

## This Day in History

(April 15)

Today is Monday; 26<sup>th</sup> of the Iranian month of Farvardin 1398 solar hijri; corresponding to 9<sup>th</sup> of the Islamic month of Sha'ban 1440 lunar hijri; and April 15, 2019, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

**1082 lunar years ago**, on this day in 358 AH, Muttaqi-Billah, the 21<sup>st</sup> self-styled caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime died, shortly after being deposed and blinded by the Turkic general, Tuzun, following a 4-year reign.

**959 lunar years ago**, on this day in 481 AH, the renowned Egyptian Imami theologian, Abu'l-Qassim Abdul-Aziz Ibn Barraj Tarabulusi, passed away. His views are valued by prominent theologians. He trained many prominent scholars and penned numerous books on theology and Islamic philosophy. His well-known book is "*al-Jawame' al-Faqih*", which is in the form of questions and answers and is considered highly significant till this day. His other works include "*al-Kamel*" and "*al-Mo'jiz*".

**863 lunar years ago**, on this day in 577 AH, the philologist, Abu'l-Barakaat Abdur-Rahman ibn Mohammad ibn-al-Anbari, passed away in Baghdad. A product of the Nizamiyya Academy set up by Nizam ol-Mulk Tusi, the Iranian vizier of the Seljuqid Empire, he later became teacher at his alma mater. He wrote several books including "*al-Asraar al-Arabiyya*".

**849 lunar years ago**, on this day in 591 AH, the al-Muwahhedeem ruler, Ya-qoub Ibn Tashfeen al-Mansour crossed from Morocco into Spain to defeat King Alfonso VIII of Castile in the Battle of Alarcos following raids by Christians on the territories of Spanish Muslims. Some two decades later, when Ibn Tashfeen was no more, the Pope in Rome called for a crusade against Muslims in Spain, and Alfonso VIII heading an alliance of Christian rulers defeated the al-Muwahhedeem ruler to occupy large parts of Andalusia.

**624 solar years ago**, on this day in 1395 AD, Amir Timur (Tamerlane) defeated Tokhtamysh, the ruler of the vast Golden Horde Khanate of Eurasia, at the Volga in the Battle of Terek River, during the bloody 16-year struggle between the two, known as the Tokhtamysh-Timur War. The Golden Horde capital city, Sarai, was razed to the ground and Amir Edigu, installed on the throne.

**567 solar years ago**, on this day in 1452 AD, the Italian painter, sculptor, architect and engineer, Leonardo da Vinci, was born. He is regarded as one of the greatest painters of all times, best known for such masterpieces as "*Mona Lisa*" and "*The Last Supper*". He died in 1519.

**401 lunar years ago**, on this day in 1039 AH, a devastating flood hit the holy city of Mecca due to torrential rains that drowned over 4000 people and engulfed the holy Ka'ba for several days.

**377 solar years ago**, on this day in 1642 AD, Suleiman II, the 20<sup>th</sup> Ottoman sultan and 13<sup>th</sup> self-styled Turkish caliph, was born to Ashoub Sultan, a Serb concubine of Sultan Ibrahim, originally named Katrina.

**312 solar years ago**, on this day in 1707 AD, Swiss mathematician, physicist, and astronomer, Leonhard Euler, was born. He made discoveries in mechanics and has left behind valuable notes about the changes in planets. He authored several books in chemistry and metaphysics. At the age of 60, he went blind and died in 1783.

**263 solar years ago**, on this day in 1755 AD, British writer Dr. Samuel Johnson published his "*Dictionary of the English Language*", a selective English lexicon, after 9 years of work. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition had 42,773 entries.

**254 solar years ago**, on this day in 1765 AD, Russian poet and literary figure, Mikhail Vasilyevich Lomonosov, died at the age of 54. Through extensive research, he standardized the Russian literary language and is known as Father of Russian Literature.

**154 solar years ago**, on this day in 1865 AD US President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, a few days after victory of the Unionists in the Civil War against the Confederates and the end of slavery.

**107 solar years ago**, on this day in 1912 AD, two hours and 40 minutes after colliding with an iceberg, the luxury British ocean liner "Titanic" sank in the North Atlantic Ocean off Newfoundland with the loss of about 1,522 lives. Only 705 passengers and crew survived the disaster.

