



Martyr Mortazavi was made for Jihad

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He was not one of those who are indifferent towards what happens around them. In Iran, he always followed the news of the revolutionaries and this drew him toward Imam Khomeini, for whom he developed a sincere love.

Side by side people, he participated bravely in the demonstrations against the Shah regime and this brought him many hardships. He was specially devoted to Ayatollah Khamenei, who was then one of the revolutionary leaders of Mashhad and attended his sermons. All the revolutionaries of the time knew him, so much so that in his wedding ceremony attended a great number of the city's important clerics.

I am talking about Martyr Seyed Ali Mortazavi, a man who believed Islam has no borders and believed in the Imam as the leader of all Muslims and he did all he had in his power in the cause of Islam.

This belief finally was rewarded with a divine gift. He was martyred on Nov. 4, 1982 in the South front and joined his friends. Seyed Ali's brother, Seyed Mohammad, a student at Najaf seminary, was martyred in the Jihad against the Soviet occupation. Also, his niece, Seyed Mahmood Moosavi, was martyred in the Iraqi-imposed war.

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"Ali Ahmad Ahmadi", one of the Warriors of the Iran-Iraq war, like the rest of Afghan people calls attention to the historical and significant views of Imam Khomeini concerning the statement "Islam has no borders," and points out that while Imam stated this sentence with utmost simplicity, it pervaded the hearts and lives of all Muslims. This statement is one of the most singular commands of Imam to which every one responded by heart.

This statement had such a great impact on my soul that I found myself in the front, attending in the war for over one year and while being hundreds of kilometers away from my country, homeland and family, I did not experience homesickness for even a second.

I inquire Ali Ahmed about his injuries and disability caused in the front. He replies: I was attending Khyber operation when Iraq was using chemical weapons against Iran for the first time. 15 days after this operation I was afflicted by chemicals in the Majnoun Island. I was hospitalized and put under treatment for several times after being sent to the hospital. However I never thought of referring to the Martyr's Organization for reviving pensions. However consequent to the insistence of a friend, I attended the Medical Commission and after several phases of attendance, I was given the honor of 30 percent of disability caused by war.

A nice smile appeared on Ali Ahmad's visage. When I inquired the reason for

the smile, he replied: I still have the booties of the war with me after all these years. Shrapnel have nested in my Shoulder, legs and lower back and all this is causing me great trouble.

I have to go to Tehran hospital once every two months for the treatment of the effects of chemicals on my body and every time I go through the airport inspection gates, the device beeps continuously. A number of the officers who are acquainted with me have nicknamed me as "the Iron Man". Because my body is full of shrapnel. He replies with laughing: It's an honor to be an Iron Man.

He says: I have traded with God and a good trade without doubt. My Ideology has not changed since the time of war. However I would like to see my child educated.

Ali Ahmad says: I am having an issue in my respiratory tract and sometimes I wake up shouting in the middle of the night. I'm no in a very good condition. I am not afraid of dying, but I leave my children and my family with this revolution.

After me, they would only have God and the revolution...

