

## This Day in History

(November 6)

Today is Tuesday, 15th of the Iranian month of Aban 1397 solar hijri; corresponding to 27th of the Islamic month of Safar 1440 lunar hijri; and November 6, 2018, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

**1231 lunar years ago**, on this day in 209 AH, the Iranian Sunni Muslim compiler of Hadith, Mohammad Ibn Majah al-Qazvini, was born in Qazvin. He travelled widely through Iran, Iraq, Syria, Hejaz, and Egypt, to gather hadith and compiled his book "Sunan", which contains 4000 hadith. Although later this compilation was included in the "Sihah as-Sitta" or the Six Primary Books of Hadith of Sunni Muslims, it is still regarded as the weakest one. Perhaps for fear of the Abbasid regime, Ibn Majah failed to collect genuine information about the Sunnah and Seerah of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) from the main sources of his time, that is, Imam Ali al-Hadi (AS) and Imam Hasan al-Askari (AS), the 10th and 11th Infallible Imams of the Ahl al-Bayt respectively. Like his Iranian compatriots before him, such as Bukhari, Muslim Naishapuri, Tirmizi, and Abu Dawoud Sijistani, he did not seek the company of the disciples and companions of the blessed progeny of the Prophet to ascertain whether the hadith he had gathered were really genuine. Ibn Majah died in 273 AH in his hometown Qazvin at the age of 64.

**524 solar years ago**, on this day in 1494 AD, Sultan Suleiman I of the Ottoman Empire was born in Trabzon. He succeeded to the throne at the age of 26 and ruled for 46 years till his death at the age of 72. He greatly expanded the Turkish Empire into south-central Europe as well as the North African coast of the Mediterranean Sea, which was dominated by his fleets. He also seized Iraq and parts of Anatolia, such as Van and Erzurum from the Safavid Empire of Iran, but failed to further expand into the east and the Caucasus, because of the stiff resistance of the Iranians. Three times he attempted to invade Iran in 23 years from 1532 to 1555, but the astute policy of Shah Tahmasp I aborted his attempts and he was forced to sign a peace treaty with Iran.

**386 solar years ago**, on this day in 1632 AD, King Gustav Adolph of Sweden was killed on the battlefield at the age of 38 years, after ruling for 21 years. He was an able military commander and was known as the Lion of North, because of his victories in the 30-year sectarian wars between Catholics and Protestants from 1618 to 1648.

**374 solar years ago**, on this day in 1644 AD, Thomas Roe, English diplomat and ambassador to the Mughal and Ottoman Courts, died at the age 63. A scholar and a patron of learning, he learned the Persian and Turkish languages as well. After two unsuccessful expeditions to South America in search of gold and the fabled "Eldorado", he sat in the House of Commons at various times between 1614 and 1644. Roe was ambassador to the court at Agra, India, of the 4th Grand Moghul Emperor of Hindustan (Northern Subcontinent), Noor od-Din Jahangir. The principal object of the mission was to obtain protection for the East India Company's factory at Surat in Gujarat. At the Moghul court, Roe became a favorite of Jahangir and his drinking partner. His book titled "Journal of the Mission to the Moghul Empire" is a valuable source of information for the reign of Jahangir.

**205 solar years ago**, on this day in 1813 AD, the first battle of the famous Freedom Leader of South America, Simon Bolivar, for liberation of his homeland, Venezuela, from Spanish colonial rule, ended in victory. Bolivar's 6500 soldiers defeated the 13,000-strong Spanish army. After liberating Venezuela from Spanish colonial rule he led the struggles of several other South American nations for an end to Spain's domination. Bolivia is named after him.

**158 solar years ago**, on this day in 1860 AD, one of the main opponents to slavery in the US, Abraham Lincoln, was elected as president. Following his election South Carolina seceded from the Union followed by Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. The result was the 4-year long Civil War and on April 14, 1865, less than a month before its end, Lincoln was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth in Washington at Ford's Theater.

**134 solar years ago**, on this day in 1844 AD, the celebrated Iranian poet and author, Mirza Mohammad Taqi Bahar, who held the title "Malek osh-Sho'ara" or Poet Laureate, was born in the holy city of Mashhad.

