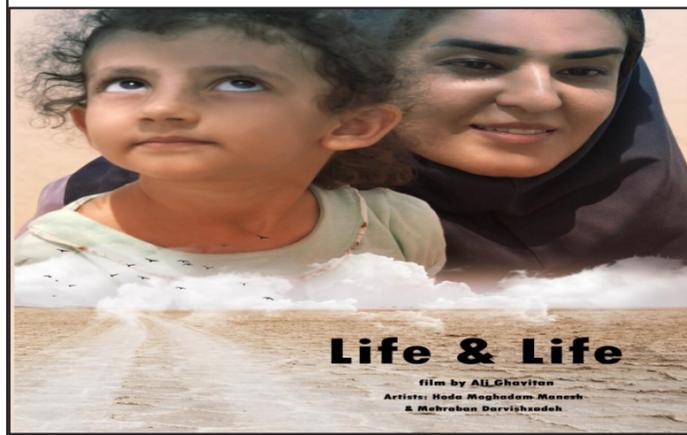


'Life & Life' Walks Away With Best Director Award in Dhaka



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- 'Life & Life' has been garnered the best director award for Iranian filmmaker Ali Qavitan at the 21st Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF).

Following his previous biopic movie 'Dream of Sohrab' about the life story of the leading Persian modern poet and painter, Qavitan has now made a comeback to his cinematic vision with 'Life & Life'.

Also written by Qavitan, 'Life & Life' follows a teacher who is concerned about the students who have not attended online classes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She decides to visit them. She buckles her four-year-old daughter into the car and takes off for the students' houses. Her goal for this trip is to look in on the students, but she has another purpose. She tells her daughter about her own life, and the girl begins to under-

stand the world as she meets other people.

Since 1977, the DIFF has been promoting a healthy culture in the film industry in Bangladesh with the main theme of "Better Film, Better Audience, Better Society".

Some 200 films from 60 countries compete at the DIFF in the following categories: Asian Competition Section, Retrospective, Bangladesh Panorama, Cinema of the World, Children's Film, Short and Independent Film, Women Filmmakers Section, and Spiritual Films Section.

The festival's website states that the "DIFF is a bold expression of resistance against the decadence, vulgarity and cheap commercialism that pervades the mainstream Bangladesh film industry".

The 2023 edition of the event took place in the Bangladeshi capital from January 14 to 22.

Home-Made Radiopharmaceuticals Treat Million Patients



TEHRAN (IFP) -- The director of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran says the country has reached international standards in the production of radiopharmaceuticals, adding around one million patients are being treated annually using these drugs.

Mohammad Eslami noted that this achievement was made thanks to young Iranian researchers at a time when Iran is under the heaviest sanctions and disruptions by the enemies of the nation.

Eslami said what is important for Iran right now is to increase the precision and the number of diagnostic medicines that are produced in the country.

The director of the AEOI added that currently domestically produced radiopharmaceuticals are used in 206 medical radiation centers across Iran.

According to Eslami, nearly one million patients are treated annually using these drugs, and the AEOI is capable of fully meeting the country's demand for radiopharmaceuticals.

Eslami also stressed that AEOI is proudly able to take constructive steps in the production of radiopharmaceuticals needed for cancer treatment.

He added that he is proud of Iranian researchers and scientists that have made these great achievements possible.

