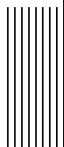
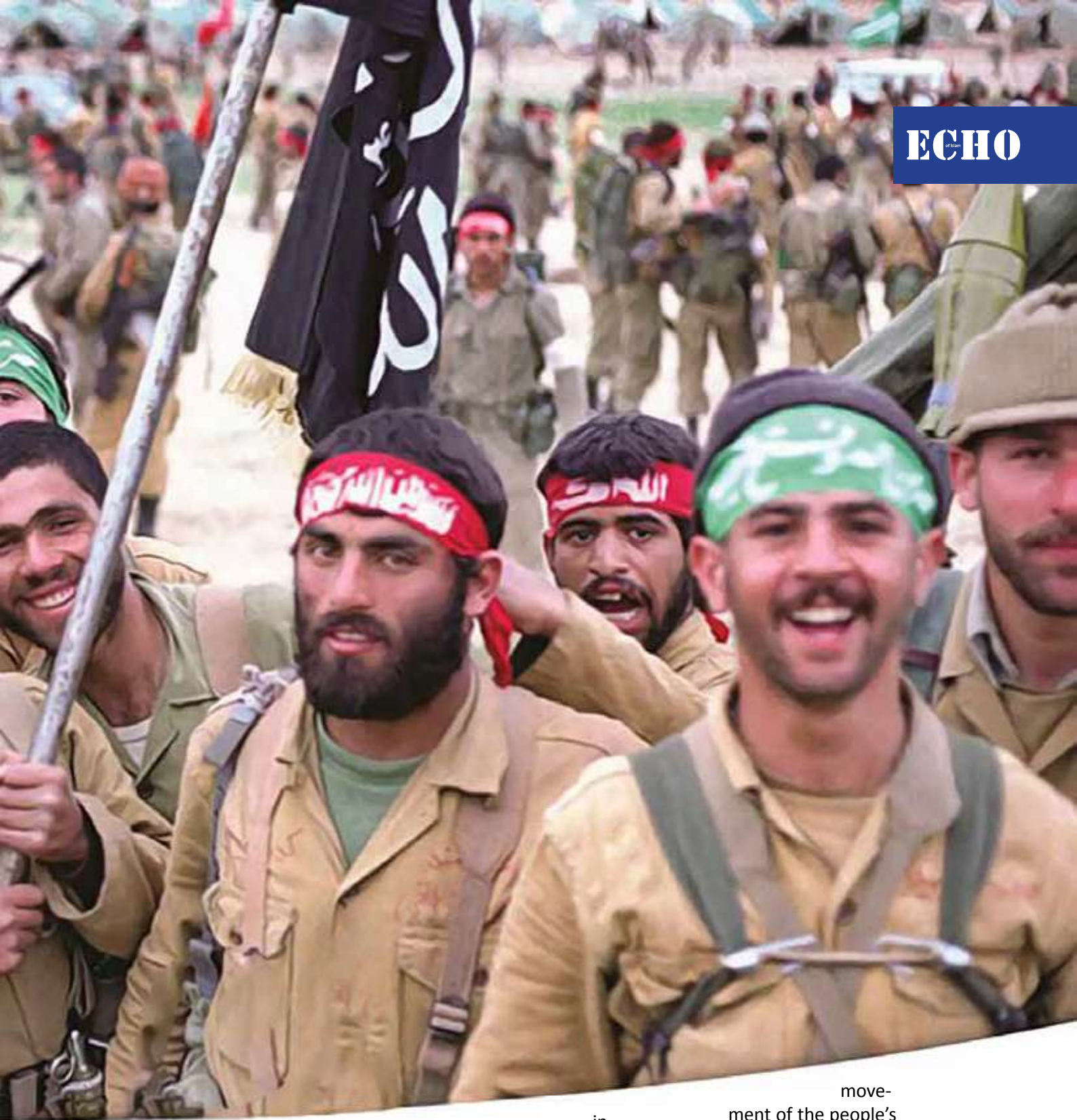




Tangible Blessings and Achievements of the Sacred Defense

(Against the War Imposed by Saddam
Hussein's Ba'athist Regime)





