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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Homa Nateq was born in Rezaiyyeh, Iran in 1935. She received her early education in Iran, and her higher education in France. She completed her doctorate at the University of Paris, focusing on Qajar history. In Paris she became interested in left wing politics.

Upon returning to Iran she joined the Faculty of Letters at Tehran University, and became an active member of the ant-regime opposition. Her political activities led to her imprisonment on a number of occasions. Following the Revolution of 1978-79 she became closely affiliated with the Cherkha-ye Fada'iyan-e Khalq-e Iran.

Her memoirs shed much light on the activities of the opposition and the leftist intelligentsia in the 1970s.

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