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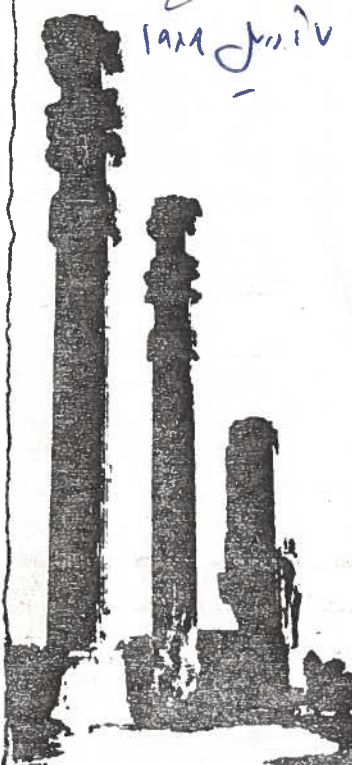
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

*General Hasan Tufaniyan was born in Tehran to a family of modest means. After a brief education at a seminary he joined the Military Academy and subsequently the Imperial Iranian Air Force, where he served during World War II. General Tufaniyan served in several positions in the Iranian military before he was appointed to oversee the procurement of arms for the armed forces. He also served as the Deputy Minister of War and director of the military industries. He was instrumental in the decisions concerning procurement of various weapons systems, relations between Iranian armed forces and the U.S. or Pakistan, and the working of the armed forces. He was one of the select group of generals who oversaw the working of the armed forces during the Bakhtiyar premiership.*

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