1- Flourishment of Talent and Creativity

Among the developments that took place during the eight-year war was the emergence of creativity, innovation, and innovative actions that took place in various dimensions. From the ingenious

initiatives of the late leader of the Islamic Revolution in strategic issues and decisions of the war to the initiatives and innovations of the Basij force. To the extent that even the influence of the liberals and their constant Obstruction remained ineffective. As for the conscious

movement of the people's forces in the war, we remember that this was opposed by the liberals and the ousted Bani Sadr faction. They believed that the war should be left to the army alone, but Imam Khomeini, because of his deep awareness of the enemy's fundamental goals of overthrowing the regime

and the revolution, saw a way out of this conspiracy. The nation was united in the war-like the victorious uprising against the oppressive imperial regime, and this strategy, of course, had a profound and dramatic effect on the victories of the Right Front, thus paving the way for creativity and initiative by official institutions. Numerous innovations in the provision of military equipment and logistics - such as the construction of Khyber and Arvand River bridges - played a special role in the success of operations.

2- The Birth of the Basiji Way of Thinking

The Basiji thinking, which was the ideology of the Sacred Defense, became concrete in the school of the love for Imam Khomeini (ra) and the educated people of this school created the most beautiful epics in history. And today, the sanctity and purity of the Basij are due to the self-sacrifice and martyrdom of the Basijis during the Sacred Defense. Which should never be used for political purposes.

3- Transformation in the Country's Defense Industry

One of the most important blessings and benefits of the war was that the committed youth, with creativity and initiative and considering the severe needs, undertook extensive activities to meet the daily needs of society, especially the imposed war. And it was precisely these initiatives and innovations that made the beautiful slogan

of the Iranian need to be met by the Iranians turn from an ideal state into a reality, and the first sparks of hope in the hearts of the youth of this region that "can be self-reliant and "It had an independent country." If we look at the arms relations of third world countries, especially the Arab countries in the Persian Gulf, we can clearly see that this is true. All these countries have been forced to hand over several of their military bases to arms-selling countries by purchasing weapons.

4- Purification of the Administrative System of the Country

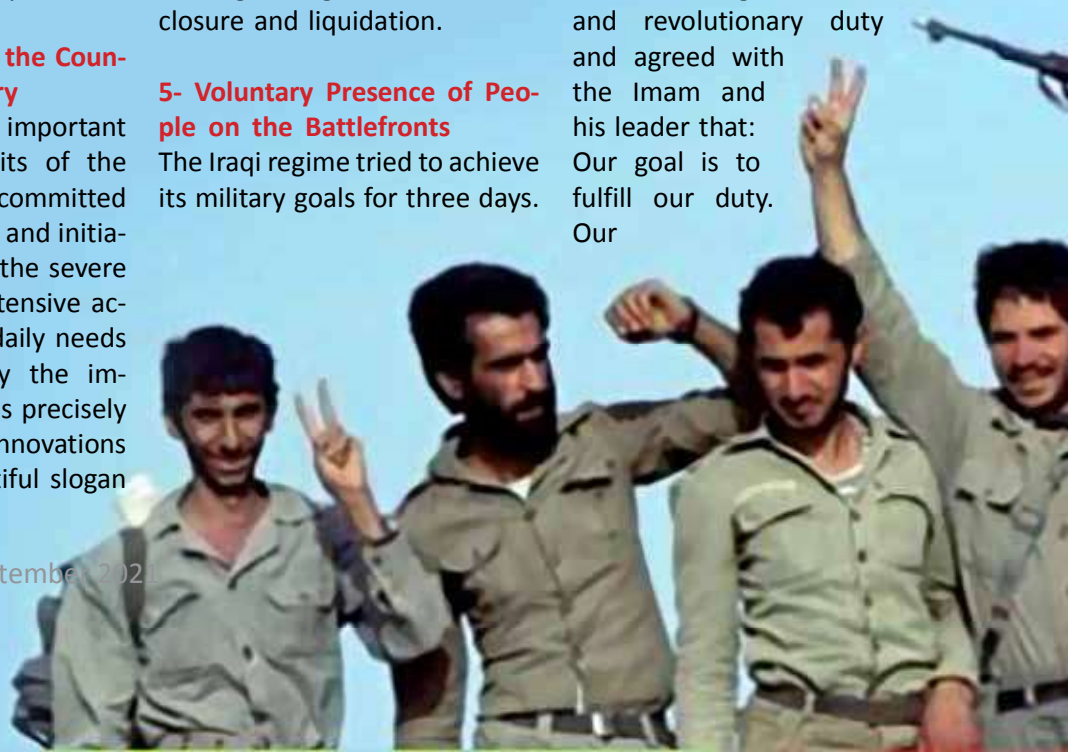
One of the blessings and bliss of the war was the cultivation and refinement of the counter-revolutionary forces, especially the fifth pillar, of the country's administrative system. In this way, because the foreign war and the actions of the fifth pillar of the civil war were going on at the same time, the agents affiliated with the foreign enemy, whether they wanted to or not, took actions that, although causing damage, led to their disclosure and liquidation.