**83 solar years ago**, on this day in 1936 AD, the 3-year long "Great Arab Revolt" against British occupation of Palestine and the illegal migration of European Jews to this Muslim land, started, five months after martyrdom of the famous combatant, Ezz ed-Din Qassam.

**73 solar years ago**, on this day in 1946 AD, Ayatollah Shaikh Mohammad Taqi Bafqi passed away at the age of 72 in Qom, and was laid to rest in the holy mausoleum of Hazrat Fatema al-Ma'soumah (SA), the daughter of Imam Musa al-Kazem (AS) - the 7<sup>th</sup> Infallible Heir of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA).

**39 solar years ago**, on this day in 1980 AD, French existentialist philosopher, novelist and dramatist, Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at the age of 74. His work included "*Being and Time*" and "*Nausea*". He won the 1964 Nobel Prize for literature.

**39 solar years ago**, on this day in 1982 AD, Khalid Ahmad al-Islambouli, the 27-year old Egyptian army officer who executed Egypt's President Anwar Sadaat in revolutionary style during the annual 6th October victory parade in 1981 for having signed in 1978 the treasonous Camp David Accord with the illegal Zionist Entity, was martyred after a sham trial by a military tribunal, along with his three fellow revolutionaries - Junior Sergeant Abdul-Hameed Abdus Salaam, Corporal Ata Tayel Hameeda Raheel, and Corporal Hussain Abbas. During the trial Khalid Islambouli proudly told the audience: O People! We have killed the Pharaoh.

**33 solar years ago**, on this day in 1986 AD, the US attacked the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi, on the pretext of an alleged Libyan bomb explosion in a restaurant in Germany that killed three US soldiers. The US air raid left several innocent Libyans martyred and wounded.

**27 solar years ago**, on this day in 1992 AD, Afghan Mujahedeem overthrew the Communist regime of President Najibullah in Kabul three years after the Soviet withdrawal from this Muslim country.

**25 solar years ago**, on this day in 1994 AD, an agreement was signed in Morocco to set up the World Trade Organization (WTO) by member countries of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which now became moribund. The US and certain Western states exploit WTO to make world countries bow to their illegal interests. Economists believe that the removal of trade tariffs is to the benefit of Western states and to the detriment of Third World Countries.

**21 solar years ago**, on this day in 1998 AD, Cambodian dictator Pol Pot died of a heart attack in Anlong Veng, northern Cambodia at the age of 73.

**11 solar years ago**, on this day in 2009 AD, Iranian scientists at the Royan Research Institute cloned a goat and planned future experiments for treatment for stroke patients. The female goat, named Hana, was born in the city of Isfahan in central Iran.

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# Mehraveh Sharifinia Crowned Best Actress in Italy



*Iranian actress Mehraveh Sharifinia.*

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - **Renowned Iranian actress Mehraveh Sharifinia has been awarded as best actress for "On Food" at Diamond Film Awards in Italy.**

Mehraveh Sharifinia has won the award for her role in "on Foot", directed by Shokoofa Karimi.

The short film narrates the story of a young Afghan woman who has illegally entered Iran with her husband.

"On Foot" has also vied at more than nine world-renowned festivals and has been screened in countries such as the U.S., Italy, Serbia, and India.

Also among the cast of "On Foot" are Sepand Amir-Soleymani, Mahlagha Baqeri, and Shabnam Farshadjou.

Mehraveh started off as a child star with a role in Mohammad-Reza Honarmand's "Doll Thief" when she was eight.

Since then, she has appeared in movies such as "Masoumeh", "A Girl Named Tondar", "Look at Me", "Nightmare", "The Outcasts 2", "If it Rains", "A Simple Romance", "A Line of Truth", "The Stories", and "Story of My Father's Love".

The latest edition of the Diamond Film Awards aimed at promoting films and helping filmmakers improve their careers.

## Fajr Intl. Film Festival Makes Contribution to Flood-Hit Areas

TEHRAN (MNA) - **All proceeds from tickets and sales of Fajr International Film Festival this year will be channeled to the**

**national flood donation collection, according to FIFF Media and Communications manager.**

Fajr International Film Festival is extending a helping hand to flood victims in Golestan, Lorestan and Khuzestan provinces.

According to Kayvan Kassirian, Media and Communications manager of the 37th FIFF, all proceeds from tickets and sales this year will be channeled to the national flood donation collection. This comes as many provinces have flood warnings due to torrential rain, and where villages near rivers and dams in several provinces have been evacuated for fear of the rising water.

