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LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1954 Born on 23rd August in Orumieh, Iran.
- 1970 Teaches himself photography.
- 1972 Completes secondary school in Tehran.
- 1973/74 School teacher in Kurdistan.
- 1975/78 Studies filmmaking in Rome, Italy.
- 1978/79 Returns to Iran and covers the political developments and revolution. Starts working with **Agence France Presse** and several Iranian publications, including **Iranweek** and **Aftab**.
- 1979/85 Correspondent for **Sipa Press** and **Black Star** in Iran.
- 1980/83 On assignment for **Newsweek** in Iran, hostage story.
- 1983/85 Correspondent for **Time**, **Life Magazine** in Iran.
- 1985 Correspondent for **Keystone Agency**, based in Paris.
- 1986/87 Correspondent for **Sipa Press** in Los Angeles, USA.
- 1987/90 Director of the **Agence France Presse** Photo Department for Central America, based in Costa Rica.
- 1990/95 Correspondent of **Agence France Presse** for Northern Africa and the Middle-East, based in Cairo.
- 1995/96 Director of the **Agence France Presse** Photo Department for the Middle East, based in Jerusalem.
- Sept. 1996 Severely wounded whilst covering a confrontation between Israelis and Palestinians in Ramallah, West Bank. Spent the next 18 months rehabilitating in the military hospital *Hôpital des Invalides* in Paris, where he produced a widely publicized photo essay about war veterans.
- 1998/01 Photographer for **Agence France Presse**, based in Paris covering national/international news and stories.
- Feb. 2000 Wounded whilst covering the visit of French Premier, Lionel Jospin, in Ramallah.
- 2002 Leaves **AFP**, joins **Webistan** Photo Agency.



2002-03 Founder and director of **AINA Photojournalism Institute**, Kabul.
 Different assignments in Afghanistan.
United Nations international monitor for the 2002 Loya Jirga elections.
 Assignment for **National Geographic** in Syria.
 Teacher at **World Press Photo** Master Class in Amsterdam.

2004 Assignment for **National Geographic** in Turkey.

LEADING STORIES

1978 **Iran** - The Iranian Revolution.

1979/1983 **Iran** - The Iranian Kurdistan people's war for autonomy; Magazine story: The Qashqai Nomads.

1980/85 **Iran** - Iran/Iraq war.

1981 **Iran** - The American hostages.

1981 **Iran** - Uprisings in the provinces (Azerbaijan, Balouchistan).

1982 **Lebanon** - The military training camp of the Hezbollah party in the Bekaa Valley.

1984 **Iran** - Magazine story: children and war.

1986 **Ireland** - Conflicts.

1986/1987 **USA** - The homeless in Los Angeles; Street children and gangs; Celebrities in Hollywood.

1987/90 **Panama** - US invasion.
El Salvador - Civil war (FMLN guerilla and the army).
Nicaragua - Civil war (Sandinistas and Contras).
Guatemala - Civil war.
Honduras - Contras.
Costa Rica - Regional Peace Process.

1991/92 **Kuwait and Iraq** - Gulf war and reconstruction of Kuwait.



1991/95 **Bosnia** - Besiege of Sarajevo.
Sudan - New Islamic regime and daily life.
Somalia - American troops; famine.
Libya - Daily life and Colonel Ghaddafi.
Egypt - Daily life; The Copts; Islam and Fundamentalism.

1995/96 **Israel and Palestine** - Daily life;
Peace Process; The return of Arafat;
Daily conflicts.

1996/98 **France** - War veterans at *Hôpital des Invalides*, Paris.

1999/2001 **Algeria** - Presidential Elections.
Morocco - Funeral of King Hassan II.
Turkey - Earthquakes.
Nicaragua - Street children in Managua.
France - Eiffel Tower; Millennium Night.
Saudi-Arabia - Ramadan in Mecca for *Paris Match*.
Nicaragua - Cameraman on the documentary *CASITA*.
Middle East - Worked on the documentary *SHOOTERS*.

2002-04 **Afghanistan** - Assignments: German *GEO*, *VSD*, *Paris Match*, *Figaro*, *Marie-Claire*, *UNAMA*, *WFP*, *UNESCO*, *European Commission*.
National Geographic assignments in **Syria**, **Turkey** and **France**.



AWARDS

1980 **American Deadline Press Club**, Special Achievement Prize.

1983 **World Press Photo**, 1st Prize.

1986 **World Press Photo**, 3rd Prize.

1996 11th International Festival of SCOOP and Journalism in **Angers**, 1st Prize.

2001 **Georges Benderheim Prize**, Paris
Fuji Prize, 1st Prize in France.

2004 **Howard Chapnick Award for Advancement of Photojournalism**, New York.

AFP Best Picture of the month: March 1991/August 1992/July 1994/October 1995/March 1996/February 2000.

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 1983 **Amsterdam World Press Photo.**
- 1983 **Arles** International Photography Meeting: *Iran.*
- 1984 Paris **FNAC**, Exhibition traveling in France: *The Iran/Iraq war.*
- 1985 Paris **Espace Canon**: *Iran.*
- 1986 **Amsterdam World Press Photo.**
- 1987 New York **ICP**: *Iran.*
- 1988 Greece 50 European photographers.
- 1988 **Paris Centre Georges Pompidou**: Photojournalism.
- 1994 **Cuba** 5th Biennial event of La Havana.
- 1995 **Perpignan** Festival of Photojournalism: Sudan.
- 1996 **Angers** 11th SCOOP Festival: *Unrest in Ramallah.*
- 1997 **Perpignan** Festival of Photojournalism: *Les Invalides.*
- 2000 **Perpignan** Festival of Photojournalism: *Casita*
- 2001 **Espace Electra**, *Regards persans*, Paris.
- 2002 **Perpignan** Festival of Photojournalism: *Afghanistan*
- 2004 **Perpignan** Festival of Photojournalism: *Creation of AINA Photo Institute in Kabul*



MAIN PHOTO PUBLICATIONS

USA	Washington Post	New York Times Magazine
	Time Magazine	Life
	Newsweek	Los Angeles Time
	Herald Tribune	Miami Herald
	National Geographic	
France	Libération	Paris-Match
	Figaro	L'Express
	Actuel	National Geographic France
	Marie-Claire	VSD
UK	The Independant Times	The Guardian
Italy	Corriere della Sera	Airone
	La Reppublica	
Germany	Stern	Der Spiegel
	Geo	Frankfurter Allgemeine
Spain	El País	El Mundo

BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLES

1985	American Photographer , USA.
1985	Libération , 14th February, Paris.
1986	Photo Magazine ; Paris
1987	La Nacion , Costa Rica.
1989	Photo , June, Paris.
1996	Photo , September, Paris.
2000	Photo District News (PDN), New York.
2000	Réponse photo , Paris

PARTICIPATION IN TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMS

Manoocher contributes on a regular basis to Persian programs on the BBC and on French Radio France Internationale and Voice of America.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AND WRITTEN

English, French, Italian, Spanish, Persian, Arabic, Turkish, Azeri, Dari.

Holds both French and Iranian passport.