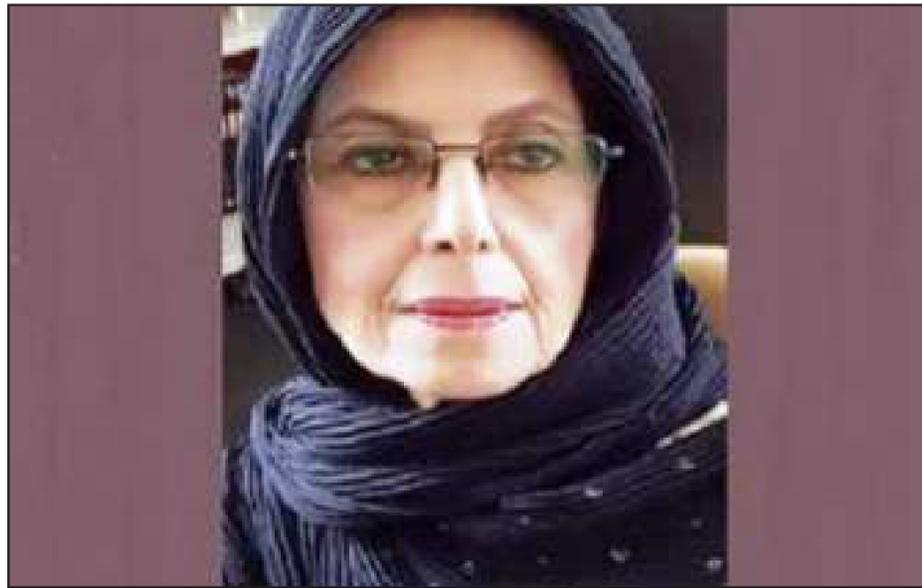
Noted Translator Passes Away at 72

TEHRAN (IBNA) -- Shohreh Nour-Salehi, a prolific Iranian translator of children's books and horror fiction died on Saturday. She was 72.

Shakiba Karami, director of the public relation department of Paydayaesh Publishing which printed the books of Nour-Salehi said that she was laid to rest in the Artists' Section of Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery in Tehran on Sunday.

The first published book translated by Nour-Salehi was 'Dinosaur with an Attitude' by the Swiss writer Hanna Johansen in 2002. The work received an award from Iran's Children's Book Council.

Among other works in her career is 'The Lion Tamer's Daughter' by the celebrated English author and poet Peter Dickinson which was shortlisted for the Iranian Parvin E'tesami Literary Award.



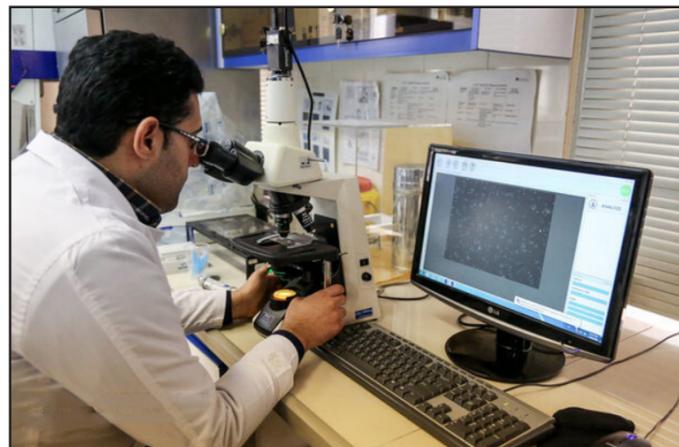
She also rendered 'When the Ghost Dog Howls' and 'Welcome to Camp Nightmare,' both by the American novelist and short story writer R. L. Stine into Persian.

Minister Praises Iran's Scientific Ranking

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Iran's Health Minister Bahram Einollahi on Monday praised the promotion of the country's scientific ranking to 15 as a great achievement of the 13th administration.

The health minister was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 28th Razi Medical Science Technology and Research Festival in Tehran.

He said that the promotion of Iran's scientific ranking from



16 to 15 is a great achievement of the current administration, adding that the festival is aimed at focusing on knowledge-oriented products.

He also said that universities of medical sciences across Iran have produced 31,000 articles, and that the average of the research growth in the medical science field is 8.23.

The health minister also hailed Iran's self-sufficiency in the health sector.

Iranian Artists Forum Discusses Watergate Scandal Drama

TEHRAN (Honaronline) -- "All the President's Men", a 1976 American epic political drama about the Watergate scandal that brought down the presidency of Richard Nixon, will be reviewed in a session at the Iranian Artists Forum this afternoon.

Directed by Alan J. Pakula with a screenplay by William Goldman, it is based on the 1974 non-fiction book of the same name by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, the two journalists investigating the Watergate scandal for The Washington Post.

Media scholar Saeid Arkanzadeh Yazdi will talk about media relationship with power at the session, which will be held at the Cinematheque of the forum at 3 pm.

Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman portray Woodward and Bernstein, respectively. The film was produced by Walter Coblenz for Redford's Wildwood Enterprises.

The film was nominated in multiple Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA categories, and in 2010, the film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Unlike the book, the film covers

only the first seven months of the Watergate scandal, from the time of the break-in to Nixon's second inauguration on January 20, 1973.

The film introduced the catchphrase "follow the money" in relation to the case, which did not appear in the book or in any Watergate documentation.

The film received eight nominations at the Academy Awards and



won in four categories, including Robards and best screenplay for best supporting actor for Jason William Goldman.

Picture of the Day



For the past few nights, residents of Shahrekord in the Iranian province of Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province have been feeling extremely cold temperatures. With temperatures well below freezing (minus 25 Celsius), many people in the city have been forced to stay indoors and bundle up in warm clothing, whereas the trees in Shahrekord have totally iced over.

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