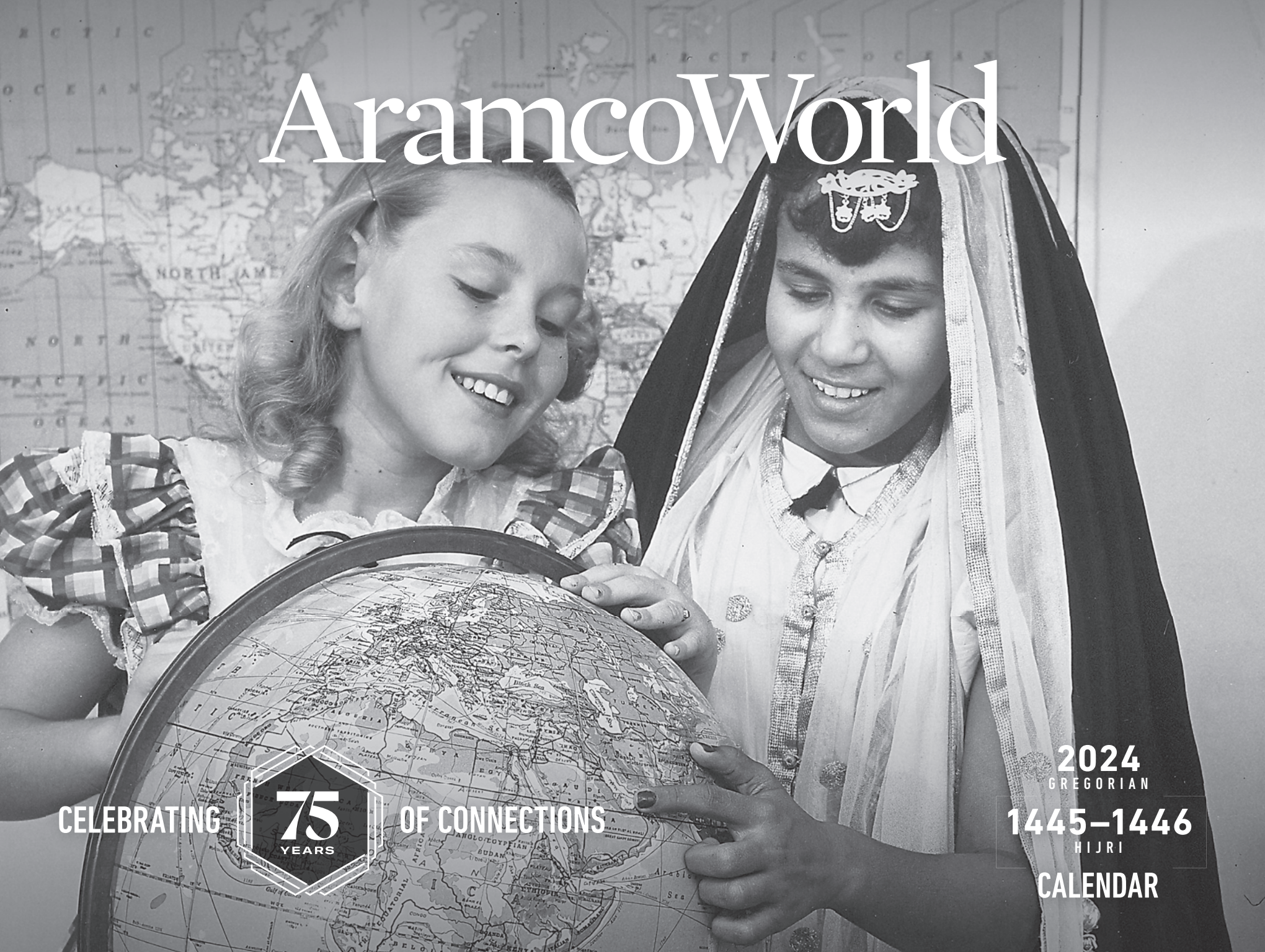


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CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS

Two cultures, one world. Sixth-graders Susan Kelly, an American from Wyoming, and Fardah Sowayigh, a Saudi from Dhahran, point out where they each are from—some 11,200 kilometers (7,000 miles) apart—on a globe at an Aramco school in Dhahran. The photo was taken in 1952 by company photographer T. F. Walters for *AramcoWorld* and represents not only their new connection but the greater relationships between Saudis and expatriates at the company.