Kassirian said in response to the country's flood, and in collaboration with the Iranian Red Crescent Society, Fajr International Film Festival is extending a helping hand to fellow Iranians and families who are in dire need of help.

According to the head of the



Media and Communications, the Festival's plan is to also screen movies and teasers related to the works done by the Red Crescent Society and the difficulties its workers face during relief efforts and natural disasters. "The annual event is now being held as a donation drive and this will continue next year in collaboration with the Red Crescent Society."

Esmail Ramezani, managing

director of the Red Crescent Society's PR Office, also said the two sides have agreed to work hand in hand and make optimum use of the existing capacities at the Festival to facilitate international contributions to national relief centers.

Presided over by writer and director Reza Mirkarimi, the 37th edition of Fajr International Film Festival will be held in Tehran April 18-26.

## Iran Documentaries Compete at UK Lift-Off Festival



TEHRAN (IFILM) - **The 9th London Lift-Off Film Festival in the UK has set to screen two documentaries and a short from Iran.**

Iranian productions, "Sara" by Hadi Shariati and "I Must Fly" by Ghazaleh Razavi, are in the documentary lineup of the British event.

"Sara" received a special mention certificate for the best documentary at the 2018 edition of the Lake City International Film Festival in India.

The Iranian doc is about a filmmaker who finds out about her daughter's visual impairment on her birthday.

The filmmaker and his wife make every attempt to document the daughter's life via camera.

"I Must Fly" tells the story of an 80-year-old man who decides to marry a much younger woman.

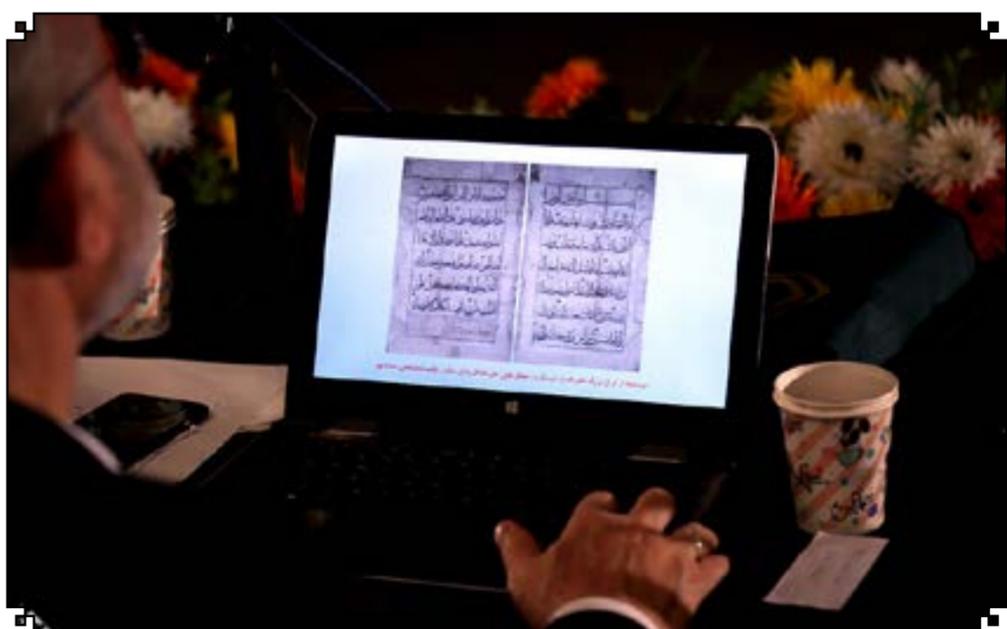
The lineup for the festival also includes an Iranian short film, "The Stranger Screeches", written and directed by Shahin Heidari.

It is an experimental film, which attempts to depict the routine life in a way to awaken the audience to the dangers of this subconscious crisis and encourage them to find a way to get out.

The Lift-Off Global Network holds film festivals in a number of cities around the world, including Sydney, Manchester, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Berlin, Toronto, Tokyo, Paris and New York.

The 9th edition of the London Lift-Off Film Festival is slated for mid-April 2019 in the British capital.

## Picture of the Day



**Concurrent with the Islamic Revolution Art Week, the first edition of Quranic Writing Conference was held in Tehran in collaboration with the Endowment and Benevolent Affairs Organization.**

Courtesy: Honaronline