

Famous Arab personalities

Taoufiq Cherkaoui



Tariq Ibn Ziyad was a Muslim Umayyad general who led the conquest of Hispania in 711.

This marked the beginning of 8 centuries of Moorish rule of Spain

‘Gibraltar’ is the Spanish derivation of the Arabic name ‘Jabal Tariq’ meaning ‘mountain of Tariq’



Gamal Abdel Nasser
is seen as one of the
most important political
figures in the Arab World

Egypt nationalised the
Suez Canal and played a
central role in anti-
imperialist efforts in the
Arab World

Many in the general Arab
population still view
Nasser as a symbol of
Arab dignity and
freedom.



Yasser Arafat

Was a Palestinian leader and laureate of the Nobel Prize.

He was the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)

Many Arabs viewed Arafat as a freedom fighter who symbolised their national aspirations

Al Khawarizmi

Was a mathematician, astronomer, astrologer and geographer.

He is considered by many as the father of Algebra.

His contributions made a great impact on mathematics and language as well

He worked most of his life in the House of Wisdom in Baghdad





Ibn al Haytham

Was an Arab scientist who made significant contributions to the principles of physics, anatomy, astronomy, engineering, mathematics, medicine, ophthalmology, philosophy, psychology and science

He was nicknamed '*The physicist*'. He worked in Cairo in Egypt and Basra in Iraq

Ibn Sina

Was an Arab mathematician, psychologist, logician, palaeontologist, poet and scientist.

Ibn Sina made significant contributions to medicine. His most famous works are the Book of Healing, a vast philosophical and scientific encyclopaedia, and the Canon of medicine.



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Avicenna, portrait. Major, 241, 263



Umm Kulthum

Was an Egyptian singer, songwriter and actress.

At a very young she showed exceptional singing talent. She played the Oud (lute)

More than 3 decades after her death she is still regarded as the greatest female singer in Arab music



