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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Abolfath Ardalan was born on October 21, 1929 in Gorgan, Iran. He received a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the Electrical Engineering College, London, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, and a degree in Management from the Defense Management School. He achieved the rank of Admiral in the Imperial Iranian Navy. He became Deputy Commander in Chief for technical and logistics matters; Managing Director, Iranian Electronic Industries, and the Iranian senior officer in charge of the joint ventures with CDC of the United States, Irano British Dynamics, Murhead of England, and other similar endavours.

Admiral Ardalan's recollections are significant in terms of the information they supply on the structure and workings of the Iranian Navy, especially the technical and logistics aspects of the work, as well as the interaction with other countries, especially the U.S. and Britain.

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