5- Voluntary Presence of People on the Battlefronts

The Iraqi regime tried to achieve its military goals for three days.

Saddam had promised to speak in Ahwaz three days after the attack began. Evidence from the first few days of the war also suggested that this prediction could occur. But first of all, the brave people of Khuzestan and other border provinces prevented this from happening. The people of Khuzestan, who had been propagandized by Saddam for months to turn them against the Islamic Republic in their raw imagination, stood up bravely and fought. Then, popular forces from all over the country, on the orders of the Imam, were present on the fronts and prevented the aggression and expansionism of the Ba'ath party leaders. The operations of Tariq al-Quds, Fatah al-Mobin, Beitolmoghaddas, Ramadan, and... were battles in which the popular nature of the war was revealed. In this regard, regardless of statistics, the motivations for the widespread presence of people on the front are:

A- Sense of Duty to Defend
Our people and warriors considered participating in the war as a religious, national, and revolutionary duty and agreed with the Imam and his leader that:
Our goal is to fulfill our duty.
Our



task is to protect Islam. If we are killed or kill the enemy, we have done our duty ... and this strong religious motivation was a force that draws people to the arena of war with enemies.

B: Defending the existence of Islam and the Islamic Revolution and preserving the territorial integrity of the country

So far, every war in our

country has led to the disintegration of a part of our country, but this time in the imposed war of Iraq against Iran, our people with their high historical vision, prevented the disintegration of Iran and preserved its territorial integrity.

6- Presence of Nomadic People's Forces

Nomads were one of the most important sections of the people on the battlefields against falsehood. The nomadic mobilization of the Iranian tribes in the battle scenes continued with full force. Seventy-year-old no-

madic snipers in the south and west of the country, who were sitting behind the hot trenches of the plains and mountains, put a red blank on the foreheads of the Ba'athist mercenaries without a single mistake. They had the spirit of freedom-seeking and anti-arrogance and self-sacrifice in the way of God. Therefore, Imam Khomeini (ra) said about nomads: "Nomads are the reserves of the revolution."

7- Political Experiences

One of the blessings of Sacred Defense is gaining political experience in domestic and foreign fields. During the war, we deeply realized that we are alone in the world. Among our political experiences were the need to organize, activate the foreign policy, and activate struggle against domestic counter-revolution combined with the widespread struggle against foreign aggression.

8- Economic Experiences

One of the blessings of Sacred Defense was cognition and spirituality in the field of public necessities. Relying on the spirituality of the revolution, the management of the Islamic Revolution could have provided a





favorable ground for fundamental movements in the various dimensions it needed. For example, one of the traditions of the Iranian people was the tradition of storage due to the frequent invasions of foreigners and the creation of famines at certain historical stages. This tradition could have dealt a severe blow to the country's economy in times of war, as an artificial famine occurred with the influx of people and the widespread purchase of essential goods. But the spirituality of the people, as one of the most fundamental features of our revolution, prevented the economy from being vulnerable, especially during the war.

9- Military Experiences

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10- Impact on the Scientific and Research Attitude in Universities

The development in the field of defense industry has created the belief in the academic and scientific-research centers that where there's a will, there's a way. Also, confronting the dependence on foreign powers in new technologies and knowing the process of technological growth by local experts and elites, marked the scientific independence of universities. And everyone knows that this independence was due to the culture of self-confidence that manifested in the minds of our army force during the time of the Sacred Defense. It is far from



fair if we do not consider the achievement of knowledge of stem cells and nuclear science by Iranian scholars and thinkers to be influenced by the culture of self-confidence and creativity of the era of Sacred Defense; As the Supreme Leader of the Revolution has repeatedly pointed out this fact.

