

An utterance from every corner

And Isma'il Pour Vali announce the merger of two foundations (Kharrazi-Jackson) Jackie Jackson Michael Jackson's brother and Janet Jackson make an effort for joining East and West



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It has been many years that I have an acquaintance with this lady of letters, a true human being and a sincere lover of Iran and Iranians. Some twenty odd years ago I sent a copy of the magazine

"*Roozgar-e Nou*" who belonged to the blessed memory Pour Vali, to read; not because of an article that I had written in it, but I wanted her to read the head-article that was written by Pour Vali. A few days later she rang me and praised Pour Vali and his article. I emphasised that it would be better if she said those words to Pour Vali himself rather than saying them to me, for he would be encouraged and pleased. She accepted my suggestion and asked me to phone him to find out when he is free so she could fly to Paris to see him.

Consequently, I picked the phone up and rang Isma'il; telling him about the commandment of this prominent lady, he started laughing out loud and said: "We did not die and yet, found an admirer". We invited him to attend a party in three days time, and with a lot of persuasion he finally accepted. In the afternoon this lady asked me to invite Pour Vali and his guests to the *Maxim's de Paris* restaurant; I said to her, have you any idea about the prices on the menu? She said: Yes I have, it is about fifty years now that Pour Vali is

serving the Iranian writings and the media; how do you expect me to invite him to an ordinary restaurant.

Her knowledge of the media and the press was evidence of her love and admiration for her country and her literacy about the subject. Anyway, that night in the *Maxim's* restaurant a service fit for the kings was provided for Pour Vali.

All these, was not an act; because, her guest was a humble journalist and a writer who had nothing to offer her in return. It was all a gesture of good will as a tribute to all his services and such gesture made Pour Vali proud in front of his wife; I could see the sparkle of tears in his eyes. Many years had passed and he wrote nothing about that night in his magazine, for it was a private occasion.

I have always known this good lady for her humanitarian aids and efforts to promote the Iranian artists who are in need of help and sponsorship. In my last visit to London, a journalist friend of mine said to me that this lady is now called Lady Smyth, and I realised there and then that she must have had extensive activities in humanitarian fields to be able to achieve such a title and that her efforts must be to an international scale. Subsequently, I made some research; finding that the JK foundation has taken many steps to help others and that one of those important steps are the joint efforts of the Kharrazi foundation with that of Jacksons'.

In a telephone conversation with the elder brother of Michael Jackson and I, he said: I know very well that there are many great

talents hidden in the east that are not yet revealed to the west; the Americans in particular. He added that with the help of JK foundation we aim to promote and introduce those talents, unleashing their potentials.

J. Jackson further added that what we see in the world media today is nothing but war and aggressions, but I very well know that apart from those scenes there are more beautiful things to be discovered and I intend to introduce them to the Americans. So that the picture comes closer to the reality; the charity foundation of the Jacksons' family is called "**Tomorrow starts today**".

Ms. Kharrazi, who pursues cultural and art activities for almost 22 years, has also founded an orphanage in Karachi where 200 orphans are being looked after; while all the necessary facilities are made available to them. Ms. Kharrazi has also been involved in humanitarian causes such as founding a free school; the house of arts and culture, arranging programmes for celebration of Iranian artists in Europe, the school she founded had initially 90 students with various ages.

JK Charity Foundation helps some post graduate students every year to continue their educations at the Harvard and J. F. K University. At present, a considerable number of these students are continuing their educations at the above mentioned schools.

These have been some examples of the charity activities of the JK foundation.