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Preface

The Eight-Year Holy War was not only eight years of sacrifice and holy defense against the aliens' aggression to our Islamic country, but eight years of lessons for Iran and Iranians; a historical lesson that opens the path for the current and future generations; a lesson that the culture and art activists should seriously endeavor to excavate from the heart of history and make the people familiarized with it. We shall not let the time burry the pages of the history of war and shall not let its truths, knowledge and values be forgotten.

Eight years of imposed war is the proof for the verse 66 of chapter Al-Anfal where it reads "Now Allah has lightened your burden (After Badr war), for He knows that there is weakness in you. So, if there are a hundred steadfast among you, they will overcome two hundred. And if there be one thousand, they will overcome two thousand, by Allah's Will. And Allah is with the steadfast."

God grants such victories and successes to those who have purely arrayed themselves with humanitarian supreme values; while being totally needless to people's appreciation and exaltation.

These steadfast faithful men in the Army uniform in the battlefield of the eight-year Holy War and afterwards, has mingled with traits and characteristics which may be introduced as a model to the society forever in history so that today's generation avoid forgetting its roots and know what a zealous and inexhaustible men and women they have survived from and who have protected this land and water in hardest conditions by the power of faith and willpower and those who have left them as a memorandum.

Imam Khomeini said: I request all the authors of war events and anyone capable of such duty to record this era in details and leave this treasure for future generations.

The Commander in-chief (Supreme leader) said in this regard: I want to say that this war is a treasure. But are we able to use this treasure? That eight-year war must feed our history.

At the twenty third death annual of the Great Founder of the Revolution, the Supreme Leader stated eight plagues in ambush for the Islamic Republic of Iran's

authorities and he insisted on them to be impeded: "Cessation, narcissism, pride, ignorance, royalicism, self-centeredness, accumulating the worldly ornaments, attempt for popularity" which truly impede people from capturing the climaxes."

As for confirmation of advice of the scholar leader of Islamic revolution, the ground force of Islamic Republic of Iran has decided to produce valuable works endeavored by the scholars and authors through introducing the models who have enormously provided good and beneficent works in this ancient country's contemporary history through impeding those traits as "royalticism, self-centeredness, wealth accumulating, ostentatiousness, cessation in progression, narcissism, patronage, looking for pleasures, pride, regression, fear, opportunism, ingratitude, ..." so as to play a central role in obedience to the popular commands of the Supreme Leader while promoting the Iranian-Islamic lifestyle.

Being supported by the faith power and self-correction and also the supernatural assistance, the warriors of Iran have created epopees and have saved the motherland from the claws of the devil within those eight years and have proved that they are alien to the said traits and

characteristics.

We gratitude and thank the constant endeavors of the Soureh Sabz Art and Culture Institute and publication, the elected and top publisher of Iranian Literature and Culture, which has put lots of effort in recording the truth and knowledge of the holy defense era on maximum abilities, and has played an axial and quasi-Zaynab role in introducing and promoting the honorable holy defense era's Martyrs' lifestyle and immanent figures and demonstrating the status of Army's commanders, warriors and protagonists.

Brigadier General Dr. Kyumars Heydari
The Commander of Islamic Republic
of Iran Army Ground Force

Publisher's Foreword

Thirty-four years is not a long time to forget! What happened to us within a few decades that values that once were the pillars of this boundary, have lost their favors and attraction? Where happened the ignorance that today's generation has started to grow somewhere else and somehow differently as if it has never had an origin with no roots like a stormed branch of a tree?

The enemy's artillery and mortar bullet impacts still remain on Khorramshahr's body. Sometimes you can hear the reflection of an old woman moaning in Kurdistan high mountains in the West Iran; an old woman hunched in grief for losing her young offspring in the imposed war; as if these high mountains are still bowing to those mourning fathers and mothers surviving those difficult eras and sometimes dark clouds rain to accompany their moaning and crying, but this is a great pity; because today's generation lives in

ignorance and unawareness and in a sea of believes and disbelieves.

This is not due to today's negligence! This is not easy for the generation stuck in an ambiguous space where it is difficult to distinguish between the original and main things from the fake ones, to believe in the originals and values. For the generation that does not easily accept any claim, clear evidence shall be offered so as to remember its dried roots and stand up like its principal generation to construct the homeland with soul and heart. This generation has learned to trust more what it sees rather than what it hears.

This compilation called as "Paradox" is aligned with this aim written in a fluent language so that today's generation may contemplate and be reminded that are the survivals of the generation who sometimes created huge epic events with empty hands; epopees like miracles that may not be believed by those who have not touched them closely.

"Paradox" is provided on the basis of round the clock research and according to the documents and interviews with people who have witnessed the incidents closely and who have tried to quote the contents without exaggeration so as to provide a guiding lantern in the dark path passed through aimlessly by today's generation.

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