11. Development of the Organization of Army and The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps

The Islamic society should not oppress anyone nor be oppressed by anyone and should have enough power to defend itself. As this verse of the Sacred Quran refers to this matter; “prepare against them whatever you can of [military] power and war-horses, awing thereby the enemy of Allah, and your enemy” (Anfaal, 60).

The military forces of Islam must ultimately be powerful and sufficiently equipped for their sacred battle. (After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, in addition to spiritual changes in all aspects), a new

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factor appeared in the army, and that was the conviction and the creed which was seen both within the army forces and in the faithful, sincere and young forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The Revolutionary Guards, a corps that arose from the context of the revolution as an essential requirement, did not initially have sufficient combat experience. Of course, the army, which had classical experience, in practice, did not have enough power to battle against the Ba’athist regime in Iraq. With the beginning of the imposed war, the IRGC and the army were able to go through their developmental stages, and undoubtedly, the cooperation between the IRGC and the army played a very important role in their victories.

12- Trenchless Trench Builders

From the highest point of the Iran-Iraq border in West Azerbaijan to the southernmost point of the battlefields, constructive (Sazandegi) Jihad forces were actively present everywhere. Wherever a combatant was advancing and fighting, the engineering unit was there. The capabilities of the truthful Jihad Sazandegi forces in various fields astonished the malicious enemy. The speed of action in creating huge embankments and strongholds under the enemy's fierce attacks, as well as the construction of roads and bridges - especially the Besat Bridge - is one of the unforgettable honors of the constructive Jihad during the Sacred Defense.

13- Active Participation of Women, Strengthening the Foundation of Families

One of the honors during the time of Sacred Defense was the enthusiastic presence of women in all arenas, especially in supporting and providing relief to the front. Our dedicated women not only provided the manpower needed on the fronts by parenting and raising brave fighters but also took on an additional role by actively participating in support affairs. One of the blessings of the war was to strengthen the sacred foundation of the family and the emotional relations of its members, so much so that even if the father of the fam-

ily was martyred, the spiritual presence of the mother would strengthen the foundation and ensure the safety of the family.

14- Distinguishing Friends from Enemies

During the Sacred Defense, those who strived and fought were separated from those who sat (at home). As stated by the late Imam Khomeini (ra): Only the poor and those who have experienced the pain of poverty have been with us until the end of the road. He also said in this regard: "We have known our friends and enemies in war." The enemy soldiers caught our army napping and we were attacked unawares and there was no readiness to defend at the beginning of the enemy's widespread aggression. The greatest lesson we have learned from the Sacred Defense is that we must always be at the height of preemptive defense readiness. In our de-

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fense strategy, aggression has no place, but our policy is prevention, and in this policy, the balance of power is the main condition, and the defense preventive strategy is realized if this important condition is taken into account.

15- Reviving the Role of Mosques in the Sacred Defense

Since the advent of Islam, mosques and imams have played a very pivotal role in spreading Islamic teachings and culture and strengthening the Islamic government. During the victory of the Islamic Revolution and eight years of Sacred Defense, we witnessed the tremendous impact of mosques in introducing the Islamic Revolution and organizing forces, especially the mobilization of the people during the Sacred Defense and the dissemination and promotion of the culture of sacrificing and martyrdom the most important of which are:

The mosque is the first base of the Islamic government, and the axis of unity, the mosque is the only safe media, mosque and clergy, training of militant forces, formation of popular mobilization, a base for propagating the Islamic Revolution and Sacred Defense, collecting public donations, promoting the culture of self-sacrifice and martyrdom, spreading the values of the Sacred Defense and...

International and Regional Achievements of the Sacred Defense

- 1- Establishing the authority of the Islamic Republic
- 2- Guaranteeing the independ-

- ence of the country
- 3- Birth of a new defense strategy
 - 4- Creating a pattern of struggle against the great powers
 - 5- Proving the oppression against Iran in the world
 - 6- The growth of political relations and diplomacy with countries
 - 7- Belief in Iran's role in providing security in the region
 - 8- Proving the effectiveness of Islam
 - 9- The failure of Israel's timed goals in the Middle East
 10. The failure of the US policy of bilateral containment
 - 11- Evaluating the performance of international and regional organizations
 - 12- Introducing more about the Islamic Revolution in the world
 - 13- The defeat of the expansionist plans of the enemies of the Islamic Revolution
 - 14- A test for Human rights
 - 15- Awakening of the Islamic world

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