*". The words "*Tweedle-dum*" and "*Tweedle-dee*" written by him became frequently quoted epigrams, satirizing the disagreements between George Frideric Handel and Giovanni Battista Bononcini. A nursery rhyme published in 1805 included the characters Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

**180 lunar years ago**, on this day in 1260 AH, Amir Abdul-Qader of Algeria was finally detained after fifteen years of struggle against the French occupiers. One of the reasons behind his failure was the treason of the pro-French rulers of Morocco who did not allow him to use the border areas for the independence struggle. Incarcerated in a French jail for nine years, he was later released on condition of not returning to Algeria. He died in 1883 in Damascus, Syria.

**142 solar years ago**, on this day in 1876 AD, the Subcontinent's political activist and literary figure, Seyyed Ghulam Mohi od-Din Nairang, was born in Ambala in a family that had migrated to India from Tirmiz in Greater Khorasan. In addition to his poetical composition, "*Kalaam-e Nairang*" he was a regular contributor to prestigious Urdu magazines such as "*Zamana*", "*Makhzan*", "*Humayun*", "*Aligarh Old Boys*", and his own "*Tableegh*". His articles on political, national and literary topics also appeared in the prominent newspapers of those days such as the Lahore-based "*Inqilaab*" and "*Zamindaar*", the Amritsar-based "*Wakeel*", the Lucknow-based "*Sach*" and the Bombay-based "*Khilafat*".

**130 solar years ago**, on this day in 1888 AD, the English literary figure and poet, Thomas Stearns Eliot, was born. He catapulted to fame in 1922 with his poem "*The Waste Land*". He wrote several books, which show his inclination toward religion. His work include "*Sacred Wood*", and "*Murder in the Cathedral*".

**129 solar years ago**, on this day in 1889 AD, Martin Heidegger, existentialist philosopher and writer, was born in Germany. He wrote "*Being and Time*", and criticized the tyranny of modern technology over humanity. He researched the relationship between Western philosophy and Islamic ideas. Scholars interested in Arabic philosophical medieval sources are influenced by his work in this regard.

**111 solar years ago**, on this day in 1907 AD, New Zealand, which was occupied by the British in the late 18th century and settled by waves of illegal Anglo-Saxon migrants who seized the lands of the Maori natives, was granted dominion status within the British Empire. Earlier, from 1845 to 1848 and again from 1860 to 1870, the Maoris rose against the British for violation of the treaty of 1840 AD, but were brutally crushed. Today, New Zealand is still part of the constitutional monarchy of Britain, with Queen Elizabeth as head of state. She appoints the Governor-General, in consultation with the elected prime minister of the island state. New Zealand consists of two main islands and several smaller ones in the South Pacific Ocean. It covers an area of more than 268,000 sq km.

**77 solar years ago**, on this day in 1941 AD, during World War 2, the Battle of Kiev, near the capital of Ukraine, resulted in the victory of the invading German Nazi forces over Soviet troops, of whom 665,000 were captured.

**56 solar years ago**, on this day in 1962 AD, a coup led by Colonel Abdullah Sallal, and supported militarily by President Jamal Abdun-Nasser of Egypt, overthrew the Zaidi Imam, Mohammad al-Badr, who a week earlier had succeeded his father as the ruler of the almost 1,000 year old dynasty. The result was civil war till 1970 that sapped the energies of the invading Egyptian army which saw thousands of its soldiers killed, and led to the humiliating defeat of Nasser in the 6-day Israeli war of 1967. In May 1990, North Yemen and the former British protectorate of South Yemen were united in one single country under the dictatorial rule of Ali Abdullah Saleh, who was in power in Sanaa since 1978, and was replaced in February 2012 by vice president, Abd Rabbo Mansour al-Hadi – a Saudi-American stooge. Hadi was driven out of the country by the popular uprising of the Ansarullah Movement of the Zaidi branch of Shi'a Muslims who make up half of the population of Yemen, and are a majority in the north. There is sizeable minority of Ismaili and Ithna Ash'ari (Twelver) Shi'ite Muslims in Yemen. The ancient land of Yemen with a civilization dating several thousand years ago, embraced the truth of Islam when Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) dispatched his dear cousin and son-in-law, Imam Ali (AS) to invite the people to the true religion. For the two year-and-a-half Saudi Arabia, in a blatant act of US-backed state terrorism, has been bombing Yemen and has killed over 14,000 men, women and children so far, in addition to destroying the infrastructure and the historical heritage. Along with the UAE and other Arab reactionary states, it has sent invasion forces in a bid to topple the popular Ansarullah Movement.

**27 solar years ago**, on this day in 1991 AD, Ayatollah Seyyed Mostafa Musavi Khwansari "Kashefi", passed away. A student of Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Hussain Boroujerdi, he wrote many books, including "*Marriage in Islam*".

