

This Day in History

(May 8)

Today is Saturday; 18th of the Iranian month of Ordibehesht 1400 solar hijri; corresponding to 18th of the Islamic month of Ramadhan 1442 lunar hijri; and May 8, 2021, of the Christian Gregorian Calendar.

901 lunar years ago, on this day in 541 AH, the renowned Spanish Muslim hadith scholar and exegete of the Holy Qur'an, Abdul-Haqq Ibn Ghaleb Ibn Abdur-Rahman, popular as Ibn Atiyyah, passed away at the age of 60. Ibn Atiyyah wrote several books, including "al-Ansaab". A short work by him titled "al-Barnamaj" contains biographies of his teachers. He wrote poetry as well, but his main and voluminous work is a commentary on the holy Qur'an, entitled "al-Muharrar Al-Wajeez", which reflects his knowledge in a variety of disciplines.

897 lunar years ago, on this day in 544 AH, the famous Iranian Sunni Muslim theologian, exegete and polymath, Mohammad ibn Omar ibn Hussain at-Taymi at-Tabaristani, popular as Fakhr od-Din Razi, was born in the city of Rayy - presently a southern suburb of modern Tehran. Descended from the first caliph, Abu Bakr through his son, Mohammad - a staunch devotee of Imam Ali (AS) and his God-given authority - he first studied with his father, and later under Majd al-Jili, who was a student of Ghazali. His commentary on the holy Qur'an titled "Tafsir al-Kabir" is the most varied and many-sided of all extant works of the kind. He has analyzed and admitted the merits of the Ahl al-Bayt or Blessed Household of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), and has explicitly said, on the basis of authentic hadith concerning ayah 33 of Surah Alzaab, that the Verse of Purity relates to Hazrat Fatema Zahra (SA), Imam Ali (AS) and their sons Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS), and does not include the wives of the Prophet as some allege. He taught at Rayy, journeyed all over the eastern Islamic world, as far as Khwarezm and the court of Shams od-Din Aibak of northern India. He settled in Herat where he became head of an academy, and passed away in this same city. He wrote on medicine, physics, astrology, literature, history and law. Among his several compilations, mention can be made of the encyclopedic work "Jame' al-Oloum".

864 solar years ago, on this day in 1157 AD, Sultan Mo'iz od-Din Ahmad Sanjar, the last great ruler of the Iran-based Seljuq Empire that included Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and parts of Turkey and Central Asia, died in the Khorasani city of Marv which is presently in Turkmenistan and was buried there.

757 lunar years ago, on this day in 685 AH, the Mongols were decisively defeated at the Battle of Ayn Jalout in Palestine by the Egyptian Mamluk Sultan Saif od-Din Qutuz and his able general, Zaheer od-Din Baibars (the next Sultan). This victory over Hulagu Khan's famous Christian Turkic general, Kitbuqa Noyan, ended the threat to Egypt, a few years after the sack of Baghdad and subjugation of Syria.

747 lunar years ago, on this day in 695 AH, the scholar Abu Abdullah Mohammad Ibn Ahmad Ibn Khalil al-Khu'i ash-Shafe'i ad-Dameshqi, the author of "Sharh Fosoul Ibn Ma'at", passed away.

305 lunar years ago, on this day in 1137 AH, the prominent Iranian Islamic scholar, Baha od-Din Mohammad ibn Taj od-din Hassan Isfahani, popular as Faazel-e Hindi, because he had accompanied his father to India, passed away in his hometown Isfahan. He was a child prodigy, and as a student of the famous Allamah Mohammad Baqer Majlisi, he reached the level of Ijtihad at a relatively young age. He was an authority on theology and philosophy, having summarized the celebrated Iranian-Islamic genius Ibn Sina's famous philosophical work "ash-Shifa". After the passing away of Allamah Majlisi and Aqa Jamal Khwansari, he was known as the "Mujtahed". Faazel-e Hindi groomed a large number of scholars and wrote almost a hundred books and treatises on various topics, including an exegesis of the Holy Qur'an and the work titled "Kashf al-Latham". His grave in the Takht-e Foulad Cemetery is beside the grave of Mullah Mohammad Fazl, known as Faazel-e Na'ini, and therefore their graves have been commonly called as "Faazelaan" among the people.

248 solar years ago, on this day in 1773 AD, Ali Bey al-Kabir, the Mamluk ruler who made Egypt independent of the Ottoman Empire for four years, was killed outside Cairo at the age of 45, a year after being removed from power.