Making positive connections has been the mission of *AramcoWorld* since its first edition 75 years ago. In the words of former Aramco President Bill Moore in Volume I, No. 1: “We hope this publication will enable us to get better acquainted with ourselves.” While early editions contained much community and company news for employees, from its first decade, *AramcoWorld* also published stories of cultural interest—seeking out the histories, achievements and ideas from around the globe that remind us we are all truly connected. As this calendar shows, *AramcoWorld*'s editors have always understood the importance of showcasing connections

through photography. These dynamic images of people engaging with food, music, art, history, science and more, bring our readers closer to people and places near and far.

Our 75th anniversary marks a celebration of these connections—and the stories yet to be told. We hope to have sparked your curiosity over the years, ultimately to make the world feel a bit smaller. Connections. Stories. Cultures. That's been our focus for 75 years. And that's exactly how we will continue to build our legacy.

We hope you have a blessed 2024.

—*AramcoWorld* editorial staff

In this calendar, the caption for each month's image includes the *AramcoWorld* story headline and edition in which it was published. The photo on the cover and this page, along with others in the *AramcoWorld* photo archive, highlight the commitment of the company and its photographers to show positive interconnections among people from various cultures. *AramcoWorld* continues that tradition 75 years later.

—PHOTOGRAPHED BY T.F. WALTERS

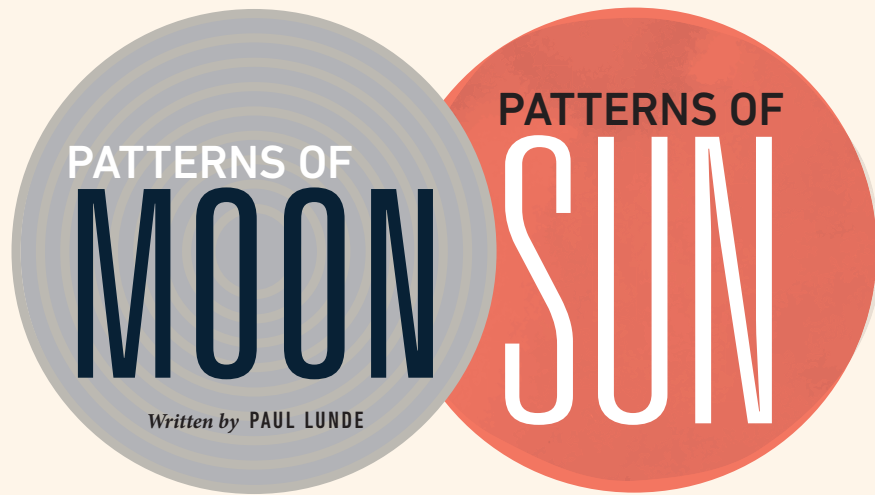
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THE HIJRI CALENDAR

In 638 CE, six years after the death of the Prophet Muhammad, Islam's second caliph, 'Umar, recognized the necessity of a calendar to govern the affairs of Muslims. This was first a practical matter. Correspondence with military and civilian officials in the newly conquered lands required dating. Pre-Islamic Arab customs identified years after the occurrence of major events. But Persia used a different calendar from Syria, where the caliphate was later based; Egypt used yet another. Each of these calendars had a different starting point, or epoch. The Sasanids, the ruling dynasty of Persia, used the date of the accession of the last Sasanid monarch, Yazdagird III, June 16, 632 CE. Syria, which until the Muslim conquest was part of the Byzantine Empire, used a form of the Roman Julian calendar, with an epoch of October 1, 312 BCE. Egypt used the Coptic calendar, with an epoch of August 29, 284 CE. Although all were solar calendars, and hence geared to the seasons and containing 365 days, each also had a different system for periodically adding days to compensate for the fact that the true length of the solar year is not 365 but 365.2422 days.

