

This Day in History

(April 10)

Today is Saturday; 21st of the Iranian month of Farvardin 1400 solar hijri; corresponding to 27th of the Islamic month of Sha'ban 1442 lunar hijri; and April 10, 2021, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

1091 lunar years ago, on this day in 351 AH, Hassan ibn Mohammad al-Muhallabi, the literary patron and able vizier of the founder of the Iranian Buwaiyhid Dynasty of Iran-Iraq-Oman, Moiz od-Dowla Daylami, passed away in Oman during a military expedition at the age of 65. The Buwaiyhids were devout followers of the Ahl al-Bayt of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA).

1076 lunar years ago, on this day in 366 AH, Naseer od-Din Sabuktigin, a former Turkic slave, was made governor of Ghazni by his ex-owner and governor of Khorasan, Alptigin – himself an emancipated Turkic slave of the Iranian Samanid dynasty of Bukhara. Amir Nuh II Samani confirmed his appointment. Of unsound religious belief, Sabuktigin repressed both Shi'a and Sunni Muslims, and committed the unpardonable sin of destroying the holy shrine in Mashhad of Imam Reza (AS), the Prophet's 8th Infallible Heir.

952 lunar years ago, on this day in 490 AH, prominent Islamic scholar, Abu'l-Hassan Ali Ibn Zaid Bayhaqi, popular as "Ibn Funduq" and "Fareed-e Khorasan", was born in the city of Bayhaq in northeastern Iran, which later became Sabzevar. An expert in hadith, theology, literature, mathematics, and philosophy, his most important book is "*Ma'arej Nahj al-Balagha*", a commentary on the famous compilation of the eloquent sermons, letters, and maxims of Imam Ali (AS), the First Infallible Heir of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). In Persian he authored "*Tarikh-e Bayhaq*" giving geographical and dynastic details of the region. Among his books, mention can also be made of "*Lubaab al-Ansaab*" on genealogy of notable figures. He passed away in the year 565 AH.

685 solar years ago, on this day in 1336 AD, the Ilkhanid ruler of Iran-Iraq, Arpa Mahmud Khan, was defeated at Maragha by the rebellious governor of Baghdad, Oirat Ali Pasha, and subsequently captured and killed, after a reign of a little more than a year. A direct descendant of Boke, the younger brother of the founder of the Ilkhanid Dynasty, Hulagu Khan (grandson of the fearsome Chengiz Khan) he came to power following the death of Abu Sa'eed Bahadur Khan the last effective Ilkhanid ruler.

616 lunar years ago, on this day in 826 AH, Shafei jurist and judge, Wali od-Din Ahmad bin Abdur-Rahim al-Misri Ibn Iraqi, passed away at the age of 54 in Egypt. He was buried beside his father, Zain od-Din Iraqi. He studied and taught in Damascus, Bayt ol-Moqaddas, Cairo, and the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. He wrote many books.

208 solar years ago, on this day in 1813 AD, French mathematician, Joseph-Louis Lagrange, died at the age of 77. Among his important scientific books, mention can be made of the book: "*Analytical Mechanics*", which took him 25 years to compile.

176 lunar years ago, on this day in 1266 AH, the British agent, Mohammad Ali Bab was executed by a firing squad in Tabriz at the age of 31 on being found guilty of "spreading corruption on earth" for his blasphemous claim to be the imam, then a prophet and finally the divine manifestation (mazhar-e ilahi) with a new creed in replacement of Islam. Born in Shiraz to an unknown father and initiated into the deviant Shaykhi cult, he stirred up sedition by first styling himself "Bab" or gateway to the Lord of the Age, Imam Mahdi (AS), then the Awaited Imam himself, later the incarnation of the Prophets Elijah and John the Baptist and eventually the godhead. After repeated renunciations of his beliefs whenever he was arrested, he always reverted to his devilish designs to mislead the people, prompting Prime Minister Mirza Mohammad Taqi Khan Amir Kabir, who strove to make Iran free of the Anglo-Russian plots, to order his arrest and trial. After execution his body was thrown into the ditch near the barracks where it was eaten up by dogs.

