

## In the Name of God

the compassionate, the merciful

*As far as the soldiers are concerned, they are by the commands of Allah a fortress and stronghold to guard and defend the subjects and the State. They are the ornaments of the ruler and the country. They provide power and protection to the religion. They propagate and preserve peace among mankind. In fact, they are the real guardians of peace and through them good internal administration can be maintained.*

*Letter 53, Nahj ul Balagha*

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## Introduction

Martyrdom is the height of man in the sky of refinement and exaltation of human talents; On the one hand, the perfection of discontinuity from trade and commerce is related to the essence of oneness, and on the other hand, spending one's life in the path of the proud life of the revolution and purification in the path of rational human life and the beauty of martyrdom is in its comprehensiveness.

The martyrs are "Akis al-Nas" in the sense that they did not sell their lives except at the price of Ferdows, and did not give a chance to "Zaman", which is the dominant destructive ruler, and rose up against it. The publication of books about the lives of the martyrs is an identity document and signs that should not be lost. The martyrs of the army interpreted with their blood the

inherent identity and the main function of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They showed that the army is always on the scene and in the forefront in defending the religious and national values of this border and region, and its forces are active, aware and committed to the covenant they made with their God and to the end against aggression and aggression. Aliens defend this land and water and create epics with their own blood.

What is certain is that what we saw and what happened to us during the time of the Holy Defence should be considered as unique and prominent pieces of the history of the past and the promised promise of the future; In fact, the miracle of the exceptional success of this generation has been that God's will is that their short life is the embodiment of the peak of humanity in the past and the future.

The mysterious past of Ashura and Karbala and the promised future of reappearance, in this unique piece of history, created a huge exhibition of the

truth of creation and the essence of worship, whose spectators hugged the knee of silence for thousands of years and wiped their faces. They will be the charmers and seekers.

At no point in the history of several thousand years of Iran has Iranian national, patriotic and religious values been crystallized as much as during the period of holy defence. The values of sacred defence, in addition to having a certain variety and subtlety, also have a special stability and stability, and this is due to the unique features of the era of sacred defence.

The existing human being is a forgetfulness that if he does not review what he had in the past history, he will forget it, and the more he studies the past records, the more those issues will be repeated and fixed in his mind. In the case of the sacred defence, there are also circumstances that if we distance ourselves from it and do not write or read about it, it will be gradually forgotten.

Eight years of holy defence was the

season of maturity and prosperity of a generation that would not have achieved this flourishing and fertility without breathing and attending this event.

In today's world of the technology boom and in times when geographical borders gradually lose their meaning within the new structure of knowledge and fundamental transformation in human life and every country's national authority manifests in its cultural aspect, it demands a realistic and strategic approach to guard cultural values. As such, the poisonous global union of greed, power, and hypocrisy will attack all calls and flags of freedom throughout the world.

In the meantime, it is the duty of all who think about justice and freedom and believe in the great ideals of prophets to defend the culture of resistance and piety, whatever it

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years after the end of the Iran-Iraq war, a large number of memories, experiences, sayings, and quotes about what happened during these 8 years to the men and women of this land have been presented in written and non-written forms in books, on the stages and screens. Now many years after what happened, there is a better chance to re-narrate the experiences, achievements, sufferings, and problems during that time and afterward which the people of this land went through in one way or another for the present generation.

The following collection tends to re-narrate a part of those words; with no intention for exaggeration, overstatement, or unfair description. This collection has been written in the form of short stories and each book has been written by experienced writers about a specific subject. I sincerely



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