In pre-Islamic Arabia, other systems of measuring time had been used. In South Arabia, some calendars apparently were lunar, while others were lunisolar, using months based on the phases of the moon but intercalating days outside the lunar cycle to synchronize the calendar with the seasons. On the eve of Islam, the Himyarites appear to have used a calendar based on the Julian form, but with an epoch of 110 BCE. In central Arabia, the course of the year was charted by the position of the stars relative to the horizon at sunset or sunrise, dividing the ecliptic into 28 equal parts corresponding to the location of the moon on each successive night of the month. The names of the months in that calendar have continued in the Islamic calendar to this day and would seem to indicate that before Islam, some sort of lunisolar calendar was in use, though it is not known to have had an epoch other than memorable local events.

There were two other reasons 'Umar rejected existing solar calendars. The Qur'an, in Chapter 10, Verse 5, states that time should be reckoned by the moon. Not only that, but calendars also used by the

Persians, Syrians and Egyptians were identified with other religions and cultures. He therefore decided to create a calendar specifically for the Muslim community. It would be lunar, and it would have 12 months, each with 29 or 30 days.

This gives the lunar year 354 days, 11 days fewer than the solar year. For the epoch of the new Muslim calendar, 'Umar chose the *Hijra*, the emigration of the Prophet Muhammad and 70 Muslims from Makkah to Madinah, where Muslims first attained religious and political autonomy. Hijra thus occurred on 1 Muharram of the year 1 according to the Islamic calendar, which begins the *hijri* era. (This date corresponds to July 16, 622 CE, on the Gregorian calendar.) Today in the West, it is customary, when writing hijri dates, to use the abbreviation ah, which stands for the Latin *anno hegirae*, "year of the Hijra."

Because the Islamic lunar calendar is 11 days shorter than the solar, it is therefore not synchronized to the seasons. Its festivals, which fall on the same days of the same lunar months each year, make the round of the seasons every 33 solar years. This 11-day difference between the lunar and the solar year accounts for the difficulty of converting dates from one system to the other.

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

The early calendar of the Roman Empire was lunisolar, containing 355 days divided into 12 months beginning on January 1. To keep it in accord with the actual solar year, a month was added every two

years. The system for doing so was complex, and cumulative errors gradually misaligned it with the seasons. By 46 BCE, it was some three months out of alignment, and Julius Caesar oversaw its reform.

Consulting Greek astronomers in Alexandria, he created a solar calendar that added one day to February every fourth year, effectively compensating for the solar year's length of 365.2422 days. This Julian calendar was used throughout Europe until 1582.

In the Middle Ages, the Christian liturgical calendar was grafted onto the Julian one, and the computation of lunar festivals like Easter, which falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, challenged some of the best minds in Christendom. The use of the epoch 1 CE dates from the sixth century CE but did not become common until the 10th century CE.

The Julian year was nonetheless 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long. By the early 16th century, due to the accumulated error, the spring equinox had begun falling on March 11 rather than where it should, on March 21. Copernicus, Christophorus Clavius and the physician Aloysius Lilius provided the calculations, and in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII ordered that Thursday, October 4, 1582, would be followed by Friday, October 15, 1582. Most Christianized kingdoms accepted the new "Gregorian" calendar, but it was not adopted in England and the Americas until the 18th century. Its use today is common worldwide. The Gregorian year is nonetheless 25.96 seconds ahead of the solar year, which by the year 4909 will add up to an extra day. ☾

IT IS HE WHO
MADE THE SUN TO
BE A SHINING GLORY, AND
THE MOON TO BE A LIGHT (OF
BEAUTY); AND MEASURED OUT
STAGES FOR HER, THAT YE MIGHT
KNOW THE NUMBER OF YEARS
AND THE COUNT (OF TIME).