153 solar years ago, on this day in 1868 AD, at Arogee in Abyssinia, British and Indian forces defeated an army of Emperor Tewodros II. While 700 Ethiopians were killed and many more injured, only two British/Indian troops died. It was part of the British colonial designs to subjugate other lands with the help of their well-trained Indian sepoy (corruption of the Persian word "*sepahi*" for soldiers).

115 lunar years ago, on this day in 1327 AH, the Gnostic Ayatollah Mirza Habibollah Mujtahid Khorasani, passed away at the age of 61 near his hometown, holy Mashhad. He was a product of the Islamic seminary of holy Najaf in Iraq, and after returning to Iran settled in Mashhad where he handled religious affairs and groomed students. He was an excellent poet, as is evident by his poems on gnosis.

102 solar years ago, on this day in 1919 AD, the Mexican revolutionary, Emiliano Zapata, was murdered in the wake of a conspiracy. The indigenous Mexicans considered him to be their saviour.

90 solar years ago, on this day in 1931 AD, famous Lebanese Arab writer and poet, Khalil Jibril Khalil, died at the age of 48 in New York. Although a Christian he was highly influenced by Islam and the dynamic personalities of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS). He wrote: "*I am Christian and I am proud of it, but I am in love with Prophet of Islam and have great regard for his name.*"

On Imam Ali (AS), he writes: "*In my view, (Imam) Ali was the first Arab to have contact with and converse with the universal soul. He died a martyr of his greatness; he died while prayer was between his two lips. The Arabs did not realise his value until appeared among their Persian neighbors some who knew the difference between gems and gravels. He was like a prophet sent for a nation other than his own during a period to which he did not belong.*"

75 solar years ago, on this day in 1946 AD, the last French troops left Lebanon. In the wake of World War I and disintegration of the Ottoman Empire in 1918, Britain and France occupied the extensive land of Shaam or Greater Syria, and carved it up into Palestine and Jordan under British control, and modern Syria and Lebanon under French control.

49 solar years ago, on this day in 1972 AD, a 6.9 earthquake in the Iranian province of Fars killed over 5,000 people, and injured many more, in addition to destroying houses.

48 solar years ago, on this day in 1973 AD, operatives of the illegal Zionist entity's spy agency, Mossad, assassinated three Palestinian officials in the Lebanese Capital, Beirut, namely Kamal Naser, Kamal Adwan, and Mohammad Yousef Najjar. In 1983, on the 10th anniversary of the martyrdom of these officials, Mossad agents martyred in Portugal Attam Sartawi, the political advisor of the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, Yaser Arafat. These crimes against humanity by the usurper state of Israel are proof of its terrorist nature and violation of territorial integrity and national sovereignty of other countries.

33 solar years ago, on this day in 1988 AD, Iraqi warplanes chemically bombarded the western Iranian city of Marivan and a village in its vicinity, martyring and wounding a large number of civilians. This crime against humanity was carried out with the tacit approval of the US and West European regimes, which had supplied the repressive Ba'th minority regime of Saddam with internationally-banned chemical gases. Also on this day, the Ba'thist forces chemically bombarded the Faw operational zone on the southernmost tip of the Iran-Iraq border, martyring and wounding many people.

22 solar years ago, on this day in 1999 AD, Lieutenant General Ali Sayyad Shirazi, the acting commander of Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces General Headquarters and a veteran of the 8-year holy defence during the war the US had imposed through Saddam, was martyred at the age of 55 in Tehran when he opened the gate of his house by MKO terrorists dressed as cleaners.

Tehran, Berlin Hold Loan Exhibition on Ancient Mining



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TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iran and Germany have teamed up holding two separate loan exhibitions featuring ancient mining and relevant documents of the two countries. The exhibition hosted by the German Mining Museum in Bochum is titled "Death in Salt, an Archaeological Narrative of the Land of Persia" and the other organized by National Museum of Iran is named "Human Search for Resources."

According to a MOU signed in 2017 between the two countries' museums, several loan exhibitions are set to be held on the historical and cultural artifacts related to the subject of ancient mining of Iran and Germany.

Due to the continuing limitations caused by the pandemic, the exhibitions are accessible virtually simultaneously through the websites of both museums for visitors around the world.

