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FAMOUS EGYPTIAN ACTOR NOOR EL-SHERIF DIED IN CAIRO AGE 69

AFTER BATTLING LONG ILLNESS

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USPA NEWS - The Egyptian actor Noor EL-SHERIF died Tuesday in Cairo, EGYPT, after battling longterm illness. He was sixty-nine. Born in Cairo's El-Sayed Zainab neighborhood, in 1946, as Mohammed Jaber Mohammed Abdullah El SHERIF...

El-SHERIF's big break was in the late 1960s when he played a supporting role in "The Palace of Desire", the screen adaptation of one of the novels in a trilogy by Egyptian Nobel Prize laureate Naguib MAHFOUZ. He went on to become one of the Arab world's top male actors for much of the 1970s and 1980s. He never left the circle of fame even in his last days. He was told to be a cultivated man who loved reading books. He only spoke about his failing health in 2014, during an interview with the Cairo-based channel CBC. He was among the most agreeable actors to work with, according to friends and colleagues. He went to United States and Germany for treatment before returning to Cairo.

He was one of Egypt's most prominent actors, with an impressive list of Cinema, Television and Theater production. He contributed in two hundred films, seventeen plays and more than twenty Television series. His career spans across four decades. He was a favorite of Egyptian Director Youcef SHAHINE playing major roles in his films.

The list of his film includes:

- "My wife and the dog" 1971
- "The temple" 1975
- "The bus driver" 1982
- "Disgrace" 1982
- "Destiny" 1997 (played the twelfth Century Islamic Philosopher Averroes)
- "Nagui Al-Ali (movie based on the life of the important Palestinian Cartoonist)
- "The Yacoubain building " 2006
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His work on TV includes:

- Ramadan series "Lan a'eesh fi gilbab aby" 1996
- Series "A'elat El-Hagg Metwali" 2001
- "El Daly" 2007-2011
- "Al Ragol Al-Akhar"

He also later directed Operet "Kefah Teiba" (The struggle of Thebes)

In 2001, he directed his first film "The lovers".

In 2007, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Egyptian Writers and Critics Association, at the Alexandria International Film Festival.

In 2014, he won a Lifetime achievement Award, at Dubai International Film Festival, which honors the world's greatest film industry actors, writers, directors and producers.

Previous Egyptian recipients of this Award include Egyptian celebrities such as Omar SHARIF, Faten HAMAMAH, Adel IMAM, Jameel RATEB, SABAH, Daoud Abdel SAYED, Youcef CHAHINE, Mahmoud Abdel AZIZ.

Very early, he understood the rules of the artistic life in Egypt and became distinguishable by his flexibility and ability to adapt on set, which allowed him to become a unique actor.

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