—QUR'AN 10:5
(ENGLISH BY YUSUF ALI)

The late **PAUL LUNDE** was a senior research associate with the Civilizations in Contact Project at Cambridge University and author of more than 70 articles for *AramcoWorld*.

CONVERTING YEARS AND DATES

Online calculators can be found by searching "Gregorian-hijri calendar calculator" or similar terms. The following equations show how the conversion is made mathematically. However, keep in mind that in

each case, the result is only the year in which the other calendar's year begins. For example, 2024 Gregorian begins in 1445 hijri and ends in 1446; correspondingly, 1446 hijri begins in 2024 Gregorian and ends in 2025.

GREGORIAN YEAR TO HIJRI YEAR =
[(32 x Hijri year) ÷ 33] + 622

HIJRI YEAR TO GREGORIAN YEAR =
[(Gregorian year - 622) x 33] ÷ 32



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"Andrew Nemr Taps into Story" NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2022
 For Lebanese American entertainer Andrew Nemr, dance is about connecting wider traditions and marginalized people. "I was grafted into a kind of confluence of communal story in which you begin to parse out your place. It goes beyond utilitarian performance or learning a craft to finding a deeper story." —PHOTO BY BEAR GUTIERREZ

JANUARY

Jumada II – Rajab



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"All the Lands Were Sea" MAY / JUNE 2013

Young women and a boy connect to the environment in the Mesopotamian marshes as they fish with hand lines and gather edible plants in southern Iraq. Captured in 1967, this image reflects a world that exists across time—where the remaining Marsh Arabs, descendants of Sumerians, lived much the same way as their ancestors 2,000 years ago. —PHOTO BY TOR EIGELAND

FEBRUARY

Rajab – Sha`aban



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24 14 31 21 Easter (31/21)		25 15 Explorer Evliya Çelebi born 1611		26 16		27 17 Kuwaiti film The Cruel Sea released 1971		28 18		29 19		30 20	



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"Chasing Zero" JULY / AUGUST 2017

Radia Lahlou, a graduate student in concentrated solar power and thermal energy storage, is connecting energy sources to build Masdar City, the United Arab Emirates' experiment in urban sustainability. "I am driven by the will to act to address current global issues. I look forward to contributing to the large-scale deployment of renewable energies," she says. —PHOTO BY KEVIN BUBRISKI

MARCH

Sha`aban – Ramadan



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"Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue" MARCH / APRIL 1988
 Pastries and hospitality attract attention in front of the Moustapha brothers' Oriental Pastry Shop. In the 1980s, the shop in Brooklyn, New York, connected newcomers from the Mideast and Arab Americans of different generations looking to sustain a taste for the food from their childhood and all that it nurtures: family, friendship and a way of life. —PHOTO BY KATRINA THOMAS

APRIL

Ramadan – Shawwal



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		Water mine of Ronda, Spain, shut down after more than 300 years 1485		Djerba becomes part of the Ottoman regency of Tunis 1560				"Shohrat," Karabakh horse, gifted to Queen Elizabeth 2022				Youssef Chahine wins lifetime award at Cannes 1997		
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		Sher Shah Suri, second ruler of Suri dynasty, crowned 1545		Abderrahmane al-Sa'di, author of Tarikh al-Sudan, born 1594										



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"FirstLook: Hair Washing at Home" SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022

While staying with a family in Kut, in central Iraq, photographer Emily Garthwaite made a new connection after she was awakened with breakfast by a group of sisters before their weekly ritual: "We took turns washing, and then the sisters joined up in a line to comb and plait one another's hair. It was a gentle moment ... My own hair was being plaited as I took this photo."

