

The Right Side of History



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Words of Wisdom

With all that commotion and all those claims, the Zionist regime was practically knocked out and crushed under the blows of the Islamic Republic.

From Martyr Khamenei's televised address on June 26, 2025
— following Iran's victory over the aggressors



Word for Word

The Zionist regime has made a big mistake, a grave error, committed a reckless act. By God's grace, the consequences of this will bring that regime to ruin. The Iranian nation won't allow the blood of its valued martyrs to go unavenged, nor will it ignore the violation of its airspace. Our Armed Forces are ready, and the country's officials and all the people are behind the Armed Forces. Today, similar messages have been issued by all the various political factions and numerous groups throughout the country. Everyone feels that we must give a strong response to the evil, despicable, terrorist Zionist identity.

We must give a strong response. God willing, we will respond with strength, and we will show them no mercy. Life will definitely become bitter for them. They shouldn't imagine that they've attacked us and that everything is over now. No! They are the ones who have started this and have begun a war.

Martyr Khamenei

June 13, 2025



Memorable Frame



"The key to the country's progress is strength. We must become strong — militarily, scientifically, and in our governance, structures, and institutions." He understood this truth better than anyone. He devoted his life to this noble goal, working tirelessly to strengthen our beloved country in every possible dimension. Those he trained within the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran stood at the forefront of this effort and led the way.

He had repeatedly warned them of the enemy's malicious intentions. The only path forward was greater strength. After the first Imposed War, Iran pursued a

strategy of developing and indigenizing its defense and military industries. The challenges were immense. The country was still recovering from the war, while also facing the harshest and most unjust sanctions imposed by the US and its allies.

Many regarded the task as impossible. But to him, nothing was impossible. He encouraged his disciples in the Armed Forces to place their complete trust in Almighty God and carry out their mission with resolve. He showed them the way and proved that what seemed unattainable could indeed be achieved.

Thanks to his leadership and guidance, Iran today ranks among the world's leading missile and drone powers. Despite relentless efforts by the enemies of the Iranian nation to undermine its capabilities, the country has preserved and strengthened its military power, and has inflicted devastating blows on its adversaries.

The People Rise Up

Should any event befall this country, Almighty God will raise these people to confront it. The people will be the ones who will stop it.

Martyr Khamenei
Feb. 1, 2026



Iranian nation bidding farewell to the martyred commanders and scientists of the 12-Day Imposed War, June 28, 2025



Opinion

When you're sitting in your "own" land, even a bomb can't shake you

Zahra Shafei, cultural researcher

A mouthpiece reporting for an usurping and lawless regime, constructed upon the usurped ruins of another people; in times of danger, his words falter, his hands tremble, and his eyes are glazed over. On the opposing front, however, amidst the deafening roar of bombs and invading missiles, a dedicated woman carries the vital duty of raising awareness – her voice echoing unwaveringly, undeterred by any chaos or turmoil.

In a moment when the walls tremble and the outside world is engulfed in smoke and flames, she remains seated in her place. Not only does she discourage the enemy by not displaying any signs of fear, but she also presents a clear image of resilience and resistance in front of the cameras – strong, resonant, courageous and honorable. Her calmness carries a message more striking than all the enemy's threats combined. It is the enduring message of truth – a shield protecting the rights of all freedom-loving people. A cry to the entire world: The truth cannot be silenced by bombs.

Her courage will remain in our memories as part of the great narrative of this free nation's resistance against the occupying Zionist regime.

Her eloquent speech is a clear reflection of the voice of Iranian Muslim men and women who protect their homeland and religion until their final breath.

As Imam Khamenei said: "Which other nation do you know of that boldly stands up to confront those world powers that are imposing their will and giving orders to others?" (June 11, 2025).

The message from the Iranian nation is clear: "We will not back down from defending our home."





Choose the Right Side of History



Images of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Sayyid Mojtaba Khamenei, and the martyred Leader, Imam Sayyid Ali Khamenei, held by the people of Kashmir during the Eid al-Ghadir procession



A Moment with Caravan of Martyrs

Martyr Gholamali Rashid

Geopolitics, asymmetric warfare, and the people. If one were to examine the many scholarly articles of Dr. Gholamali Rashid across military and defense journals, these three concepts would appear more frequently than any others. The veteran commander of the 8-Year Imposed war against the Ba'athist regime in Iraq turned to the field of political geography after the war and pursued its highest academic ranks to the very end. The fusion of battlefield experience, academic study, and the geopolitical perspectives of his specialized discipline ultimately led him to formulate Iran's theoretical framework for future warfare — the very doctrine that materialized on the battlefield during the Third Imposed War against the American and Zionist enemy.

In the introduction to one of his books, he wrote:

"I have repeatedly emphasized in speeches and meetings the necessity of changing the method through which the Iran-Iraq War is studied and adopting a new perspective toward the experiences of the Sacred Defense era. To overcome the current situation, it appears that the experience of the 8-Year Sacred Defense requires renewed analysis and reassessment, and this demands the use of new research methods to study military-strategic capacities in war."