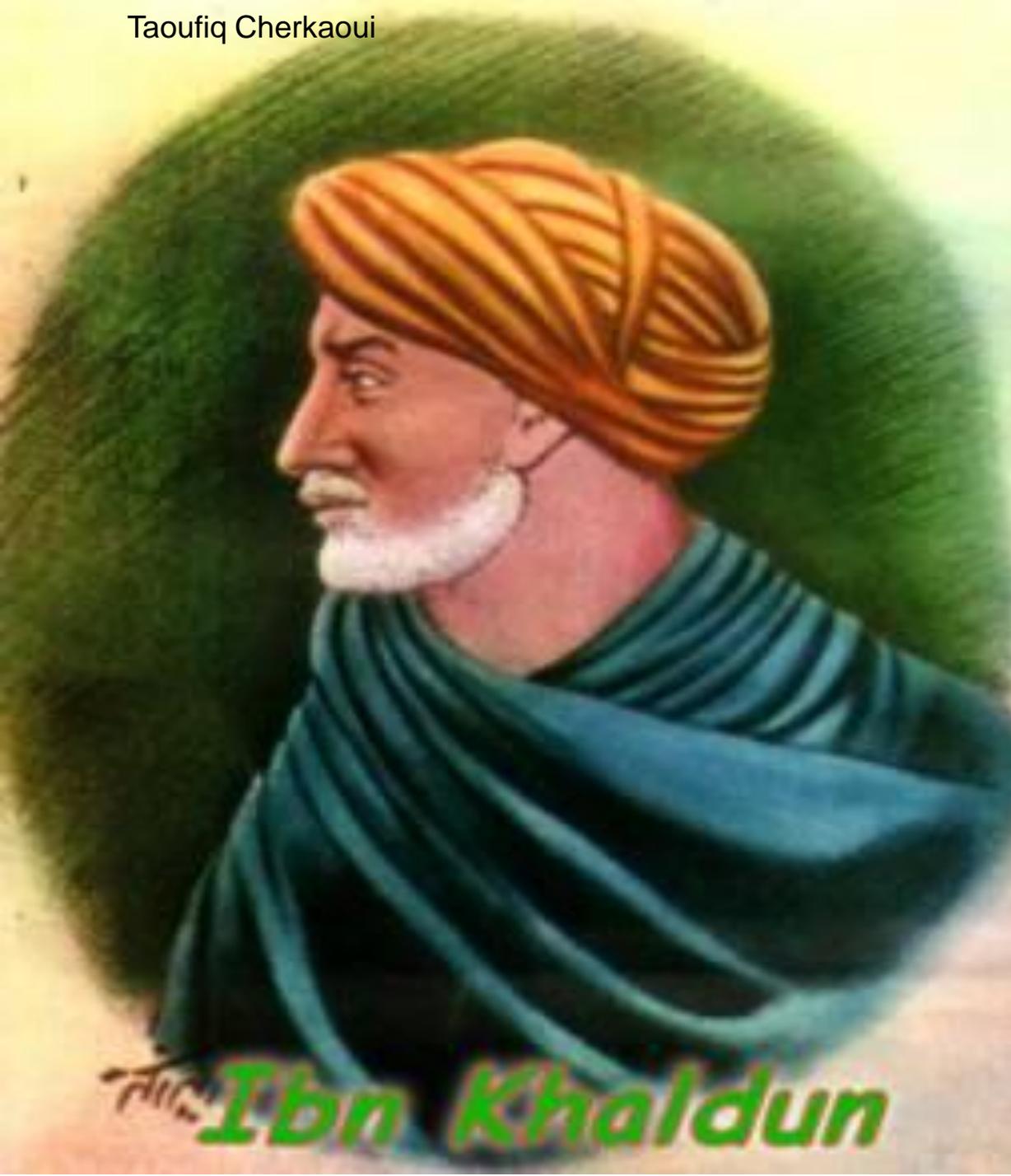
Nouhad Haddad

Famously known as *Fairouz* is a Lebanese singer

She is considered as the most famous living singer in the Arab World

She was born in '*Cedar Mountain*' in Lebanon to a Catholic father and Maronite mother

Fairouz has a repertoire of 1500 songs. She has also been offered prestigious awards and titles over the years



Ibn Khaldoun

was born in North Africa in present day Tunisia.

Ibn Khaldoun was mathematician, astronomer, scholar, jurist, lawyer, theologian, military strategist, nutritionist, philosopher, social scientist and statesman



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Princess Salma

Salma Bennani is the Princess Consort of King Mohammed the 6th; she is originally from Fes in central Morocco

Salma was educated in Rabat where she completed her engineering studies

Salma is involved in campaigns raising awareness for AIDS and women's rights and empowerment



Queen Rania

Rania is the current queen of Jordan

Rania focused her energy at home and abroad on a variety of causes

She campaigns for education for Jordanian children, while abroad she advocates for global education



Omar Mukhtar

Was born in Tobruk in Libya in 1931

In 1912, he organised and, for nearly 20 years, led native resistance to Italian colonisation of Libya

The Italians captured and hanged him in 1931 under the orders of Mussolini

He is seen by many Arabs as the symbol of resistance and freedom



Omar Sharif

Was born Michael
Demitri Shalhoub

Omar Sharif is an
Egyptian actor who
starred in Hollywood
films. Most famously
'Doctor Zhivago' and
'Funny Girls'

He has been
nominated for an
Academy Award and
has won three Golden
Awards



Abdel Halim Hafez

Is the most celebrated and popular singer in the Arab World

Hafez was born in Egypt, he was also an actor and music teacher

He is also widely known as *el-Andaleeb el-Asmar* (The Great Dark Skinned Nightingale)

He is widely regarded as the greatest male musician ever in the Arab world.



Naguib Mahfouz

Was an Egyptian writer who won the 1988 Nobel Prize for Literature

He is regarded as one of the first contemporary writers of Arabic literature

He published over 50 novels and over 350 short stories, dozens of movies and five plays over a 70-year career