MAY

Shawwal – Dhu-al-Qa`dah



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 Indian actress Nargis born 1929

2 25 Bengali documentary photographer Shahidul Alam born 1955	3 26	4 27	5 28 Egypt reveals discovery of "Headless Pyramid" at Saqqara 2008	6 29	7 1 Novelist Orhan Pamuk born 1952	8 2
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9 3	10 4 Astronomer and mathematician Abu al-Wafa' Buzjani born 940 CE	11 5	12 6	13 7 Süleymaniye Mosque cornerstone laid 1550	14 8	15 9 Eid al-Adha
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23 17 30 24	24 18	25 19 Qutub-ud-din Aibek, founder of Sultanate of Delhi, begins reign 1206 CE	26 20	27 21 Bodleian Library announces acquisition of Book of Curiosities 2002	28 22	29 23 Bengali mathematician Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee born 1864
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"Kanga's Woven Voices" NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2017
 Wearing kanga, a colorful patterned fabric, women in Bwejuu, Zanzibar, bond after fishing. The cloth can be fashionable as well as bear a proverb or contemporary statement. For women and girls along East Africa's coast, the kanga is woven into life, a connective "social medium" worn, traded and treasured for designs, messages and memories. —PHOTO BY SAMANTHA REINDERS

JUNE

Dhu-al-Qa`dah – Dhu-al-Hijjah



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<p>14 8</p> <p>Abbas II, last khedive of Egypt and Sudan, born 1874</p>	<p>15 9</p>	<p>16 10</p>	<p>17 11</p>	<p>18 12</p>	<p>19 13</p>	<p>20 14</p> <p>Charlemagne receives an elephant from Caliph Harun-al-Rashid 802 CE</p>
<p>21 15</p> <p>Egypt's Aswan High Dam completed 1970</p>	<p>22 16</p>	<p>23 17</p>	<p>24 18</p> <p>Investor and philanthropist Azim Premji born 1945</p>	<p>25 19</p>	<p>26 20</p> <p>Chairil Anwar, Indonesian poet and member of "1945 Generation," born 1922</p>	<p>27 21</p>
<p>28 22</p>	<p>29 23</p>	<p>30 24</p> <p>Amir Timur writes French King Charles VI seeking trade 1402 CE</p>	<p>31 25</p>	<p>AUGUST 2024</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>NOTES: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	



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"FirstLook: Youth of the Nation" JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2016

Photographer Ayesha Malk connects us with children from her community in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, with a simple "photo booth" set up at the Saudi Aramco Oil Exhibit Eid Program in 2009. "I found myself drawn to the confidence and vulnerability that so many of these kids ... shared so eagerly. Together, the images revealed ... the reflection of a diverse society as it moves toward the future." —PHOTO BY AYESHA MALIK AND ABDULJALIL NASSER

JULY

Dhu-al-Hijjah – Muharram



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4 29 Republic of Upper Volta renamed Burkino Faso 1984		5 1		6 2 H&M launches Sandra Mansour-designed collection 2020		7 3		8 4		9 5 Zain Bhikha, South African pioneer performer of al-Nashid songs, born 1974		10 6	
11 7 Moroccan-based surfer Ramzi Boukhiam wins ASP Europe Junior Champion 2012		12 8		13 9		14 10		15 11		16 12		17 13 Cossack counter-revolutionary Alexander Ilyich Dutov born 1879	
18 14		19 15		20 16 Mo Farrah becomes first Briton to win four Olympic gold medals 2016		21 17		22 18 American entrepreneur Yarrow Mamout manumitted 1796		23 19		24 20	
25 21 Salif Keita, "Golden Voice of Africa," born 1949		26 22		27 23		28 24 Sitar virtuoso Vilayet Khan born 1928		29 25		30 26		31 27 Lunar crater named for al-Andalus pioneer Ibn Firnas 1976	



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"Kyrgyzstan: A First Look" JULY / AUGUST 1995

Photographer Ergun Çağatay captures the emotional connection to the storyteller and the story. The Manas epic has been handed down orally from generation to generation by performers called *manaschis*. Comprising more than half a million lines, the poem recounts the birth, deeds and death of the nation's founder-hero, Manas, his son Semetey and grandson Seytek.

