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## **GOLDEN PALM AT CANNES IRANIAN DIRECTOR ABBAS KARIOTAMI DIED AT 76**

**FOR FILM TASTE OF CHERRY IN 1997**

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**USPA NEWS** - Acclaimed Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami, whose 1997 film "Taste of Cherry" won the Palme d'Or, died Monday at the age of 76, Iran's official news agency reported. He was undoubtedly the Master of Iranian cinema, who was fighting against the odds for delivering a unique cinema.

Acclaimed Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami, whose 1997 film "Taste of Cherry" won the Palme d'Or, died Monday at the age of 76, Iran's official news agency reported. IRNA says Kiarostami died in Paris, where he had gone for cancer treatment last week after undergoing surgery in Iran earlier this year.-----

He wrote and directed dozens of films over a career spanning more than 40 years. "Taste of Cherry," which told the story of an Iranian man looking for someone to bury him after he commits suicide, won the top award at the Cannes Film Festival. Kiarostami also wrote and directed "Certified Copy," a 2010 film starring Juliette Binoche.-----

Abbas Kiarostami was the undisputed master of Iranian cinema in accomplishing a work of exceptional power in a country where censorship should have the muzzle. These constraints, Iranian filmmaker was able to make the breeding ground of a rough work, stunning poetry and always engaged with the reality of his countrymen. Man images, Abbas Kiarostami was also a very talented photographer. He was survived by two sons, Ahmad and Bahman Kiarostami, who works in multimedia and documentary film. With AP.

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