227 solar years ago, on this day in 1794 AD, French scientist and one of the founders of modern chemistry, Antoine Lavoisier, was executed at the age of 51, following the French Revolution.

204 solar years ago, on this day in 1817 AD, British physician and paleontologist, James Parkinson, published his "Essay on the Shaking Palsy", and was the first to describe in detail in modern medical terms, the neuromuscular disease which is now known by his name as "Parkinson's Disease", although throughout history, physicians of different cultures and civilizations have written about this disease.

148 solar years ago, on this day in 1873 AD, English philosopher and economist, John Stuart Mill, died at the age of 67. The books he wrote include "Principles of Political Economy".

97 solar years ago, on this day in 1924 AD, Grand Ayatollah Abdul-Hussain Lari passed away at the age of 77 and was laid to rest in Jahrom.

94 lunar years ago, on this day in 1348 AH, the prominent scholar Seyyed Mohammad Taqi Musavi Isfahani, popular as Faqih Ahmadabadi, passed away in his hometown Isfahan at the age of 47. He wrote several books including the famous one titled "Mikyaal al-Makarem fi Fawa'ed ad-Du'a lil-Qa'em" which has been printed many times in Iran, and contains supplications from Imam Mahdi (AS)

76 solar years ago, on this day in 1945 AD, World War II formally ended in Europe with German forces agreeing in Rheims, France, to an unconditional surrender and the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

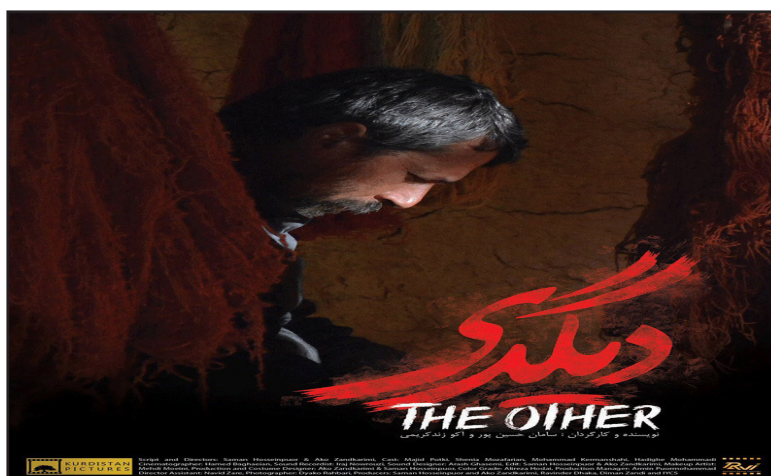
76 solar years ago, on this day in 1945 AD, Algerian Muslims while celebrating in Stetif, Algeria, news of victory of the Allied forces in Europe over the Germans, and at the same time demanding independence of their country, were attacked by French occupation forces, resulting in hundreds of deaths. The French also lost 103 soldiers.

70 solar years ago, on this day in 1951 AD, Iranian poet, researcher, and translator, Rashid Yasami, passed away. He founded the magazine "Daneshkadeh" with the cooperation of the celebrated Iranian poet, Malek osh-Sho'ara Mohammad Taqi Bahar. He published his writings in this magazine and other magazines as well. Yasami has left behind numerous compilations and translations, including "The History of Iranian Literature", and "Iran in the Sassanid Era".

39 solar years ago, on this day in 1982 AD, the town of Hoveizah in Khuzestan, southwestern Iran, was liberated from Ba'thist occupation by Iran's Muslim combatants during the Bayt al-Moqaddas Operations, which would eventually lead to the liberation of the once-thriving port city of Khorramshahr. Among the heroes of Hoveizah was Hussain Alam-Hoda, who defended the town till the last drop of his blood.

15 solar years ago, on this 2006 AD, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wrote to US President George Bush, proposing "new solutions" to differences between the two countries, in the first letter from an Iranian head of state to his US counterpart in 27 years. This bold move went unanswered because of the timidity of Bush and the lack of confidence in the powers that controlled him, especially the Israeli lobby that has continued to target Iran, through manufactured crises, since the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

Much Applauded 'The Other' Crowned Best in UK Festival



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian short flick 'The Other' has garnered two awards at the 2021 edition of the Unrestricted View Film Festival (UVFF) in the UK.

The award for Best Foreign Short Film went to 'The Other'

and Hamed Baqaeen received the award for the Best Cinematography.

The 9-minute Iranian film, co-directed by Saman Hosseinpour and Ako Zand-Karimi, narrates the story of a religious and traditional

man who suspects his wife after her death and thinks she had a relationship with another man.