AUGUST

Muharram – Safar



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"Sesame Opens!" SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 1979

Set in New York, "Sesame Street" became "Shari" 'Ishrin," or "Twentieth Street," in the Arabian Gulf, and it connects straight to the hearts of enthralled children, including Boy Scouts. Filmed in a Kuwaiti studio, it debuted in 1979—aimed at 26 million preschoolers throughout the Arabic-speaking world. —PHOTO BY BURNETT H. MOODY

SEPTEMBER

Safar – Rabi` I



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Rimsky-Korsakov's <i>Scheherazade</i> premieres in Saint Petersburg 1888														Ottoman Sultan Mustafa III begins reign 1757																																																			



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"Notes on al-Andalus" SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 1976

Capturing the essence of al-Andalus, photographer Tor Eigeland connected with musicians who were visiting the Granada Province Artisan Fair in the 1970s. Granada is located in Andalusia, a region that derives its name from Arabic for Muslim Iberia, al-Andalus. The last Muslim kingdom in Spain, Granada prospered for more than two and a half centuries in the late Middle Ages.

OCTOBER

Rabi` I – Rabi` II



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Tanzimat reforms begin 1839						Tashkent metro begins operation 1977		Poet-theologian Jami born 1414 CE				Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan born 1965	
10 8		11 9		12 10		13 11		14 12		15 13		16 14	
				Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia join the United Nations 1956						Literary giant Taha Hussein born 1889			
17 15		18 16		19 17		20 18		21 19		22 20		23 21	
		Omani Sultan Qaboos bin Said born in Salalah 1940						Lebanese singer Fairuz born 1935					
24 22		25 23		26 24		27 25		28 26		29 27		30 28	
Classical music master Kayhan Kalhor born 1963				Carter and Carnarvon open King Tut's tomb 1922								Egyptian qari Abdulbasit Abdussamed passes away 1988	



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"Cave Artists of Sulawesi" MAY / JUNE 2015

A 39,900-year-old hand stencil-painting in the limestone caves of Indonesia connects modern people to past artists and their art. The findings place Indonesia alongside France and Spain as a site of the earliest known representational art. One wonders not only how and why we began making pictures, but how and why we did so on two continents at the same time. —PHOTO BY MERIDITH KOHUT

NOVEMBER

Rabi` II – Jumada I



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Ithra cultural center opens in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 2018						Carthage film festival, oldest in Africa, opens 1966				Bust of Nefertiti discovered in Amarna, Egypt 1912			
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		US President Jefferson hosts iftar for Tunisian guests 1805		Lawrence of Arabia film released 1962									
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Anthony van Salee and Grietje Reyniers, direct ancestors of Vanderbilts and Whitneys, marry 1629										Morocco becomes first country to recognize US independence 1777			
22	21	23	22	24	23	25	24	26	25	27	26	28	27
		Zaynab (Zenobia), queen of Palmyra, born 245 CE				Christmas						Poet and playwright Erkin Vohidov born 1936	
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Bengali artist Zainul Abedin born 1914				Khedive Isma'il Pasha born in Cairo 1830									



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“Shodo `Arabi” MARCH / APRIL 2010

Fuad Kouichi Honda displays works that won him worldwide recognition. He connects his native Japanese forms and practices of Arabic calligraphy in art he calls *shodo `arabi*, “the way of Arabic writing.” In the 1980s, he led mineral surveys in Saudi Arabia. Upon returning home, he says, “The beauty of the sand dunes and calligraphy combined together in myself.” —PHOTO BY MICHAEL YAMASHITA

DECEMBER

Jumada I – Jumada II

CELEBRATING



OF CONNECTIONS

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