He himself was among the first commanders in Iran's Armed Forces to employ new



methods for studying military and strategic capacities in order to strengthen Iran's resilience in a future war against the United States.

Far from public attention and media spectacle, the quiet commander in the shadows spent the decades after the Sacred Defense within the General Staff of the Armed Forces and the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, studying and developing Iran's future defense strategies. His academic writings in military journals remained intensely focused on this issue. Even within the university environment, the experienced Iranian commander approached scholarship with a deeply problem-oriented mindset.

A glance at some of the titles of the works he contributed to reveals the direction of his thinking:

"The Role of Natural Geopolitical Factors in

Formulating the Defensive Strategy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Against American Military Threats Originating from Iraqi Territory,"

"A Theoretical Model for Designing Defense Strategy Based on Geopolitical Factors,"

"Theoretical Explanation of the Impact of Geographic and Geopolitical Factors of Coastal Oceanic Regions on National Security," "Formulating Comprehensive Defense Strategies for Future Warfare," "Characteristics and Components of Intelligent Command and Control on the Battlefield,"

"Political Doctrine and Diplomacy in the Three Recent Wars of Southwest Asia and the Transformation of Military Victories into Political Gains,"

and "Analyzing the Dominant Patterns of Future Warfare and Comparing Them with the Eight-Year War and Recent Conflicts."

The war-tested commander — a graduate of Tarbiat Modares University and professor at the National Defense University — had reached a central conclusion: in any future war against the United States, Iran must transform its geography and geopolitics into weapons capable of compensating for the technological superiority of the American military.

What unfolded during the recent war along the southern front in the Persian Gulf against American forces reflected portions of his defensive theories finally being implemented in practice. The Iranian commander in the shadows was among the earliest architects of the concepts of non-peer defense and active deterrence in

Iran. He believed that preserving security required the simultaneous strengthening of military, cyber, intelligence, and psychological capabilities. Many of the country's military exercises, air defense systems, and highly sensitive operational plans were designed and executed under his supervision.

Rashid, the 33-year-old from Dezful — whose father, out of devotion to Imam Ali (pbuh), had named all his sons "Ali" — served as Deputy for Operations of the IRGC Joint Staff from 1986 to 1989. He was later transferred to the General Staff of the Armed Forces, where he headed the Intelligence and Operations Division for a decade until 1999. From 1999 to 2016, he served for seventeen years as Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, and from 2016 until his martyrdom he commanded the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters — the wartime command center responsible for directing the operational activities of Iran's armed forces during national crises.

The young commander who, in December 1981, had announced the operation code to his forces with the words:

"In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. I, Rashid, by the order of the Commander-in-Chief of the IRGC, announce the operation code to all operational units: From Rashid to all units — Ya Hussain (pbuh)."

thus initiating Operation Tariq al-Quds, was martyred forty-four years later, in the dawn hours of June 13, 2025, on the path to Quds and at the hands of the occupiers of Quds, ascending to the highest heavens.



Narrating the Art



“They will never do you any harm, except for some hurt; and if they fight you, they will turn their backs [to flee], then they will not be helped.” (Quran, 3:111)

It all began with a deception operation and a grave miscalculation. The enemy had planned a surprise strike. At dawn on June 13, 2025, the Zionist regime — with the approval and backing of the United States — launched an assault against our beloved country. The attack targeted key radar and nuclear facilities across multiple locations and resulted in the assassination of several senior IRGC commanders. Their goal was to blind our military’s intelligence and paralyze Iran’s command structure.

Yet, as always, the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution demonstrated wisdom and foresight in managing the crisis. First, he issued a message to the Iranian people, vowing that the Zionist enemy would pay a heavy price for its aggression. Second, he immediately appointed new commanders to replace those who had been martyred, ensuring that the Armed Forces’ chain of command remained intact.

Less than twenty-four hours later, Iran launched the first wave of Operation True Promise 3. What followed became a nightmare for the Zionist regime. Just as the martyred Leader had promised, the retribution began. The operation continued in the days that followed, and the Zionist enemy suffered devastating, unprecedented blows — eventually finding itself helpless and forced to seek a ceasefire through intermediaries in a desperate attempt to pull back from the brink.

The enemy had spent years preparing for this aggression. Yet, through the wise leadership of our martyred Leader, the crushing blows of our courageous Armed Forces, and the resilience and steadfastness of the great Iranian nation, their plans ended in resounding failure. The 12-Day War stood as a clear manifestation of the verse cited at the beginning of this account.



A Word to My Martyred Leader

May I die for you... I will become a doctor for the sake of Palestinians
My beloved leader.... I used to wake up in the morning and before everything
I used to see your face.... May I be sacrificed just like you my dearest one...
I will become like you my rooh... You are and you will always be the soul of
my soul... My azeez.... Send my greetings to prophet Mohammad s.a.w.... And
tell them that I am trying so hard not to sin anymore

-Sibtain from Kashmir



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