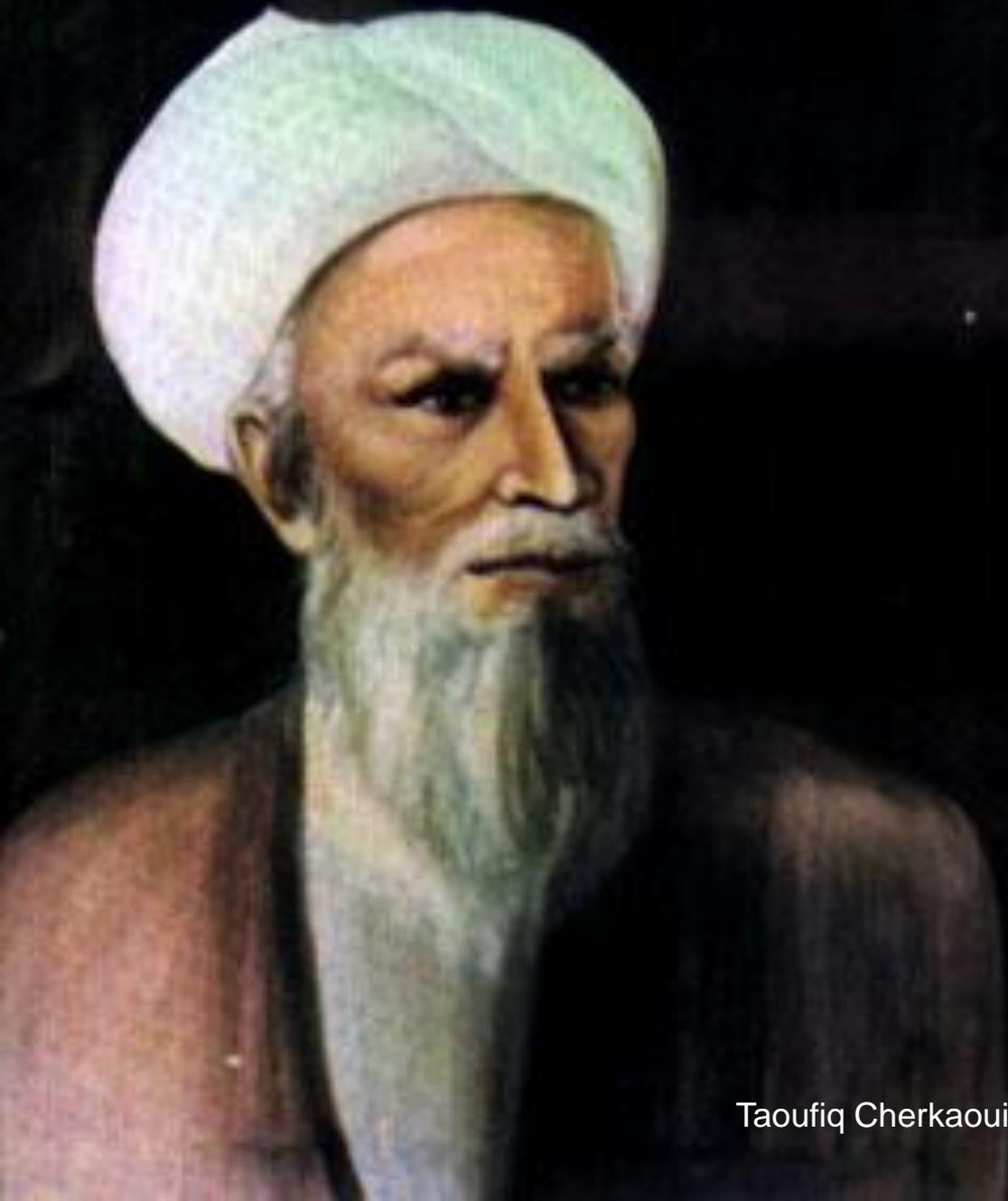
Naguib died in 2006 as a result of a fall



Taha Hussein

Was one of the most influential 20th century Egyptian writers and intellectuals, and a figurehead for the Arab Renaissance and the modernist movement in the Arab World

Dr. Taha Hussein studied in Al-Azhar university and in France. He taught history, Greek and Roman literature in Cairo University



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Al-Razi

Medicine,
Ophthalmology,
Smallpox, Chemistry,
Astronomy.

Al-Razi wrote on Naft (naphta or petroleum) When choosing a site to build Baghdad's hospital, he hung pieces of fresh meat in different parts of the city. The location where the meat took the longest to rot was the one he chose for building the hospital



Abbas Ibn Firnas

Was a Muslim Andalusian polymath. He was born in today's Ronda, Spain. He was of Berber descent

Abbas designed a water clock and made corrective lenses.

He is known for an early attempt at flying. Abbas' glider flight is considered by John Harding to be the first attempt at heavier-than-air flight in aviation history