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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Naser Zolfaqari was born to a prominent land-owning family of Zanzan. After the completion of his education he entered politics, and eventually joined the government. Mr. Zolfaqari has throughout the years served in important political and governmental positions. He has been a member of the Majles, held a number of cabinet portfolios, and has also served as the mayor of Tehran. Throughout his career Mr. Zolfaqari has known important political figures and government leaders, and has been privy to consequential historical events. Mr. Zolfaqari's recollections are replete with anecdotal material, and detailed rendition of the formative events of contemporary Iranian history, and as such shed much light on the working of Iranian politics.

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