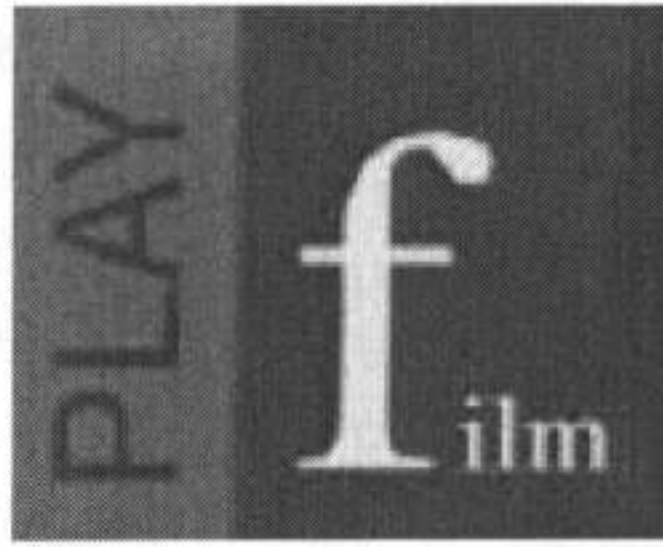


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In 1973, I was 11 years old. I was studying for the entrance examination to the French Afghan Secondary School at Estiglal.

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During that same year, Daoud was putting an end to the monarchy. The King, who was his cousin and brother-in-law. My father, a monarchist, was put in jail. I,ve never understood his affection for the King, nor why he used to repeat all the time that the state coup would remove the first „a% from Afghanistan. Afghanistan means „the land of Afghan%. Without the „a%, it becomes „fghanistan%, which means „the land of complaints and screams%! All the events that have occurred since tend to confirm his prophecy...

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