His condition gets critical when he suspects that her daughter belongs to the other man, too.

The cast members of the short flick include Majid Potki, Shenia Mozaffarian, and Mohammad Kermanshahi.

'The Other' has gone on screen at the 36th Tehran International Short Film Festival, where it garnered the second prize of the Book and Cinema section.

The short film has also received accolades such as Best Silent Film award at the Venice Intercultural Film Festival in Italy and Best Cinematography award at the International Film and Music Festival Kustendorf in Serbia.

Competing at a large number

of global events such as the Media Film Festival in the U.S., the Gbeck Future Film Festival in Canada, and the Mithiwood Film Festival in India, 'The Other' has won several awards, including the best director award at the Lyon Young Film Festival in France, best short film award at the New Jersey Indian & International Film Festival in the U.S., Best Actor Award and Best Cinematography Award at the Screen Power Film Festival in the UK, and the Grand Prix of the Silk Road section at the Cannes International Independent Film Festival in France.

The UVFF is run by filmmakers and aims to celebrate the very best and encourage all aspects of independent film making.

The 6th UVFF took place online on April 26-May 2, 2021.

Acclaimed Documentary En Route to U.S. Mother Tongue Festival

TEHRAN (MNA) - Iranian-Afghan documentary 'The Forbidden Strings', directed by Afghan filmmaker Hassan Noori, goes on screen at the Mother Tongue Film Festival in the U.S.

Produced by Afsaneh Salari and Hasan Noori, The Forbidden Strings' narrates the story of four Afghan descent young people who live in Iran. They work during the day time and rehearse their music lessons at nights. They have a burning passion for performing in front of the audience so after about six months of rehearsing they find



an opportunity to go on stage to the motherland where they have never seen is not as easy as

it seems and the country is not safe for them.

The documentary has also taken part at the 22nd edition of One World Int'l Human Rights Doc Documentary Film Festival in the Czech Republic.

The Mother Tongue Film Festival is an annual international film festival of films with lesser-used languages from around the world. It is organized by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and has been held to coincide with International Mother Tongue Day on 21 February each year since 2016.

Iranian Films Line Up to Compete at Queens World Festival

TEHRAN (Honaronline) - Six movies from Iranian filmmakers will be screened in various categories of the Queens World Film Festival, which will take place from June 23 to July 3 across the Borough of Queens in the U.S. city of New York.

The 11th edition of the festival is a hybrid event with virtual and live screenings, the organizers have announced.

"The Forbidden Strings" by Hassan Nuri will be screened in the documentary feature competition, while "The Badger" by Kazem Mollai will be competing in the narrative feature section.

"The Forbidden Strings" is about Suri, Hakim, Akbar and Mohammat who have a collective dream to travel from Iran to their parents' homeland of Afghanistan and perform at their first rock concert. Working as migrant laborers during the day, the group practices in a studio away from their families at night. Throughout their journey, the four young band members face the complicated nature of making politically-minded music that reflects their lived reality as migrants from Afghanistan.

"The Badger" tells the story of Sudeh, a 40-year-old woman who faces a strange incident right before her second marriage. Sudeh and her son Matiar live in an old apartment. One day, she hires a pest control company to solve the termite problems in the apartment. While the pest control company is working, Matiar is recording the procedures, as this is his hobby. The next day, Matiar gets kidnapped after school, and the kidnapper asks Sudeh to pay 10 Bitcoins for her son. Tremendous pressure is put on Sudeh, but the truth hidden beneath will surprise everyone.

sanbeigi has been selected to compete in the documentary short section. It is an experimental and formalist movie in condemnation of war and in praise of peace.

"Cocoon" by Yavar Darehzami, "Wooden Sword" by Behzad Alavi and Susan Salamat and "Radde" by Ali Lavarimonfared will be screened in the narrative short competition.

"Cocoon" is about a short man who makes artificial limbs for himself, becomes tall and comes out of his house. We see that everyone is short.

"Wooden Sword" tells the story of two young boys who meet on a park bench while waiting for their



A still from the Iranian film "The Badger".

fathers to return. Little do they know that their fathers have not formed a friendship like they just have. Is what they see next some-

thing that might stay with them forever?

In "Radde", the sea is dying and a lone fisherman tries to save it.

Picture of the Day



Nazok-Kari, which is making delicate objects, both applicable and artistic, from wood, is one of the ancient Persian crafts practiced in the Iranian city of Urmia for centuries.

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