Regarding the exhibition of the Iranian collection, the virtual exhibition "Death in Salt, an Archaeological Narrative of the Land of Persia" deals with archeological research and findings of the Chehrabad salt mine in Zanjan, which is available on the German Mine Museum website in Bochum.

Regarding the exhibition "Human Search for Resources", it can be viewed online on the website of the National Museum of Iran. In this exhibition, more than 200 objects related to mining history from twenty countries of the world have been displayed. This collection covers a very long history starting with Paleolithic objects up to the contemporary period.

In 1993, miners in the Douz-lakh Salt Mine, near Hamzehli and Chehrabad villages in Zanjan province, accidentally came across a mummified head. The head was very well preserved with a reddish hair, beard, and mustaches and his pierced ear still holding the gold earring. Also, his impressive leather boot still contained parts of his leg and foot.

U.S. Thin Line Festival Honors Iranian Documentary

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian documentary 'The Silhouettes' has grabbed an award at the Thin Line Film Music Festival in the U.S.

Director of the film, Af-saneh Salari won the Emerging Filmmaker award for her latest film at the 2021 edition of the event.

The feature-length documentary tells the story of an Afghan family living in Iran. They left Afghanistan 40 years ago to come and live in Iran.

The film shows how the son



A still from Iranian documentary 'The Silhouettes'.

of the family wants to move back to Afghanistan to live and work there, but his family does not allow him.

Thin Line Film is the longest running documentary film festival in Texas.

The event awards nearly \$35,000 in cash and prizes including large awards to the Best Feature and Short Documentary, Emerging Filmmaker and Best Domestic or International Documentary.

The 14th edition of the festival was held on March 23-28, 2021.

Animation 'Crab' Makes It to French Women's Festival

TEHRAN (MNA) -- Iranian acclaimed animation 'Crab' directed by Shiva Sadegh Amini, has been accepted into French Créteil International Women's Film Festival.

According to the Public Relations Department of the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults (IIDCYA), Iranian Animation "Crab" advanced to the competition section of the 34th French Créteil International Women's Film Festival.

An 11-minute Iranian animation 'Crab' was produced by the Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults in 2019 which experience its 14th presence in the competition section of the short films of this prestigious Festival.

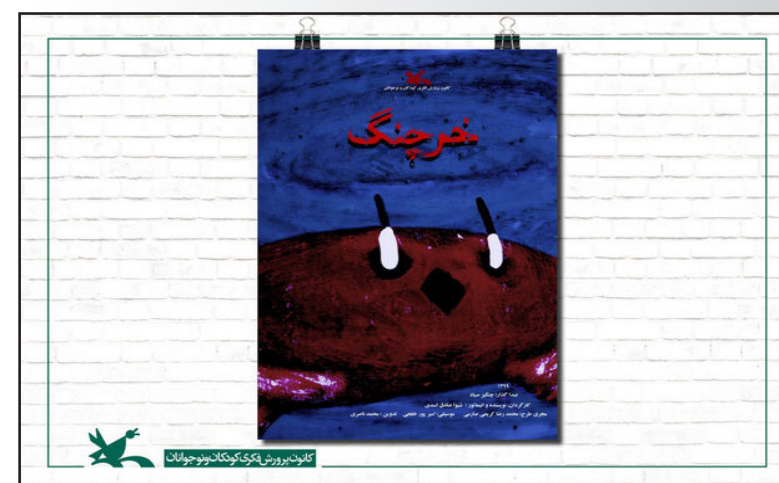
With four length-feature films from Poland, France, Italy and Finland, Iran's "Crab" is in the second group of films in the short film competition section, which moviegoers and enthusiasts can watch these 77-minute animations online on April 3-10.

The 11-minute animation 'Crab' is the story of a shy and isolated boy who wants to join the school theater group. But the only role he is offered is the role of a crab.

It should be noted that the 43rd French Créteil Interna-

tional Women's Film Festival is running in France on April 2-11 online due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Being one of the Oscar Academy-approved festivals, Animest International Animation Film Festival will be held virtually from November 9 to 15 in Bucharest, Romania.



Picture of the Day



Persian handicrafts in the interior design of houses create a sense of aesthetics. Iran ranks first globally for the number of cities and villages registered by the World Crafts Council, as China with seven entries, Chile with four, and India with three ones come next.

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