**26 solar years ago**, on this day in 1992 AD, the Iranian mystic and lecturer, Mirza Abdul-Karim Roshan Tehrani, passed away at the age of 89. For a while he lectured at the Faculty of Theology at Tehran University.

**6 solar years ago**, on this day in 2012 AD, Syrian Christian journalist, Maya Nasser, while working for Iran's Press TV, was targeted and killed in Damascus by terrorists backed by the US, Turkey, Israel and reactionary Arab regimes. His reports from Aleppo are the most notable. The 33-year old journalist also reported from the US, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Bahrain.

(Courtesy: IRIB English Radio – <http://parstoday.com/en>)

# Ahvaz Terrorist Attack to Go on Display



TEHRAN (IFILM)-Iran's Art Bureau has planned attacks in southwestern Iran. The exhibition will host posters with theme of the to hold nationwide poster exhibitions on Ahvaz terrorist

## Iranian Films to Hit Silver Screen in 3 Int'l Festivals

TEHRAN (ISNA) - Three Iranian films will be screened in international festivals in the U.S., North Korea and Bulgaria.

"Paradise" directed by Ali Atshani, was accepted for the competition section of the Ninth Williamsburg Independent Film Festival to be held in New York on

September 28 and 29, 2018.

Founded in 2009, the event is among important film festivals in the US.

Starring actors and actresses from Iran, the US and Germany, such as Javad Ezzati and Mehran Rajabi, the 79-minute film is about two young

theologues who are going to participate in an academic seminar about religions in Germany.

The film was shot in Germany, Spain and Iran in 2015.

"Slaughter" is the other Iranian film to be screened in an international festival. Directed by Saman Hosseinpour and Ako Zand Karimi, the short film will participate in the 14th Early Bird International Student Film Festival scheduled to take place in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia from November 1-5, 2018.

During the festival, 117 films from 42 countries will be screened. "Slaughter" narrates the story of a family who has to sell its only possession, a cow, to survive the winter. However, the son is against this decision and helps her escape, IRNA reported.

The cast includes Fereydoun Hamed, Shabbou Soleimani, Mohammad Qobadi and Ghaffar Khaledi.

Early Bird International Student Film Festival is the biggest Bulgarian forum dedicated to support the creation of student short films. It is the only festival fully devoted to help young filmmakers to reach their audience.

The festival was created by the American foundation for Bulgaria in 2005 as a continuation of the successful initiative to support student film

projects.

Two other Iranian works will also take part in this festival: "Blue Sky, Clean Earth" directed by Mahyar Mandegar and "Take a Deep Breath", an animated movie directed by Zahra Safdari Shadlou.

"Dressage" directed by Pooya Badkoobeh, is the other Iranian representative in an international fest.

It will be screened in the Informative Screening (Feature) section of the 16th Pyongyang International Film Festival (PIFF) underway in the North Korean capital. The festival opened on September 19 and will continue until September 28.

Co-produced by Rouhollah Baradari and Samira Baradari, "Dressage" has so far been screened in a number of festivals in Germany, Australia, China, Poland and Denmark.

The film stars actors and actresses including Ali Mosafa, Shabnam Moqaddami, Houshang Tavakoli, Alireza Sanifar, Siamak Adib and Jalal Fatemi.

The movie is about a 16-year-old girl named "Golsa" who lives with her family in a small city around Tehran. She spends most of her time with her friends. One day, they decide to do something exciting which, later, entails unexpected consequences.

## Air Pollution Linked to Dementia Risk



LONDON (Dispatches)-Air pollution may be linked to a heightened risk of developing dementia, finds a London-based observational study.

To try and explore this further, the researchers used carefully calculated estimates of air and noise pollution levels across Greater London to assess potential links with new dementia diagnoses.

To do this, they drew on anonymised patient health records from the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD). This has been collecting data from participating general practices across the UK since 1987.

For the purposes of this study, the researchers focused on just under 131,000 patients aged 50 to 79 in 2004, who had not been diagnosed with dementia, and who were registered at 75 general practices located within the London orbital M25 motorway.

Based on the residential postcodes of these patients, the researchers estimated their yearly exposure to air pollutants—specifically nitrogen dioxide (NO2), fine particulate matter (PM2.5), and ozone (O3)—as well as proximity to heavy traffic and road noise, using validated modelling methods, validated with recorded measurements.

The health of these patients was then tracked for an average of 7 years, until a diagnosis of dementia, death, or deregistration from the practice, whichever came first.

## Picture of the Day



A new group art exhibition is underway at the Gallery of Farda in Tehran until 27 September.

Courtesy: Honaronline