**125 lunar years ago**, on this day in 1315 AH, the pious scholar, Abu'l-Ma'ali Kalbasi Isfahani passed away at the age of 68 in his native Isfahan. Son of the scholar Mohammad Ibrahim Karbasi, he attained higher degrees and wrote over seventy book and treatises.

**40 solar years ago**, on this day in 1978 AD, the personnel of Iran Radio and TV Network started their strike against the Shah's despotic regime following its attack on the press and detention of several journalists, which led to closure of the leading dailies.

**39 solar years ago**, on this day in 1979 AD, the interim government of Prime Minister Mahdi Bazargan tendered its resignation to the Founder of Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeini (RA), a day after the fall of the US den of spies in Tehran to revolutionary students. The interim government which was formed on February 11, 1979, lacked the necessary qualifications to govern the country.

**26 solar years ago**, on this day in 1992 AD, Ayatollah Shaikh Mahdi Noghani passed away at the age of 66 in his hometown, holy Mashhad, in Khorasan, northeastern Iran. He was a staunch follower of the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA) against the despotic British-installed and American-supported Pahlavi regime.

**26 lunar years ago**, on this day in 1414 AH, the Source of Emulation, Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Abdul-'Ala Musawi Sabzevari, passed away at the age of 86 in Najaf - said to be poisoned by the repressive Ba'th minority regime of Baghdad. Born in Sabzevar in Khorasan, northeastern Iran, until the age of 14, he continued his education in Islamic studies and Arabic literature, under his father and uncle, Ayatollah Seyyed Abdullah Burhan, before moving to holy Mashhad where for 8 years he benefited from prominent scholars such as Abdul-Jawad Adib Nayshapuri, Mirza Askar Shahidi (known as Aqa Buzurg Hakim), Seyyed Mohammad Assar Lavasani and Ali Akbar Nahavandi. At the age of 22, he went to Iraq for higher studies at the famous seminary of holy Najaf, where he completed courses in jurisprudence, theology, philosophy, exegesis of the holy Qur'an, and other Islamic sciences, under leading Ayatollahs such as Mirza Hussain Na'ini, Aqa Ziya Iraqi, Mohammad Hussain Gharavi Isfahani, Seyyed Abu'l-Hassan Isfahani, Seyyed Hussain Badkubi'i and others. He learned exegesis of the Qur'an, way of debating and theology through participating in the sessions of Allamah Mohammad Jawad al-Balaghi. He also received permission for hadith transmission and accreditation for Ijtihad from Allamah Mamaqani, Shaikh Abbas Qomi, and while he was only 36 year old, he began teaching advanced jurisprudence courses. At the age of 85 he became head of the Najaf Seminary and Marja' of world Shi'a Muslims, following the death of Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Abu'l-Qasim Khoei, but passed away after a year. He had memorized the holy Qur'an, and was active in political and social spheres in both Iran and Iraq, firmly supporting the Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini. In March 1979, he issued a message hailing the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran. In 1991, he issued a fatwa in support of the uprisings of the Iraqi people, and never compromised with Ba'th regime, as a result of which his house was besieged several times. He also sent expert delegations to Europe, North America, and Asian and Arab countries. His major work is the exegesis in 30 volumes titled "Mawahib al-Rahman fi tafsir al-Qur'an".

**7 solar years ago**, on this day in 2011 AD, American inventor Charles Walton died at the age of 89. He is best known as the first patent holder for the RFID (radio frequency identification) device. Many individuals contributed to the invention of the RFID, but Walton was awarded ten patents in all for various RFID-related devices, including his key 1973 design for a "Portable Radio Frequency Emitting Identifier". This patent was awarded in 1983, and was the first to bear the acronym "RFID". Born in Maryland, after service in the Army Signal Corps, Walton worked at IBM's research and development laboratories until 1970. He founded the company Proximity Devices, Inc., in Sunnyvale, California in 1970, to manufacture devices based on his patents.

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# Best Director Award Goes to Peyman Maadi at Bosphorus Film Festival



*Iranian actor and director, Peyman Maadi.*

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian director, Peyman Maadi received the award for best director at Bosphorus Film Festival award held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Maadi was awarded for the movie "Bomb, A Love Story".

The movie is based on Tehran's Bombardment in 1988.

