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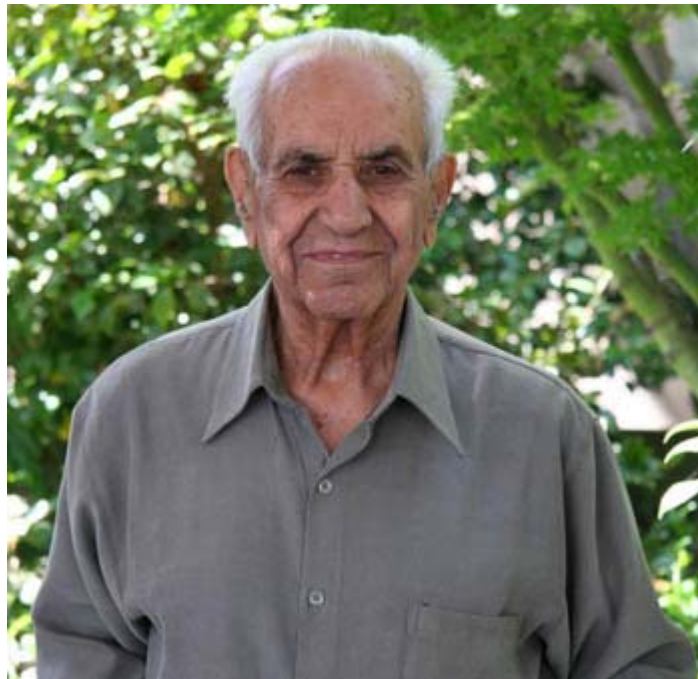
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**In memory of Jalal Toofan, author, educator and freedom fighter**

This brief biography is in light of Mr. Jalal Toofan, author, educator and freedom fighter, who recently lost his battle with lung cancer in Davis, California.



Mr. Toofan was the first holder of a diploma in Jahrom, Iran and subsequently received his University degree in French Literature in 1951. From there, he spent most of his life educating students. He also undertook the task of teaching his students music and theater while also spending his time doing research on the social structures of Jahrom, its culture, history and folklore (Jahrom is an old city of Pars with a history dated back to the time of Achaemenians). He laid the foundations for the Khajeh-Nasir, which was the first High School in Jahrom. As a teacher, Mr. Toofan always advocated the principle of freedom and was always adamant in regards to the people of Jahrom receiving an education. He retained his reputation as a freedom lover, a fervent follower of Dr. Mossadeq and a member of the National Movement of Iran.



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A 1950's photo

In 1953, after the coup in Iran, his home and the office of his weekly newspaper "Toofan-e-Joonoob" (The Storm of the South) were plundered and set on fire. He was then sentenced to death by a military court. Fortunately, the sentence was not confirmed and he was instead exiled to the city of Kerman. He was thus forced to retire from training and education and subsequently lived on growing an orchard. During this time, he wrote and translated thirteen books (of which most have been published), was the host of a radio program in Shiraz and authored many articles that appeared in newspapers of the time.



Jalal Toofan's home

In a speech during a ceremony on Teacher's Day, which was set up by the appreciative people of Jahrom in his honor in 2004, he stated: "In

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physics, you may read about or experience superheated water. When the water is superheated above its boiling temperature, it appears still and without motion. However, if you place a blade of straw in the water, it starts to boil." He then went on stating that he was blessed to be that blade of straw in the cultural and educational environment of not only Jahrom, but of the province of Pars. At the end, he finished his speech with the phrase "Long Live Iran".



A sample of Mr. Toofan's works can be found on the [Jahrom](#) web site:

Further news about his death can be found on the [ISNA](#) site:



***"Death is only sad when no one notices". He will not be forgotten.***

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