

Khomeini drives Iran's children to the slaughter

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An Iranian surgeon passing through Paris has informed *EIR* of the serious situation of Iranian soldiers wounded in the war, and the odious behavior of the mullahs toward tens of thousands of children on the Iran-Iraq war front.

The doctor, who prefers to remain anonymous, spent many months in hospitals for battle casualties, and reveals: "The young boys, minors, brought from schools to the front, are raped by the Revolutionary Guards, and several of them told me that the mullahs encouraged them to satisfy the 'warriors of Allah' on the pretext that if their sexual needs were met, they could fight better against atheists." The children are the most pitiful of this war: "They are brought to the front after 45 days of training, and most of them are kids between 10 and 16 years old; they do not have the strength to physically resist the operations, and as we have no medicine to help them withstand the shock, they die. Not only do we have to treat war injuries, but also serious rectal injuries, often requiring surgery, caused by Khomeini's Guards."

The Iranian surgeon described the miserable condition of the hospitals due to the total lack of surgical material. "The majority of those wounded are condemned to death, because we do not have the appropriate means and sufficient personnel to treat them; in a hospital in Ahvaz, very near the front, only two surgeons have to take care of 2,800 seriously wounded, but without nurses or capable assistants. As a result, to save the lives of thousands of injured soldiers, we amputate the affected limbs, and in six months, I personally have amputated the hands and feet of 875 soldiers."

According to the Iranian surgeon, the wounded are afflicted with madness and delirium: "The nightmare of war never leaves them, and at night, the hospital is full of screams, sobs, and serious deliriums; the young boys cry for their mothers, and the soldiers in their nightmares insult Ayatollah Khomeini, and, giving exact details, declare their intention of killing all the mullahs." The doctor told us that he was the unhappy witness of atrocious executions of certain injured, "who, in their delirium, had shown themselves hostile to Khomeini or other Iranian authorities; they were shot at night, behind the hospital of Ahvaz."

The Iranian surgeon is sure that "since the Iranian invasions called Dawn (numbered 1 to 6), the seriously wounded

have been immediately executed on the battlefield by the leaders of the Revolutionary Guards."

The 'recruitment of children'

Khomeini's agents go directly to schools, or to cinemas or sport centers, "to capture the children and send them to the barracks. Hundreds of Iranian families, not knowing the reason for the disappearance of their children, publish appeals in the newspapers, and that is why the pages of Iranian daily newspapers are full of announcements about young children who have disappeared."

The Iranian doctor is worried about unemployment and rising prices, "which oblige poor families to send their children to the front, as the Islamic Republic pays these adolescents about \$200 francs per month, plus about \$100 in the event of attack. Deserters and their families are sentenced to severe prison sentences, and serious persecution by the Revolutionary Guards. A new law, introduced nine months ago, says that families of young people called to the war lose their right to ration coupons if the young people desert."

The Iranian doctor also described the "religious lamentations and scenes acted by traditional singers, which put the young people in a state of hallucinatory delirium, such that they are ready to go into areas full of ambushes and traps, or to volunteer for dangerous missions." The "children" of Khomeini said at the hospital that, before each attack, they watched scenes of lamentations or chants, with rhythmical music being played, and they beat their chests with chains, repeating the refrains. At the end, the mullahs give them a glass of "the drink of martyrs," a sweet-flavored drink which is supposed to make them daring and invulnerable. The doctor did not manage to obtain a sample of this drink, but thinks it must contain drugs and stimulants.

Hundreds of these religious activists accompany each group and camp, and on the front, these people prepare the children to obey Khomeini's Guards to become martyrs, with songs and acting scenes of the tragic deaths of martyred Imams. The religious provocateurs not only earn plenty of money, according to the Iranian doctor, but stay in shelter; young theology students are given the task of preparing the soldiers and boys to attack without any precaution by the mullahs. In Ahvaz, many schools have been closed, "Because Khomeini's agents have recruited the children, forcing the teachers to join the army as well."

This doctor witnessed a conversation at the hospital of Ahvaz, between an injured soldier and the Hodjatolislam Gharati (a representative of Khomeini). The soldier was weeping over the killing of one of his friends, Ali Bezouri, by a Revolutionary Guard, after he had been injured by a shell on the central front of Dawn 5. Gharati answered: "What are you upset about? You should be jealous. Your friend is in the gardens of Allah, drinking milk and honey, and making love with the most beautiful goddesses."

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