According to Bosphorus website, the event is aimed to contribute to the development of motion pictures that have ethical, esthetical and technical integrity in Turkey and in the World, to support young producers and directors materially and morally in producing new

movies, to keep the idea of provision of our country's cinema with an identity on the agenda and to perform the necessary activities to that end, and to promote our country's cinema both in Turkey and internationally.

Peyman Maadi is an Iranian American actor, screenwriter and director. He is best known for starring in the films "A Separation" and "About Elly" directed by Asghar Farhadi and the independent drama film "Camp X-Ray". For his role in "A Separation", he won the Silver Bear for Best Actor in 2011.

## 'Empty View' Wins Best Director Award at Southampton Int'l Film Festival

TEHRAN (IFILM)- Iran animation "Empty view" has received Best Director Awards from the 7th edition of Southampton International Film Festival in the UK.

The 7th annual Southampton International Film Festival recently came to a close, with the 'Best Director Awards' going to Iranian director Ali Zareh's animation "Empty View".

"Empty View" tells the story of a mother anxiously awaiting the return of her son from war. Reminiscing her son rubbing his hands together on the cold morning of his departure, she decides to knit him a pair of gloves. As the war goes on, the mother unravels the gloves and knits them all over again, repeating this



process in hopes of his return.

The animation was also nominated for the Best Animated Film, Animated Screenplay, and Sound Design for Animation awards.

Since its production in 2017, "Empty

View" has received many awards including Best Animation and Best Film Music from the Los Angeles Film Festival and the Van Gogh award for the Best Animation at the Amsterdam Film Festival.

Founded in 2011, the Southampton International Film Festival is a unique event where all filmmakers and film lovers can be treated like Hollywood Royalty.

The event provides an opportunity for the filmmakers to gather together and exchange ideas.

The 2018 edition of the Southampton International Film Festival was held on October 17-21, 2018.

## Eating Enough Protein May Help Delay Disability

WASHINGTON (Dispatches)- A research team focused their attention on learning whether eating more protein could contribute to helping people maintain independence.

To live successfully and independently, older adults need to be able to manage two different levels of life skills: basic daily care and basic housekeeping activities. Basic daily care includes feeding yourself, bathing, dressing, and going to the toilet on your own.

You also need to handle basic housekeeping activities, such as managing your finances and having the mobility to shop and participate in social activities.

If you or someone you care for has trouble performing these two types of life skills, this may bring on problems that can reduce quality of life and independence. People 85-years-old and older form the fastest-growing age group in our society and are at higher risk for becoming less able to perform these life skills. For this reason, researchers are seeking ways to help older adults stay independent for longer. Recently, a research team focused their attention on learning whether eating more protein could contribute to helping people maintain independence.

Protein is known to slow the loss of muscle mass. Having enough muscle mass can help preserve the ability to perform daily activities and prevent disability. Older adults tend to have a lower protein intake than younger adults due to poorer health, reduced physical activity, and changes in the mouth and teeth.

To learn more about protein intake and disability in older adults, the research team used data from the Newcastle 85+ Study conducted in the United Kingdom (UK). This study's researchers approached all people turning 85 in 2006 in two cities in the UK for participation. At the beginning of the study in 2006-2007, there were 722 participants, 60 percent of whom were women. The participants

provided researchers with information about what they ate every day, their body weight and height measurements, their overall health assessment (including any level of disability), and their medical records.

The researchers learned that more than one-quarter (28 percent) of very old adults in North-East England had protein intakes below the recommended dietary allowance. The researchers noted that older adults who have more chronic health conditions may also have different protein requirements. To learn more about the health benefits of adequate protein intake in older adults, the researchers examined the impact of protein intake on the increase of disability over five years.

The researchers' theory was that eating more protein would be associated with



slower disability development in very old adults, depending on their muscle mass and muscle strength.

As it turned out, they were correct.

Participants who ate more protein at the beginning of the study were less likely to become disabled when compared to people who ate less protein.

## Picture of the Day



*The organizers of the 25th edition of International Theater Festival For Children And Youth have unveiled its 2018 poster in a special ceremony. The week-long festival will be held in the western city of Hamedan.*

Courtesy: Honaronline